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# Alive!

Airport Police Officer  
Doug Scarborough  
near the summit  
of Mt. Everest.

# A CITY EMPLOYEE'S QUEST FOR EVEREST

Last year, Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough came within 1,000 feet of the top of the world, Mt. Everest. Inside, he tells his harrowing story and reveals his plans to try again next year.

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Photo courtesy Officer Scarborough.



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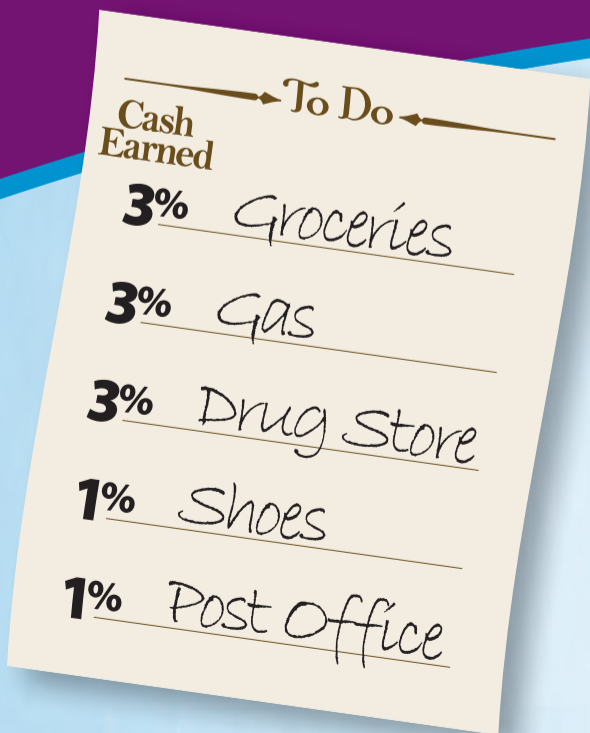
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A Message From the CEO

# Everest Is the Stuff of Dreams

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

What kind of goals do you set for your life? Have you ever set one as high as climbing Mt. Everest?

**Doug Scarborough** has. Twice. The Airport Police Officer from Australia sets goals for himself that are maybe a little, uh, higher than most of us. Although most of us have dreamed of reaching the summit of Mt. Everest—I know I have—we haven’t taken that next step. Of course with families to attend to, it might not be that easy for some of us!

But Doug took that next step, and went. You can read about it in this month’s cover story.

That’s not the end of the story, though. He didn’t make it, and now he’s planning to make another attempt next year, during the few months when conditions are ideal.

I’ll let you read the story. *Alive!* hopes to keep you apprised of Doug’s trek next year. Good on ya, Doug, and from all of us who wish we could be there with you, may the wind be at your back!



Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, photographs (from left) Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough and Club CEO John Hawkins in Griffith Park.

Meanwhile, back here in Los Angeles... do you like our new videogame review section? Did you know that videogames is now a bigger industry than movies? It’s true, so it was only a matter of time before we started a review section just for them. We had been thinking of adding it for a while, but then we received a request from good Club Member **Richard Cardenas**, LAPD, and that was all it took. Thanks, Richard, for getting us going, and for your submissions. For the rest of you—put down those joysticks, and send us a review.

And speaking of submissions to *Alive!*, don’t forget about Mother’s Day next month. This is one of several of our favorite sections every year—Mother’s and Father’s Day, Valentines Day, and graduations. It’s great to see Club Members paying tribute to their mothers! And we here at the Club are pleased that so many of our members take advantage of it. So see the notice on page 35, and send ‘em in!

As I look around the Club Store and see how busy it is, it reminds me that there are a number of awesome things happening at the Club. Here’s a rundown:

- It’s time to accept submissions for our annual **Joannie Mukai** Club Scholarship program. Joannie was a long-time Club Member, and an enthusiastic part of our Club board for a long time. It’s only fitting that we’ve named the program for her. We all know how expensive college has become, so consider applying.
- We’ve extended the early-bird ticket period for our upcoming Club-exclusive party at Knott’s Berry Farm May 11. That’s right, the whole park is reserved for Club Members. So don’t delay; get your tickets now.
- Congratulations to **Ben Lozano, Hynda Rudd, Manny Ortiz, Lisa Pallares**, and the Club’s **Trinh Pham**, who we honored at our Club annual meeting last month. Amongst all the great Club Members, they went above and beyond.

Finally, I want to send special congratulations to **Tony Hernandez**, DWP, for becoming our 20,000th Club Member. That’s amazing when I think about it. The Club has come a long way, and Tony is the living, breathing sign of that growth. It’s amazing what can happen when you dream, isn’t it? Whether it means dreaming about building a better association for City Employees, or climbing Mt. Everest... you can do whatever you set your mind to.

That’s the perfect message as we enjoy springtime, isn’t it? The world is new. Never stop dreaming!

**JOHN**

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"Thank you to Monica [Zamudio] so very much for all her help in this difficult time. The book she sent [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was a true comfort to me. I know that sometimes people take what she does for granted. I do not, and truly appreciate the kindness she expressed to me both on the phone and by mail. Monica, 'thank you' will never seem to be enough, but it is all I have. Thank you again, and may God bless and keep you and everyone at the City Employees Club of Los Angeles."

— Lawrence Pace, June 2011

The Club's claims service "is excellent. I am particularly grateful to Cecilia Talbot for her knowledge, professionalism, concern, consideration, and cooperation with the members. I had a long-term disability claim. This insurance company was sending me forms after forms to fill out by me, my doctors and probably others. They were asking overwhelming information. I was about to give up. She helped and guided me with the process. She clarified matters with the insurance company and facilitated what I had come to think was possible."

— Farooq Mohammad, June 2011

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.

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# Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### Students Use *Alive!* In Their Studies

I wanted to thank you guys for the article you guys did on the Manzanar Camp [*Be Alive!*, February]. My daughter's school, St. Ignatius Loyola, was reading and studying the book *Farewell to Manzanar* for their academic decathlon and really appreciated the article. They even posted it on their bulletin board.

Last night we saw Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston [the author of the book, *Farewell to Manzanar*] at the South Pasadena City Library, and the kids took a picture with her. They are also going to the Manzanar Camp in March. It would be really nice if you guys could post their picture as a follow-up to your article.

– **Sonia P. Solis, Club Member**



*Hi Sonia, what a great letter, thanks! We are happy that Angels' "Be Alive!" was very timely for your daughter's school, and we're happy to print the photo. Thanks for sending it in. – Ed.*

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston [the author of the book, *Farewell to Manzanar*] at the South Pasadena City Library, and the kids that took a picture with her.

#### Chef Larios Has Something Good Cooking: Terry's Recipe

Thank you Chef Larios for putting my shrimp, spinach, and rice dish in *Alive!* I know you get thousands of recipes. Thanks again for taking time to read them.

– **Terry Gray, General Services**

#### Club Party at Knott's Is a Chance to Relive Days Past

Golly Day! I can't wait to take my grandbabies to Knott's Berry Farm on May 11 for the Club's private party. I remember as a young woman how much fun it was to visit Knott's, and in those days it was really and truly a farm. They had the best strawberries, and the Knott's restaurant was the place to be. I think I will take my grandkids there before we enter the park. Thank you, Club!

– **Molly Johnson, Retired**

#### Club's New Bowling League Is Right Down Ben's Alley

I want to thank the Sports Dude and the Club Sports Department for adding bowling to the league list. I can't remember the year, but it must have been about 25 years since there was an official bowling league in the City. As the Sports Dude said the night the league started when we rallied everyone together, "We have made history once more!"

– **Ben Lozano, Club Rep, Public Works/Street Lighting**

#### Tim Is All Aboard for the Great Colors in Picture Perfect Train

The colors are amazing in that picture of the historic train steam engine displayed at Griffith Park in the Travel Town Museum in John's "Picture Perfect" contest. The sky looks so clean and blue. And the train, let's not forget the train. Gorgeous!

– **Tim Halloway, General Services**

#### Mail Handlers Really Deliver The Politeness and Efficiency

Ditto's on your story about the Mail Handlers doing a nice job. I have been working for the City for more than 15 years, and I can honestly say that the Mail Services Division is full of the most efficient, outgoing, and just plain nicest workers in the city. They will always say hello with a bright and outgoing smile. Please let them know to keep up the awesome work!

– **Mitchell Garcia, Club Member**

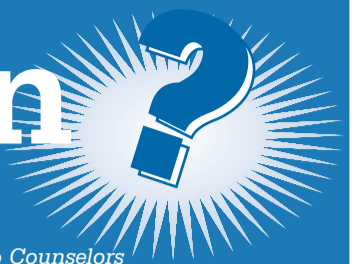
#### Lt. DiPrimio Deserves a Salute For Great Service to our Country

*Semper Fi!* A big shoutout is in order for Lt. Jeffrey M. DiPrimio, who I saw in last month's *Alive!* who was just commissioned into the Marine Corp. Thank you, Jeffrey, for serving your country, and thank you for being a Marine!!

– **Tom Silvers**

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

## Question OF THE MONTH



– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors

### What's your favorite Easter candy?



"Peeps."  
– Lawrence Nash, Library, Club Member

"See's Divinity Eggs."  
– Kelly Wallace, Library, Club Member



"Chocolate Easter eggs."  
– Jon Reed, Public Works



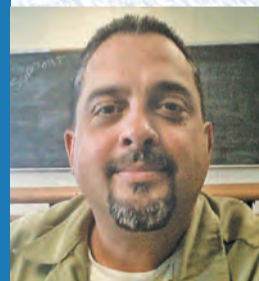
"Reese's Peanut Butter eggs."  
– Louis Carrillo, Library



"Homemade taffy."  
– Anamaria Bermeo, Library



"Cadbury milk chocolate."  
– Anthony Migliori, Public Works, Club Member



"Chocolate bunny."  
– Pee Wee Vega, Public Works



"Peeps."  
– Stella Sias, DWP



"See's Divinity Eggs."  
– Debbie Miller, Rec and Parks



"Pastel M&Ms shaped like eggs."  
– Sid Wimbish, Rec and Parks, Club Member



"Cadbury chocolate."  
– Nathan Ruvalcaba, LAPD



"Reese's Pieces."  
– Williams Flowers, Airports



"Peeps."  
– Kathleen Larson, Library, Club Member



"Reese's Pieces."  
– Chris Gibboney, Club Member and Matt Eckblad, LAFD



# THE QUEST FOR EVEREST

*/ Alive! Feature /*

29,029 ft.





**ALIVE! FEATURE**

**Last year, Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough took on the biggest challenge of them all, scaling Mt. Everest. Here's his story.**

*Alive! photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, and courtesy the author.*

There aren't many bigger challenges than scaling Mt. Everest. At 29,029 feet (the height is currently in dispute), the mountain is as big as they come, and as difficult a physical challenge as pretty much anything on earth.

It proves the mettle of Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough that he would decide to take it on. Or that he would take it on again.

In May 2011, at the end of the two-month ordeal, having climbed through tough passages past the dead bodies of those who had not made it on previous attempts, Doug reached to within 1,000 feet of the summit of Mt. Everest, and could clearly see the top. But he had to turn around when a Sherpa determined it wasn't safe to continue.

Now he's getting ready to try again next year. Enjoy his story, told in words and in pictures.



Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough during his ascent last year.

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# DOUG'S JOURNEY



Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough entering Camp III, 27,000 feet up.

**Here's a recollection of last year's Everest adventure, written by Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough himself.**

The entire expedition took a total of 58 days to complete and started when I arrived in Kathmandu, Nepal. From there, we drove into Tibet, stopping off at small villages to acclimate while en route to base camp. During each stop we would have to do "acclimatization hikes," where we would hike up in the hills to slowly make our bodies adjust to having less and less oxygen. The process shocks the body into producing more red blood cells, which in turn helps you absorb more oxygen into the system with each breath. During this time the hikers would go through symptoms of high altitude sickness, which included headaches, nausea, insomnia, and lethargy.

Once we reached base camp at approximately 18,192 feet, we were provided our own tents, a dining tent, a shower (a bucket and ladle) and a small toilet tent. We did multiple acclimatization hikes throughout the neighboring mountains before heading off to intermediate base camp and advanced base camp (a distance of 14 miles and an elevation of 21,300 feet). Advanced base camp (or ABC, which it had become known) was where we spent a majority of our time. The daily routine started with a Sherpa waking us up at 7 a.m. with hot tea, and then finding the energy to hike down to the dining tent. We then dined on breakfast and spent most of the day filling our time with activities such as reading, listening to music, doing crossword puzzles or talking with other hikers while our

bodies slowly produced the red blood cells we needed to sustain life at such altitudes.

From ABC, the climb up Everest was done in intervals, which consisted of climbing up the North Col to Camp I, and immediately turning back and resting at ABC. Then, the following week, we would climb up to Camp I again and spend the night and then turn back around and hike down. Our final acclimatization hike consisted of climbing up to Camp I for the night and then hiking up to Camp II at 24,750 feet without the aid of supplemental oxygen. At this point the body cannot acclimate any further, and then we just had to wait for the right time to make a summit assault.

We hiked back to Base Camp and rested in the mildly thicker air while we waited for the weather window to open at the end of May. This is the only time the jet stream moves away from the summit enough for hikers to make the climb to the top. During the week at Base Camp, we used a satellite phone to call our families, we got schooled on how to use the oxygen masks, and I prepared two syringes of dexamethosone (in the event someone would come down with high altitude cerebral edema (or HACE as they call it). Then it was time to go.

We hiked up to ABC and waited while they configured weather reports coming in from Switzerland, Washington, and Beijing. Then the window opened and we were off. We hiked up to Camp I on May 18 and dined on noodles, cookies, and tea. The following morning we placed oxygen masks on and made the slow climb up to Camp II. It was a rough night with winds of 60 mph and an oxygen tank used as a pillow. From Camp II we hiked to Camp III at 27,390 feet (and deep into "the Death Zone"). Camp III was a surreal wasteland of broken tents, discarded oxygen bottles, cooking supplies and dead bodies. It is so high that we could only use this camp as a rest area where I dined on a British MRE dated from 1990 and a can of sardines. The Sherpas took this time to celebrate and eat chicken feet from a bag that looked like candy.

After a few hours of resting, we geared up and began the hike to the summit. Starting at 9 p.m., we formed a string of headlamps leading up the mountain from Camp III to the summit ridge line. At approximately 1:30 a.m.,



Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough (left) talks about his quest for Everest with Club CEO John Hawkins, during a hike in Griffith Park.

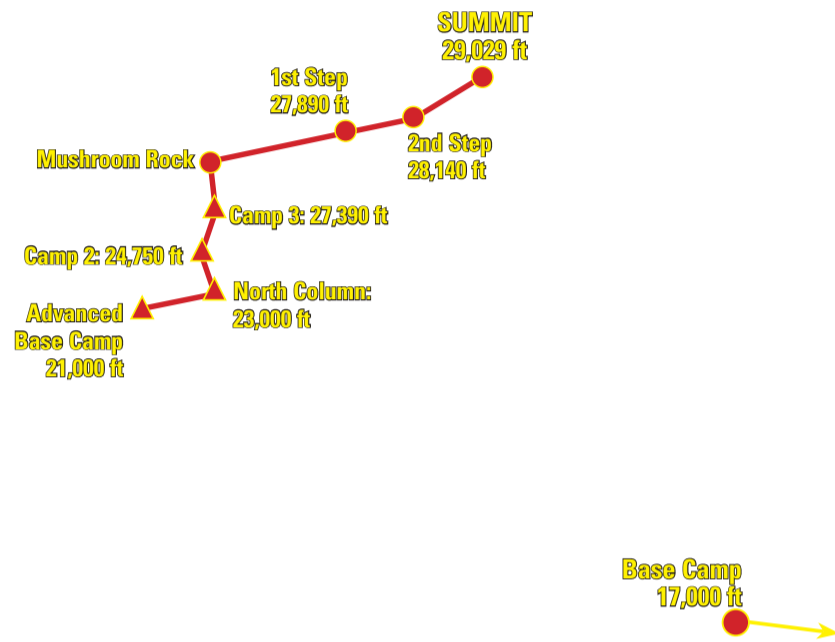


# THE QUEST FOR EVEREST

our team stopped just past a dead body known as “Green Boots,” and the Sherpas began to have a disagreement about the time and the amount of oxygen they had. Nobody could seem to figure out the correct time, and they were going back and forth between Nepalese time and Chinese time (a difference of three hours). The Sirdar (head Sherpa) then made the decision that it was not safe to continue and turned us around. The moment was surreal at best. I was standing on the summit ridge of Mt. Everest at 28,100 feet (less than a thousand feet from the summit). I could see into Nepal on one side and down into Tibet on the other, and there was a dead climber lying in the snow just a few feet away from me. The summit was so close that I was not looking up at it anymore, but it was just lingering off in the distance at eye level and yet it seemed impossible to convince the Sherpas that we should press on. We had been hiking for almost 24 hours solid, and two months of preparation came down to this one moment; there was nothing left to do but turn around. It was heartbreaking, but I had never been so happy to be alive.

One of the hikers I met at Base Camp, John Delaney, died the following night as he made his way to the summit. Nobody will ever know exactly what he died of and his body is still attached to the rope, but he died doing something he had dreamed about. Another friend, Lyonards Ferandez, took off his mitts for ten minutes and got frostbite on two fingers. It was the most unforgiving and coldest place I had ever been.

On the five-day trek back down the mountain I promised myself I would sell my gear and never go back to Everest, but the summit was too close for me. I decided that I needed to see what was up that one last snowfield and stand on the highest point on earth. I will return to *Sagarna“tha”*, and this time I hope she will let me get there.



Doug's group climbs a ladder across a crevasse at the top of the North Col at Camp I.

Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough with his dogs, Jessie's Girl (left) and Scarlett.





# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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## Ireland



Alive! editor John Burnes outside the United States Embassy, Ballsbridge, Dublin, Ireland.

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

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## Virgin Islands



"At a Harley shop on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. No snakes on these islands, and that's good."  
 — **Baron Greenhouse, DWP**

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Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. **Deadline is noon, June 29, 2012.**

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 2012 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 29, 2012.

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 2012.

"The Club is all about excellence, and we love recognizing that quality in our Club Members and their families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO.

"The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment.

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants. We expect this year to be every bit as good."

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](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)

"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.

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Raven Burrell received a stipend last year as part of the Club's Scholarship Program.

noon June 29, 2012. 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.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### NEW SAN PEDRO WATERFRONT:

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, City Councilman Joe Buscaino and Harbor officials broke ground March 15 on a project that will prepare a section of the San Pedro waterfront for a new public open space and harbor area. The Downtown Harbor "water cut" will create the necessary land and harbor infrastructure to accommodate the later development of a new town square and promenade on the water. The location, just north of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, will become a centerpiece of the ongoing revitalization of the LA Waterfront.

"Over the next five years, we are investing \$1.2 billion in capital improvement projects at the Port and creating approximately 20,000 jobs," Villaraigosa said. "Because we have been able to grow green and responsibly, we are able to use Port funds for important community projects like this. I'm particularly proud that this is the first project to be built under the Port's new Project Labor Agreement, which will ensure safe, quality projects and job opportunities for local and disadvantaged residents."

"Waterfront development, along with the arrival of the USS *Iowa*, will create a tourist and small business destination for the South Bay," said Congresswoman Janice Hahn. "By investing in our unique waterfront, we are creating jobs today and a foundation for economic growth in the future."

"This ground breaking signifies a new era for the LA Waterfront," said Councilman Joe Buscaino. "It is thrilling to see ongoing progress on our grand waterfront promenade. We are on our way to becoming a major tourist destination in the City of Los Angeles. This is how we will bring the sea to the City, and the City to the sea."

"This crown jewel project – the first to be constructed under the approved San Pedro Waterfront plan – adds to the excitement and energy that is building along the LA Waterfront," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "We've got new parks, a new recreational marina and we're getting ready for the USS *Iowa* and the opening of 'Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles' artist marketplace. In addition to being the nation's busiest container port, we are in the midst of building a world-class waterfront experience for residents and visitors."

The Downtown Harbor project will cut into approximately 1.2 acres of existing waterfront land along Harbor Boulevard between Fire Station 112 to the north and the L.A. Maritime Museum to the south. It will create a new harbor inlet for vessels to dock and approximately 700 linear feet of promenade. Surrounding the inlet will be a modern town square, featuring landscaping, lighting and expansive promenades.

The \$21 million project, estimated to create 98 one-year equivalent jobs, is expected to be complete in mid-2013. Development of the Downtown Harbor town square and promenade will follow at a cost of approximately \$17.5 million and is expected to be completed in 2014.



LAPD

# A Shelter 'Shower'

**LAPD's crime lab hosts month-long fundraiser for San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.**



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photo by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

The LAPD Scientific Investigation Division hosted a "shelter shower" to raise funds, awareness and physical items from Jan. 16 to Feb. 14.

"We ran the shower at our four locations, and donations were made by employees from the entire Scientific Investigation Division staff in four locations – CSULA Campus, downtown area, Van Nuys and East LA," said Doreen Hudson, Lab Director and Club Member.

"We collected several hundred dollars worth of cash and physical items. The items include, fleece blankets, towels, toys, leashes, collars, bleach, dog and cat treats and food, kitty litter, etc.," she said. Cash donations totaled more than \$400.



Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, Club Member, provided a flyer for the event.

For more information, go to the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society's Website: [sgvhumane.org](http://sgvhumane.org)



Front, from left: Doreen Hudson, Lab Director, 35 years of City service, Club Member; Stephanie Tan, Lab Tech, 1 year; and Kristin Honig, Criminalist, 8 months. Back: Kuang Siu, Lab Tech, 2 years; Joe Hourigan, Asst. Lab Director, 27 years; Olivia Acuna, Secretary, 15 years; Yvette Burney, Commanding Officer, 28 years, Club Member; Ellen Dimzon, Clerk Typist, 5 years; Mandel Medina, Criminalist, 7 years; Alicia Diaz, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; and Sue Brockbank, Asst. Lab Director, Supervising Criminalist, 25 years, Club Member.

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AIRPORTS

# Seeing How It's Done

LAX hosts 62 students at annual Job Shadow Day.

Story courtesy Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member; Photos by Jay Berkowitz and Harold Johnson

On Feb. 23, LAX hosted its annual Job Shadow Day to give young people real-life "job shadowing" experiences in aviation at a major airport.

Job shadowing provides students the opportunity to "work" side-by-side with a workplace mentor as they go through a normal day on the job. It provides an up-close look at how the skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace.

Students from Orville Wright Aerospace Magnet Middle School and the Albert Monroe Middle School Honor Society attended with students from Westchester High School. Orville Wright and Westchester offer aviation and

aerospace magnet curriculums and are part of the airport's Adopt-a-School program.

This year, students participated in job shadow experiences in the fields of airfield operations, aviation services, cargo aviation, aviation law enforcement, accounting and business administration, engineering, environmental management, and information technology.

In addition, students also experienced flight simulator training; demonstrations and Q&A sessions with airport operations personnel, Firefighters, Police K-9 patrols and motorcycle officers and Information Technology professionals.

United Airlines, Landmark Aviation, AeroUnion Cargo, and the LAFD also participated in the event.



Firefighter Adrian Nieves (right) and Engineer Ted Mayeda of the LAFD show a Job Shadow student from the Albert Monroe Middle School Honor Society some of the equipment they use on the job.



Christopher Moody (right), a Superintendent of Operations, LAX Airport Operations Division, gives the students information about the airport before they leave for job shadowing.



Peggy Nguyen (right), an Environmental Specialist in the Airports Environmental Services Division, shows two Job Shadow students how she spends part of her workday.

REC AND PARKS

# Wetlands Park Opens

Rec and Parks opens new nature area in South LA.

Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

After three years of planning, the South Los Angeles Wetland Park celebrated its grand opening Feb. 9. Located on an old MTA bus yard, this beautifully landscaped park provides walking paths, native plants, two viewing bridges and pools filled with storm water.

At the event, City Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, recognized everyone who made this dream a reality. Children from a local first-grade class were there to see it first-hand. The Jefferson High School Band added to the festivities during the ribbon cutting. This new park is a wonderful addition to the community!

Special thanks to Public Works for making the park a reality.



The opening of South Los Angeles' Wetlands Park.



The official ribbon cutting – the park is now open!



New Park Rangers are introduced.



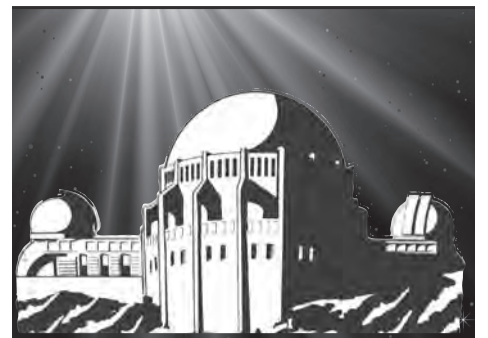
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, and Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, share some park highlights with the kids.



The Jefferson High School Band adds to the celebration.



The water basin, walking path and surrounding vegetation.



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# Fillmore, Calif.

## Hello again, everybody!

This month we travel to Fillmore, a small valley town in northern Ventura County just below the San Cayetano Mountain peak in the Los Padres National Forest. Fillmore is in the Santa Clara River Valley. Let's begin.

Fillmore is about 3.4 square miles and has lots of great history. The city has the classic small-town feel. We saw many attractions, including one movie theater, a historic train depot (Fillmore and Western Railway), and a nearby fish hatchery, just to name a few. There are also lots of unique shops, and a local winery, and it's also home to Elkins Ranch Golf Course. Because of its preserved downtown, Fillmore is a popular filming location for television and movies. An episode of *CSI* entitled *Leaving Las Vegas* prominently featured old-town Fillmore as the fictional town called Larkston, Nev. Parts of the television series *Jericho* and *Big Love* were also filmed there. It is a lovely town.

Fillmore is known for its trains and sometimes is called the home of the movie trains. The Railroad Historical Society was established in 1993 to assist in the preservation and restoration of the railroad corridor between Montalvo and Saugus. The railroad corridor is commonly referred to as Southern Pacific's Santa Paula Branch.

If you would like to ride one of the trains, be there the first Sunday of every month from April through September for the "Weekend Scenic Excursion." Fillmore will transport you back in time on board 1930s-vintage passenger or dining cars as the train travels through century old citrus and avocado groves in the beautiful Heritage Valley.

Fillmore also has a historical museum at 350 Main St. There is much to see, and Sue (our personal tour guide) was very helpful. We had a wonderful tour. The museum was established in 1970. The display rooms depict how life was in 1800s. As we walked through the museum and most of the surrounding buildings, I felt really calm and happy to get this opportunity.

The Hinckley House, a 1905 Craftsman-style home, was designed and built for Fillmore's first dentist, Ira Hinckley, and his family. Along with the museum, the railroad depot from 1887 was also restored in 2007. Much of Fillmore is restored; the entire city is a hidden gem. My hope is that a small story like this will encourage more



Welcome to Fillmore! With Club CEO John Hawkins.

people to visit, take a walk and enjoy all there is to see.

In 1919, Rancho Sespe Bunkhouse was originally used as a dormitory by farm laborers on the Rancho Sespe Mexican land grant ranch. The original Barnsdale post office is also available and was used to collect, sort, and dispense mail in the late 1800s.

I really enjoyed myself in this little historic town. Fillmore has been through a lot and is still striving to keep all its history available for all to see (despite fires, floods, and earthquakes). So stop by and take a tour; we did, and wow! That was enjoyable.

Going out on these *Be Alive!* adventures is always a blast, usually to the past. Just getting out and traveling to new places is always fun, although it's lots of work. So

please take a day and go visit Fillmore; it's a great place to visit.

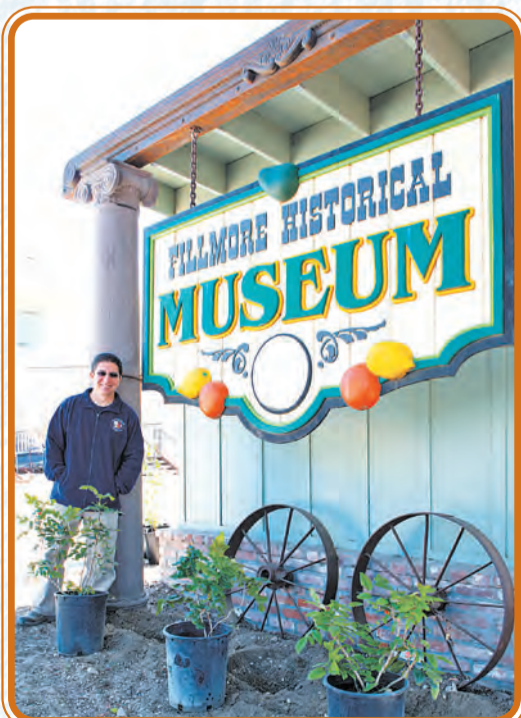
*I want to thank Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, for taking the photos and shooting some video along the way. Thank you, Summy. And thanks also go to Sue Cuttriss for the tour.*

Please send me your photos to [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com)

**As always,  
Be Alive!,  
Angel**

## At the Museum

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The Fillmore Historical Museum.



An antique telephone switchboard.



A Fillmore Great Race vehicle.



Me and Sue Cuttriss in front of a functioning 1890s Regina Corona music box disk changer. This music box really works!



An antique game.



A Fillmore & Western train.



Angel Gomez,  
Club Director of Sales

# Angel's *Be Alive!*

Send your photos to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com). I would love to see them!

Making a short stop in Moorpark on our way to Fillmore.



We stopped by Francisco's Fruits for some strawberries and a Pepsi.



The Central Station Restaurant – great food and great service.



The fish, the bird, and me.

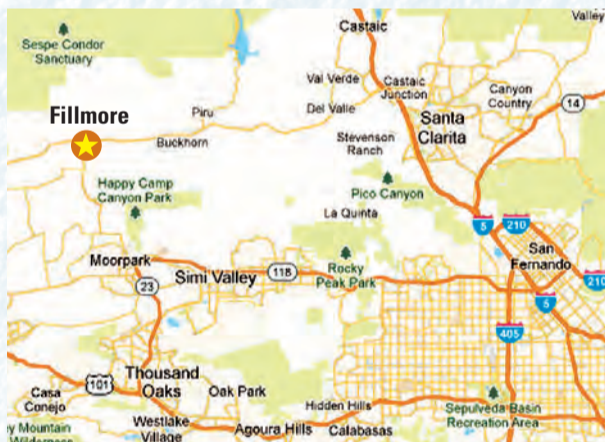
## Fillmore, Calif.

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Club CEO John Hawkins looks through an antique stereoscope viewer.



Club CEO John Hawkins takes a look at period orange crate posters.

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John Hawkins, Club CEO

# John's Picture Perfect Contest

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"I tend to keep clear of buzzers, but when I realized they were far too busy to deal with my invasion of their territory, I was able to snap this shot of nature at work. If you look closely, you can see the bee losing pollen as it travels to the next daisy. Taken at the Huntington Gardens."

– **Shaudi Pishvaie, LAPD**

**John's comment:** Dang, you're right. Look at the pollen dropping from the bee – that is amazing! Nice work Shaudi!



"I'm assuming this guy needs little assistance if he's a pro at his craft. I mean really... where's the mirror? Backyard brushes with blades and bristles, post-processed in black and white, shot with a Sony Little A-77 camera."

– **Dominique Daito**

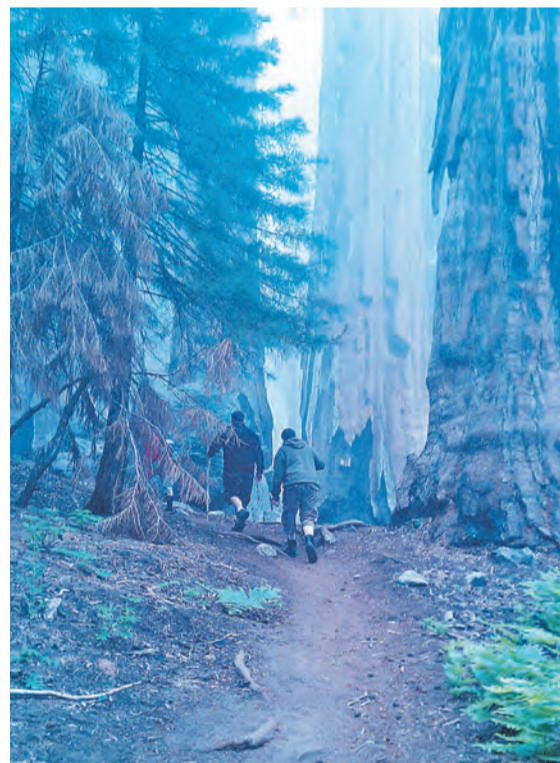
**John's comment:** Dominique, this is an intriguing photo; good choice to convert it to black and white!



"My son, Collin, in a forest of streetlights at LACMA."

– **Sgt. Demian Wyma, LAPD**

**John's comment:** What a priceless expression on Collin's face – a very surreal photo, Demian! Thanks for submitting



"My granddaughter, Katy; my son, Tyler; and his buddy, Mike, went hiking. It was a very Jurassic type of day with the fog."

– **Karin Luedke, DWP**

**John's comment:** Karin, this looks like an ad for Portland – I love it! Nice work.



"My daughter is always snapping pix of our golden retriever, and he is such a brat. Okay, he's not a puppy anymore (five years old), but he sure knows how to act spoiled. He is so ca-yute! But don't all mothers say that about their kids. Ha!"

– **Tonja Bellard, Club Rep**

**John's comment:** Tonja, it's amazing the pictures that kids end up taking – make sure you tell your daughter that she has a real eye for photography!



"Two weeks ago, my wife, Judy, and I went to Bolsa Chica State Park. We almost walked right by this beautiful male black-crowned night heron hiding in the bushes. They're very hard to see in the brush. I look forward to spring every year, when many of God's creatures are in full, beautiful color."

– **Thomas Allen Garber, Public Works/Sanitation**

**John's comment:** Tad, good to see you submitting award-winning photos again – I remember your "stink bug in the road" photo well. Keep up the awesome work!

## 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](mailto: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.



## AIRPORTS

# Donna Retires



The Club congratulates Donna Montgomery, who retired from Airport Police/Ontario after 27 years of City service. Pictured are, front row, from left: Sgt. Nigel Smith, Lt. Jesse Dominguez, Donna Montgomery, and Capt. Greg Staar. Back: Sgt. John Gonzales and K9 Officer Adonis Cutchlow.

## REC AND PARKS

# Earth Day At Cabrillo



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Aquarium celebrates with free programs April 21.

## Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

- When:** Saturday, April 21  
**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:** Limited car parking at Cabrillo, \$1  
**Info:** [www.cabrilloaq.org](http://www.cabrilloaq.org) or (310) 548-7562



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Photos by Gary Florin, Photographer, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You are invited to join the 42nd annual Earth Day Celebration at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Saturday, April 21, 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.

All activities are free. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach costs \$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](http://www.cabrilloaq.org)

## ...and at the Zoo, Too

The Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

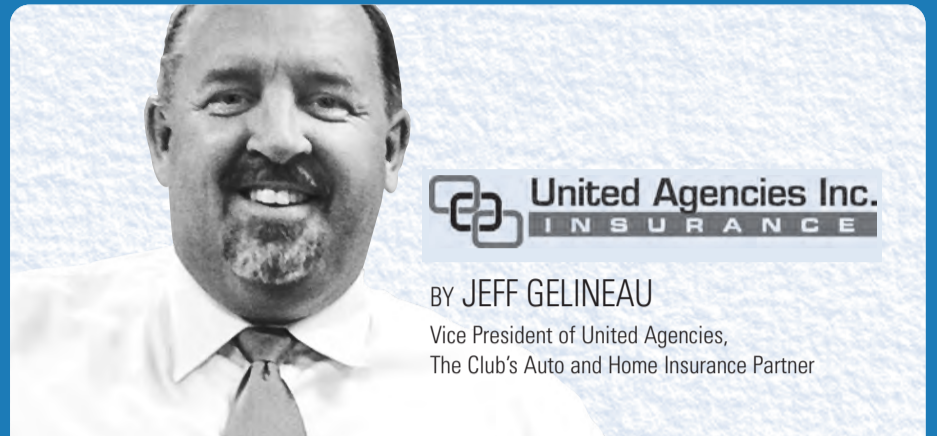
Every day is Earth Day for those of us who share this planet, but there's no reason not to celebrate the fact! Join the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens and K-EARTH 101 FM for two days of festivities that will include recycled crafts, information booths and K-EARTH DJs. All activities are free to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

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

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

Information: (323) 644-4200 or [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org).

# REST INSURED



**United Agencies Inc.**  
INSURANCE

BY JEFF GELINEAU

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

## You vs. the Adjustor

You have just been in an automobile accident. (Well, I hope not, but let's pretend in this case.) Your car is damaged, you are hurt and you have lost days at work. You know that, to be compensated for your car's damages, your injuries and your lost wages, you will have to deal with the insurance company for whoever was at fault. We'd like to give you some suggestions on how to deal with the person you have to negotiate with – the insurance adjuster.

The insurance adjuster can be an intimidating person. They are the representative for a large insurance company. Every company's objective is to collect money, not to give it out. That is why the adjuster's goal is to negotiate a settlement as for as low a figure as possible. Good insurance companies also train their adjusters to be fair and do what's right.

You are just one person, while the adjuster has a whole company's resources. As soon as the insurance company was alerted to the accident, they start their calculations. They calculate how much your car is worth and what the damages sustained are worth. With medical injuries, they have known amounts for the type of accident that occurred. With these numbers and more, they want to start negotiations as soon as possible with you.

Why would an adjuster want to settle with you so quickly? If you settle quickly, it keeps their costs down because they don't have to spend so much time on the claim. Also, the longer claims are open, the more things come up, and those things can add up to more money the insurance adjuster does not want to hand out if he or she does not have to.

What do you need to know when going toe-to-toe with the insurance adjuster? You need to have your facts and documents in good order and very detailed. The adjuster is used to doing these negotiations daily, while, if you are lucky, with few accidents to your name, you will only have to do these a few times in your lifetime. This gives them the upper hand, thus that is why you need to be so prepared.

Once you have presented your documents to the adjuster, they are sure to have questions. They will question why you sought medical attention. They will try to relate this accident injury to past injuries if at all possible. They will question your medical doctor's opinions. Do not get into an argument over your medical bills. You should point out that you are not a medical expert,

that the doctor is, and his or her report should stand by itself. This is one reason to try and have all medical reports as detailed as possible so the adjuster cannot read into it; the facts will be laid out in black and white.

Once the medical bills have been found to be legit, it will be the pain and suffering that you have to prove. Again your doctor's notes will be very important. Make sure that you had the doctor note all the issues you encountered from the accident. The severity of the pain should be detailed as well as any prescriptions that have been filled to help with the pain.

The adjuster will listen to reason. They will be able to tell by this time that you have done your homework and are serious about getting a fair settlement. If at this time you feel that the adjuster is still not negotiating a fair sum with you, the next step is to contact your agent. We are here to help you resolve your claim to your satisfaction. We can talk to the adjuster and help them to see your side of the disagreement.

Deciding to hire a lawyer should be your last alternative. If you feel that you are not being treated fairly, you have the right to an attorney. Sometimes, hiring an attorney will make the adjuster rethink the final figure given to you previously. If the new amount they offer you is fair, this will allow you to settle on your own. The adjuster might continue to stand their ground and you will be forced to hire a lawyer. If you do hire a lawyer, you will have to pay them out of your settlement.

Dealing with an insurance adjuster can be a difficult task. The best way to negotiate is to be firm but polite. Be well prepared with plenty of documentation of why you deserve a certain amount of money for not only your car damages but your injuries and pain and suffering. Be persuasive in your discussions and stand your ground, and you should be able to come away with a fair settlement.

It's important to realize that most auto insurance policies pay the "actual cash value" (ACV) of your vehicle. This is the amount equal to what the "market value" of your car was before the accident. Cars depreciate at a rapid rate! If your \$30,000 car is two years old, it could quite easily be worth only \$19,000. A good sign is to look in the classified section and find other cars the same year and model as yours with the same approximate mileage. If you can find three all around the same price, then that is probably the fair value.

## Be safe and have fun!

### About United Agencies

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

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at [www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub](http://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](mailto:jgelineau@unitedagencies.com), and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.



# History Comes *Alive!*

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Hynda Rudd  
City Archivist (Retired) and Club Member



An unpaved Third Street, looking west past houses to the Crocker Mansion atop Bunker Hill in the distance. Horse-drawn vehicles are on the street. A bakery is at left and the steeple of the First Congregational Church at right.

## Historical Bunker Hill

Here's a look at the origins of one of downtown's best known areas. Part one covers 1867-1949.

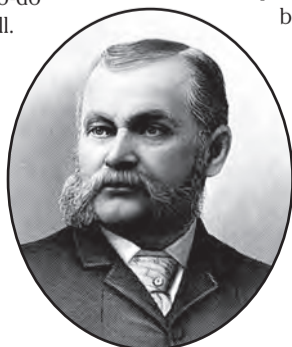
*Hello dear readers, please welcome this month's guest columnist – a friend of mine, the architectural historian and writer Nathan Marsak. I really enjoyed reading his treatises on Bunker Hill, and I know you will, too!*  
– Hynda

Story by Nathan Marsak; Photos courtesy the Security Pacific National Bank and Times-Herald Collections, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive, Christina Rice, acting Sr. Librarian.

**Bunker Hill:** known to every Angeleno for its temples of finance and corporate plazas, and revealed to every newcomer by the forest of skyscrapers rising from its backbone. Our high-rise cityscape may be LA's immediate identifier, but once upon a time, Bunker Hill was a nest of gabled gothic, replete with grand mansions... though with dark alleyways. Lofty aspirations commingled with dark desperation, as our palaces of the social elite cast long shadows—but this balance between sunshine and *noir* was no match for the City, which erased Bunker Hill and its 11,000 inhabitants, as if wiping a stain from a countertop.

It began with a dusty, chaparral-covered hill. The native peoples paid it no mind. The Spaniard and subsequent Mexican overlords had no use for the looming scrub, and the Americans after 1848 grazed a few sheep and mined the clay pits on its eastern flank for the new fiery brick kilns. The hill had always just been a boundary between *La Placita* (the Plaza, where LA was born) and the howling wilderness beyond. The hill was subdivided by George Hansen, Stephen H. Mott, and Prudent Beaudry, though it is Beaudry who stands out from the pack. Beaudry cofounded the City Water Company (now our DWP) in 1869 to pump water up to the hill; in 1874 he christened the topmost thoroughfare Bunker Hill Avenue (after the upcoming American centennial), forever giving the hill its name. Immediately thereafter, Beaudry was elected mayor of Los Angeles, and continued to develop Bunker Hill.

In short order, the well-to-do turned their eye to Bunker Hill. The 1880s saw the vogue for Carpenter Gothic turn to Eastlake and to the grandest of all flamboyant architectural styles, Queen Anne. Phineas Banning's docks in Wilmington imported not just endless Oregon pine, but also the carpenters and turners and masons to construct Victorian Los Angeles. Bunker Hill's elaborate corner towers, wide-spindled veran-



Mayor Prudent Beaudry, in an undated photo.

das, ornate balconies, intricate gables set into steeply pitched roofs, variegated shingles, and panoramas of sparkling stained glass are the stuff of legend.

The well-to-do were enticed to Bunker Hill by its airy location and views to the sea. The legendary architectural team of Samuel and Joseph Cather Newsom designed the vast Bradbury Mansion (a masterpiece of American Renaissance architecture, and arguably their best building) at Court and Hill in 1887, as well as the tall, ornate shingle-style home of Rev. Edward T. Hildreth at Fourth and Hope in 1889. Sen. Leonard Rose hired Curlett & Eisen to design his 1888 gem atop Fourth and Grand. The Brunson, the Crocker, the Bryan, and Brousseau mansions were masterpieces of craft and ingenuity.

It wasn't all the wealthy on the Hill, though. Judge Robert Widney, cofounder of USC, worked tirelessly to help common folk gain homes on the Hill. Widney also started the first horse-drawn streetcar in Los Angeles (granted, because he wanted a quick way to his home on Bunker Hill to have lunch each day). Bunker Hill was ground zero for all early L.A. transportation experiments: In 1885 cable cars ran across Bunker Hill up Second Street, and by 1886 they ran up Temple. Immediately after the Third Street tunnel opened in March 1901, the funicular Angels Flight ascended Third, from Hill to Olive, in January 1902. Another funicular, Court Flight, which ran from Hill Street up to Court Street, opened in 1905.

Bunker Hill's heyday as fashionable residential district for the upper class declined as newer, less dense, more modern developments sprouted up to the west as Los Angeles began its inexorable march to the sea. Great homes, like the Brousseau and the Hildreth, were divided up into apartments and adorned with a jumble of fire escapes. Other structures were less fortunate: The Crocker was felled in 1908, replaced by an Elks Lodge; in 1917, after years as a boarding house, the Brunson was replaced by an automobile service garage; the Bradbury was demolished in 1929, the Rose, in 1937. But by and large, apartment-hotels symbolized the new era: Elden Bryan pulled down his home in 1904 to erect a hotel. Mira

Hershey had her own grand home moved to another spot on the hill and hired celebrated architects Neher & Skilling to turn it into apartments.

Apartment houses sprouted up everywhere. Granted, these apartment buildings were first-rate, and by top names, e.g. the Moore Cliff by Dennis & Farwell, J.C. Newsom's Erms Apartments, and the Fremont Hotel by John C. Austin. Even so, apartment complexes, plus shoe repair, cleaners, drug stores, indeed altered the demography of the Hill. There were a mere few commercial buildings on Bunker Hill at the turn of the century, but by 1914, 136 had been added to the landscape. As pioneers vacated west to Westlake and Hollywood, single men, the working poor, and bohemians moved in. Photographer Margrethe Mather lived in the carriage house behind the Hildreth, and famed astrologer/mystic Max Heindel moved in with Augusta Foss (she, a founder of the Rosicrucian Fellowship) on Bunker Hill Avenue. These kinds of characters contributed to the formation of Jack Webb, who grew up in the heart of the hill in the 1920s



Circa 1890: The exterior of the mansion owned by businessman Leonard John Rose, on the southeast corner of Grand Avenue and Fourth Street. The lavish home, completed in 1888, was designed by Curlett & Eisen and cost approximately \$50,000 to build.

real neighborhood. It's true, Bunker Hill harbored the marginalized element. The media focused upon this rather than the fact that, in the 1940s, the vast majority of Bunker Hill's residents were the aged lower-middle class. All this notwithstanding, it was the fact that City tax revenue from Bunker Hill was less

than the estimated cost for fire, police, and health services that ultimately doomed a community to extinction. Come 1948, the L.A. City Council formed the Community Redevelopment Agency. In 1949, Harry Truman signed the Housing Act, which tossed Federal monies at L.A. to help condemn private property through eminent domain. The 1950s are the tale of the strangulation and death of Bunker Hill before she was wiped clean and born anew in the 1960s... a tale to be told in part 2, coming next.



Court Flight Cable Railway, 1920. The Court Flight cable railway, at Broadway and Second. It was very similar to the better-known Angels Flight, one block away at Broadway and Third. At the top of Court Flight was the "One Big Look" tower, advertised as the highest point in the downtown area. Next door, at 205 S. Broadway, the Hotel Broadway had just opened.

and 30s. Bunker Hill became a world in and of itself: The Second Street tunnel and the Pacific Electric Red Cars bored under the hill in the mid-1920s, further isolating it from the city below.

Calls to remove the Hill in its entirety began in the late 1920s. The media grew fascinated with the Hill and its role as an obstacle to urban expansion. Through the 1930s and '40s, civic and public calls to destroy the Hill served as a destabilizing influence. Eventually, it became a renter's community, but it was a community nonetheless: Careful study of photographs, documentary film, and interviews with residents from the time reveal it to have been not a cesspool of vice, but a

### About the Author



Architectural historian Nathan Marsak is author of the book *Los Angeles Neon*, a contributor to the 1947 project, *OnBunkerHill* and *InSROLand* blogs, and history columnist for *DTLAX* magazine. Though a Louisiana oil and gas man by trade, he makes Highland Park his home.



## For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years



### City Retiree Associations

#### 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: rlacei@verizon.net

#### 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 Mary Beetz, call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 711.

#### RLACEI Upcoming Events

Call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 701 for reservations.

- April 12:** General meeting, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- June 7:** RLACEI Golf Tournament, Alhambra Golf Club
- Aug. 9:** Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles
- Oct. 4:** Annual corporation meeting and elections, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium
- Dec. 6:** Holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium

#### 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.

#### DWP Retirees Association



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#### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association (LARFPA)



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Temple City, CA 91780  
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## Pension Reforms Might Bypass the Already Retired

**2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient**  
**By Ed Harding, RLACEI President**



Ed Harding

"On Feb. 28, LACERS Commissioners voted to give our Retirees a 2.7 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

"I just received the Retired Los Angeles Fire and Police Association Spring 2012 newsletter, and would like to thank the LARFPA Publication Chairman for printing my wife, Martha, and my picture in their newsletter.



By Mary Beetz, RLACEI Publicity Chair

"LARFPA Director Lee Kebler reported that Michael Perez, General Manager of the Fire and Police Pensions System, announced he will retire May 4; Michael is a friend of all and will be missed.

"While still on the subject of Fire and Police, Retired Capt. Lee Kebler, a good friend of ours, was presented by the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners with the Distinguished Service Medal for Life Long Commitment of Loyal and Dedicated Service to the Los Angeles

City Fire Department and the City of Los Angeles. Congratulations, Lee.

"Director Lee Kebler and the current Fire and Police Association President, and Dolores Foley, President of the Retired Water and Power Employees Association, and I meet several times a year to discuss ways to improve the needs of our retirees.

"I will see you all at our General Meeting at the Friendship Auditorium April 12 at 11 a.m."

### Pension Reform for California



Michael Karsch

**RLACEI Legislative Report by Michael Karsch**

"Pension Reform for California: A pending initiative petition to reform public pensions for California has been suspended due to financial difficulties and to a misleading title and summary made by the State Attorney General, according to the author, Dan Pellissier, president of the California Pension Reform. This leaves Governor Jerry Brown's pension reform proposals the likely vehicle for such reform. His proposal, which does not have a lot of detail at this writing, would require approval by the Legislature, and some of it would need the approval of the people of the State in November. His reform would not take away from current retirees, and would not apply

to any retirement system not funded by the State (such as the City's three retirement systems). The governor does want to see all affected state employees (and municipal employees' pensions run by CalPERS) pay half of their plans' costs. New hires would face the biggest cuts in what is now offered.

"The Orange County retirement system disagrees with the Stanford University study of the various public pension systems in California. That study warned that these pensions are roughly \$500 billion short of adequate funding; the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) points out that the Stanford group is using an overly conservative estimate of how well pension investments will be doing. OCERS believes that its earnings should be estimated at 7.75 percent per year, based on historical record, namely that sys-

tem's 8.11 percent rate achieved over the 20-year period ending in 2011. The Stanford group argues that all pension funds should aim for a 5 percent return. CalPERS achieved a return of only 1.1 percent in 2011. Based on the lesser expected rate of return, a given pension should set aside significantly higher sums of funding to back up the pension liabilities, according to Stanford. Much debate is over this estimated rate of return, or discount rate, that a pension should have. In the private sector, Boeing just lowered its discount rate to 4.4 percent from 5.3 percent in 2010. Any shortfalls in the private industries will mean lowered, or eliminated, pension paychecks, both immediately and in the future. In the public sector, decreases in liability funding usually mean that the governing body supplements the pensions to keep them going."

### LACERS UPDATE: Cost of Living Adjustment



By Mary Beetz, RLACEI Publicity Chair

**RLACEI LACERS UPDATE by Mary Beetz**

"LACERS Announces Cost of Living Adjustment for 2012: The Board of Administration adopted a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.7 percent at their Feb. 28 meeting. The COLA will be effective July 1. Pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Board is

required to determine the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area to provide a COLA to eligible retirees and their beneficiaries. The Administrative Code also dictates that the COLA cannot exceed 3 percent annually.

"When the CPI is greater than 3 percent, the difference is 'banked' for future years when the CPI is less than 3 percent. LACERS can then use available 'banked' amounts to

increase the COLA to the maximum 3 percent. Just how much of a COLA that a retired member will receive depends on their retirement date and how much is 'banked' from previous years.

"Members who retired after June 30, 2011 and have not been retired at least one full year will receive a COLA of 1/12th of 2.7 percent for each full month of retirement completed by June 30, 2012."





# The Best Years

## 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. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer's extension is listed below.

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

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

- Mary Beetz Ext. 711
- Cliff Cannon Ext. 715
- 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
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Stemnock Ext. 708
- Michael Wilkinson Ext. 712

Questions: Ext. 0  
RSVP: Ext. 701

**DWP Retirement Plan Office** (213) 367-1722

## RLACEI:

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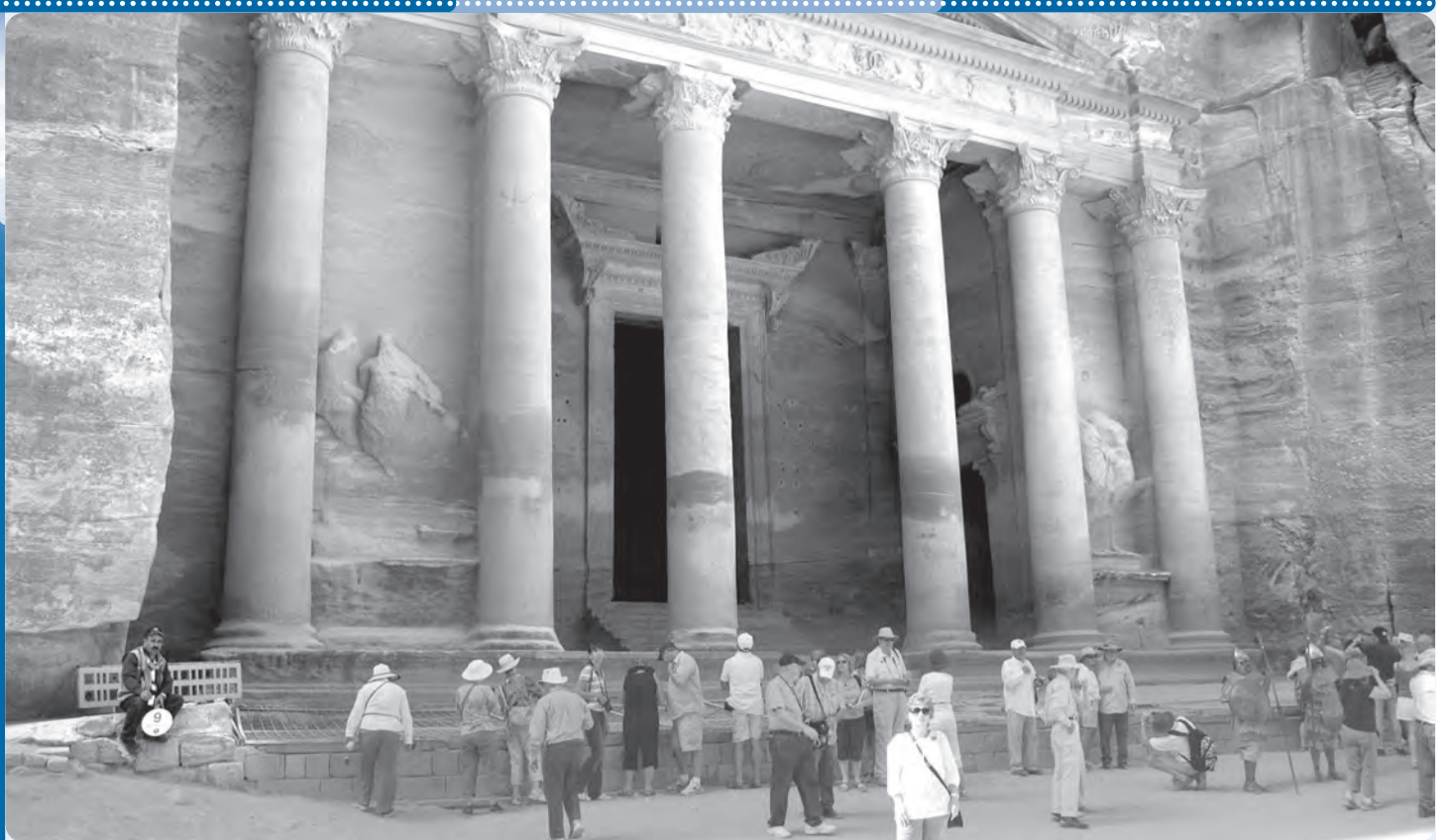
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- Edward Harding: President
- Michael Karsch: Treasurer
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- Mary Beetz: Publicity
- Hal Danowitz: Bylaws
- Americo Garza: Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation
- Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
- Helen Salgado: Membership
- Phil Skarin: Parliamentarian
- Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
- Tom Stemnock: Audit
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Evelyn in front of the treasury in Petra.

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

# Through the Canal to Jordan

**Hal and Co. continue their 28-day cruise from Europe to Singapore. Part four.**

*On Oct. 11, Evelyn and I, with our cousins Don and Myrna, left for Rome, where we were going to board the Ocean Princess Oct. 15 to sail for 28 days to Singapore. On the cruise we were scheduled to visit Sorrento, Italy; Athens; Ephesus, Turkey; through the Suez Canal; two ports in Egypt; Aqaba, Jordan; Dubai in the United Arab Emirates; Muscat, Oman; and India. In India, we were scheduled to take a side trip to the Taj Mahal. Finally, the cruise would take us to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, before ending in Singapore. We both had reserved mini-suites on deck eight. The Ocean Princess is a small ship, which accommodates only slightly more than 600 passengers and a crew of 250.*

As we pick up our story, we were sailing from Kusadasi, Turkey, toward the Suez Canal. Last night we enjoyed the entertainment show – Thom Peterson, “The Amazing Guy,” who is both a comedian and magician. He was very entertaining, and both Myrna and Don were part of the show. Evelyn will no longer sit in the front row anymore, so our stage days are done. It’s a two-way issue – remember, you cannot leave early when you sit in the first row, and you just never know.

The next morning we awoke with the ship already in the Suez Canal. We began our passage at 2:30 a.m. It takes about 16 hours to reach the end. We were in a convoy with 22 ships, of which we were number 21. It appeared that a lot of the ships in the convoy were container ships. Up to that point, I had only seen one cruise ship, and I wasn’t sure even about that.

The Suez Canal is the world’s greatest shortcut. Opened in 1869, it allows ships to travel between Europe and Asia without having to navigate around Africa or traipse over land between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. The canal’s northern terminus is Port Said, and the southern terminus is the City of Suez.

Around 10:30 a.m. we anchored in Bitter Lake. This is where the northbound convoy passes and the southbound convoy waits. Once all the northbound convoy was anchored in the lake, the southbound ships created a new convoy and proceeded south. We were now the first ship in line continuing

south. The canal and the lake contain saltwater, and we saw a number of small local fishing boats. Lake Bitter seemed to also be a resort area, with some beaches and nice housing along the shoreline.

Mostly the land along the canal consisted of sand, with a number of security buildings and a small number of houses. In some areas back from the canal there was vegetation, but mostly no color at all.

It was much warmer today, but not hot. They were some clouds, but mostly it was blue sky.

Flies began to be a problem, and there was a smell in the air somewhat like a stockyard. Maybe the two go together. We were thankful the smell didn’t last long. The flies on the other hand drove us from the deck to one of the interior lounges.

We decided to try the dining room for lunch. Everyone liked the food in the dining room, but I was sure they offered the same items in the buffet.

Evelyn and I were relaxing by the pool, which contained saltwater, while Don and Myrna played bridge. While I enjoy bridge, I also like to do other things. We could play bridge every other day while at sea.

This southern half of the canal is much more populated with real cities along the shore. The Suez Canal is the longest saltwater canal at sea level without the use of locks. It’s approximately 190 kilometers long.



Eventually we reached the City of Suez, at the south end of the canal, in the speedy time of 12 hours.

We then sailed in the Gulf of Suez in the Red Sea. The next day, we docked in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, at the tip of the Sinai Peninsula.

Sharm el Sheikh has been a sleepy fishing village, a major naval base and twice a captive city. The 1979 Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty led to the city’s return to Egypt sovereignty in 1982 and the beginning of a new life as a major resort destination. Today Sharm el Sheikh lies at the heart of the Red Sea Riviera, its luxury resorts, beaches, and crystalline waters attracting visitors from Asia and Europe

Last night, we started out at the cocktail party for Platinum guests, saw the 7 p.m. show with Paul Baker, a good singer, and after dinner we all played “Movie Poster



At the beginning of the walk to Petra.



Quiz," where we got 33 correct out of 45. The show was before dinner, because the onshore tours started early this morning, at 6:10 a.m.

The most popular tour onshore was to Mt. Moses and St. Catherine Monastery, founded in the sixth century A.D. The site is revered by Muslims, Jews, and Christians as the place where Moses received the Commandments. It was a 10-hour tour, and we decided instead to take the shuttle bus (\$16 round trip) to the shopping area.

It took about 20 minutes on bus to get to Naama Bay, the upscale shopping area, which has all the better beach resorts. We walked the shopping area and were aggressively and rudely treated by the vendors. We finally found a shop where the owner was nice, and we bought from him. The beach area was controlled by the hotels, and they charged a fee. We stayed about 90 minutes and headed back to the ship.

We had lunch in the buffet. That day's carving was roast pork, so I thought that a sandwich would be nice. There was no sandwich bread at lunch. There were rolls (small ones) and readymade sandwiches, but no bread. I made my request, and after much looking, the staff managed to come up with a couple of slices of bread (white, but who am I to complain).

At 5:30 p.m., we met with the maitre d' to hear the rules for the "chef's table" dinner. We did this last year on the *Golden Princess*, and it was a lot of fun, along with serving good food and wine. Because we were to sit in the food prep areas, they wanted to make sure we were not sick.

Tomorrow we were scheduled to dock in Aqaba, Jordan, and have a full day tour to Petra.

It was our wedding anniversary (22 years), and we had dinner in the steakhouse with Don and Myrna.

The dinner was very good except for the steak. The service, appetizer, soup, and dessert were great, but the steak just wasn't cooked correctly, and I should have sent it back. We had a good bottle of wine, and they served a special cake for our anniversary. The wine list had a good selection of domestic (Californian) and international wines (Chili and other countries) at reasonable prices. The ship also allowed us to bring on board one bottle per person. You could probably bring on board a bottle at every port if you wanted to.

They also attached balloons and a sign on our cabin door for our anniversary. They do this for birthdays, anniversaries, and newlyweds.

I've picked on everyone in my tales of this cruise, so I need to tell a story about myself. That day we needed to get up early (6 a.m.) to go to Petra. The travel clock that we brought had two alarms. The second alarm woke me at 1 a.m., and I got dressed before I looked at the clock, which read 1:18 a.m. Evelyn was not happy. It won't happen again.

The port of Aqaba has been an important strategic and commercial center for more than three millennia. Aqaba is Jordan's only seaport, and the city serves as an intriguing gateway for travelers. In the surrounding desert lies the lost city of Petra, a city that may date to 6,000 B.C., and Wadi Rum, where an English soldier mystic named T.E. Lawrence found his destiny as Lawrence of Arabia.

Of the 630 passengers on the ship, approximately 400 took the tour to Petra. The bus trip from Aqaba to Petra takes about two hours each way. Although Jordan has brought up the educational level of its citizens to a mandatory 10th grade education, there is still considerable poverty and a small middle class.

We left at 8 a.m. and arrived in Wai Moses round 10 a.m. Our guide wasn't very good. He didn't have the English skills to communicate with us, so we didn't get a lot of information. We walked about four-and-a-half miles. Walking there was downhill, but uphill coming out. The options were a carriage pulled by a donkey, a horse ride or



donkey ride, or, last but not least, a camel. I'm not one for camels or horses, so we walked. The weather was good – not too hot with a nice breeze, and it was a pleasant walk. Petra was very impressive, but I liked Ephesus better.

Petra was built somewhere around 400 B.C., and we could also see evidence of Roman repairs from around 100 A.D. All of the buildings and tombs were carved into the very sheer canyon walls. The treasury and the theater were the most impressive in addition to a system for providing gravity-delivered water through a simple aqueduct system. It was a good walk, and we could



Hal and the good shopkeeper in Egypt.



Don, Myrna, and Evelyn on deck as we went through the Suez Canal.



Having drinks before dinner.

go at our own pace. It's dusty, though. The height of the canyon walls and in some areas the narrowness of the passage provided natural shade and even cool breezes. It was well worth seeing. It is one of the seven "new" wonders of the world, along with the Taj Mahal, the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China, Christ the Redeemer, the Coliseum, and Machu Picchu. The only one we had not visited is Machu Picchu.

We enjoyed an excellent lunch at a hotel. On offer was a whole roasted baby lamb, as part of a buffet of local Jordanian fare.

After lunch we did some shopping and again met a storekeeper who was friendly and had spent time in the States. We returned to the ship around 6 p.m.

Tomorrow we were scheduled to dock in Safaga, Egypt.

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## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS

BY MARY BEETZ

In the March issue, I promised you "Mike Levitt's life after retirement." I hope all of you enjoy reading it as well as those who knew or worked with him.

"I was with DWP for two years until Nixon froze utility rates and DWP laid off 1,000 of us, without unemployment insurance. I worked on the old *Herald Examiner* and other newspapers for a few years as writer/photographer, then the LAPD for two years in PR, then I was promoted over to the Harbor Department, where I stayed for a lifetime (25 years). I retired in 1999.

"After moving to Leisure World, a great retirement community in Seal Beach, I realized that my fellow 9,000 seniors needed better representation at the City Council; after working with those spoiled and pampered elected officials for 25 years at the Harbor, I decided to become one myself and won, and won again. I was elected by the council as mayor. This is my second term as mayor. I am now the spoiled and pampered mayor of Seal Beach.



"Once my council term is up in 2014, we will jump into the motor home and travel to Oregon and elsewhere. Even paradise gets old! When I'm not banging the gavel, I'm a writer/photographer for *RV Journal*, the travel magazine for RVers.

"So, there is definitely life after retirement."

– Mike Levitt

Thank you, Mike!



# 34th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament



The 34th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 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 25th** to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

## 2012 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

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## NEWS BRIEF

### HEADWORKS RESERVOIR:

DWP officials, joined by Fourth District Councilmember Tom LaBonge, community members and representatives from the Webcor/Obayashi/Lyles construction joint venture, broke ground recently on the construction of Headworks Reservoir, a critical component of the DWP's plan for compliance with drinking water regulations. Headworks Reservoir, which will be comprised of two underground buried reservoirs with a combined capacity of 110 million gallons, will allow the DWP to remove Silver Lake and Ivanhoe Reservoirs from service in order to meet compliance requirements and deadlines.

"Compliance with water quality regulations are driving significant investments in our Water System," said Ron Nichols, DWP General Manager. "These are our customers' dollars at work, and we look for cost-effective investments like Headworks to make sure we continue to keep our water rates low."

The DWP is in the midst of a multi-year compliance agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Public Health that has several mandated deadlines. Compliance with newer water quality regulations requires major investment in the DWP's water distribution system with \$600 million in major new contracts that must be awarded this year, and \$1.1 billion in capital costs over the next five years to comply with these standards. Construction of Headworks Reservoir is made possible by the funding provided the 35-cent per billing unit increase to the Water Quality Factor approved in February.

Construction of the Headworks Reservoir has been divided into four separate construction phases. The DWP broke ground on the first phase of the project, which includes construction of the 56-million-gallon East Reservoir and a portion of the trunk line that connects it to the rest of the water distribution system. Later phases of the project will include additional facilities on the site, including the 54-million-gallon West Reservoir and connecting trunk line, a four-megawatt hydroelectric power plant, and a flow-regulating station. The power plant, which will generate energy from water traveling from North Hollywood to Headworks, will cost \$25 million and is expected to pay for itself in 10 years.

"This is the Department of Water and Power at its best, a quality water infrastructure improvement," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member. "The Headworks Project is a state-of-the-art facility for all of Los Angeles, and I'm pleased that a park area will be created when it is completed."

The East Reservoir is slated to be operational in November 2014, when Ivanhoe is required to be taken out of service. The West Reservoir and power plant are expected to be operational by 2017. Once construction is complete, the underground reservoirs will be covered with three feet of soil and native vegetation.

# Welcome to the LAIR

Zoo opens new amphibian home.

ZOO



Officials and patrons cut the ribbon on the Zoo's new LAIR attraction.



The Gray's Monitor is an endangered species native to the Philippines. The omnivorous lizards are extremely rare in zoos and will be featured in The LAIR's Care and Conservation Room.

Photo by Tad Motoyama, Zoo

On March 8, the Zoo opened its newest exhibit. Encompassing six diversely themed exhibits, the LAIR (Living Amphibian, Invertebrates, and Reptiles) houses more than 60 species from around the globe. Additionally, this new structure provides a vital establishment for the Zoo's reptile and amphibian-focused conservation initiatives.

There are six visually stunning exhibit areas in the LAIR that include habitats for various unique and endangered amphibian, invertebrate, and reptilian species. The world's largest amphibian, the Chinese giant salamander, will inhabit a "mountainside" stream with underwater viewing for visitors. Several species of tiny brightly colored poison dart frogs will live in lush vivariums. Lizards are represented by

scaly and spiny giant horned lizards, neon green Fiji Island banded iguanas and the only species of venomous lizards – gila monster and beaded lizard. Adaptations to its aquatic existence will be easily noticed on the Fly River turtles that have a pig shaped nose and flippers for feet. Visitors may get chills viewing scorpions and centipedes, or walking past "Crocodile Swamp" housing false gharials, an endangered species of crocodile found in Southeast Asia.

Finally, a dazzling array of snakes includes the Mang Shan viper from the mountains of China, the green mamba, a fast slender arboreal snake from Africa and the Bushmaster, the largest venomous snake of the Americas. The "Care and Conservation Room" is dedicated to the reptiles and amphibians part of the Zoo's conservation programs. Here, Zoo guests can also look

"Behind the Glass," where many behind-the-scenes activities (reptile egg storage, nursery, food prep, etc.) will take place.

The unique collection in the LAIR comprises some of the rarest species among North American zoos. Over 60 species of amphibians, invertebrates, and reptiles are represented in this assortment of living jewels. Additionally, this new structure will provide a vital base for the Zoo's reptile and amphibian-focused conservation initiatives. The LAIR, a \$14.1 million project, was funded by monies from the City's Proposition CC bond measure for Zoo improvements (\$9.5 million), along with \$4.0 million in MICLA funds and \$6 million from the General Fund.

Admission to the LAIR is included with a paid admission to the Zoo, which is located in Griffith Park.

Information: [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

# Honoring Alumni



From left: Carmen Hawkins; André Biratte Jr., U.S. Attorney Central Division; and Serene Christian, incoming ABCA President.



From left: Earl Thomas and Norman Dawkins.



From left: Capri Maddox, Immediate Past President; Christy Ammons; and Avis Ridley-Thomas.



From left: Onica Cole, ABCA Treasurer; Michele Anderson; the Hon. James Hahn; Carmen Hawkins; and Tim McOscker.



City Attorney class of 1977.

The Association of Black City Attorneys hosts reception for distinguished alumni.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

On Feb. 13, the Association of Black City Attorneys (ABCA) recognized their distinguished alumni at an event in the City Hall Rotunda.

The association was founded in 1978 with a mission of mutual aid, support, and advancement of members of the African-American legal community, both within and outside the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney.

City Attorney Carmen Trutanich and former City Attorneys Burt Pine and (former mayor) James Hahn recognized this year's recipients.

In addition to those pictured below, also recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award were Mablean Ephraim, Former Deputy City Attorney, and Sheryl Meshack (deceased), Former Assistant City Attorney.

*Thank you to Carmen Hawkins for her assistance.*



Former City Attorneys, from left: the Hon. Burt Pines and the Hon. James Hahn.



Distinguished Alumnus the Hon. Leslie Brown, former Sr. Assistant City Attorney.



Distinguished Alumna, the Hon. Carol Codrington, former Deputy City Attorney.



Distinguished Alumna Jolaine Harkless, Retired Asst. City Attorney.



Carmen Trutanich, City Attorney.



Distinguished Alumna Cheryl Ward, Retired Sr. Assistant City Attorney.

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REC AND PARKS, PUBLIC WORKS

# Great Skate

**A new skate park and wetlands opens at Hansen Dam Recreational Center.**

*Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor*

On March 2, Rec and Parks opened a new skate park and wetlands area at its Hansen Dam Recreational Center.

What a beautiful setting for the community to enjoy – a day at the park or time to skate! Thanks to the funding by Proposition 40, the Hansen Dam Skate Park was developed along with funding by Proposition O Clean Water Bond for the Wetlands Restoration Project. More than 130 acres of developed land were created, and through bioswales, infiltration basins, and other elements, storm water will be cleaned naturally before draining into Hansen Lake.

*Special thanks to Joanna Berni for inviting us to this exciting opening.*



The new skate park includes pool-sized bowls, rails, and jumps.



From left: Kristofer Irvin, Gardener/Caretaker, 7 years of City service; and Rory Takaki, Gardener/Caretaker, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Andy Montoya, Green Program, 4 years of City service; Ray Morales, Park Supervisor, 26 years, Club Member; Willie Carreon, Green Program, 11 years; Jose G. Rincon, Gardener/Caretaker, 6 years; Grenada Canada, Green Program, 4 years; and Alexander Abrego, Irrigation, 13 years.



Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, Club Member.



Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer, Public Works/Engineering.



Councilman Richard Alarcon shares his thanks and appreciation for the project and all those who made it possible.



Everyone gathered around for the official ribbon cutting.

# CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



Hard at work are Rec & Parks employees **Patricia Weeks**, Gardener/Caretaker, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and **Alvaro Santillan**, Gardener/Caretaker, 7 years, Club Member.



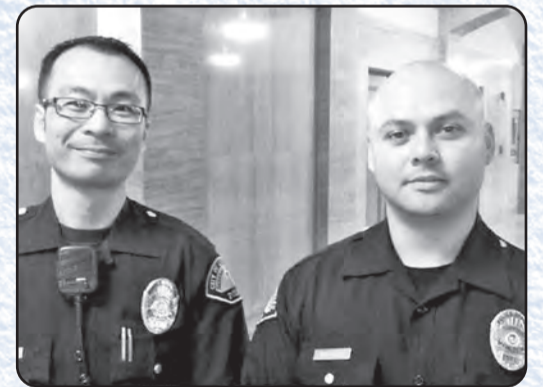
At the Seventh Street General Services Fleet Services Yard are (from left) **Richard Simas**, 22 years of City service, and **Gary Wong**, 30 years of City service.



Here are DWP employees (from left) **Chris Heib**, SEDM, 16 years of City service, Club Member; **Rey Senar**, EDM, 7 years, Club Member; **Jaren Rowley**, Journeyman Lineman, 3 years; and **Brian Marracino**, Apprentice Cable Splicer, 3 years.



Here's new Club Member **Guy Brown**, Acting Supervisor, Public Works, 6 years of City service.



From left: **Yin Wong**, Police Officer, General Services, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and **Alejandro Diazvalle**, Police Officer, General Services, 11 years of City service, Club Member.



**Frances Rivera**, Traffic Officer II, Transportation, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



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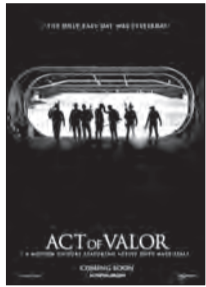


## Reviews by Fellow Club Members

## ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

## • In the cinema

**Act of Valor**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Don't go see *Act of Valor* for the action. Don't go see *Act of Valor* because of the hype. Go see *Act of Valor* because here is a film that honors the way of life and the memory of those brave service men and women who sacrifice everything in defense of this country. Critics be damned, *Act of Valor* is a fine film if you can look past the acting of these true soldiers putting it all out there for a glimpse into their lives. The movie is entertaining, and will have you in tears by the end.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Chronicle**

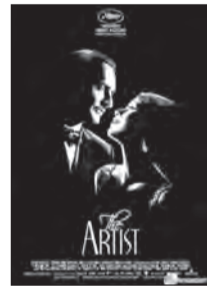
Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*Chronicle* is one of those films that can easily deceive an audience. When you first see that *Chronicle* is a "found footage" or "mockumentary" type of film, you might start to think, "Not one of these again." But the gimmicky style of movie hides a deeply involved movie with multiple interesting plot points. It is a superhero origin, sci-fi fantasy and disturbed coming of age film that

really grabbed me. The film's strongest aspect is the fresh, young cast of relatively unknown actors. *Chronicle* is one of the best new movies of the year.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**The Artist**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Another hit has been added to Bob and Harvey Weinstein's resumé! I loved this silent film. This will definitely be categorized as a classic in years to come. It features beautiful cinematography, great acting, an awesome storyline... and even the score of this film is intriguing. This film envelops the basic essence of true Hollywood. It captures the 1920s era of silent films and it enlightens the audience with use of facial gestures, body movement, and true raw talent. There is action, comedy, romance, and beautiful wardrobes.

*The Artist* is about a movie star in the prime of his career. He meets a young actress, whom he becomes intrigued with. She uses his career as a stepladder for her own career. The stock market crashes, movies go from silent to talkies. That's when the plot becomes more twisted. As the movie progresses, the audience might feel it's transported to the time period of this film. It's awesome!

– Tanieka Umi, Transportation

**This Means War**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Rather than sit here and trash the movie completely, I will just leave you all with a warning about *This Means War*. Enter with no expectations. Trying to figure out just what kind of movie this film wants to be, gave me a headache half-way through the mess. It neither succeeds as an action film, romantic film or comedy, even though it tries to be all three. This is especially true if you are trying to believe that cute Reese Witherspoon is suddenly this sexpot that two young studs are fighting for. Wait for this as a possible rental.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**The Woman in Black**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Finally stepping out of the shadow of *Harry Potter*, Daniel Radcliffe shines as the young lawyer and father, Arthur Kipps, in the horror thriller *The Woman in Black*. *The Woman in Black* succeeds where other thrilling horror movies have failed recently, giving the

audience a sense of dread. While it does not have the amount of gore and disturbing visuals other movies do, it does present a sensation of foreboding that made those classic horror movies classic. Just because there is more blood doesn't make it a better horror movie. *The Woman in Black* proves this point with class.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Wanderlust**

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I was having a conversation not long ago with some friends, and the sad topic was: What's the last great movie comedy you've seen? Thinking hard, I came up with *Clueless* (1995), which incidentally also starred Paul Rudd, when I thought this breakthrough signaled the debut of an actor with real talent.

Cut to *Wanderlust*, yet another entry in the Judd Apatow canon of proud mediocrity. That means lazy direction, inexplicable character motivation, slapdash production, jokes that don't work, confrontational grossness, a generic Jennifer Aniston, and the unfulfilled promise of Paul Rudd's career. He has such a better movie in him. I hope he finds it soon.

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

## On a Screen Near You

## • Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

**J. Edgar (2011)**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I can't help but think that if the script were a little stronger, then the film, director Clint Eastwood and star Leonardo DiCaprio would have received nominations for this striking and personal look back at one of the most influential and controversial figures in American society. But there was something about the way that *J. Edgar* was filmed that really bothered me. You don't really get to care for some of his closest confidants, and the switching back and forth from the present to the past sadly took something away from the overall presentation of the film and hindered it in many ways.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Justice League: Doom**

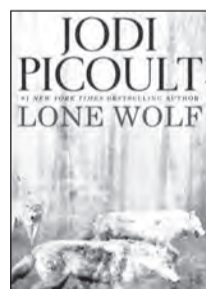
Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Loosely adapted from the JLA comic book story arc, *JLA: Tower of Babel*, *Justice League: Doom* is the latest release in the DC Animated Universe series. The story is almost as good as that of the comic, but the switch in major villains does take away from what made the original story great. The villain in *Doom* is nowhere as classic a villain as was Ra's al Ghul (the same villain from the film *Batman Begins*). Still, the animation is clean and the action is well presented. Fans of the comic should get their fill with this Blu-ray release.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## Book Reviews

**Lone Wolf**

Jodi Picoult

Women's fiction

421 pages

Atria Books

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Luke Warren has spent almost his entire life living among wolves with his daughter, Cara. Edward has been estranged from his family because of his homosexuality. When Luke and Cara are in a car accident and Luke is in a coma, Edward comes back to make a decision with Cara whether to pull the plug on Luke.

This novel has many fascinating facts about wolves, the relationship between father, son, and daughter, and the important decisions to be made that can either bring a family back together or tear a family apart.

This brilliant novel involves current issues with family drama.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Cinnamon Roll Murder**

Joanne Fluke

Women's fiction

335 pages

Kensington

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

While delivering cinnamon rolls to the Lake Eden Inn, Hannah and her sister, Michelle, are stuck in traffic when a bus overturns, carrying the jazz band Cinnamon Roll Six.

Hannah Swensen, the sleuthing small-town Minnesota baker, tries to solve the murder of Buddy Neiman, the keyboard player of the jazz band Cinnamon Roll Six. But Buddy isn't his real name, and Hannah must find out not only who murdered the victim but who he really is.

This thrilling novel is also filled with many mouth-watering recipes, including cinnamon rolls, which are delicious.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

## Your Reviews!

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

## 100 Words or Fewer

- 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)*.

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:

- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.



# Video Gaming

• Videogames online, rental or purchase



### Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3

Rated T for Teen  
PlayStation Vita  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3 for the PlayStation Vita is a game that has definitely set the bar for what fighting games on this new portable device should be. It easily could go toe to toe with the home console versions of the game in terms of graphics, controls, and sound. Gone are the days of simple fighting games on handheld consoles; *Ultimate MuC3* moves the portable fighting game into the next generation. If you have bought a Vita, you owe it to yourself to buy this game, as it is one of the best launch titles available for it.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



### ModNation Racers: Road Trip

Rated E for Everyone  
PlayStation Vita  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

While *ModNation Racers: Road Trip* is a fun kart game for the PlayStation Vita, there is something missing there

that keeps it from being great. For you casual gamers out there, the game will be just fine as it is – but more experienced gamers may find some things missing that keep it from being as fun as its big brother console version was. Still, taking it for what it is, and looking at how beautiful the game is on that screen, it is enough to grab your attention to keep you playing on long trips of your own.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



### Plants vs. Zombies

Rated E10+ for Everyone  
10 and up  
PlayStation Vita  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

If you haven't played *Plants vs. Zombies* in any of its previously released versions of the game, then you owe it to yourself to buy and play it on the Vita.

No, not because the game is that much better on the system, but really because you are missing out on one of the better games released over the past five years. It's simple to play, gets addictive really fast, and will have you spending hours of your time defending your home using weaponized plants as defenders against the undead. Go play this game now.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



### Hot Shots Golf: World Invitational

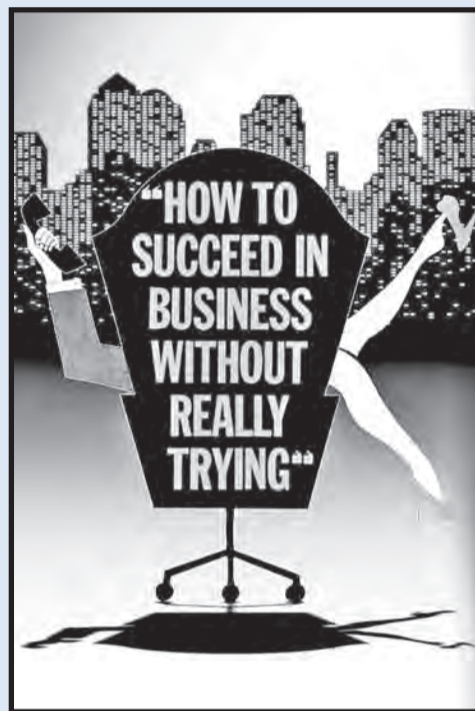
Rated E for Everyone  
PlayStation Vita  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

If you want something fun and a great way to pass the time on your new PlayStation Vita, I suggest picking up *Hot Shots Golf: World Invitational*. Taking

what made all those old *Hot Shots* golf games fun and putting it all into the palm of your hands, this arcade golf game should help you pass the time pretty easily, as there are plenty of quick play options available to you. And if you do have the time to finish a complete round, the game is simple and challenging enough for players of all types.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## Theatre Reviews



### How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Welk Resort Theatre, Escondido  
Production has closed  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This Broadway musical comedy tells the story of windowwasher J. Pierrepont Finch as he tricks his way to a job at the World Wide Wicket Company, going from the mailroom to executive. Ponty, as he is called, befriends Rosemary Pilkington, a secretary, who is trying to land a husband.

Ponty's nemesis, Bud Frump, is the nephew of J.B. Biggley, company president. Ponty tries to avoid Biggley's mistress/secretary, Hedy LaRue, after he's promoted to vice president of advertising.

Meanwhile, Ponty starts an advertising campaign, which will put World Wide Wicket Company on the map.

This musical comedy features the Broadway hit song, "Brotherhood of Man," which brings the house down.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel



### SoulCalibur V

Rated T for Teens  
PlayStation Vita  
My Score 4 (out of 5)

Continuing a series that began on the original PlayStation back in 1998, *Soul Calibur V* once again gathers numerous combatants from around the world, each with their

own reasons to possess the weapons Soul Edge or Soul Calibur. While this may be the fifth installment in the series, it is also one of the freshest as it introduces new, younger characters to replace older veteran ones. The fighting is fluid and responsive (and done with lighting effects, so there's no blood here parents), and the story is pretty decent for a fighting game. It is well worth the \$60 price tag.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD



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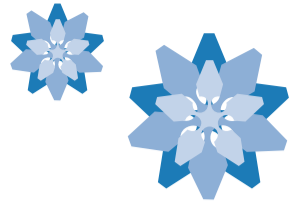
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# Life's Important Moments

## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

<p><b>Airports</b></p> <p>Jose Alfaro Imelda Alonzo de Ake Michael Boucher John Burchill Seferina Campos de Merino Edeliza Fang Emiliana Lopez-Barrios Ethel McGuire Armida Mendoza Rosario Morales Concepcion Rodriguez Jose Sanabria Maria Valdivia</p> <p><b>City Attorney</b></p> <p>Daniel Chavez</p> <p><b>Building and Safety</b></p> <p>Teena Ennabi Nicole Robinson John Stephens</p>	<p><b>City Clerk</b></p> <p>Dionne Chappelle Renee McDade Tamela Austin</p> <p><b>Cultural Affairs</b></p> <p>Haroot Avanesian</p> <p><b>General Services</b></p> <p>Charles Gage Jeannette Arnold</p> <p><b>Harbor</b></p> <p>Jill Shimamoto</p> <p><b>Housing</b></p> <p>Michael Lam Roselyn Ibanez</p> <p><b>ITA</b></p> <p>Marc Tyrone Mario Aldaz Cheryl Gibbs</p>	<p><b>Library</b></p> <p>Sylvia Adame Andrea Brackett Louie Carrillo Chandra Jackson Angela Lee Carol Lopez Denise Murphey Lawrence Nash Miriam Tepox</p> <p><b>Personnel</b></p> <p>Shawn Chowdhury</p> <p><b>LAPD</b></p> <p>Francine Acuna Marnie Badgett - Ellefson Ana Castro Thomas Cox Antonio Egenias Marjorie Israel Carmen Johnson Robert Rand</p>	<p>Daniel Slater Todd Turner Tony Varela Javier Vargas Allison Yee</p> <p><b>PUBLIC WORKS</b></p> <p><b>PW-Contract Administration</b></p> <p>David Herrera</p> <p><b>PW-Sanitation</b></p> <p>Thomas Hartvigsen</p> <p><b>PW-Street Services</b></p> <p>Ralph Mendoza George Trujillo</p> <p><b>Rec &amp; Parks</b></p> <p>Maria Altamirano Amanda Baldinelli Alex Barajas Kelly Bautista Kyla Durrell Marty Friedman</p>	<p>Joseph Jacobs Ferrianna Moore Adrian Morales Rene Nunez Gilbert Ramos Melissa Rivas Buddy Slaton Michael Szeto Yetinayet Taylor Frank Torres Jose Villegas</p> <p><b>Transportation</b></p> <p>Jesus Alfaro Gregory Park Destiny Reynolds</p> <p><b>Retired</b></p> <p>Donald McLaughlin Martin Metters</p> <p><b>DWP</b></p> <p>Charlie Alarcon Samuel Alvarado</p>	<p>Hans Delsoin John Duft Nicholas Fernandez, Jr. Monalisa Garcia Denise Gonzales Leo Gurrola Michael Haydel Sr. Carolyn Henderson Cheryl Jennings Patricia Johnson Marla Jordan Edgar Juarez Ian Kingston Voranutj Kositwongsakul Sharon Lee Elizabeth Macias Fidencio Madero George Magdaleno Shawn Monahan Cecilio Perez Ernest Rodriguez Victoriano Roman</p>	<p>Debra Romero Maxine Sanders Jessica Sediles Tomomi Shoji Sheila Washington Anne Yates</p> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Hilda Alvarado Ferdinand Castillo Thomas Enriquez Edmundo Gobaton Ana Gonzalez Jose Murillo Shavon Paige Phillip Pitts Jose Pulido David Quintero George Taylor Essex Thompson</p>
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## 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.

<p><b>Active</b></p> <p>Almeida, Humberto, Public Works, 24 Castro, Margie, DWP, 24 Hall, Judia, Planning, 12 Kurimoto, Douglas, DWP, 33 McCarthy, Latrice, LAPD, 22 Nigido, Salvatore, Rec and Parks, 12 Powers, Pam Ella, Library, 9 Ray, Michelle, DWP, 27 Sahaba, Michael, Transportation, 13 Williams, Karen, Public Works, 27</p> <p><b>Retired</b></p> <p>Abney, Hobart, General Services, 21 Bardon, Vincent, Public Works, 32 Bennett, William, LAPD, 36 Bergal, Caroline, DWP, 28 Blossom, Glenn, Planning, 29 Bogert, Dorothy, DWP, 11</p>	<p>Bolog, Viorell, General Services, 16 Boyer, Edwin, Building and Safety, 41 Brink, David, General Services, 28 Burrows, James, DWP, 21 Bushore, Gerald, Public Works, 21 Carter, Melvin, Public Works, 14 Cartmell, Robert, Public Works, 21 Cohen, Lois, Rec and Parks, 14 Crayton, Roy, General Services, 32 Cronin, Sonja, DWP, 28 Demeo, Alfred, Public Works, 24 Durkac, Joan, Library, 15 Durkan, James, Finance, 14 Egervari, Arline, Personnel, 21 Ellorriaga, Vivian, Rec and Parks, 12 Epps, Samuel, Public Works, 30 Friedman, Beatrice, DWP, 25 Gallagher, Gerald, DWP, 28</p>	<p>Gensley, David, DWP, 30 Grimitt, Clenon, DWP, 30 Ishizaki, Roy, DWP, 24 Jackson, Juniuous, DWP, 31 King, Odessa, DWP, 37 Korman, Irvin, DWP, 33 Lambrecht, Mary, DWP, 23 Langsbard, Allan, Building and Safety, 10 Lewis, Oscar, General Services, 28 Lim, Irene, Controller, 33 Mafrica, Anthony, Library, 21 McGeehee, C.N., DWP, 37 Messner, Lester, DWP, 20 Monroe, Dennis, General Services, 17 Nathaniel, Walter, Public Works, 40 Nelson, Marcelle, DWP, 39 Oren, Jay, Planning, 32 Parham, Donald, Planning, 31</p>	<p>Pietrzak, Frank, Harbor, 29 Pollusaar, Andres, Rec and Parks, 20 Prado, Angel, Public Works, 15 Price, James, DWP, 31 Roberts, Turner, Public Works, 30 Rochon, Leonard, Airports, 26 Rubin, Isaac, Public Works, 16 Rhodes, Carl, DWP, 29 Reithmayer, E.J., DWP, 30 Roybal, Joe, DWP, 29 Salles, Paul, Building and Safety, 30 Walker, Albert, Public Works, 18 Wegner, Edwin, DWP, 40 Williams, Robert, Public Works, 11 Uyemura, Hana, Public Works, 19 Yule, Arthur, DWP, 31 Zamrzla, Dallan, Rec and Parks, 36</p>
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# Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy  
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



## DWP Open Enrollment Ends April 30

Attention DWP employees! It is very important to review your Club benefits this month to prepare for Open Enrollment, which ends April 30.

One of the ways you can do this is to stop by the Club Store or call us to verify your coverage. It is important to familiarize yourself with your deductions and what those acronyms represent on your paystub. For example, if you have insurance with the City Employees Club, you will see a deduction code of "LACEA 41." You are always welcome to contact us for clarification of your benefits and request a statement.

The benefit statement will include a breakdown of your type of benefit coverage and monthly premiums. It is generally a good idea to do this as often as you receive a paystub or at minimum, the weeks prior to your Open Enrollment so you can make changes with the City/DWP.

Has your family size changed? Have you purchased a home? Do you have enough coverage to leave a legacy for your family, loved ones, or those who depend on your income?

As a general overview of the insurance we have to offer, we offer you and your family insurance for: life, accidental death

and dismemberment, long-term disability, cancer, long-term care, accidents, identity protection, legal, pet, and home/auto.

*Side note:* If you already have Long-Term Disability insurance with the Club and have more than 15 years of service with the DWP, call us to review your benefits, and we may be able to save you money by extending your waiting period.

Contact me at  
[info@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:info@cityemployeesclub.com)





# Share your moments!



Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? 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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or send paper notices and print photos to: Alive!, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

## Special Achievements Births

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

**Cover Girl!**

Huge Club congratulations go to Perry Mattfeld, 17, and her dad, Ken, an attorney who works for the Harbor Dept. Perry landed the cover of Patrick Carman's *Dark Eden* book series for teens, published by HarperCollins. [www.enterdarkeden.com](http://www.enterdarkeden.com) On the cover, Perry's on the right.



Sky Causillas participated in a "jogathon" Feb. 17 at Creative Beginnings School in Downey. He's the son of Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor. "Each grade participated in an effort to raise funds for the improvement of their classroom," Jackie reports. "The kindergarten class performed to their fullest potential and beyond, thanks to teachers Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Tanya, and Mr. Steve. They rooted each other on by chanting, 'Let's go, kindergartners ... let's go!' They were excited and glad to be included in the opportunity to help the school." Nice job, Sky!



Amorie Madison Bullard, born Jan. 6. She's the first granddaughter of Maury and Margaret Bullard. Maury works for Transportation.

## Graduations Quinceañera

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Military Weddings

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 to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Aguayo, Sylvia P.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	30	Huntley, Susan C.	Chief Mgmt. Analyst	Rec and Parks	32	Motherspaw, William	Truck Operator	Public Works	11
Bermeo, Eduardo E.	Librarian III	Library	12	Keating, Terry	Civil Eng. Asso. IV	Harbor	21	Pulone, Robert	Asst. City Atty.	City Attorney	21
Burchill, John L.	Security Officer	Airports	10	Kim, Bok Hui	Sr. Data Pro. Tech II	ITA	32	Rangel, Michael	Air Con. Mec. Sup. II	Gen. Services	27
Durkan, James	Cust. Serv. Specialist	Finance	14	Klitzky, Stephen	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Public Works	23	Schreiman, Alice	Mgmt. Analyst II	Aging	28
Finley, Pamela Ann	Mayoral Aide VI	Mayor's Office	17	Lauderdale, Jack E.	Bkgd. Investigator III	Personnel	6	Smith, Joan Marie	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	18
Gold, Gary B.	Rec. Asst.	Rec and Parks	10	Mevorach, Veronica	Librarian III	Library	15	Stone, Stephen	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	27
Gordon, Linda A.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Animal Services	34	Minor, Richard	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	30	Tabbi, Cheryl	Park Services Att. II	Rec and Parks	11
Henry, Claudia	Sr. Asst. City Attor.	City Attorney	37	Montgomery, Donna	Clerk Typist	Airports	27	Vega, Mike	Maint. Laborer	Public Works	30
Hicks, Beth Ann	Sr. Pol. Serv. Rep II	LAPD	33	Monye, Bennett	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Airports	25	Young, Celeste	Police Service Rep	LAPD	11

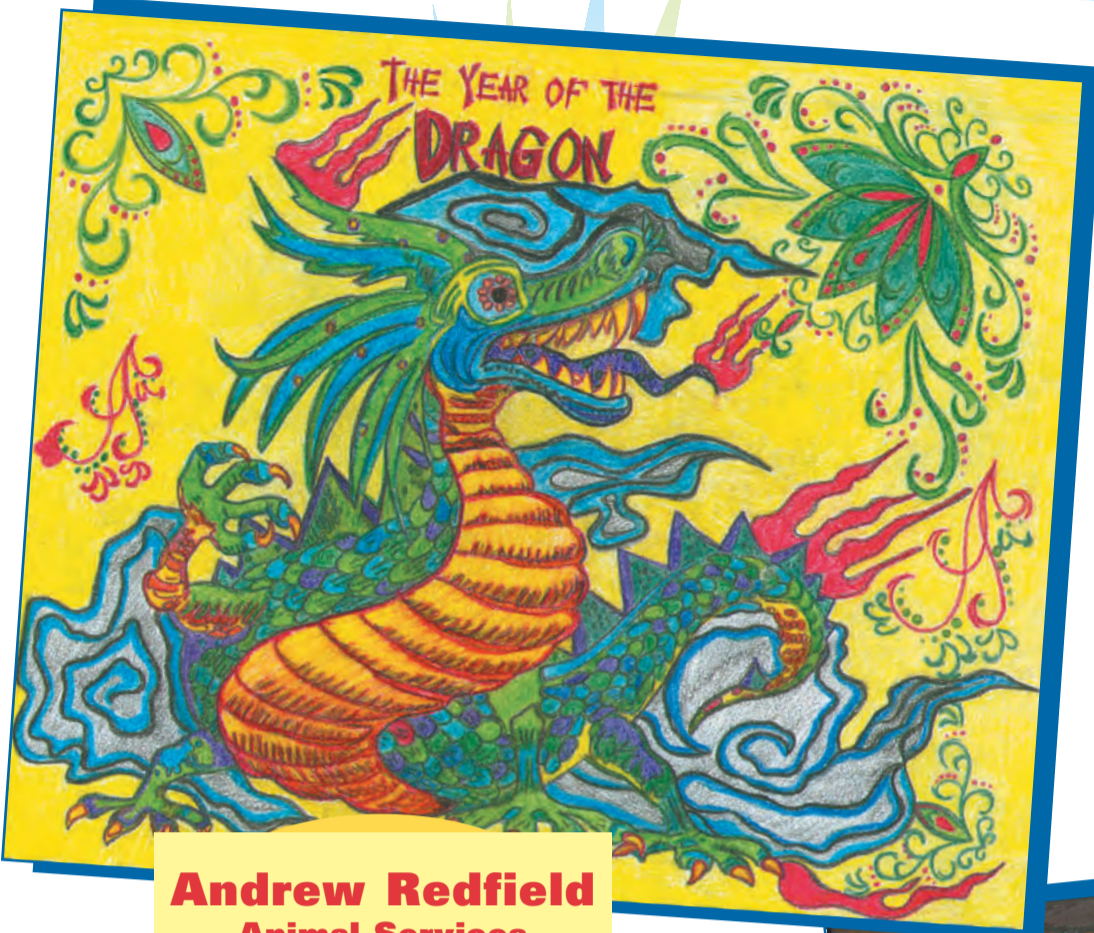


# Grownups Rule!

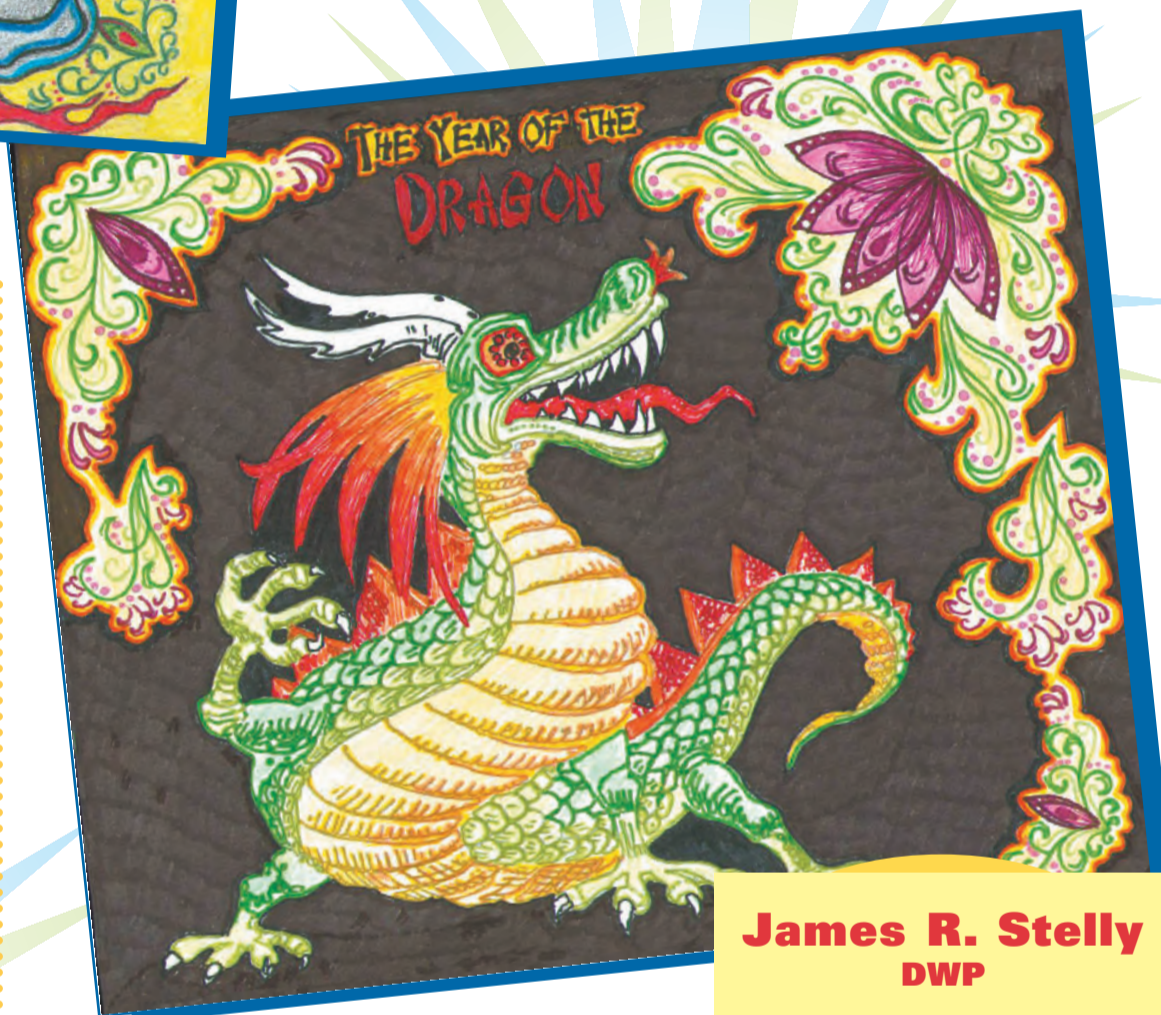
**Once again, the grownup Club Members have blown us away!**

*Alive!* doesn't publish its Grownup Coloring Contest very often, but when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the near future!



**Andrew Redfield**  
Animal Services



**James R. Stelly**  
DWP



**Abel R. Moreno**  
Airports

## Other Entries

- Joseph Aki  
DWP
- Sal Alcantara  
Rec & Parks
- Edith J. Arnold  
General Services
- Jaime Arredondo  
Airports
- Gilberto Barrera  
Library
- Barbara Brogden-Jackson  
Airports
- Latrease A. Bufford  
LAPD
- Cathy Bushey  
Retired
- Danny Chau  
LAPD
- Maria R. Conchas  
Airports
- Mardoqueo Cruz  
Public Works
- Maria De Jesus G. Lozano  
LAFD
- Lynette Dove  
DWP
- Virginia Erikson  
Retired
- Jose L. Estrada  
Harbor
- Maria Carlota Flores  
Rec & Parks
- Cheryl Garcia  
LAPD
- Robert Garcia  
LAPD
- Brandee C. Goss  
Airports
- Nicole Hamilton  
LAPD
- Melody Hebert  
Airports

- Eduardo Hernandez  
Rec & Parks
- Luis Hernandez  
DWP
- Arlene Hoffman  
Retired
- Elvia Ibarra  
LAPD
- Douglas Jacobs  
Public Works
- Karen S. Kishita  
Public Works
- Hector Lara  
Airports
- Phyllis M. Massey  
Retired
- Gina Nei  
Building and Safety
- George Ortega  
Airports
- Enrique J. Ortiz  
General Services
- Brian Podolsky  
Transportation
- Guillermo Rios  
LAPD
- Victor Rios  
DWP
- Irma Romanelli  
LAPD
- Bart Ronquillo  
Retired
- Naty Soto  
DWP
- Stacey Tennyson  
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## GROWNUP COLORING CONTEST

# WINNERS!

The winners receive a **\$50 Target Gift Card**



**Salvador Lopez**  
Public Works



**Julie Jaramillo**  
LAPD

# The Club Store Is Going Green

## Our New Club Store Bag Policy

In celebration of Earth Day and to reduce waste, the Club will support the use of re-usable bags starting on April 20th, 2012. The Club encourages all members to bring their own re-usable bags, and a \$0.10 credit will be applied to the final purchase for all participating members. Plastic bags will be available for \$0.25 per bag (limit 2 per member, while supplies last).



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Bags pictured may not be exact bags available in the Club Store







{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

## Meet Edward Proctor.

- AGE:** "I'm 57."
- BIRTHPLACE:** "Morristown, Tenn."
- MARITAL STATUS:** "Nope, I've never been married."
- FAMILY:** "No brothers or sisters."
- PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED?** "Divorced."
- WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES:** "In 1987 after living in Chicago for awhile."
- WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "I came out west to find a job."
- MILITARY SERVICE:** "I was in the Air Force. I made it to Athens, Crete, and Australia. I went to Lackland Air Force Base for boot camp."
- EDUCATION:** "I graduated from Morristown West High School [in Tennessee]."
- PLAYED SPORTS?** "I played football. I was a defensive end and linebacker."
- FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "When I learned who my parents were."
- RELIGION:** "I believe there is a God. I pray."
- WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "In a cheap hotel ... usually the Socal Hotel."
- DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?** "Just a few. I'm pretty much alone."
- FAVORITE PLACE IN LOS ANGELES:** "First and Broadway."
- WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "I worked as a postal inspector in the 1980s, but that was the last time I worked."
- FAVORITE MOVIE:** "*Perfect Stranger* with Bruce Willis."
- FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "I love talk shows."
- FAVORITE ACTOR:** "I like that guy from *NCIS*."
- FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "That lady in *Anonymous*."
- FAVORITE CANDY:** "Snickers are my poison."
- FAVORITE FOOD:** "Anything that I can microwave."
- FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Rap, hip hop and jazz."
- LAST BOOK READ:** "I was at Barnes and Noble ... it was a book by James Shilman."
- LAST THING EATEN:** "I had a McDonald's cheeseburger - a McDouble. Thank God for Mickey Ds!"
- MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION:** "L.A. Housing."
- MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:** "My rings."
- IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR PEOPLE ON THE STREET?** "I would focus on getting funding to help more homeless Americans. I would expand subsidized housing and Section 8 housing."
- IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "I would wish for \$100,000. I could then buy a laptop and a cell phone, and I could do some Internet surfing."
- WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1 MILLION?** "I would buy a loft space. I'd love to have some room to live."
- WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS?** "In California."
- ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Don't harass the homeless."

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

The interview took place Feb. 13 at City Hall East downtown.

*Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.*

## Help Us Blanket the City!

The Club's "Blanket the City" hands out military-grade blankets to residents of the City's streets.

**Here's how you can help:**

The blankets cost \$7 each. Contribute what you can, and the Club will purchase blankets and hand them out for you.

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:

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



# CLASSIFIED ADS

## Members Marketplace

### New Ads This Month!

**Estate Sale:** Brand new daybed & bunkbeds w/ mattresses. Like new Maytag stacked washer/gas dryer & portable A/C unit on wheels. Gloria @ (323) 737-5342. 4/12

**For Rent:** Cozy single family Craftsman House in North Alhambra: 3BD + bonus room/1BA in desirable school district. Spacious backyard, inviting front porch, driveway & garage. Laundry room, fireplace, dining room & new flooring. Sorry, no pets. \$1400/mo + security deposit. Shubingyu2000@yahoo.com 4/12

**Deluxe Organ:** Upright Lowrey Genius Model G-160, w/two 44-note keyboards & 13 pedals. 36"H x 43"W x 23.5"D, 120 lbs. \$800 OBO. Christal @ (213) 978-6843. 4/12

**Christian Dior China:** 12 place settings, pattern "Casablanca", 5-pieces per setting, unused. \$400 EACH OBO. Christal @ (213) 978-6843. 4/12

**For Rent:** House, 3BD/1BA in East Pasadena. Attached garage, backyard, clean, quiet neighborhood, laundry & refrigerator included. \$1700/mo. Lien @ (626) 660-6457. 4/12

**For Rent:** Charming House, 1BD + Den, 1BA, 1-car garage. Front & backyard w/covered patio. Glendale area of Crescenta Valley. \$1,400. Farah @ (310) 703-2897. 4/12



**For Rent:** La Mirada Townhome, completely renovated, 1BD/1BA. New hardwood cabinets, granite countertops, tile & hardwood laminate. Off 5 Fwy/Valley View, in complex w/many amenities, near schools, parks, markets. App process, 1 year lease min., no pets. \$1,000/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/12

**For Rent:** 2 BD/1.75BA apt. near Chinatown. Granite; skylight, porch. Near Olvera St., Gold Line. Secured parking. Application process. \$1,200/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/12

**For Rent:** 2 BD/1BA apt, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, \$1,100/month, 1yr. lease. Application process. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/12

**For Rent:** 2 BD/2BA apt., downtown view, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, \$1,300/month, 1 yr. lease. Application process. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/12

**2 side by side Cemetery Plots:** Located Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Veterans Section. Las Cruces, New Mexico. \$2000 each OBO or consider trade. Harold @ hshaw43@charter.net 8/11

#### Furniture

**Broyhill Dining Set:** 48" X 48" glass table top w/ white base & 4 chairs. Originally bought for \$2,000. Great condition. \$700 OBO. Matt @ (818)807-4254. 2/12

**Headboard:** Queen size, solid oak 72"H x 65"W x 17"D. Four drawers, 2 lights, plug bar. Missing one mirror. Very good condition. \$175 OBO. John @ (626) 584-1302. 1/12

**Bed Frame** with headboard: all wood, two side cubby shelves w/doors & mirror. In great condition. \$180 OBO. Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 12/11

**Massage Chair:** Panasonic Pro Elite EP3513CU (Gray) full featured, full body, complete w/arm massage. Less than 10 hours of use in 4 years. Looks and works PERFECT. This chair originally cost \$4995 + tax/delivery. Will sacrifice for \$2250, this is a deal of a LIFETIME! Not a cheap offbrand chair like some you see, it is a genuine Panasonic like the high end chairs you see in Chiropractic offices, Brookstone, Sharper Image & Hammacher Schlemmer. Info @ (818) 312-7530. 12/11

**Swiss Army Watch:** silver band, \$80 OBO. Carlos @ (424) 212-5473. 5/11

**Roll-A-Ramp:** 14 feet long, railing 36 inches high w/sturdy railing. 1500 lb capacity. Excellent condition. \$2,000. John @ (661) 946-5937. 5/11

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

**Ganoderma** is often regarded as the King of the mushroom world, mainly because of its healing properties. Now you can enjoy a delicious and healthy drink that not only awakens and refreshes you each day but also provides long-term health benefit as well. (818) 325-5529; www.henrik.organo.org; henodot@yahoo.com 2/11

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@dslextre.com. 12/10

**Scenic Flights Over LA:** Fly Ricchiazzi Aviation, LLC over the city of LA for a spectacular aerial tour. See local landmarks such as Downtown LA, Dodger Stadium, Rose Bowl & much more. Based at El Monte Airport (EMT). Reserve today. (818) 415-7253. 9/10

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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**

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**Timeshare:** In Solvang. \$575 for 7 nights for up to 6 occupants. One week, July 1-8, 2012. 2 BD + Murphy bd. Kitchen, a/c, ctv, dvd, fp, bbq, dishwasher, w&d, pool, spas + more. Terry @ (818) 769-3382 & pls lv a msg. 12/11

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**Air Conditioning Unit:** "New" 3 Ton/10 Seer self contained heating/cooling unit. Gas/Electric. \$1500. Info @ (818) 361-8917 or ioc7@yahoo.com. 8/11

#### Miscellaneous

**iPad Tablet Cleaner:** The "iSlip" & "iSlipTuFF" @ Cooper-Product.com. Free shipping. Available in 13 colors, \$8.95 to CECLA, use Discount Code: CECLA. 1/12

**For Sale:** *Spartacus* (1960), *The Fly* (1958) & *From Here to Eternity* (1953). These films in VHS cassettes are in MINT CONDITION. Still in original plastic wrapper. Info @ (213) 435-8600 or email rlaros@alumni.usc.edu. 1/12

**Casitone 401 keyboard:** Manual, cover, foot pedal. Mint condition \$200. Specifications, photos at "casitonecollection.blogspot.com/2009/11/casitone-401". Song books, Metronome available. Frances Mooney @ (310) 324-3117. 1/12

**Childrens Clothes:** Brand new, name brand, cheap! We have nice selection of babies/kids clothes & shoes at great prices- fully refundable if you're not satisfied. You can buy single or multiple items, or purchase in lots to make profits! Go to www.magickidsusa.com and use the discount code mk78827 for huge savings. 12/11

**Zumba Class:** \$8 per class. Curves 16000 Paramount BI Unit A Paramount BI 90723 (corner of Paramount & Alondra) Saturday's @ 9-9:45am zumbaswag@yahoo.com 8/11

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4/6/2012

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FOR CLUB MEMBERS

### MEMBERS: to place your free classified ad

send us your information (25 total words maximum) including your name, item, description, price, phone number or e-mail address.

You can fax to (213) 620-0598 or email to classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com

We'll run your ad in the next available issue on a space available basis. Your ad may be edited for length or appropriateness.



**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

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

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

#### Collectibles

**Mint Comic Books:** from the late 60's, 70's & early 80's. Many large runs: Spiderman, Thor & many others, most \$2.50 - \$6 each, a collector's dream. John @ (951) 203-4438. 7/11

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

#### Wanted

**Wanted:** Used car. Retiree going back to college. Email: mcbtz@earthlink.net. 12/11

**Wanted:** 2 BD/1BA or 2BD/2BA pet friendly apt/home/condo in Long Beach/ Lakewood/ Bellflower area. Can pay \$900-1000 per month. Call @ (562)989-7968 & leave a message. 10/11

**Wanted:** 35mm slide projector, Kodak Carousel 850 Auto-Focus. Harold @ (818) 892-9328. 7/11

**I purchase:** Coins, Stamps, WWII Items, Hunting/ Pocket Knives, Trains, vintage tools, Fishing reels & lures, Almost anything old! Collections or single items. Michael @ (909) 592-4332 1/10

**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 @ (208) 855-2430 or (818) 822-5369.

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

#### Autos / Motorcycles / Boats



**1950 Ford V-8 Custom Sedan:** Fully restored. New burgundy paint, new chrome, new interior, runs great. Newly reduced price of \$6000. Bob @ (310) 833-3714. 3/12

**1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SL:** very cool black on black, V8, A/C, automatic, power windows & in great condition! \$16,000 OBO. Connie @ (310) 237-3318. 3/12



**2007 1300 V-Star Touring Edition Motorcycle:** 48k FWY miles, runs perfect! Black & Chrome, new tires, cover included, gets 45 mpg. \$5,500 OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 3/12

**2001 Honda-70 Dirt Bike:** Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. 1/12



**Custom 2004 Harley XLH 1200:** custom chromed pipes & paint, completely tricked out show bike. 27K miles. \$12,000 OBO. Juandessa Johnson @ (310) 213-3321 or tj4bj5@gmail.com 1/12

**2001 Honda-70 Dirtbike:** Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. 12/11



**2006 Harley Davidson:** Like new, 1200 Custom Sportster, black cherry, 617 miles. Warranty, original owner, garage stored. Vance & Hines Pipes, lowered struts & clip-on windshield: original parts (pipes and struts) included. Asking \$8,900 OBO, more photos on request. Info @ (562) 884-0675, divebunie@hotmail.com 12/11

**1999 Ford CNG police interceptor:** carpool lane sticker expire 2015, 74k miles, v8, ice-cold a/c, average cng prices \$2.05/gge, Riverside price \$1.38/gge. Marcus @ (626) 232-7794. 10/11



**Snow Chains:** Brand new for pick-up truck or SUV Never been used, sold truck before I could use them, \$25. John @ (626)757-5341. 9/11

**Snugtop Camper Shell:** Black, w on 6' Toyota Tacoma Bed, carpet kit included. Good condition, \$350 OBO. Info @ (661) 992-4664. 8/11



**1975 Dodge Dart Sport:** Great project car, not running but has new Disc brakes, tires & rims. Many new parts still in the box. \$2100 OBO. Greg @ (818) 771-6777. 8/11



**Ford Mustang:** 98 white convertible, 190,000 miles, mint condition, tan convertible top, \$2500 OBO. Nyra @ (310)634-6768. 8/11

**Tire Chains:** Alpine sport SUV & light truck, fits various stock truck rims & tire sizes, easy installation. Used once \$50. Dwain @ (323) 754-8382. 6/11

**2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser 4x2:** White/titan, black interior, auto 5-speed 4.0LV6, like new! 106K miles, LoJack included. \$18,500 OBO. Armando @ (323) 252-7065 or pk4wiz@sprint.blackberry.net 6/11

#### Cemetery Plots

**Cemetery Lot:** For sale, double lot located in historical Evergreen Cemetery. \$3,000 OBO. Call Betty @ (562) 292-5401, Mary @ (562) 692-8452. Don't wait before it's too late. 12/11

**Cemetery Plot:** Rose Hills Memorial Park, Double Niche 301, Tier H, Redwood Corridor-Sky Rose Mausoleum. Manny @ (562) 695-2677. 11/11

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Reduced Even More! Rose Hills, \$12K for 4 plots. Info @ (323) 382-2405. 10/11

**Cemetery Plot:** Ontario Cemetery, Ontario, California. Grave 6, Lot 411, Section Evergreen. \$1500. Sylvia @ (661) 297-0271. 10/11

**2 Cemetery Plots:** "Garden Of Eden" at Rose Hills Memorial Park, only \$5,800 for the pair including transfer fee! Connie @ (310) 237-3318. 10/11

**Cemetery Plot:** One plot located at Rose Hills Cemetery, Garden of Affection (across from memorial chapel), asking \$2000 but will negotiate. Info @ (909) 561-3985. 9/11





From left: Pablo Poticar, Electrical Tester and Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester.

# Ruidera Retires

**Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester, retires after approx. 25 years of City service.**

*Story by Rhys Pilapil and Jesse Ruidera; Photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Rhys Pilapil*

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party Jan. 26 for Julian Ruidera, who retired as an Electrical Tester, DWP, after approximately 25 years of City service.

The event was held at the DWP's yard on Main Street.

Julian began working for the DWP in 1987 soon after he immigrated to the United States from the Philippines in 1985. He started as an Electrical Tester B in the Standards and Calibration Group. In 2000, he was promoted to an Electrical Tester A in the Distribution Test Group.

His family includes other City employees – daughter, Jennifer Ruidera, Systems Analyst, Personnel; and son, Jesse Ruidera, Programmer/Analyst, DWP. Other family members include his wife, Zunaida; daughter, Josephine; sons Joel, Jonas, and Julius; and grandchildren, Kyla, Caden, and Brianna.



From left: Matthew John Bryan, Electrical Tester; Mario Mosesman, Electrical Craft Helper; and Rhys Pilapil, Sr. Electrical Tester, representing the Distribution Tests Group.



Julian accepts memories, kind words, and treasured gifts.



The Test Lab group.



Serving the food, from left, were: Martha Montoya Sr. Clerk Typist, Engr.; Siming Tam, Electrical Engineering Associate; Candy Sanchez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Chien Nguyen, Sr. Electrical Tester; Ruth Fuentes, Sr. Clerk Typist; Rongzhan Chen, Electrical Tester; Cayle Martin, Electrical Craft Helper; and Javert Johnson, Electrical Craft Helper.



From left: Julian Ruidera Electrical Tester, and Rudy Salon, Sr. Electrical Tester, as Julian is presented with a retirement gift from the Testers Club.



Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester, Distribution Tests Group, DWP.



DWP

A tester helmet was signed by everyone for Julian.

Here are a few quotes from friends and coworkers:

■ “Julian is always fun to work with. Even when things aren’t going smoothly, he always finds a way to make everybody in his crew laugh. He has a very good sense of humor, but through his vast experience and knowledge he always figures out ways to do the job in a safe and timely manner. It’s an honor working with him for more than 20 years. I wish him good luck and happy retirement.” – *Rodolfo M. Salon, Test Laboratories*

■ “When I first got hired by the department, I soon noticed that, often when my business group got a new technical question, they would call a certain person named Julian for his advice. I was wondering who this guy is, but I already had a great respect for him, even before meeting him. Later, when I got the chance to meet him, I found him to be not only very knowledgeable, but also a very nice and friendly person, with a great sense of humor. Julian, I wish you the best of health, joy, and prosperity in your retirement life.” – *George Kiaman, Sr. Electrical Tester, Distribution Test*

*The Club congratulates Julian on a great career, and wishes him the best in his retirement.*



From left: Siming Tam, Electrical Engineering Associate, former Tester; Melvin Gorospe, Electrical Tester; Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester; and Chuan Wong, Electrical Tester.



Yummy food!



Leslie Abbott, union representative for the Electrical Testers.



Friends, family and coworkers gather for Julian.



Front: Abdullah Karriem, Electrical Tester. Back, from left: Rhys Pilapil, Sr. Electrical Tester; Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester; Siming Tam, Electrical Engineering Associate; Alan Chen, Electrical Tester.



A Gold watch from the IBEW Local 18 is presented, from left: Jesus Asiang, Electrical Engineering Associate; Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester; and Rolando Cruz, Sr. Electrical Tester.



THE CLUB

# A Year of Excellent Club Service

Big achievements and a solid financial foundation marked the Club for 2011... and, as always, a dedication to great service.



Taking the Club Board oath are (from left) Terry Carter, Martín Chavez, Vas Singh, and Andrew Virzi.

The Club's 84th annual meeting, held Feb. 20, was a celebration of everything that the Club is, including membership, service, discounts and fun. The official reports brought great news – a continual strong membership base, a renewed and stable board, and awards for outstanding merit.

The annual lunch was held in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

### Strong Foundations

Andrew Virzi, Asst. Controller, DWP and Club Board Member, welcomed everyone and began the business portion of the afternoon.

Andrew presented the new board, which was accepted unanimously and then sworn in. The Club Board for 2012 is:

- Robin Barnes
- Andrew Virzi
- Vas Singh;
- Martín Chavez; and
- Terry Carter.



### 20,000th Member

The Club reported great news – it now has more than 20,000 members! Club Vice President



The Club's 20,000th member, Tony Hernandez, DWP (center), accepts congratulations from Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios (right). With Tony is his supervisor, Al Sosa, DWP. Al encouraged Tony to join the Club.

of Operations Robert Larios celebrated the occasion by congratulating Tony Hernandez, Construction and Maintenance, DWP, for signing up at just the right time. Robert also introduced Al Sosa, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, Tony's boss, for encouraging Tony to join the Club.

### Recognition for Great Club Service

The Club is all about great service to City Employees, and the second half of the luncheon was dedicated to recognition of exemplary service.



Club CFO Brian Trent (left) accepts the President's Award on behalf of Club Staffer Trinh Pham, from Club CEO John Hawkins.

### President's Award

*President's Award*, given to a Club Employee: John Hawkins, Club CEO, announced the winner of the President's Award, giving it to Club Sr. Accountant Trinh Pham. "Day in and day out, Trinh relentlessly pursues perfection within her job and consistently approaches every day and every task with a positive can-do attitude. She stays focused and happy regardless of the circumstances," John said of Trinh. "You have set the bar high for all employees of the Club by being an

inspiration and an example for the rest of the staff. But most importantly, you have given our Club members the ultimate in customer service."



*Alive!* editor John Burnes (right) accepts the Club Excellence Award on behalf of "History Comes Alive!" columnist Hynda Rudd, from Club CEO John Hawkins.

### Club Excellence Award

*Club Excellence Award*, given to a Club partner: Hynda Rudd, retired City Archivist and current *Alive!* columnist. "For the last seven years, Hynda Rudd has been writing one of our most popular columns, 'History Comes Alive,'" explained John Hawkins. "That's more than 84 articles written exclusively for us. And she does this with literary wit and extensive knowledge.

"Hynda's canvas is the City of Los Angeles, and her gifts to the Club and its members each and every month are wonderfully created literary paintings of what life was like 'back in the day'."



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) accepts the Club Rep award on behalf of Ben Lozano, from Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios.

### Club Rep Award

*Club Rep Award*, presented by Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios, went to Ben Lozano, Public Works/Street Lighting. Ben played a significant role in providing the upgrad-

ed lighting to City bike paths, featured in the June 2011 issue of *Alive!* A Club Member since 1991, he alerted us to the story, and he also is a big supporter of the Club Sports Program, helping to recruit fellow athletes to participate. "We salute Ben, who exemplifies excitement and enthusiasm," said Robert Larios. "The Club is honored and privileged to recognize and award Ben."



From left: Lisa Pallares, Transportation, and Manny Ortiz, Transportation, accept the Club Athlete of the Year Awards from Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios.

### Club Athlete of the Year

*Club Athlete of the Year Awards*, given to participants in the Club's Sports Program, were presented by the Sports Dude, Robert Larios. They were given to Manny Ortiz and Lisa Pallares, Transportation. "They both have been managers of softball teams, and are known throughout the City over the years for their athleticism and respect for other teams. Both Manny and Lisa participated in every sport the Club offered last year, and are helping the Sports Dude with organizing teams. They understand what the Club and the Club's Sports Program are seeking – to create memories that will last a lifetime, through sports. The Club is honored and privileged to recognize and award Lisa and Manny."

### Three Videos

The Club presented three excellent videos, put together by Director of Marketing Summy Lam. The first introduced Club staff members to those gathered; the second took the viewers along as John Hawkins and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, produced their Blanket the City Club Angels activity; the third highlighted the three personas of Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios – the Discount King, Chef Larios, and the Sports Dude!

Congratulations to the Club for an excellent 2011. Here's to an even greater 2012!

# Pay Tribute to Your Mom!

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



"Thank you for everything, Mom. Happy Mother's Day, and a happy, healthy and blessed 91st year. With lots of love."



"God could not be everywhere all the time, so he gave us mothers. All that I am or ever hope to be I am because of you... my mother! Happy Mother's Day!"



"To the queen of my heart, thank you for your love, your faith, and for all you've been to me and our entire family. Happy Mother's Day! Love you always!"

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

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](mailto: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**





LAFD, LAPD

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

*Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations*

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, brave participants from the LAFD and LAPD gathered at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood for their ninth 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.

Organizers reported last year that they hit the historic mark of \$100,000 in donations and were hoping to meet or exceed that this year.

In addition to the shaving of the heads, activities included:

- Free International House of Pancakes breakfast;
- Raffle tickets sold for great prizes;
- A silent auction;
- Magic Castle magicians and face painting;
- Providence bloodmobile on site
- City of Hope bone marrow registration
- LAFD and LAPD apparatus on display
- LAPD SWAT and K-9 display
- Celebrity head shavers, including Julia Jones (*Twilights* Leah Clearwater) and Ozzy's son, Jack Osbourne;
- Gourmet food trucks; and
- Caricature drawings by LeftyJoe Torres.

*Special thanks to Firefighter Sean Kennedy, LAFD, Club Member, 13 years of City service; Firefighter Danny Wu, LAFD, 11 years; and Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD, Club Member, 21 years.*



# The Bald and the Beautiful



Firefighter Rob Curtis, LAFD, 21 years of City service, with his son, Nicholas.



Michael Peters, Photographer, LA County Fire, 7 years of County service.



From left: Organizers Firefighter Sean Kennedy, LAFD, Club Member, 13 years of City service; Firefighter Danny Wu, LAFD, 11 years; and Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD, Club Member, 21 years.



Firefighter Angel Alvarez, LAFD, 10 years of City service, holds the "Conquer Kids' Cancer" shirt.

## BEFORE



Firefighter Rich Diede, LAFD, 11 years of City service.



Emily Zavala, PSR, LAPD, Club Member and Rep, 5 years of City service, with her daughter, Lora.



## AFTER



Motor Officer Mike Graham, LAPD, 16 years of service.



Motor Officer Sean Laule, LAPD West Traffic Division, 13 years of City service.



From left: Officer Jose Canal, Airport Police, Club Member, 8 years of City service, with his daughter, Emma; Juan De La Rosa, volunteer; Nicolas Canal, son of Officer Jose Canal; Judith De La Rosa, volunteer; and Marcie Canal, wife of Officer Jose Canal.

## AFTER



From left: Firefighter Evan Bachman, LAFD, 6 years of City service; Firefighter Mark Stubblefield, LAFD, 5 years; Capt. John Ruedy, LAFD, Club Member, 23 years; and Tom Carroll, Ralphs Grocery.

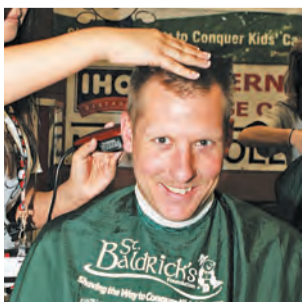
## BEFORE



Shawnie Livera, PSR III, LAPD, Club Member, 17 years of City service.



Firefighter Chris Jorgensen, LAFD, 6 years of service.



Randy and Nicole Carr, LAPD, PSR, Club Member, 7 years of City service, with their son, Logan.



# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Apr. 2012



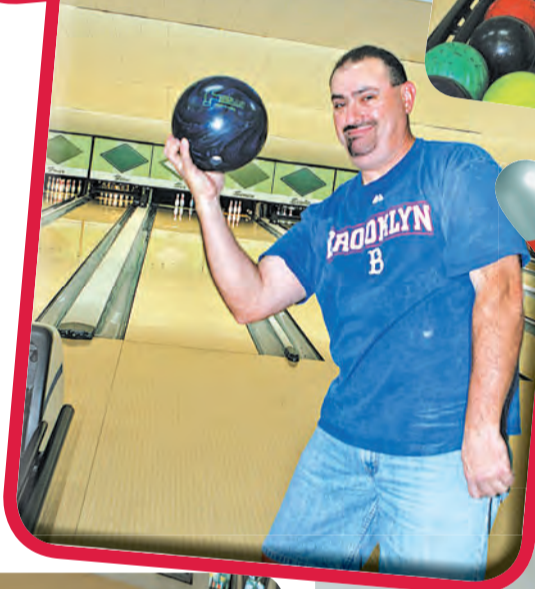
## Bowled Over With Club Fun

■ The Club Sports Program begins its first bowling league.

*Photos by the Sports Dude*

The last time an organized league of City Employees joined together in a bowling league was 25 years ago. The Sports Dude brought this sport back to life for City Employees, and opening night was March 15 at All Star Lanes in Eagle Rock.

League players bowl on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Come by and cheer them on! The address is 4459 Eagle Rock Blvd., 90041.



### Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club on Mondays (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

- Club Soccer League
- Club Basketball League
- Club Softball League
- Running Club



**Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude**

**Join a Club Sports League Today!**

### Upcoming Club Sports Opportunities

#### Softball

The next coed softball season begins in July. It's time to start getting a preliminary roster together.

#### Basketball

The spring basketball season starts April 19 at the Expo Center. Submit your team rosters to the Sports Department ASAP! Deadline is April 6.

#### Running and Fitness Club

Here are the Club's Running and Fitness Club upcoming races and competitions.

- April 7:** Hollywood Half Marathon (registration closed)
- May 28:** Walk for Warriors 5K, Los Angeles. Deadline is April 13.
- Sept. 28:** YMCA Stair Climb Event
- Oct. 7:** Long Beach Half Marathon
- Nov. 4:** Dinosaur Dash, 10K
- Dec. 1:** Spartan Race, Calamigos Ranch, Malibu – Expected to sell out quickly!



The Sports Dude is also on Facebook by searching him with the words Club Sports Dude – Robert Larios.

Visit the Club Website for all sports scores, updates, and photos: [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)







# Chivas USA VS. LA Galaxy

Saturday • May 19th, 2012 • 7:30pm

	Retail	Club Discount*
<b>General Admission</b>	<del>\$24</del>	\$15
<b>Preferred Seating</b>	<del>\$65</del>	\$30

- Limited quantities available.
- Tickets will only be on sale through Monday, April 30th.

To purchase tickets go to:  
[www.CityEmployeesClub.com](http://www.CityEmployeesClub.com)

\* Club Members Only!





From left: Van Nuys Airport Police Sgt. Les Daniels, Club Member; Officer Frank Dominguez; and Sgt. Paul C. Dutton.

AIRPORTS

## Reading Dr. Seuss

**Van Nuys Airport Police participate in Dr. Seuss Read Across America event.**

*Story courtesy Airports; Photo by Sgt. Henry Acosta*

On March 2, Van Nuys Airport Police officers had the privilege of participating in the "Dr. Seuss' Read Across America" event. Held locally at Lorne Street Elementary School in Northridge, this national event promotes and encourages reading for elementary school children.

Van Nuys Airport Police Sergeants Les Daniels, Club Member, Paul Dutton, and Officer Frank Dominguez all took part in reading to first graders at Lorne Street Elementary School. Sgt. Dutton enjoyed his experience and said, "The children were very excit-

ed and appreciative that everybody was there to read to them."

Sgt. Henry Acosta, who had participated in previous years, coordinated this year's event to give other Van Nuys Airport Police officers an opportunity to share in this wonderful experience. Approximately 40 public safety members from agencies including the LAPD's West Valley Division, the LAFD, Los Angeles School Police and Port Police, read a Dr. Seuss book of their choice to individual classes.

Councilman Dennis Zine attended the event and expressed his gratitude to all the agencies present.





**This month at the Club Store** • 120 West 2nd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

## Get a FREE Quote on Auto and Homeowners Insurance

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE (Now on Thursdays!)

Representatives from Club partner, United Agencies will be at the Club Store:

<p><b>Apr. 5</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rosa Calderon</p> <p><b>Apr. 12</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez</p>	<p><b>Apr. 19</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido</p> <p><b>Apr. 26</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rosa Calderon</p>
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Contact Your United Agencies Reps  
(888) 801-5522



Rosa Calderon,  
Personal Insurance Agent



Patty Pulido,  
Personal Insurance Agent



Xavier Rodriguez,  
Personal Insurance Agent



## Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at [chef@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:chef@cityemployeesclub.com)

# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## DRUNKEN CHICKEN AND SPINACH RICE

As you know, I like recipes that are quick, easy to make and that taste amazing. So here's a great recipe that has ingredients that most of us have in our pantries. Of course, if you don't have some of them then you are sure to find them at your local grocery store.

I've been asked about the use of brown rice, and I am a proponent of its use with some kind of stock like beef, vegetable, or chicken. It takes the flavor up several notches than with just plain water.

### Drunken Chicken and Spinach Rice

Makes 2-4 Servings

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 chicken breasts
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- The juice of two lemons
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons cumin
- 2 ounces tequila (optional)
- 1/4 cup diced shallots or yellow onion
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup rice (your preference with variety, but I used brown rice)
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup spinach
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley

#### Cooking TIDBIT

*It is recommended that the chicken be marinated in a Ziplock bag. The use of seafood instead of chicken is a plausible alternative.*

#### DIRECTIONS:



**1** In a bowl, place the juice of the lemons and the lemons themselves, honey, salt and pepper (to taste), the cumin, chicken, and tequila. Toss to marinate the chicken. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator and let marinate for one hour; overnight is preferred.



**3** Once the stock is boiling in the rice, reduce heat and place spinach on top of the rice and cover with lid. Taste test the rice, and if the texture is not soft enough, add more stock and cook until the stock has evaporated.



**2** In a large skillet on medium heat, add the olive oil, diced onions, and brown rice. Stir and let cook until rice appears golden browned and toasted. Add the cup of chicken stock. Be careful when adding the stock, as the combination of stock and oil causes steam that could burn hands and arms if not careful.



**4** Take the marinated chicken and place on a grill. Grill both sides of the chicken breasts for about five to 10 minutes on each side. Serve and enjoy!

#### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

#### Cumin:

*Also called comino, this ancient spice dates back to the Old Testament. Shaped like a caraway seed, cumin is the dried fruit of a plant in the parsley family. Its aromatic, nutty-flavored seeds come in three colors: amber (the most widely available), white, and black (both found in Asian markets).*



*White cumin seed is interchangeable with amber, but the black seed has a more complex, peppery flavor. Cumin is available in seed and ground forms. As with all seeds, herbs and spices, it should be stored in a cool, dark place for no more than six months. Cumin is particularly popular in Middle Eastern, Asian and Mediterranean cooking.*

Bibliography: © Barron's Educational Services, Inc. 1995, based on *The Food Lover's Companion*, second edition, by Sharon Tyler Herbst.

#### Fun Food Quote:

"Good conversation is the best food for the soul."

– Mexican proverb







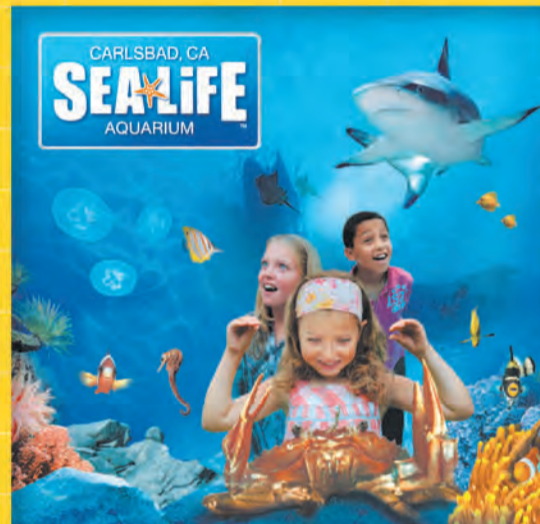
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## APRIL MOVIE RELEASES

*Titanic 3D - 4/4*

*Cold Light of Day - 4/6*

*American Reunion - 4/6*

*Lockout - 4/13*

*Cabin in the Woods - 4/13*

*The Three Stooges - 4/13*

*Chimpanzee - 4/20*

*Think Like a Man - 4/20*

*Lucky One - 4/20*

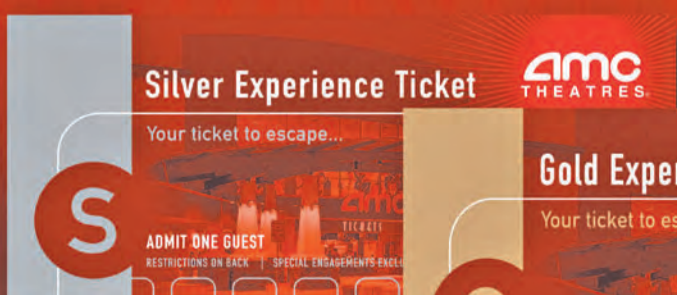
*To The Arctic IMAX - 4/20*

*Safe - 4/27*

*The Raven - 4/27*

*Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D - 4/27*

*Sound of My Voice - 4/27*



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<b>Theatre Tickets</b>				
<b>AMC</b>				
Restricted Tickets	\$13.50	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$13.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
Small Popcorn	\$5.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$35.00	\$24.00	X	= \$
<i>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</i>				
<b>Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18"</b>				
Restricted Formerly "The Bridge"	\$14.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$14.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
<b>California Science Center IMAX</b>				
Adult	\$ 8.25	\$5.75	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$5.00	\$4.25	X	= \$
<b>Cinemark Theatres</b>				
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$7.25	X	= \$
<b>Harkins Movie Theatres</b>				
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.75	X	= \$
<b>Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.00	\$6.50	X	= \$
<b>Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
<b>Pacific Theatres</b>				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.00	X	= \$
<i>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arlight.</i>				
Gift Book	\$40.00	\$27.00	X	= \$
<i>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 medium popcorn.</i>				
<b>Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists</b>				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.50	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
<b>Regency Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.50	\$7.00	X	= \$
<b>UltraStar Cinemas</b>				
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
<i>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</i>				

**Attraction Tickets**

<b>Adventure City</b>				
Adult/Child	\$14.95	\$10.50	X	= \$
<b>Angels of Anaheim</b>				
Tickets: See page 15 for schedule of available games.	\$48.00	\$34.00	X	= \$
<b>Aquarium of the Pacific</b>				
Adult	\$24.95	\$17.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$9.95	X	= \$
<i>Expires 11/30/2012.</i>				
<b>Boomer's Family Fun Centers</b>				
All Day Pass	\$24.99	\$15.50	X	= \$
<b>Catalina</b>				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$66.50	\$60.50	X	= \$
	Child \$51.00	\$51.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Not valid 5/26-28, 7/3-5, 9/1-3.</i>				
<b>Chivas USA Soccer vs. Los Angeles: May 19th, 7:30pm</b>				
General Admission	\$24.00	\$15.00	X	= \$
Preferred Seating	\$60.00	\$30.00	X	= \$
<b>Davey's Locker</b>				
Whale Watching	Adult \$30.00	\$21.00	X	= \$
	Child \$25.00	\$17.00	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$40.00	\$30.00	X	= \$
	Child \$29.00	\$25.50	X	= \$
Sportfishing – Full Day	Adult \$69.00	\$56.00	X	= \$
	Child \$55.00	\$47.50	X	= \$
<b>Disneyland/California Adventure</b>				
1-Day 1-Park	Adult \$80.00	\$75.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$74.00	\$70.00	X	= \$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$105.00	\$95.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$99.00	\$90.00	X	= \$
2-Day 1-Park	Adult \$158.00	\$94.05	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$146.00	\$94.05	X	= \$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$173.00	\$108.30	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$161.00	\$108.30	X	= \$
3-Day 1-Park	Adult \$129.00	\$122.55	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$129.00	\$122.55	X	= \$
3-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$144.00	\$136.80	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$144.00	\$136.80	X	= \$
Annual Passport (SoCal Select)	\$199.00	\$189.05	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 5/31/2012. Valid 170 days.</i>				
Annual Passport (SoCal)	\$269.00	\$255.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 5/31/2012. Valid 215 days.</i>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$379.00	\$360.05	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 5/31/2012. Valid 315 days.</i>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$499.00	\$474.05	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 5/31/2012. No blackout dates.</i>				
<b>Golf N' Stuff</b>				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.00	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.00	X	= \$
<b>K1 Speed Racing</b>				
Admit one	\$25.95	\$15.00	X	= \$
<i>This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</i>				
<b>Knott's Berry Farm: Club VIP Event! May 11th, 7pm-1am</b>				
Adult	\$57.99	\$19.99	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$28.99	\$19.99	X	= \$
<i>Earlybird special price extended. Included discounted parking \$10.</i>				
<b>Knott's Berry Farm</b>				
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$57.99	\$30.99	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$28.99	\$21.99	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
<b>LA Dodgers</b>				
Tickets: See page 15 for schedule of available games.	\$40.00	\$26.00	X	= \$
<b>LA Zoo</b>				
Adult	\$14.00	\$11.00	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$9.00	\$8.00	X	= \$
<b>Legoland</b>				
Adult	\$72.00	\$55.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$62.00	\$55.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$95.00	\$65.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$85.00	\$65.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
<b>Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction</b>				
Adult	\$25.00	\$12.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
<b>Magic Mountain: Private Party! April 27th, 6pm-12am</b>				
General Admission	\$59.99	\$26.99	X	= \$
General Admission with All-U-Can-Eat Buffet	\$69.00	\$36.99	X	= \$
<b>Magic Mountain</b>				
General Admission (3 and up)	\$59.99	\$31.99	X	= \$
<i>Expires 9/30/2012.</i>				

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Attraction Tickets, continued</b>				
<b>Medieval Times</b>				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	= \$
<i>Not valid 12/31/2012.</i>				
<b>Mulligan's Family Fun Center</b>				
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	\$16.50	X	= \$
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>				
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
<b>Pirates Dinner Adventure</b>				
Adult	\$56.95	\$32.00	X	= \$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$
<b>Queen Mary</b>				
Adult	\$24.95	\$19.99	X	= \$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$10.25	X	= \$
<b>Renaissance Pleasure Faire: April 7th – May 20th</b>				
Adult	\$25.00	\$17.00	X	= \$
Child (5-12)	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
<b>San Diego Safari Park</b>				
Adult	\$42.00	\$34.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	\$26.00	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	\$57.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
<b>San Diego Zoo</b>				
Adult	\$42.00	\$34.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	\$26.00	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	\$57.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
<b>Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park</b>				
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	\$12.75	X	= \$
<b>Sea World San Diego</b>				
1-Day	Adult \$73.00	\$48.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$65.00	\$48.00	X	= \$
Fun Card	Adult \$73.00	\$60.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$65.00	\$60.00	X	= \$
<b>Speedzone</b>				
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	\$25.00	X	= \$
<i>Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf. Expires 1/25/2013.</i>				
<b>Universal Studios</b>				
Buy a day: get \$10 off and 6 Months free	\$77.00	\$67.00	X	= \$
<i>Adult/Child (under 48") Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				

**Gift Certificates**

<b>See's Candies</b>				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.50	\$12.50	X	= \$

**Shipping & Handling**

<b>Tax</b> (only applicable to all merchandise, not on tickets)	X	8.75%	= \$
<b>Tickets: First Class Mail w/ Delivery Confirmation</b>	\$2.99	X	1 = \$
<b>Tickets: Certified Mail (requires a Signature upon Delivery)</b>	\$4.99	X	1 = \$
<b>Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)</b>	\$7.00	X	1 = \$
<b>Hats, Watches, Clothing, etc. (all merchandise)</b>	\$7.50	(any quantity)	= \$

**SUBTOTAL** \$

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ITEM:	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$

**TOTAL (please include shipping)** \$

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Member's name		
Home Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Club Member Number		

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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).

Send digital photos to:  
talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Send print photos to:  
Club Store and Service Center,  
120 West 2nd Street,  
Los Angeles 90012  
Include a message of Happy Father's Day  
(up to three sentences).

**Deadline: May 16**



## Northeast BLEND\* Charity Golf Tournament



\*Business & Residents for Law Enforcement Northeast Division



**"IKE" Course - 2010 Golf Digest's Top 10**

**Friday, April 27th, 2012**

**Pacific Palms Resort**

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**SCHEDULE**

8:30 a.m.	Check In / Registration
9:15 a.m.	Putting Contest
10:30 a.m.	Shotgun Start
4:00 p.m.	Dinner / Raffle

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1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact/Information:**

Officer Ochoa at 25743@lapd.lacity.org  
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Available in Brown

Large Weekender Bag

## CITY & DWP APPAREL



**\$10**

Reg \$20

B-Label T-Shirt



**\$12**

Reg \$20

LA Hall (Long Sleeve)



**\$9.99**

Reg \$21.99

Its Your City, We Help Run it



**\$12**

Reg \$20

DWP Classic T-Shirt



**\$19.99**

Reg \$35

City Herringbone Polo



**\$15**

Reg \$23

Classic City (Long Sleeve)



**\$10**

Reg \$29.99

City Seal One Color



**\$12**

Reg \$20

DWP Seal T-Shirt





# Club Member Exclusive Event

## We bought out the entire park

# Knott's

BERRY FARM

## Early Bird Special (Extended!)

# \$19<sup>99</sup>

**(Adult or Child)**

~~Price effective through March 21st. After that the price goes up to \$24.99 for adults and \$21.99 for children.~~

Why Pay Reg Park Admission?

~~Adult \$57.99~~

~~Child \$28.99~~

# MAY 11<sup>th</sup>

# FRIDAY

## From 7pm-1am

**Order Online**

**[www.CityEmployeesClub.com](http://www.CityEmployeesClub.com)**



**The Club will offer \$10 discount parking (Reg. \$14)**

Parking pass will not be sent out by the Club. Parking discount will be honored directly at the park on the night of the event.