



Alive!

Laura Biggie, Building and Safety, Club Member, during an inspection of a Port Police dog kennel facility under construction in the Harbor area.

Building and Safety

Pioneering Plumber

As the City's first female plumbing Training Officer, Laura Biggie, Commercial Plumbing Inspector/ Training Officer, Building and Safety, proves she belongs.

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A Message From the CEO

In Praise of the
Pioneering Spirit

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

As we enter October, we celebrate pioneers: **Laura Biggie** on the cover, and the Club, celebrating the 11th anniversary of its breakout this month. But more on that in a minute, so let's get back to Laura.

Of the more than 30,000 active and retired City Employees who we are lucky enough to call our Club Members, a large number are, of course, women. And that's saying something, because many of the jobs in the City traditionally were held by men; that was the nature of the beast. As a matter of course, we feature both men and women on the cover and inside the paper; our only criteria are good people doing great things who probably are not on the radar of other media. Bad news usually gets the ink, but not here at *Alive!* We're a good-news newspaper.

For our most recent Father's Day feature back in June, we received a photo from Laura Biggie, Building and Safety, playing the accordion with her father. Fun photo! The Club's **Angel Gomez** investigated it a little further – we always want to know more about our Club Members, and we had not really heard from Laura before – and we found out that she had just been featured by a trade association for being a woman plumber. We were intrigued, and so we investigated further, to find out that she is the City's first woman plumbing Training Officer, teaching men how to do inspections. Strong stuff.



Laura Biggie, Commercial Plumbing Inspector/Training Officer, Building and Safety (left), with Club CEO John Hawkins.

Then we heard a little of her life story and decided she deserved some coverage. So here you are. I won't spoil it by going into her details here, but I really encourage you to read her story. She was a pioneer before she ever came to the City, and it continues to this day. We also visit briefly with **Grace Harper**, Retired, Building and Safety, who came before Laura and helped pave the way.

We only regret we couldn't feature all the awesome women in the City in pioneering positions. We know there are lots, and our space is limited. But we are open to the subject in the future, to go along with our usual assortment of great news coming from the City.

A pioneering spirit is a great thing. From the LACEA's beginning back in 1928 all the way until now, women have played a role. And now, that role is bigger than ever. Laura's pioneering spirit reminds me a little of our own. The LACEA, our foundation association, and the Club, our public face, were both pioneers when they started, and so they continue to this day. There's no one doing what we're doing, and in the way we're doing it. And it's all in the name of great customer service. It's all for you, Club Members. And that's important to remember as we celebrate the Club's 11th anniversary this month. Happy birthday, Club!

Speaking of spirits ... it's Halloween! Can you believe how absolutely huge this holiday has become? It's incredible ... and it's awesome. I love the creepy-cool story in this month's issue about the Zoo. I've heard the rumors of ghosts and weird happenings for a while now ... and now we can read about some of the stories, told by Club Members who work there. Thanks to **Bob Burford**, Lead Electrician and Club Member, for setting up our spooky visit. I encourage you to stop by and say hello ... to the Club Members, not the ghosts!

Halloween is a big deal at the Club Store, too. No, it's not haunted, but it does offer discounts that are absolutely otherworldly! We take your family fun quite seriously. Your Halloween plans should include a visit to the Club Store.

And one more thing about Halloween – shoppers at the Club Store this month can expect a fun surprise they can take away with them. So go investigate!

Speaking of the Club Store, make sure you reserve your tickets for the Club's exclusive date for Medieval Times, Nov. 10. These always sell out and are tons of fun.

As this is the fall, our Club Angels kicks back into action. Not that it was away, but handing out blankets and survival goods to those on the street during the cooler months is one of its primary outreaches. If you don't know of Club Angels, it's the Club's official charity, set up to help take care of those around us who are in need. I ask you to turn to page 29, and consider giving something to help us help them.

Enjoy this month, and don't be afraid of doing something, well, pioneering in your own way.

—JOHN

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Here's Tom Hawkins, *Alive!* photographer, capturing Laura Biggie, Commercial Plumbing Inspector/Training Officer, Building and Safety. Tom's photo appears on page 23.

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— Ed.

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

History Column Continues With Interesting Stories



Thank you for continuing *History Comes Alive!* I really do miss Hynda Rudd, but Michael Holland is definitely keeping up the tradition of excellence. It's funny, just like Michael said in his article – I too walked by the "Turtle Ship" a thousand times, never paying much mind. Now I walk by it with wonder and admiration. Keep up the good work, *Alive!* staff and Michael.

– Francis McRivers,
LAFD

Telling Stories Keeps Their Memories Alive

Thank you for publishing the memories of Adrian Prince [*Tell Us Their Story, September*]. We feel sharing his earned love and respect with others was the least we could do.

Again, thank you for your help with doing so!

– From Adrian's DWP friends

Mike Wilkinson Elected the LACERS Rep for Retirees

Hi there – I heard that Mike Wilkinson was elected to the LACERS Board. Please send him my congratulations – he's a good man and he's what LACERS needs!

– Timothy Brokel, DWP Retiree

Years of Wedded Bliss Awaits This *Alive!* Couple

Holy Mackerel! I love that picture last month of the guy with the *Alive!* Newspaper being held with the wedding party – that is priceless!

– Jonnie Wilkens, General Services

Chef's Salmon Recipe Is Off the Scales Good

I want to send a big thank you to Chef Larios for once again making a spectacular recipe called "Salmon Over Plank" (love the title). It was so very easy to make, and because of the ease, I thought that it wasn't going to taste good. I was proved wrong. It was the best salmon I have ever sunk my teeth into. The cedar plank really helps keep the flavor and salmon intact and not fall apart. It's genius! I made it for a few friends and they thought I was a gourmet chef. Funny! The food quote was hilarious, too!

– Jake Kozlowsky, LAPD

Mukai Scholarship Winners Are Worthy of City Pride

I just wanted to drop you a line to say how proud I was of all the scholarship winners. I read every single one of the write-ups, and was so impressed. It's nice to be reminded of all the good kids out there. Thanks, City Club, for creating such a great way to honor our students.

– Mary Todd, LAPD, Retired

People We See Is Neighbors Who Could Easily Be Us

When reading about the people in *People We See*, I can't help but get a bit choked up. It seems like most had a specific event happen that changed the course of their lives. I have come to realize that it could happen to anyone of us. I think we should all be grateful for what we have and cherish the people who love and care for each of us.

– Jennifer Gower, LAFD

Harbor Dept. Lobster Fest Was Cracking Good Fun

The Lobster Festival was so much fun this year. I think it is getting better and better. My family and I went each day and loved listening to the bands. They had Big Black Delta, Dead Sara and The English Beat. We also couldn't get enough of lobster. Also, I traveled to England earlier this year, and some of the people there knew about the Lobster Festival here, so it really is world famous! I want to thank the Port of Los Angeles for making this a fun-filled event for families like ours.

– Lisa Ramos, Rec and Parks

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

Question? OF THE MONTH

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

What was your *least* favorite Halloween candy growing up?



"Licorice."
– Thurman Thomas,
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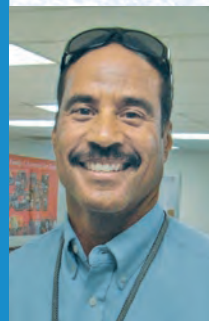
"Chocolate."
– Jeff Mararac,
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"Spicy candy."
– Alberto Ascencio,
Airports/Ontario,
12 years of City
service



"Candy corn."
– Rick Miles,
Airports/Ontario,
13 years of City
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"Hard candy."
– Bryan Jackson,
Airports/Ontario,
16 years of City
service



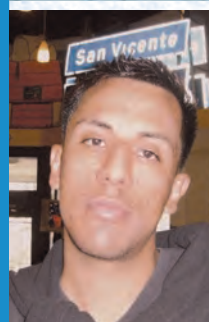
"Sour Patch Kids."
– George Fernandez,
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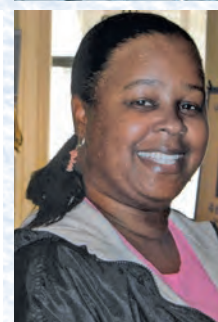
"Black licorice."
– Jimmy Serrano,
Airports/Ontario,
23 years of City
service



"Milky Way bars."
– Mark Diaz,
Airports/Ontario,
12 years of City
service



"Tootsie Rolls."
– Guillermo Gamez,
LAUSD,
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"Black licorice."
– "The Commish"
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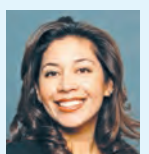
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LAPD, HARBOR, LAFD

Keeping Wilmington Safe

Wilmington community gathers to honor harbor-area public safety officers as part of National Night Out.



The Port Police group at the event.



Sgt. Ryan Howley, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Lt. Susan Willis, Commanding Officer, Harbor Detectives, LAPD.



From left: Rick Sullivan, Firefighter, 13 years of City service; Capt. John Shortle, 26 years; Reuben Chan, Firefighter, 13 years; and Roy Reyes, Engineer, 20 years.



From left: Officer II Jose Alvarez, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Officer II Aaron Smith, 6 years, Club Member; Capt. Mike Graychik, 31 years, Club Member; and Officer II Tyler Hellinga, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer II Aldo Morales, 14 years of City service; and Officer III Cheryl Morris, 20 years, Club Member.



Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor;
Photos by Isaac Burciaga

On Aug. 6, the Wilmington community gathered at Banning's Landing Community Center to honor our area LAPD, Port Police, and LAFD Firefighters. The event was hosted by the Wilmington Coordinating Council. The planning committee consisted of Gabriela Medina (Councilman Joe Buscaino's Office), Reymundo Saucedo (Congresswomen Janis Hahn's Office), Mary Gutierrez (Valero), Chris Gutierrez and Itep Interns.

Lucia Moreno-Linares opened the ceremony as she welcomed the attendees. Sister Ena then led everyone in a prayer. Five honorees were recognized during the ceremony this year for going above and beyond the call of duty. However, the Club thanks and applauds every single Police and Firefighter out there for your bravery and for putting your life on the line each and every day!

The Honorees were:

LAPD, Harbor Division REACT TEAM 2013:

- Officer Mark Fassam
- Officer Dawna Killingworth



From left: Sister Genevieve Vigil, Sr. Lead Officer Ria Garcenila, 10 years of City service; and Chaplain Ed Beardsley, LAPD 20 years.

Port Police, Bike Patrol:

- Officer III David Cervantes
- Officer II Aaron Smith

LAFD Station 38:

- Firefighter/PM Richard Shortle

Special thanks to Officer Cheryl Morris for her assistance.



Officer Mark Fassam.



Officer II Aaron Smith.



Representing Port Police, Bike Patrol: Officer Dawna Killingworth. Not pictured: Officer III David Cervantes.



From LAFD Station 38: Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Shortle.



From left: Shaun Corby, Firefighter Diver, 7 years of City service; Sean Anderson, Firefighter/Paramedic Diver, 11 years; Don Witty, Engineer, 33 years; Capt. Tom Haus, 25 years; and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor.



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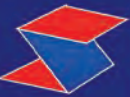
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REC AND PARKS

Baja Adventure On Sale

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's annual Baja California whale-watching adventure now taking reservations.



Seeing whales up close is a feature of the Baja whale-watching trip.

You're invited to join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium March 6 - 14, 2014, for a trip that truly is the journey of a lifetime! During this nine-day ocean voyage, the tour will spend three days anchored in San Ignacio Lagoon, where friendly gray whales and their curious calves swim within arm's length of the skiffs.

The trip will also visit Todos Santos Island and land on San Benito, Cedros and San Martin Islands, where guests will enjoy naturalist-led hikes on these remote, offshore islands that are home to elephant seals, endangered Guadalupe fur seals, a multitude of birds, diverse geological formations and a wide range of native vegetation.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's experienced naturalists, including experts on gray whales and other marine mammals, birds, native island plants, and marine biology, will lead hikes and give shipboard presentations to add to the educational aspect of the trip. Each passenger will receive an illustrated natural history guide containing

information about animals sighted and locations visited.

The 113-foot *Royal Polaris* out of San Diego will provide comfortable accommodations, a roomy galley/lounge and a friendly crew that furnishes hardy, flavorful meals. This trip is priceless, but the cost per person

is \$2,550, not including a \$150 gratuity for the boat crew. For more information visit the Cabrillo Website: www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org, or to reserve your spot call Larry Fukuhara at (310) 548-7562 x223.

The Aquarium is a Rec and Parks facility and is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro.



Cabrillo's Larry Fukuhara on a whale-watching adventure.

CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues
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Club Basketball League Jam Time!

The fall season for Club basketball began Sept. 19 at the Expo Center. Game times are 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Defending champions LBC Ballers are back and we are seeing that many of the teams are much improved since the last season.

Club Basketball League Teams:

- Traffic Jam** (Transportation)
- Rec and Park Hoopers** (Rec and Parks)
- DOT Outlaws** (Transportation)
- Rebels** (Airports)
- Blue Dragons** (Public Works/Street Lighting)
- Fundamentalz** (General Services)
- LBC Ballers** (LA County)
- City Hall Ballers** (ITA)
- Expo** (Rec and Parks)

Game Location:

Expo Center
3980 Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles (near USC)

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Club Softball League From the Commish

Softball – Play Ball!

The 2013 Club Summer Softball season has started.

Games are played at the following locations at 7:30 and 9 p.m. every Wednesday:

- **Yosemite Recreation Center**
1840 Yosemite Dr.
Los Angeles, CA. 90041
- **Shatto Recreation Center**
3191 Fourth St.
Los Angeles, CA. 90020
- **Downey Recreation Center**
1772 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA. 90031

By Lady Smith

Episode 9 at Shatto, Sept. 18, was fraught with energy and excitement! During a slow-starting game between Jets and Enforcers, and even as players were slowly trickling in after game time, batters were hitting line drives everywhere someone was not, defenses were sacrificing their bodies in attempts at horizontal catches, offenses were sliding across the dirt and batters were attempting contact with skyscraping pitches.

In a memorable defensive play from a lady left fielder, a man quickly attempting safety across home plate was thrown out effortlessly. The lady left fielder fielded the ball at approximately 210 feet deep into left field, and with textbook agility and accuracy, threw a one-hopper directly to home plate. As the catcher and runner collided, the catcher held on to the ball and successfully tagged the runner out, since she had the ball for what seemed like five minutes already.

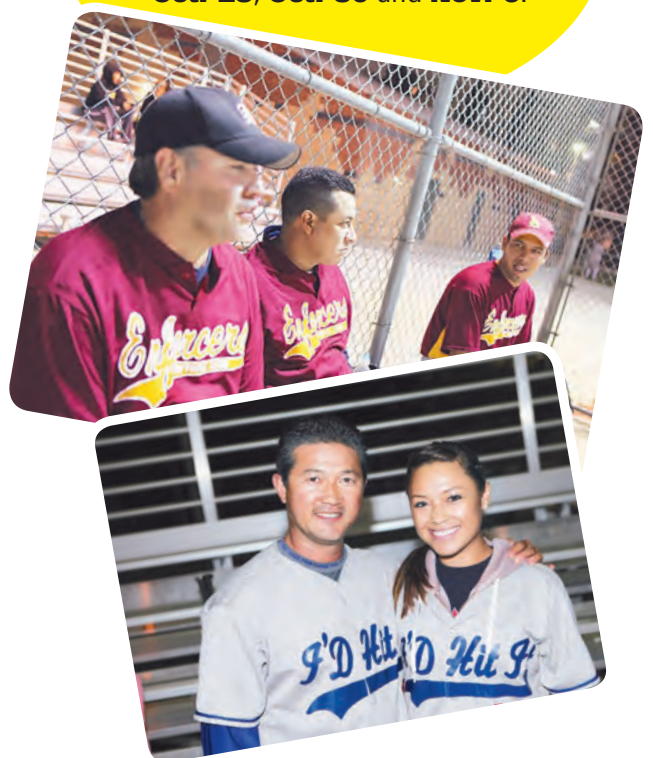


*The Club's
Commissioner of Softball:
Lady Smith,
Fire and Police Pensions*

**You don't want to miss
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Bowling Fun!



Sign up for upcoming Club bowling leagues. The Club's Sports Dude is rounding up all those dedicated Club bowlers out there. Join a Club bowling league. There's little time to spare!

Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452, or
sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

Sign Up Mondays!

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

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



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PUBLIC WORKS

Goodbye, Manny

Manny Cajucum, Club Member, retires from Public Works after 35 years of City service.

Photos courtesy Manny Cajucum

Manny Cajucum, Principal Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Admin, and longtime Club Member, celebrated his retirement from City service with a luncheon in his honor. His fellow Principal Construction Inspectors from the Bureau of Contract Administration and Airports attended the event at Luminarias Restaurant June 19.

Manny has served the City for the last 35 years, most of it spent with the Bureau of Contract Administration. At the time of his retirement, he was assigned to District 4 of the Metro Construction Division, where he managed and supervised a group of inspectors. His responsibility is to administer contracts for City projects, including street improvements, public buildings, bridge program, street lighting projects, traffic signal construction, storm drains, and permits for improvements on public rights of way. His district area includes central Los Angeles, Montecito Heights, Monterey Hills, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, China Town, Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights and downtown.



Manny addressed and thanked all the attendees.



SCI Joe Zamora and Johnny Yutronich (not in picture) presented Manny with a Commemorative Inspector's Badge in honor of his retirement. They represented MCIA, the inspectors union.



John L. Reamer Jr., Director, Public Works/Contract Admin, presented Manny a citation from the Board of Public Works, signed by all Commissioners, and a 35-year service pin.



Public Works/Contract Admin Principal Construction Inspectors joined Manny at his retirement event. They are, front row, from left: Emmanuel Achonu, George Stofila, David Tang, Manny Cajucum, Brett McReynolds, John Olinger, Seffy Wiles and Ted Galsim. Back: Jim Cassley, Chris Cox, Chief Const. Inspector Charley Mims, Marc Wright, Greg Pifer and Ken Hendricks.

Prior to this assignment, he worked at the San Pedro Area office, West L.A. and at the Valley Construction Division.

Before moving to Los Angeles from the Philippines, Manny worked in design and construction of residences, office and commercial buildings. He is licensed to practice architecture in the Philippines. Manny is well liked in the Bureau and will be missed by his fellow inspectors.

Congratulations on your great career, Manny!



Manny was presented with a commemorative badge.



A signed group picture of current Principal Inspectors was presented to Manny. Shown in picture, from left: David Tang, Frank Rinaldi, Ted Galsim, Chief Insp. Charley Mims, George Stofila, Brett McReynolds, Manny Cajucum, Seffy Wiles, Ken Hendricks and Marc Wright.



The event was graced with the surprise appearance of Amanda and Fred Brown, Retired Assistant Director and Principal Inspector. They were here on vacation from Belize.

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SEEN Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford
Club Application Coordinator

The Past and Present

In a city as diverse as Los Angeles, there is always going to be change. In fact, that has always been a heavy criticism of L.A. We pave over our history. While I agree that much of this is annoyingly true, sometimes, a little change is a good thing. Let's take the Homer Laughlin Building. It was designed by architect John Parkinson in 1896. It was the first fireproofed, steel reinforced structure in L.A. In 1917, it became the home of the Grand Central Market. The location was chosen for its proximity to Angels Flight, allowing the people who lived in Bunker Hill to access the market. Fresh fruit and veggies, just a funicular away.

Originally it was built in the Beaux Arts style, but alterations done in the 1960s hid the second story windows

and drastically altered its appearance. Another major renovation in the 1990s added apartments and created the first true mixed use development in decades.

And things are changing here yet again. New vendors are in place with new and tasty offerings. The new BBQ place has its own outdoor patio. A swanky new coffee counter brings magic to those who need a caffeine kick and a new Thai place offers up sticky rice and tasty meats. There is even a little gelato place, if you need a cool treat on a hot day.

A little change can be a good thing. As much as I loved the past, the present has a wonderful flavor.

Grand Central Market is located at 317 Broadway in Downtown L.A.



The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest



Compiled by Mariana Guevara,
Club Store Manager

Coloring with Mariana!

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could be a **WINNER!**

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____



Deadline for submission:
November 5, 2013

Submit to:
Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions,
but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!





For Retired Club Members

CITY RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, ext. 701
DWP events: (626) 445-7376 (Dolores Foley)
LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

- Sept. 4:** LARFPA general meeting and elections, 10 a.m. to noon. Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr.
- Sept. 19:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 11:30 a.m. Lunch; Noon meeting. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- Dec. 3:** LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m. to noon. Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr.
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Noon. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- Dec. 8:** LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sportsman's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Studio City.

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 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. 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. www.lacers.org

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, *President*
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E-mail: vincedolores@gmail.com
www.dwpretirees.org

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association (LARFPA)



Bill Quinn, *President*
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9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780
www.larfpa.org

It's Michael Wilkinson On the LACERS Board

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

There are not enough words to express my appreciation to all the Retired members who voted for Michael R. Wilkinson, who we endorsed to replace Ken Spiker as LACERS Commissioner on the Board of Administration. You all know that Ken Spiker is a very hard man to replace – like no other.

From the time that Michael became an RLACEI director, we have been grooming him to replace Ken. I felt that Michael was a fighter, just like Ken was in protecting the retirees' benefits.

Again, I want to thank all the Retired members in trusting all of the RLACEI Directors and me in voting for Commissioner Michael Wilkinson.

To you Ken, we are very grateful, more than you know, for all you have done in protecting the

benefits of the retirees. *Thank you.*

On a different note, Entertainment Director Americo Garza and his committee met at Stone Fire Grill and signed a contract for a great holiday celebration dinner, to be held Dec. 5 at the Friendship Hall. The menu will consist of lemon chicken and barbecued tri-tip steak, salad, breadsticks and dessert. Don't forget to call to make reservations: (800) 678-4145, x701. See you there!

'Thanks for Supporting Me!'



Michael R. Wilkinson

Pension Law and Policy by Michael R. Wilkinson

I wish I could individually thank each of the Retired members who took the time to vote for me in the LACERS Retired Member election to replace Ken Spiker. This successful election was the result of hard work by many people

and shows how important it is for Retirees to have a board member who will carry on where Ken left off. This is much more a victory for the ideals shown by RLACEI and its long tradition of defending the rights of Retirees than any personal accomplishment by me.

By the time you read this, I will be serving on the LACERS Board of Administration, which meets the second and the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LACERS Boardroom, 202 W. First Street, Suite 500. This is in the *Los Angeles Times* Building. I encourage you all to come down to a board meeting and follow the open meetings of your retirement plan. The building is very close to the Civic Center station of the Metro Red Line subway.

Although I have not participated as your representative as I write this, I attended a meeting of the Benefits

Administration Committee and the full board as an observer as LACERS considered a vital matter to all of us, the health subsidy amount. This action sets the maximum amount of money available to pay health insurance premiums to retirees who have at least 25 years of service.

The board approved an increase to the maximum subsidy for current retirees to \$1,464 per month, which continues to track the two-party Kaiser amount. In addition it set the Medical Premium Reimbursement Account (MPRP) for members who live outside of California or a LACERS HMO area, and set the retiree dental subsidy at \$42.80 per month. Contact LACERS if the MPRP applies to you since the details are too involved to cover here. Other actions were taken that do not directly affect current retirees, but do impact recent hires that are covered at a different rate.



Welcome, Michael!

Michael R. Wilkinson, newly elected LACERS Board of Administration Member representing Retirees, was sworn in Sept. 10 by Board President Rick Rogers. The ceremony took place during LACERS' regular board meeting. Photo courtesy Armando Bencomo, LACERS.

The Windfall Elimination Provision



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report Pension Law and Policy by Michael Karsch

How many readers have heard about the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) in Social Security (SS) benefits? It's not a benefit, but it reduces a SS monthly benefit if you qualify for SS when you reach retirement. If you are a LA City government retiree (which most of you readers are, or will be) and have never contributed into the

SS system, you should have a sustainable pension from the City. You may, however, have worked for SS-covered employers before your City time, and/or after it while in retirement, picking up an extra job. Once you can add up the requisite 40 quarters of time paying into SS, you should be eligible for a SS monthly benefit. Depending on how much your government pension is, you may see your SS benefit reduced by the WEP. Currently, the maximum reduction of your SS benefit is about \$384; on the SS Website you can check out your

account in SS, how much you have earned, and how much it could be reduced.

The WEP was placed in the SS law in 1983, a time when reform of SS was enacted to bring federal employees into the SS system. The thinking at the time was that workers should not be entitled to both a generous pension from their government employer, and from SS even when based on work covered by SS.

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LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity
Chair

Reminder: Open Enrollment 2014 for LACERS' Health Plans Starts in October

Don't forget that Open Enrollment 2014 for LACERS' Health Plans will run from October 15 through November 15. If you are thinking about changing health plans starting in 2014, attend an Open Enrollment meeting to hear presentations from each of LACERS' health carriers, which are designed to assist LACERS retirees and/or their eligible survivors in making informed decisions about their 2014 medical and dental coverage. Please save the following dates for

Open Enrollment Meetings

San Fernando Valley

Friday, October 18, at 10:00 a.m.
Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, CA

Ventura County

Wednesday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Camarillo Public Library
4101 E. Las Posas Road
Camarillo, CA

Ontario

Tuesday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.
Double Tree by Hilton
222 N. Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA

Las Vegas

Friday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m.
The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 W. Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, NV

Los Angeles

Wednesday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.
The Expo Center
3990 Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles, CA

San Pedro

Friday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.
Double Tree by Hilton
2800 Via Cabrillo-Marina
San Pedro, CA

the meeting closest to you.

Additional information about Open Enrollment Meeting locations and times will be included with your September paycheck. You can also check the LACERS website at www.LACERS.org for updates.

Lacers In Motion: Two Free Fitness Classes for October

LACERS In Motion, the new fitness program sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross, continues during October with free exercise classes available to all LACERS retirees. One Square Dance and one Cardio Fitness session will be offered at two Los Angeles County locations, as well as at one location in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. We encourage all interested LACERS' Retirees' to support this fun, unique, and free program created especially for you, by attending these sessions, regardless of your current fitness level.* For further details about the classes and the locations nearest to you, please visit the LACERS Well webpage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

Space is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information on LACERS in Motion fitness classes scheduled for October – December 2013 visit the LACERS Well webpage or call LACERS at (800)779-8328.

* Please consult with your physician before starting this or any other exercise program.

Healthy Eating: A Free Webinar Scheduled for October 15, 2013

LACERS Well will host a webinar called *Healthy Eating*, on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. PT – noon. This free webinar is sponsored by Kaiser-Permanente and will offer participants an overview of healthy eating guidelines for fruits, vegetables, fiber, food portions and much more. Attend this webinar to learn how to develop healthy eating habits; it's easier than you may think. To take part in this special learning opportunity, visit www.LACERS.org/lacerswell on October 15 before 11:00 a.m. to read instructions for signing into the webinar from your personal computer. Questions? Call LACERS at (800)779-8328.

Life After Retirement

Reconnect with Michael

Reconnect with Michael: **Michael Koire**, a Retired City Employee, wants to get in touch with his former colleague, **John Franco**. They both worked for Rec and Parks and also for Public Works/Engineering.

Michael's address is 1215 Daytonia Rd., Miami Beach, FL, 33141. He can also be reached by telephone at (305) 864-5068.

Good luck, Michael, and let us know if you made contact with John.

As a Reminder:

If you have news about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.

If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

Note: Due to our confidentiality policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz at
137 Westmont Drive,
Alhambra, CA, 91801
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RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

**City Employees
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**RLACEI Retirement
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Retiree Helplines** (800) 678-4145

• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
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• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Sternnock	Ext. 708
• Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712

Questions: Ext. 0

RSVP: Ext. 701

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

Pension Issues Continue To Dominate



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler,
LARFPA Director

Our September meeting turned out great. Dignitaries present from the Fire and Police Pension System were that hard-working Commissioner George Aliano, who looks out for our retirees; General Manager Ray Ciranna and Asst. General Manager Bill Raggio; and guest speakers L.A. City Works Comp. Director Dawn Alvarado and Sr. Account Executive Michele Meyers. The ladies discussed changes that are taking place in the care of our members who were injured while working on duty, including patient case loads for the third-party administrators being reduced from more than 300 cases to less than 150 cases; having one Workers Comp Director for sworn person-

nel and one for civilian personnel; proper I.D. cards for workers comp injuries and medication; and faster and proper filling of prescriptions for our members. After Dawn and Michele finished answering any and all questions, they requested suggestions from the members on how they could better serve our members' needs.

We also, learned that Commissioner Sam Dianitto fell and broke a leg. He is at home on the road to recovery. Sam, get well and back to the Board. We need you.

Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed a new Fire and Police Pension System Commissioner, Emanuel Speitez, to replace Commissioner Pedram Salimpour. Mr. Speitez was a mayoral candidate but failed to make the runoff. He stands for pension reform and has a unique idea on

how to correct pensions. Here is the text of some of his campaign rhetoric:

To fix our pension system, I propose a pension buyout plan – the first of its kind in the country. It's a plan that would give City workers money today instead of tomorrow – which is what could happen if we continue to slide towards bankruptcy. To do this, we need to raise the capital to pay our workers today. And we'll need a mayor with the resolve to get this done immediately. I pledge by the end of my first term, I'll have our budget on a sustainable path.

Wow! That should make for some interesting pension meetings.

Hope to see you at our next general meeting Dec. 3 and at our annual Christmas Party Dec. 8. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

LARFPA

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By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Rouen, and the Goodbye Begins

Hal and Co. continue their cruise from Cape Town to England

PART TWELVE



Evelyn and I took a 38-day trip, which included four days at the Botlierskop Safari Resort near George, South Africa; a 28-day cruise on the *Ocean Princess* from Cape Town, South Africa, to London; and four days in London at the end. Don and Myrna, our cousins, took the cruise with us.

The itinerary was as follows: Cape Town; Lüderitz and Walvis Bay, Namibia; Cotonou, Benin; Lome, Togo; Dakar, Senegal; Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands; Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands; Casablanca, Morocco; Cadiz, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Le Havre, France; and Dover, England.

As we continue the story, we had two days at sea before we reached our last stop in Le Havre, France. The British immigration officials were on board, and we needed to meet with them that morning to clear our entry into the UK. It made it a lot easier when we disembarked in Dover. We were given our passports to keep. Until then the ship had held the passports for all the passengers.

That day included a formal night, but I doubted anyone was looking forward to it. There was a cocktail party, so we could get a free drink, and there was lobster for dinner - again. Life is rough.

We arrived in Le Havre the day before



All dressed up on the last formal night aboard the ship.

we got off the ship, so we needed to pack sometime in the next two days.

The weather was cooler, but the sun was out and the seas weren't too bad. I decided to try to lie out by the pool that afternoon. That meant no bridge game.

We had breakfast with two couples we had not met before, which was enjoyable. We did go to the bridge lesson and then

we were doing the required immigration appearance, which took about two minutes.

Victory at last at trivia as our team finally won. Our prize was a magnetic "clip." You would have thought we had won the World Series, and we had bragging rights for the day.

I'd started to get ready for getting off the ship. I got tip money; the ship adds \$24 a day to our bill for tipping the dining room staff and the room steward. The bar staff gets 15 percent added to your drink bill. We wanted to give a little extra to Nathan and Francesca, our dining room staff, and our steward, Dennis. I used Euros because I had a lot left over from our last cruise and they are not worth anywhere what I paid for them last year. There was no reason to hold them. I checked our bill and I found one problem with a laundry charge. We sent laundry out four times and two of the times cost \$20 for all you can stuff in a bag special, and they gave me credit for only one special and charged regular price for the other three.

The seas were rough and that delayed the evening show, a dance production, while they redid some of the dance routines because of the ship's rocking. We had seen the show on a previous cruise, but still it was a good show. It was the last production show by the ship's troupe.

The seas were much calmer the next morning and with the time change we had a late breakfast. There was another lunch with the Cruise Critic group set up for that day; however we decided to skip it and started to think about how to pack our four bags. I wanted to open only two while we were in London.

We then waited in the Tahitian Lounge for trivia; we needed to defend our yesterday win. We didn't win, but had a respectable score. If I could just remember all of the useless information I had heard over the course of all the trivia sessions. I do now know that a Medusa creature is a Gargon and the Simpsons is the longest running show on TV. Now to use that information in casual conversation.

After lunch, Evelyn and I started packing. We got most of it done but would finish up



Inside the Rouen Cathedral.

in the morning. We did leave out what we would wear that night, the next day and then to get off the ship.

We went to the dining room for dinner. We wouldn't go tomorrow because our tour to Rouen came back late. We wanted to say goodbye to our waiter and assistant waiter and give each an extra tip. The waiter was good, but the assistant waiter, Francesca, really was great and made the dinning more fun.

The next day was our last day on the cruise, and our tour to Rouen didn't leave until the afternoon, so we had a leisurely breakfast and then finished packing. We managed to get everything in the bags. They were pretty heavy, but I didn't care. We played an hour of party bridge with Don and Myrna and then had lunch.

Our tour to Rouen left at 1:30 p.m. and we didn't get back to the ship until 7 p.m. The drive to Rouen took about an hour (the brochure said 90 minutes). We had a guided tour of the cathedral, which was very impressive. It took more than 300 years to build starting near the end of the 12th century in the gothic style. It was here that Joan of Arc was tried and then burned at the stake. It just so happened that that was the weekend they celebrated the anniversary of her death.

The old town consisted mostly of walking streets, and they were filled with people. When we were inside the cathedral, the organ was accompanying a choir, which made it difficult for our guide to talk. As we left the cathedral to see the site where Joan of Arc was imprisoned, the clock struck 3:30. The church has a collection of massive bells that continued to chime for more than 20 minutes. We stopped at the supposed site

where the burning took place and were able to see the flame that is lit only on this weekend each year. There was also a large semi-modern cross erected on the site with greenery climbing up it.

We then had an hour to shop; Don and I drank beer, and Evelyn found a magnet. We were across from a very modern church and a public square with stalls selling flowers, fruit, fish and other provisions. We sat with an English couple from the ship until it was time to board the bus for the return trip. The old town was a collection of shops like Zara, Burberry and Sephora, mixed with pubs, cafes and tourist shops, all in narrow streets with cobblestones and buildings dating

back to the 14th century. Most of the buildings are multi-story and the style is referred to as "half timber," which is similar to the Tudor style. The original city was walled and, although very little of the wall remains, a small portion remains with a wonderful clock in it. A sculpture of a shepherd and his sheep was carved in the ceiling of the arch we walked through. The sculpture dates back to the 16th century.

It was a lovely tour. Our guide spoke understandable English with a lovely French accent. I got the feeling that she was local to the area.

We got back just before 7 p.m., and I think our tour was the last to return. We had dinner in the buffet and said goodbye to some friends. The ship was supposed to leave at about 8 p.m. Shortly after, there was an announcement from the bridge that a tanker was coming in with the help of tugs, and once they cleared us we could leave. Rush hour at Le Havre.

The next day we were scheduled to dock in Dover and then drive to London.

More next month!



Evelyn outside the Rouen Cathedral.



The Rouen Cathedral.

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Legislative Report Pension Law and Policy
by Michael Karsch

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Michael Karsch

The WEP is not eliminating a worker's SS benefit, just reducing it. There is a sliding scale, allowing a worker in the lower income brackets to still get most of his or her SS benefit, but for those making significantly more income from a government job, the reduction would increase.

Several states do not pay into the SS system: Massachusetts, California, Illinois and Alaska are among these states, hence there is stronger support by Congress and from citizen groups

from these states. H.R. 1795 is pending in Congress to repeal the WEP; its lead authors are Representatives Rodney Davis (R-IL) and Adam Schiff (D-CA), and there are 85 co-sponsors, including Reps. Janice Hahn and Tony Cardenas, our former members of the City Council.

The bill has not moved since introduced. Similar bills to repeal the WEP have been introduced in earlier Congresses, none of them getting momentum to pass the first commit-

tee. According to the former legislative representative of the City of Los Angeles in Washington, D.C., James Seeley, there is little interest in moving a bill that costs the SS system a lot of money. The Coalition to Preserve Retirement Security estimates the cost to be \$29 billion over ten years. The number of retirees this would affect nationally is between 900,000 and one million (Congressional Research Service). Mr. Seeley recalls that in the 1980s, the WEP issue was part

of a major overhaul of the SS system that attempted to bring in all other government agency employees into the SS system. The City opposed this as it appeared it would become more costly to the City than maintaining our own system. If you would like to urge action on this bill, write to your Member of Congress: Southern California co-sponsors are Adam Schiff, Janice Hahn, Tony Cardenas, Judy Chu and Henry Waxman.

Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Alatorre, Cecelia M.	Council Aide IV	Council	16	Hanna, Barbara E.	Wareh. Worker II	General Services	17	Schulte, Victor A.	Deputy City Att. IV	City Attorney	27
Alba, Daniel	–	DWP	–	Hatcher, Freddie A.	Tra. Pai. Sign Post III	Transportation	29	Seyedroudbari, Moh.	Civil Eng. Asso. IV	Public Works	15
Anocibar, Andree J.	Custodian	Airports	15	Head, Kevin	–	DWP	–	Sharpe, Elga A.	Legislative Rep.	Mayor's Office	11
Aquino, Mary Jane	Chief Accoun.IV	Conv. Center	21	Hoffmann, Shirley	Pr. Public Rel. Rep.	Airports	20	Shawan, Josie	Man. Analyst II	Public Works	19
Arias, Richard	Deputy City Att. IV	City Attorney	13	Holland, Peter O.	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	22	Shell, Denise Hirsch	Delivery Driver II	Rec and Parks	<1
Asam, Allen	Sr. Sys. Analyst II	Transportation	45	Horwitz, Howard J.	Council Aide IV	Council	8	Sibenick, Jerry	–	DWP	–
Benza, Alma Gsell	Mayoral Aide V	Mayor's Office	13	Inez, Richard	Motor Swe. Ope.	Public Works	28	Souvinette, Jacqueline	–	DWP	–
Bermudez, George	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	44	Keyser, Sharon J.	Council Aide VI	Council	10	Smith, Lacy	Supt. of Oper. III	Airports	24
Blayney, Randall	Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Landsaw, Joel	–	DWP	–	Stevenson, Douglas	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	31
Bloomquist, Lara	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	31	Long, Keith	–	DWP	–	Swancy, Marlene L.	Sr. Pol. Serv. Rep II	LAPD	31
Brown, Louis Jr.	Recreation Assis.	Rec and Parks	4	Martin, Judith L.	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	22	Tan, Perpetuo	–	DWP	–
Bruce, Donald	–	DWP	–	Macfarlane, Allan	–	DWP	–	Tatum, Hermon	Ref. Coll. Tru. Ope. II	Public Works	34
Bruinsma, Richard	–	DWP	–	Ma-McGee, Rewanda	–	DWP	–	Thomas, Paul	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	30
Butler, Ruben	–	DWP	–	Mendly, Elizabeth J.	Messenger Clerk	Library	5	Toomes, Edgar	Garage Attendant	General Services	26
Capati, Ren Mariano	For. Print Spec. III	LAPD	30	Molette, Anthony	Mana. Analyst II	Transportation	33	Torres, Fred	–	DWP	–
Cheng, Suellen	Curator	El Pueblo His. M.	29	Montoya, Robert	Motor Swe. Ope.	Public Works	26	Vassar, Barbara N.	Corr. Nurse III	Personnel	7
Clingmon, Thurston	Spec.Prog. Assis. II	Rec and Parks	1	Mostella, Willie L.	Wast. Tre. Oper. III	Public Works	28	Walker, Audrey D.	Sr. Comp. Operator II	ITA	30
Davis, Robert	Accounting Clerk II	Conv. Center	7	Myers, Robert B.	Police Sgt.	Harbor	30	Walker, Tommie	–	DWP	–
Diciolla, Carlo	–	DWP	–	Munoz, Diosdado	Sr. Data Pro.Tech II	ITA	26	Warren, Alice Ann	Property Officer	LAPD	30
Dickerson, Brian	–	DWP	–	Munoz, Richard	–	DWP	–	Williams, Vanessa L.	Clerk Typist	Public Works	25
Dukes, Kirk	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	26	Olano, Miguel	–	DWP	–	Wong, Collins	–	DWP	–
Dutton, Paul C.	Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Palangio, Leonor F.	Manag. Analyst II	Rec and Parks	25	Yakerson, Martin	–	DWP	–
Eick, Kevin R.	Geo. Info. Sys. Spv. II	Public Works	27	Pearl, Jonathan	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	18	Yu, Young Mo	Witness Ser. Coord.	City Attorney	15
Endo, Douglas M.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	16	Pennington, Harold	–	DWP	–	Zine, Dennis P.	Councilman	Council	12
Fann, Jacqueline	Sr. Rec. Director II	Rec and Parks	26	Riley, Debra Ann	Tax Comp. Officer	Finance	37				
Fariss, Joseph	–	DWP	–	Rivera, Leonard	–	DWP	–				
R. Fitchpatrick, Laponda	Police Capt.	Airports	32	Rodgers, Ann M.	Legal Assistant	City Att. Office	17				

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RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



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Philippines

Here are **Pablo Ninofranco, Harbor, Retired,** and his wife, Josie, at the Hands of Jesus Shrine in Lucban, Quezon, Philippines, in July.

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Alaska & Canada

Here are photos from an Alaska cruise by **Leticia Yapana, DWP, Retired.** These were taken at the Yukon Suspension Bridge, Yukon, Canada. "We traveled by motor coach from Skagway, Alaska."

In Juneau, Ak. "It was an unforgettable whale-watching experience."

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! In an upcoming issue, we intend to begin running a small section of retirees and their grand-kids. So send 'em in!



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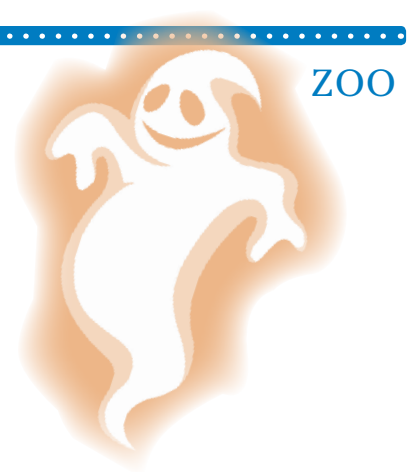
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Bob Burford, Lead Electrician, 15 years of City service, Club Member, says he often feels like someone is walking behind him, but turns around to see no one there.



Is the Zoo Haunted?

Just in time for Halloween, Zoo employees share their scary stories of ghosts at the City facility.

At this time of year, Los Angeles offers lots of Halloween freak-out fun. The Club's great discounts on the best parks allow Club Members to enjoy all the spooky frivolity.

But it's all made-up. What about spooky for real? If you're interested in the real thing, you need go no further than our own LA Zoo, which many people say is haunted.

Is it? The City institution, as well as its neighbor, the Old Zoo in Griffith Park, long have had a reputation of being visited by ghosts. Based on what Zoo employees say they have seen and heard, many have no doubt that it is haunted.

"I often feel that someone is following me," says Bob Burford, Lead Electrician, 15 years of

City service, and longtime Club Member. "You know that feeling on the back of your neck? I turn around, though, and no one is there."

General Services Public Safety Officers, who patrol the Zoo at night, report seeing floating figures and many other strange phenomena. Many of the reported bizarre sightings take place at night when the zoo is closed, employees say, but not entirely. Some of the odd goings-on take place in the middle of the day.

If you're looking for your own very real Halloween experience, or not, here are some of their stories.



Sue Edwards, Animal Keeper, 14 years of City service, Club Member, says she saw "The Hoodie Guy" jogging down the road behind her before he disappeared without explanation.

THE HOODIE GUY

"I can't say that what I saw was paranormal," says Sue Edwards, Animal Keeper, 14 years of City service, Club Member. "However"

Sue goes on to explain what she saw one morning about three or four years ago, at 7:30 a.m. in broad daylight.

"I was standing just behind the gazelle exhibition on the service road," she continues. "And I saw this guy jogging down the service road. It's closed to the public, but it's not outside reality that someone would have come in here through the gate."

"I glanced as he went by. Do I say anything to him about the road being closed to the public? He wasn't supposed to be here. I turned around, and he was gone. I stood there thinking, where did he go? He couldn't have disappeared that quickly. I mean, I heard his feet hitting the ground. There was nothing unusual about it, but then he just wasn't there. It was the weirdest thing. I was completely confused."

She described him as being in his 20s and thin, wearing all black and a hooded sweatshirt. What she describes is now colloquially known at the Zoo as the Hoodie Guy. She is not the only one who has seen him.

"One time about five years ago, about 3:30 a.m., I was driving a forklift on the service road behind the chimp penthouse," says Mike Campero, Gardener Caretaker, 24 years of City service, Club Member. "I saw a guy leaning on a fence, just looking away. He was dressed in all black. It was the Hoodie Guy."



Juan Ruiz, Electrician, 3 years of City service, Club Member, says he saw what might have been "The Hoodie Guy" in front of this trashcan in the chimp area.

"When the lights of the forklift hit him, he stood up. He turned the opposite way from me, and ran toward the cactus garden, uphill and out of sight. There is no way anyone can run up that hill that fast, plus through all the cacti."

"About a month later, I saw him again, in exactly the same spot. But this time he didn't run. He turned the opposite way again, with no eye contact, and then he was gone. It was spooky, man!"

"I think he's friendly," Mike says. "He might be afraid of people. If he were a scary ghost, it would be different. Still, it gets scary here at night."

Juan Ruiz, Electrician, 3 years of City service, Club Member, can also attest to how scary the Zoo can be at night. What he saw one night might or might not have been the Hoodie Guy, but whatever it was, it sent him scurrying the other way.

"This happened only about six weeks ago," he begins. "It was in the chimp area, which is sort of the Hoodie Guy's area. We had had a special event, and I was walking back from the event to the electric shop." This happened inside the Zoo, an area that's open to the public. "I saw movement from the bend, about five feet high," about 25 feet in front of him, in front of a trashcan. "I thought it might be a couple from the event looking for some private space. I knew it was a person. I pointed my flashlight at it, and that quickly it was gone. In that time, it should have been able to move only a few feet from where I saw it originally. But it was gone."

"I knew it was a human figure," he continues. "I nearly choked on my food. I freaked out, and walked right back to the event. I radioed in, 'Come pick me up!'"

"I always wanted to see a ghost," he says, "but nothing prepares you."



Mike Campero, Gardener Caretaker, 24 years of City service, Club Member, says he saw "The Hoodie Guy" disappear into this agave/cactus garden.



Two photos from Mike Campero, Gardener Caretaker, of his girlfriend, Tania Prebble, in the Old Zoo. Mike cannot explain the distortion in the first photo, which doesn't appear in the second photo, part of the same photo shoot. The photos were taken in August.

'THEY LIKE TO PLAY'

Monica Van Duzer, Animal Keeper/Quarantine Keeper, 22 years of City service, has had many experiences not involving the Hoodie Guy. She experiences so much strange behavior in the Animal Health and Conservation Center (not open to the public) that she has taken an almost playful approach to it.

"Back in the kitchen, I place a sponge in its container, and several times it just jumps out," she describes. "Then it happens again, several times. I say, 'Knock it off,' and it stops. It's happened multiple times, the last time about a year or so ago. They like to play," she says of the ghosts.

"And then once I was doing my diets, preparing food for the animals in her care, I put a knife down, and it immediately stoop up on end. A knife, standing straight up on its tip."

"Or I'll put something down, turn around, and it's gone," she continues. "After I've exhausted all the places it would be, it somehow comes back. The other day I was looking for my clippers, and later in the day, when I didn't need them, they reappeared."

"And then, at other times, I hear the heavy metal doors open, and I go down the hall to see who's here. This is a protected quarantine area. If someone's here, I know about it. But I look, and no one's there."

"Or, at the end of the hallway, in a hoof-stock holding area, I'll see someone walk across to the next stall. I say, 'Hang on, I'm coming.' I put down my rake, but there's no one in the stall. It's not the Hoodie Guy; I haven't seen him."

"Nothing has been in fear. The ghosts aren't mean-spirited. They like to play."

THE OLD ZOO

Mike Campero, the Gardener Caretaker who saw the Hoodie Guy disappear into the agave/cactus garden, had a strange experience just this past August. He was taking photos of his girlfriend, Tania Prebble, at the Old Zoo, which sits right next to the current Zoo in Griffith Park. The Old Zoo site is long rumored to be haunted, too.

"I took a bunch of pictures of her, and when I went back to look at them, well, look at this," says, flipping through photos on his smartphone. The photo, reproduced for this story, contains an unexplained distortion. "The ones before it and after it have nothing like that, but then this one... I have no idea. The others in the series don't have the same distortion."



Monica Van Duzer, Animal Keeper/Quarantine Keeper, 22 years of City service, has seen plenty of strange behavior in the Animal Health and Conservation Center, especially in the kitchen behind her, and in stalls to the right (out of frame). "They like to play," she says of the ghosts whose behavior she says she experiences regularly.

YOUR SIGHTINGS

What's your story? Have you ever seen ghosts, or other haunted or strange behavior, at the LA Zoo, or at any City facility? Let us know! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

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View of downtown Los Angeles and the Buddhist Pagoda.



The Turnbull Canyon trailhead.



Angel Jr., Kathy and Aden are happy on the trail.

This month, we travel to Whittier and the Turnbull Canyon Trail because it is local and connects with other trails in the Puente Hills Landfill Habitat Preservation Authority area. The trail is very easy to find, and there is parking right along the street on Beverly Boulevard in Whittier.

The trail is challenging but not very difficult; it is very wide, and along the way you can take breaks to enjoy the beautiful views of downtown Los Angeles, Rose Hills Cemetery, and the Buddhist pagoda. I found many people walking, jogging and mountain biking, but be careful of all the speedsters on the trail (beginners on mountain bikes) – some are not very careful.

By the way, I heard lots of stories about this area and the trail. I must say after doing a little research that some of the tales are really out of this world and others are absolutely true. If you just Google Turnbull Canyon, you will be surprised.

The Hike

Turnbull Canyon Trail is very close to and actually connects with lots of trails in the area. Many trails and parks are very close by and also connect; examples are Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Hacienda Hills, and Arroyo Pescadero to name a few. Some of you may remember, we actually hiked some of these trails in the past and had lots of fun doing so.

Turnbull Canyon Trail was moderate to easy. Of course that depends on your level of outdoor activities, but nonetheless it's a good time for everyone. My boys had no trouble making it up the trail; they are 10 and 12 years old. However, this brings up a very important point: As adults we are more experienced, but we have to think of the people who don't hike often, including children and older folks who are just starting.

Always check the weather forecast for daily temperatures. Since we were going through something of a heat wave when we took the hike, we decided to hike later in the afternoon about 6 p.m. It was still hot at about 6:30 p.m. (86 degrees), so we all brought plenty of water and sunscreen, too.

The hike is an upward trail but was lots of fun, and the trail also has amazing views (a bonus). We all really enjoyed the hike; I think we will wait a few weeks and go back again in the morning to get some different views. Sunrise and sunsets are both beautiful, but each one has its own personality. Enjoy!

Note: There are signs posted for mountain lions and other native animals, but I would worry about mountain bikers more than any other native wildlife. Accidents are sure to happen if these riders are not more considerate and careful. Be proactive and look out for bikers!

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

**As always, be safe and Be Alive!,
Angel**

Turnbull Canyon Trail

– Whittier



Aden appreciates the gorgeous view.



Kathy, Angel Jr. and Aden begin on the Turnbull Canyon Trail.



View from the top of the trail.



Angel Jr. and Aden by the kiosk at Turnbull Canyon trailhead.

Turnbull Canyon Trail

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Trail distance: 3.4 miles

Elevation gain: 500 feet

Difficulty rating: moderate

Hike time: two hours

Trail condition: mostly dirt roads

Trail Activities: Mountain biking, walking, jogging and hiking. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

Directions: From 10 Freeway, go south on 605 Freeway, exit Beverly Boulevard east. Go east on Beverly Boulevard for three

miles until it turns into Turnbull Canyon Road. Trailhead is on the left.

Parking: Dirt parking area on Beverly, which turns into Turnbull Canyon. Free parking.

Hours: All trails are open sunrise to sunset, except during extreme or hazardous weather conditions. All trails are closed 48 hours after rain. Some parks take longer to dry than others; those areas may be closed for longer periods of time. Also, all trails are closed during red flag days (extreme fire hazard days).

REC AND PARKS

Banning, as Advertised

Museum hosts lecture and display of Banning advertisements.

Story and images courtesy Banning Museum.

19th-century financier Phineas Banning, who developed much of what is now the LA Harbor area, used various forms of advertising to promote his businesses. An overview of his advertising is the subject of a special lecture at the Banning Museum at 10 a.m. Oct. 12 by Michael Sanborn, Museum Director.

The museum is at 401 East M Street in Wilmington.

Phineas Banning was a "Financial Wizard of the Old West." He used various forms of media from the 1800s



Phineas Banning used various forms of advertising to publicize his business interests.

to promote his vast business ventures. His use of newspapers, handbills, letters and of course the telegraph helped to make him one of the most influential and wealthy businessmen in Wilmington and Los Angeles. There will be a Q&A session after the lecture.

Admission is free for Friends of Banning members and \$5 for general admission. To RSVP or for more information, call Friends of Banning Museum, (310) 548-2005.

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AIRPORT POLICE
ALL ATWITTER:

On Sept. 9, Airport Police officially launched its new Twitter account: @LAXPD_ALERTS.

The account has been established to efficiently and effectively provide information to the public regarding Airport Police incident alerts and division news. The use of Twitter, a social media resource, is intended to provide the traveling public and surrounding communities with real time information. Followers of @LAXPD_ALERTS will find up-to-date, information regarding unexpected traffic congestion, airport incidents, road closures, and news worthy Airport Police news and highlights.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said, "This is a great social media vehicle that will provide us the opportunity to connect with the aviation community and give the traveling public a resource for obtaining information."

While the LAXPD_ALERTS Twitter Account will provide real-time information during a major incident, the LAX Twitter Account @LAX_Official, will be the official source of information for Los Angeles International Airport. People are encouraged to follow both accounts. To report an emergency the public should call 911.

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Nov. 29		Overnight flight to Czech Rep.
Nov. 30	Prague	Hotel check-in
Dec. 1	Prague	City tour; optional tours Visit Christmas market
Dec. 2	Prague	Transfer to Nuremberg; Visit Christmas market
Dec. 3	Nuremberg	EMBARKATION; Welcome Dinner
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Dec. 5	Linz	Visit Christmas market
Dec. 6	Melk	Benedictine Abbey tour
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Ramon "Elvis" Flores-Valencia, 23 years of City service, right before his Elvis act began.



DJ Rene Chua leaves his music station for a few minutes to join the dance. He's pictured in the left center.

DWP

Filipino Picnic

DWP's Filipino Association hosts annual picnic.



From left: Pepa Sparrago, 21 years of City service, Club Member; and Mildred Cadiz, 29 years of City service, entertained with their fancy Filipino footwork and song and dance.



Margie and Miriam Roque, DWP Engineering Designer, 7 years of City service.



Manny Genova, Sr. Draftsman, DWP, 7 years of City service, takes a break from event photography to take a picture with his daughter, Adria.



Event host Lina Senatin-Partosa, DWP, Retiree, 32 years.



From left: Thelma Yee, DWP Retiree, Club Member; and Dee Mendoza, DWP Retiree; and Flor, guest.



Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

On the first Saturday of September, the DWP Filipino Association snuck in a picnic on one of our few remaining summer weekends before the turn of the season, and they were greeted with hot sun and ample trees providing shade for gleeful festivities. Surrounded by lush greens and rolling hills in the Crystal Springs picnic area of Griffith Park, City Employees and their families brought cultural Filipino and Asian food, and of course plenty of cold drinks to beat the heat.

The event was graciously coordinated by Mildred Cadiz, 29 years of City service; Lina Senatin-Partosa, DWP, Retiree, 32 years; Ed Cotangco, 22 years, Club Member; Norman Faner, 28 years, Club Member; and Pepa Sparrago, 21 years, Club Member.

Lina entertained us with her jubilant words as she hosted the afternoon with cheerful delight. Providing musical backup was Rene Chua, and he gallantly carried all the heavy DJ equipment on a day that reached 105 degrees! Later in the day, there was a special appearance by Elvis Presley in the flesh! Elvis brought with him a little rockin' n' rollin'.

Throughout the afternoon, association members regaled with dance, food, and great conversation with friends and families. Now this association knows how to throw a picnic!

The Club thanks the DWP Filipino Association for inviting us.



The fabulous five coordinators of this picnic, from left: Mildred Cadiz, 29 years of City service; Lina Senatin-Partosa, DWP, Retiree, 32 years; Ed Cotangco, 22 years, Club Member; Norman Faner, 28 years, Club Member; and Pepa Sparrago, 21 years, Club Member.



Red Eusebio, Civil Engineer Associate, 7 years of City service.



From left: Mary Ann, guest; Delia Herrera, DWP, 21 years of City service; and Dottie Pedrano, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Belen Dungca, DWP, Retiree, 30 years of City service; Carlos Perez, 24 years, Club Member; and Lina Senatin-Partosa, DWP, Retiree, 32 years.

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Bradley Takes Flight

Airports opens state-of-the-art Bradley International Terminal south concourse.

Mayor Eric Garcetti was joined Sept. 18 by former mayors and elected officials; airport officials and representatives of airlines; and other airport tenants to commemorate the start of flight operations in the South Concourse of the New Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The start of operations marks completion of Phase I of the overall \$1.9-billion New TBIT Project.

The New Tom Bradley International Terminal is considered the crown jewel of the \$4.1-billion LAX Capital Improvements Program-Phase 1, the largest public works project in the history of the City.

Shortly after 12 a.m. Sept. 18, the 30 foreign air carriers at TBIT began transitioning operations from aircraft gates in the existing Tom Bradley terminal, to five new gates on the west side of the new terminal's South Concourse. In addition to three gates in the North Concourse that opened in March, there are now a total of eight new gates on the west side of the terminal, all of which can accommodate larger, new-generation (Group 6) aircraft such as the Airbus A380 super jumbo jet and Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental. Arriving international passengers also began processing through an expanded and upgraded U.S. Customs and Border Protection federal inspection area.

Passengers can now experience for the

first time, a significant feature of the New TBIT, one of the most advanced multimedia Integrated Environmental Media Systems (IEMS) at a North American airport. Designed to create an unprecedented passenger experience and a non-aeronautical revenue source for LAX, the revenue-generating platform is considered the first sponsorship program at a U.S. airport. The IEMS includes seven very large media features built within the new terminal's interior architecture. Comprised of over 12,000 square feet of light-emitting-diode (LED) tiles, hundreds of liquid-crystal-display (LCD) screens, a dedicated control and content management network system, and some 60 ultra-high-resolution multimedia productions totaling more than four hours of original content, the IEMS sets a new global standard for airport media systems.

The 150,000-square-foot Antonio Villaraigosa Pavilion offers passengers from around the world more than 60 premier dining and luxury retail and duty-free shops – including 22 local L.A. brands – and other world-class amenities. The new dining and retail collection will phase-in as concessions transition from pre-security to post-security. The existing concessions will remain open as new and exciting dining and shops are opened progressively in the coming months.

Handball Heroes

LAFD

LAFD hosts annual handball tournament.

Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor; Photos by Capt. Roy Harvey, LAFD

The 14th annual LAFD Three-Wall Tournament was held at Venice Beach Sept. 14. Nineteen teams started in four groups, playing in a round-robin format. Once top teams were established, a single elimination bracket format was used to determine champions.

Participants in this tournament were LAFD firefighters and Southern California Handball Association Players by invitation only. The winners of the Premiere Division were Alfred Kuzichev and Ryon Jones, both from Fire Station 92, and both have 11 years of City service. All other winners were civilian players.



What a day with LAFD Venice handball tournament!



The winners of the Premiere Division were Alfred Kuzichev, Club Member, and Ryon Jones, Club Member, both from Fire Station 92. Both have 11 years of City service.

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

Why Buy Insurance From the Club?

One question I often get is, "Why do I need an insurance agent, instead of just buying online?"

First, it's important to explain that there are two different kinds of insurance agents. A "direct writer" is contractually obligated to write insurance for one company only. These "captive agents" are the most common kind of agent and work for companies like State Farm, Allstate, 21st Century, GEICO, etc. They do an excellent job of offering their company's products and services to you, the consumer. Unfortunately, they are limited in that they can offer the products and services only of "their" one company.

Their companies also sell direct to you online. GEICO, 21st Century and eSurance (Allstate) sell hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of insurance without even talking to a human. We here at United Agencies feel that it is important that you talk to a real person who can ask you a few important questions, and help you purchase the coverage that best fits your family.

The other kind of agent is often referred to as a "broker," as they represent multiple insurance companies. **United Agencies** is a broker. The advantage of dealing with a broker is that they can get you quotes from several different insurance companies all at once, and find the one that best fits your family. Brokers can also help you out if you have teenage children in the house, too many tickets on your license, or maybe a house in a "brush area."

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Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.



REC AND PARKS

Sea Fair!

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium presents its autumn sea fair.

The richness and diversity of the sea, combined with fun-in-the-sun games and hometown spirit, are planned for Cabrillo Marine Aquarium’s autumn sea fair from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20.

This unique event, with free admission, offers ocean-related activities for every age, including face painting, a giant origami demonstration, and *gyotaku*, the Japanese art of fish printing. Adventurous pirates of all ages can join in the search for buried treasure, learn how to cast a fishing line, and join in on the “Ocean Monster” costume contest.

Don’t miss the opportunity to stop by and chat with dozens of marine-related organizations that will be present to share their information and activities with you; or visit one of our artisans and check out their beautiful and unique handcrafted pieces of art. Enjoy our live music playing throughout the day; experience the unique jazz stylings of Harold Greene on the Chapman Stick; the Japanese Drum group Kokoro Taiko, and the smooth sounds of Stucco Rainbow. Watch for “eagle-eye” Greg, birder extraordinaire, the spectacular displays of LAFD fireboats, and “Scuba Mike” demonstrating equipment used by scuba divers.

Don’t forget to explore all Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has to offer, such as the Southern California Marine Life

Exhibit Hall, Aquatic Nursery, Exploration Center, and Marine Research Library.

Join the aquarium for its annual celebration of marine life and community spirit. This annual event is free to the public. Parking is available at Cabrillo Beach for just \$1 per hour. The Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, and is a facility of Rec and

Parks with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. For further information or a calendar of events call Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at (310) 548-7562 or visit www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.



NOTICE



AMC Adds Surcharges

Theatre chain begins adding surcharges at some cinemas.

Club Members should be aware that AMC Theatres has added an extra fee of \$2 per ticket at certain locations on those tickets purchased at the Club Store and other locations. This is beyond the control of the Club. The fee is charged at the actual cinema location at the time of use, not at the Club Store, where discounted prices remain the same. See below for cinema locations where the fee will be charged.

Here’s a statement from AMC:

“This \$2 location based surcharge will be added to any Gold and Silver ticket redemptions at select theatres for any performances that start at or after 4 p.m. every day of the week, beginning July 8. This surcharge is in addition to any premium format charges or silver ticket experience upgrade fees already being charged. Here are some FAQs:

“Why are you adding an additional charge to our discounted tickets?

“We periodically evaluate and modify our pricing based on competition and market conditions. These tickets still provide at least a 20 percent savings from our everyday prices.

“Do I get credit for the \$2 with my AMC Stubs?

“Yes. The \$2 Location Surcharge will be added to your AMC Stubs spend amount.

“What theatres are adding this surcharge?

“The surcharge will be implemented at all 3 AMC Burbank locations, our Century City 15 location and the Santa Anita 16 – on July 8. This list is subject to change.

“Please keep in mind that this is just a test, it may not stick. And the test locations that will have the surcharge (only after 4 p.m.), have regular ticket prices of \$12.50 – \$14, so the savings are still there.”

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Alive! Feature

Building and Safety

Pioneering Plumber

As the City's first female plumbing Training Officer, Laura Biggie, Commercial Plumbing Inspector/ Training Officer, Building and Safety, and Club Member, proves she belongs.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club photographer; Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; and courtesy Laura Biggie.

Laura Biggie's bus trip from Minnesota to California before she turned 18 was a big step in her life. But it was only the beginning of her pioneering.

After a career in the private world, often being the only female plumber on big job sites, she moved to the City and continued her trail-blazing ways. Hired first as a Plumbing Inspector – she wasn't the first female in that role, but

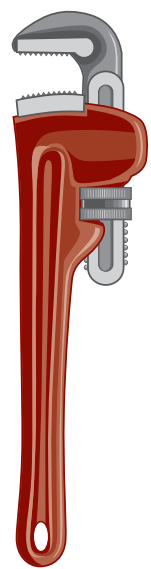
probably the first to be hired directly into it – she then was promoted, and is now the City's first female Plumbing Training Officer. It's the first time in the City a woman has trained men in plumbing, in what still is a heavily male-dominated trade.

Here, Laura Biggie, Club Member, recounts her experiences, talks about those who helped her along the way, and shows the positive attitude that has been critical in her success.

— See "Interview," page 24

Alive! Feature: **Pioneering Plumber**

The *Alive!* Interview



'I Go and Get It'

An interview with Building and Safety's first female Plumbing Training Officer, Laura Biggie, Club Member.

On Sept. 13, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Laura Biggie, Commercial Plumbing Inspector/Training Officer, Building and Safety, in the fourth floor conference room at Building and Safety headquarters downtown. — Ed.

Alive!: We are speaking with Laura Biggie here at Building and Safety headquarters downtown. How long have you worked for the City of L.A.?

LAURA: Five years.

You had some experience in the trades before you came to the City, right?

LAURA: I sure did. I joined the plumbers' union in 1997. I was working as a chimney sweep when I was waiting to get called by the union, and they called me out to work about 16 years ago.

After the chimney sweeping, you went to the plumbers' union where you worked for a company.

LAURA: Yes, H.L. Moe out of Glendale. Mike Davis, the president, gave me a shot. He said, "We'll take her," and that's how I got my start in the business.

Let's start your career trajectory from when you started with the City five years ago.

LAURA: I was working as a project engineer for a general contractor and I called Jimmy Ortega, a Sr. Plumbing Inspector for the City and instructor at the Apprentice and Journeyman Training Center for the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters. Jimmy was my apprenticeship instructor. I called him and asked him questions about a plastic liner we were installing on this project, and he informed me that the City was taking emergency hires. Basically that day I went downtown, signed up, and applied to work here. They called me, and I got hired on as an emergency hire as a commercial plumbing inspector.

Is that unusual to come in to the City as an inspector?

LAURA: No, no. You have to have a certain number of years' experience in the trade, so I met that criteria. After about six months, I took a test to get hired on permanently.

I worked as a district plumbing inspector in West L.A. My district covered Pacific Palisades all the way down to Venice Beach. It's really difficult to find parking. The joke was that Laura parked at home — because I lived right there in Venice Beach — put her roller skates on and went up and down the boardwalk and did inspections, but that never happened!

What happened after that?

LAURA: Our plumbing training officer was retiring, so I put in for a transfer. I was already doing some training in West L.A. in addition to our weekly tailgates. I trained these guys how to do things on e-mail and various things like gas releases.

Was that training on your own initiative?

LAURA: Yes, on my own initiative. The training I gave was just at our desks, informal training sessions. I was in school at the time, earning my Bachelor's in education. The Training officer had been historically a senior position. When my supervisor broke his hip — it's a dangerous job, I put in for a transfer to Training. When I informed him that I did this, he was very supportive of my ambitions to do training.

And you got it.

LAURA: Yes.

How did someone who wasn't a Senior Inspector become a trainer?

LAURA: Well ...

Brag a little.

LAURA: I believe my experience, education and my desire to do it counted for a lot.

Were you surprised when you got word that you were then a trainer?

LAURA: No. When I want something I go and get it. I don't expect that things are not going to happen.

Laura Biggie (center) explains her actions as she inspects a kennel being built for the Port Police dogs. With her (from left) are Herb Grageda, Principal Construction Inspector, Harbor, 32 years of City service; John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; and John Hawkins, Club CEO.



Laura Biggie leading a training session.

What do you want to do next?

LAURA: I'm really enjoying training because I feel like I have a lot of freedom here to make a difference. We incorporated video conferencing. My supervisors are very supportive. I have a lot of artistic freedom. I can be creative and come up with things and they're willing to try it out. If it works, great; if it doesn't we try something else.

Of course I'd like to move up in the City and become a senior inspector. And finish my Master's program at the University of La Verne.

Talk about the video-conferencing project. Was it tough to get off the ground?

LAURA: The most challenging was when I first came over to training division and I saw the teleconferencing equipment, and here I had these inspectors who were not really using it.

They weren't used to the technology.

LAURA: Well, they tried it once. It didn't work. So after I came on board, I saw the usefulness of it. When I started, I had worked in a satellite office in West LA and you feel out of the loop; you feel like everything's happening in Metro downtown. So now that I was in Metro, I wanted to share everything we

'A lot of guys didn't think I would make it past lunch, and here I am.'

— Laura Biggie, Plumbing Training Officer

lot of fun. We get a lot of work done, with a lot of camaraderie.

Just sitting around and talking about plumbing with the assistant inspectors, during a training session – that's my favorite part. When I can see their wheels turning or when I'm asking them questions and they've got it. Anybody who's a teacher knows that feeling, and there's nothing better than that.

The Road From Minnesota

What's the story of how you came from Minnesota to Los Angeles?

She takes out a bus ticket.



Laura Biggie holds the Greyhound bus ticket she used to travel from Minnesota to Los Angeles.

LAURA: There's my first Greyhound bus ticket. So this is three months after my 17th birthday, I spent four days on a Greyhound bus from St. Paul to Los Angeles.

You decided to try a new location, a new city, a new life.

LAURA: Have you visited the Midwest? It's very cold there. And the summers are very humid. People don't realize how hot it is in the Midwest in the summer. It's very humid, and there are a lot of mosquitoes.

I left Minnesota and I came out to Los Angeles, and I got three jobs right away. I worked at a video store and a clothing store, and I worked as a barista. When you're 17, you're broke, you work at places where you can eat there, and then I remember at one point I was homeless and I lived in the security guard's car behind Ralphs parking lot for a couple of days.

Then I actually moved in with three guys who were working at the video store. They let me sleep on the couch and kind of felt sorry for me. They would order pizza and give me some. I was really just this skinny, frail ragamuffin kind of person. I did not want to go back to Minnesota. They convinced me to stay; "We'll help you out." I had a lot of help along the way.

A neighbor of mine had looked in the paper. There was an ad for plumbers, so I went to the plumbers' union. They offered health benefits after six months, which was very important to me, because I'd lived on my own since I was 15. I was in a foster home for six months at 15 and then grabbed my things and left. I then worked in catering making little triangle sandwiches.

Then you came out here and had started to make it on your own.

LAURA: So I was doing the chimney sweeping. Once I started working out of the plumber's union, I had to quit all my other jobs.



Laura Biggie (right) credits her then-supervisor Jim Dimit (center) for helping her in her career. Also pictured is Jim Empero (left).

Pioneer

You mentioned that people here in the City have treated you better than before you joined the City.

LAURA: Right. When I first started at the City, I was stationed in West L.A. with Jim Dimit, who was my supervisor. He invited me to a Unified Plumbing and Piping Association meeting in Long Beach – an IAPMO UPPA meeting, and that's how I started to get a little more involved in the plumbing industry on the side. He invited me to these things.

I didn't realize until later that Grace Harper had started with the City through the Assistant Inspector Program. She started over 30 years ago with the City of Los Angeles. She came in through the assistants program and moved her way up to pretty near the top. [See sidebar. – Ed.]

She moved her way up through the ranks of Plumbing Inspector all the way up to chief. It was good to have her blaze the trail so to speak, because when I would go out and give inspections the guys would kind of look at me and say, "Oh, like Grace Harper?" I'd spend the first five minutes explaining who I was because they looked at me and didn't realize I was their plumbing inspector. But once I got to know the contractors, then they expected me, they knew me, and it was not a problem. Everyone has to kind of prove themselves. But having Grace go through before me definitely helped.

But I'm the first female to be in the training division as a training officer, and the first female to be hired directly as a commercial plumbing inspector. I had not gone through the assistant's program first.

Everybody's been very supportive here. Perhaps they were concerned when I became a training officer – will these guys listen to her? Will they respect her? But the idea of training adults is you have to respect their background. You have to take into consideration their background and knowledge, their 30 years' experience in the trade. It's an issue of mutual respect; you respect them and what they bring to the table and their background, and they respect you, that you're training them and giving them new information. They appreciate that.

When I first started, I talked to most every lady who worked here. Grace suggested that I at least get a Master's degree. Grace did a lot in the City.

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Grace Harper

Retired Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, Building and Safety

Laura Biggie mentioned that Grace Harper had been a big help to her in her growth as a plumbing inspector, and then as a plumbing instructor.

Grace Harper retired last year as Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, Building and Safety. After a career as a plumber in Colorado, she joined the City in 1978 as an Assistant Inspector, rising to Plumbing Inspector, Sr. Plumbing Inspector, Principal Plumbing Inspector in 1990, Assistant Deputy of Buildings, and then her final title in 2001.

She says she was the first woman in a senior level in Building and Safety, although she's grateful for the three or four women inspectors of all disciplines who preceded her, and the 18 to 20 female inspectors who were on the job during her time as an inspector.

She holds a certificate from the State of California for being the first female journey-level plumber in state history. The certificate dates from 1977.

Grace first met Laura Biggie when Grace "was being honored at a WINTER [Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles] meeting, and she came up and congratulated me," Grace remembers. "Then she joined the City, but I didn't know it. She was assigned to West LA at the time."

"After she joined the City, she called me for advice. I told her to do what you're supposed to do, and try everything that you can in terms of training and education. Make sure you get an education."

Advice that Laura has heeded: Grace earned a Doctoral degree, and Laura is working on her Master's degree.



were doing in Metro with the other offices. But the guys said, "No. We already did that before. It didn't work." I did a survey with the guys: "Well, why didn't it work?" "Well, nobody talked." "Why didn't anybody talk?" "Well, because all the supervisors were there." "Okay, so all the managers were in the room and nobody's talking; okay, that makes sense; I can fix that."

Cornell Ewell, the Supervising Senior Inspector in Van Nuys, was very influential in putting this together and getting everybody on board from all three offices. At first the guys wanted to hide under the table, but after that initial mistrust, after that subsided, it was like we were all in the same room. It was like just having a regular meeting.

You're still doing them now.

LAURA: Yes, and now if there's a problem with the equipment they're upset; they want their MTV. They really like using the equipment now.

What do you like about working for the City?

LAURA: Well, first and foremost, the people here are wonderful. I've never worked with a better group of individuals, to be honest with you. It was pretty rough out there in construction as a female. Once people get to know you it's fine, they're pretty good, but the people who work here are amazing to work with. We have a

City Plumbing Inspectors and their wives at a formal event, 1930. Photo courtesy IAPMO: www.iapmo.org





Laura Biggie proudly wears a red polka-dot bandana in honor of Rosie the Riveter.

Modern-Day Rosie

Laura Biggie feels a kinship with Rosie the Riveter, the famous California factory worker during World War II who has come to symbolize the cause of women in the workplace.

The story starts with Laura's grandfather, Vern Rasmussen, back in Minnesota.

"My grandfather trained the Rosies at his factory during World War II," she explains.

"I got a Rosie the Riveter bandana at

last year's tradeswomen convention in Sacramento" to pay tribute, she continues. "It's a life changer to be in a room full of so many women, when I remember the days of being the lone female on a construction site. There was no Internet, no

Facebook, no way of knowing how other women were faring. You had to figure it out on your own, which is what led me to join WINTER [Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles]. They now have a Rosie the Riveter Charter High School in Long Beach that trains women to join the trades.

"The Rosies broke the barriers for women to get into the workforce," she continues. "They proved that 'we can do it,' and we continue to prove it every day."

Several women have been credited with being the original Rosie the Riveter. Rose Will Monroe, a military airplane factory worker in Michigan who starred in morale-building newsreels at the time, died in 1997. Geraldine Hoff Doyle, another Michigan factory worker, inspired the famous Westinghouse "We Can Do It" illustration; she died in 2010.

At press time, an emergency fundraising effort was under way to save from demolition the Ford military airplane factory in Michigan where Rose Will Monroe originally toiled.

The *Alive!* Interview, continued from page 25

She had some great advice for me. She was very helpful.

All the ladies here were helpful when I started, the guys too!

Sounds like it was better here in the City than it was working outside of the City.

LAURA: Yes. They would try to run me off. Working in the trades, working with different individuals. They would try to run me off. Here, I don't think they want to run me off. I think they're happy with how I treat them and how I conduct my business at training, and the guys call me up and they thank me. They ask me questions or ask me for help, and they're just very gracious and appreciative. The reason why I go out of my way for these guys is that they helped me out when I first started; they helped me out a lot.

I love it when the guys call to ask me questions or talk about things because they're my eyes and ears in the field, and I need to get out into the field more to keep my saw sharpened and keep my inspector head about me. It's not just training that I do. We are working on the L.A. City code amendments, the code adoption cycle. I add changes to certain code sections that may not be in our drop-down menu on our database when we write correction notices in the field, so the guys will let me know what code sections need to be added. I'll do that for them.

Do you feel like a pioneer? Are you aware of your status? Do you take it in stride? Do you not worry about it or is it something that you are proud of, that the way you do things might be modeled for years to come?

LAURA: Oh, now I'm scared! So when you asked me, in planning this interview, if there's any hesitation about putting myself out there like this, I kind of laughed at you because we as women in the trades are very outgoing; we're not afraid of anything. We walk on jobsites with 200 guys staring at us and not in a good way. It's like in the wild. When you have all these eyes looking at you it means that they're going to devour me. They're going to ask me questions and throw grenades at me, and I'd better be able to catch the grenade and throw it back because it's not an easy job.

I grew up with my single dad, so I was never socialized to say I couldn't do something because I was a girl. It was, "You're a kid. Pick up the shovel. Shovel the snow. Rake the leaves. I'm building a deck. Hold the level. Pass me this." I was Dad's gofer. Basically, I was learning on the job!

Do you feel you have less leeway in what you do, and people are less quick to forgive you, that maybe a man can get away with more things than you can get away with?

LAURA: I think it works both ways. Sometimes I can get away with things that maybe a man couldn't get away with, but yes, maybe there's a barrier, I don't know. I've had instances in private industry where they wanted to give me certain projects because I was a woman, so I'd take those projects and I'd get really good at them and then go get hired somewhere else, making more money and taking those skills with me. I turned every single obstacle into a positive, and that's the kind of attitude you have to have. If you have a chip on your shoulder, it's not going to work.

What lessons have you learned? Or what advice would you give to people who are coming behind you or who want to do the same thing that you're doing?

LAURA: This is what I've been told – to be patient. It's really hard when you're excited and you want everything right now and you have to just relax and be patient and let things unfold. I think I need to take my own advice on that, too, but everyone has to prove themselves. Just be patient and focus on the guys who are helping you; focus on the people who help you. Don't focus on the one or two because sometimes on a job, and I found this in private industry, you'd have a job and it'd just be that one guy who would make your life miserable and go out of his way to just torment you. There's always going to be that one guy for everybody on every job. If you could focus on the good people and don't let that person have that power over you– once you let them make you miserable, you've given up your power. Take your power back and focus on the people who are helping you because there are so

At the inspection of the Port Police dog kennel, from left: Herb Grageda, Principal Construction Inspector, Harbor; Laura Biggie, Commercial Plumbing Inspector/Training Officer, Building and Safety; and John Hawkins, Club CEO.



Interviewing Laura Biggie (center) at Building and Safety headquarters downtown are John Burnes, *Alive!* editor (left) and John Hawkins, Club CEO.



Alive! Feature: Pioneering Plumber

many wonderful people here at the City. Don't let one bad apple spoil the whole bunch.
A lot of guys didn't think I would make it past lunch, and here I am.

**You're walking your own walk.
You're doing the advice you're giving.**

LAURA: I get depressed, I get negative. I could have all these people saying positive things to me except one person, so I need to remind myself, "Hey, that's not the end of the world. That's just that one person's opinion."

It sounds like the City was more supportive of you as a woman than it was in private industry.

LAURA: Oh, big time. There's no question.

And now you've been on two covers [including Official, the magazine of her association, IAPMO].

LAURA: I was on a training and education committee for IAPMO. I'm popular because I can't say no to anything that they want me to do. I was sitting in a training and education committee meeting, and their writers and editors came into our meeting and asked us for article



At Port Police dog kennel project are Laura Biggie, Building and Safety; Herb Grageda, Harbor; and John Hawkins, Club CEO.

ideas. A couple of months later, I contacted them and said, "You should do an article on women plumbing inspectors."

How did you get chosen for the cover?

LAURA: Because I'm in Los Angeles and they can come out and take pictures on some job sites that I had.

The Accordion

How did you start playing the accordion? We saw you playing that when you sent in a photo to Alive! for Father's Day.

LAURA: Well, when I first moved out here, my dad sent out an accordion for my 18th birthday. I got it and I practiced it and I was ready to play at our office Christmas party, the Screaming Kings clothing store Christmas party at the CIA Club in Burbank. So that was my debut.

When are you going to play your accordion next in public?

LAURA: Well, you can pay me not to! I'm actually moving in October, and I don't know if my new landlord's aware I have seven accordions.



Laura playing the accordion with her dad.

Seven?

LAURA: Yes. I'm a hoarder of accordions. I haven't played in a club since I was maybe 20 years old, so it's a good thing I retired from that circuit. The last time my dad was out, we learned Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" on accordion.

Accordion playing is not something you advertise. It's very dorky, and you don't really tell a lot of people because it's not cool.

More to Accomplish

Anything else you want to accomplish?

LAURA: Well, I have a pilot project in the works, to get a grant to teach high-school students to show them that they can join the trades. I want to train them how to join an apprenticeship, get paid to work while they learn a trade and go to night school. I think these high-school students need to know their options. A lot of people don't feel they're college bound; they don't want to go to college; they don't want to sit in school all day. They want to be out in the field working in the trades. I want them to know they have options.

Would this be through Building and Safety?

LAURA: No. It's separate. We don't have the grant yet.

It's important to you to pass along your experiences.

LAURA: Yes. I hope people reading this article – the men and women who work for the City – will show this to their daughters and they'll say, "Hey, that looks like something I'd be interested in doing." We need more women in construction.

I think you're going to be surprised at how many people will be inspired by you on the cover.

LAURA: Oh my God.

Thanks, Laura, for your time and your story.

LAURA: Thank you, guys! ■



Laura Biggie inspects an under-construction (exposed) clothes and animal washer at the Port Police dog kennel project.

Other Women

While Laura Biggie is Building and Safety's first female Training Officer in its history, Building and Safety has had female Inspectors for many years, and features several now. Several of them gathered for a photo for *Alive!* in the early morning before their assignments took them around the City.

BELOW: Some of Building and Safety's female Inspectors, from left: Julie Hazuka, Electrical Inspector, 12 years of City service; Gaye Chapman, Electrical Inspector, 9 years; Lisa Yancey, Building Inspector, 14 years; Darla D. Abel, Sr. Safety Engineer/Elevators, 13 years; Laura Biggie, Plumbing Inspector/Training Officer, 5 years; Karin Izumi, Sr. Fire Sprinkler Inspector; and Cheryl Chisolm, Sr. Electrical Inspector, 12 years.



Tell us about women in the City!

Alive! knows that there are many other women in the City doing the work traditionally done by men, and many of them are great Club Members. If that's you, then write to us and let us know of your experience!

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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 61 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Rebecca Riley.



AGE: "I'm 37."
BIRTHPLACE: Mendota, Ill.
MARITAL STATUS: "Divorced."
FAMILY: "I have a brother who passed away."
PARENTS: "Divorced."
EDUCATION: "I had two years of college. I studied to be an RN in Arkansas."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "On the street – right here, or over in that alley."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Right here."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Two months ago."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "My mother, who is an alcoholic, told the Dept. of Health Services that I was an unfit mother to my five kids, ages 19, 18, 11, 6, and 3. From that time, I had my children taken from me. Then, my dad and my brother died. That sent my life into a tailspin. I had to get out of the area. So I moved to California from Texas. I first spent some time in San Pedro and then caught a bus to downtown Los Angeles. That was two months ago. So, for two months now I have been living on this corner or in that alley over there."
RELIGION: "Catholic."
MEDICATIONS: "Nope."
SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL? "Volleyball and track."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "I like horror movies and Horrorfest."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I like *E – Entertainment TV*."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Christian Slater... and Leonardo Di Caprio and Keanu Reeves."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Kim Basinger."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Caramel chocolate."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Pizza."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Contemporary rock and classical."
LAST BOOK READ: "*The Bible*."
LAST JOB: "I had something lined up in Carson, at a wood cabinet shop. But my cell phone broke and they couldn't get hold of me, so that fell through."
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "John and Chris. They live over there in those apartments."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Getting my pink bicycle, banana seat and all. I loved that bike."
LAST THING EATEN: "I had a cookie for breakfast."
MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "People, I don't do the mission thing. I'm not fond of the program they make you follow."
ITEM ALWAYS WITH YOU: "My purse."
FAVORITE POSSESSION: "My Android phone."
WHAT YOU WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "Solve my issues."
MAKE A WISH: "For all my issues to go away."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Live life. There may be no tomorrow."
WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS? "Working, hopefully."

The Club gave Rebecca a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, band wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water. The interview took place Sept. 20 on the City Hall lawn downtown. Photos by Angel Gomez.

Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Cre8tive Solutions** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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, and 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. }

Club Angels Going Strong

Club’s charity, Club Angels, continues its campaign to help those around us in need.

As the fall is now with us, it’s time once again for Club Angels, the Club’s charity, to helps those around us in need with blankets and buckets of supplies for those on the streets, and other forms of assistance.

Club Members can give to this full-fledged charity. So far this year, Club Angels has raised nearly \$3,500 toward its goal of \$5,000. Last year, Club Angels raised approximately \$2,100.

Club Angels is the Club’s umbrella organization that supports the Club’s charitable outreach. Los Angeles City Employees Charities, Inc. – the Club Angels program – is a Club-derived charity that formalizes the Club’s charitable initiatives. Club Angels now includes the charitable outreaches you read about here in *Alive!* – including the Buckets and Blankets program, plus the Joannie Mukai Club Scholarships and other initiatives – and builds a framework for others to come.

John Hawkins, Club Angels board member, said: “Thank you to the Club Members who have already given, for coming through to help the people in our own backyard. You’re helping people in need. Let’s keep the momentum going!”



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“We wanted to pull all of our charity together and create an organization that can be really effective,” said Arlene Herrero, the President of the Club Angels Board of Directors. “There are people in need, and their needs continue to grow. Club Angels is here to make our part of the world more caring.”

In 2012, the charity’s first year, Club Angels raised more than \$2,100. With that sum, Club Angels bought more than 300 blankets for the residents of the streets of downtown Los Angeles. Club Angels contributed the remainder to the Mukai Scholarships and other City Employees charities.

Club Angels

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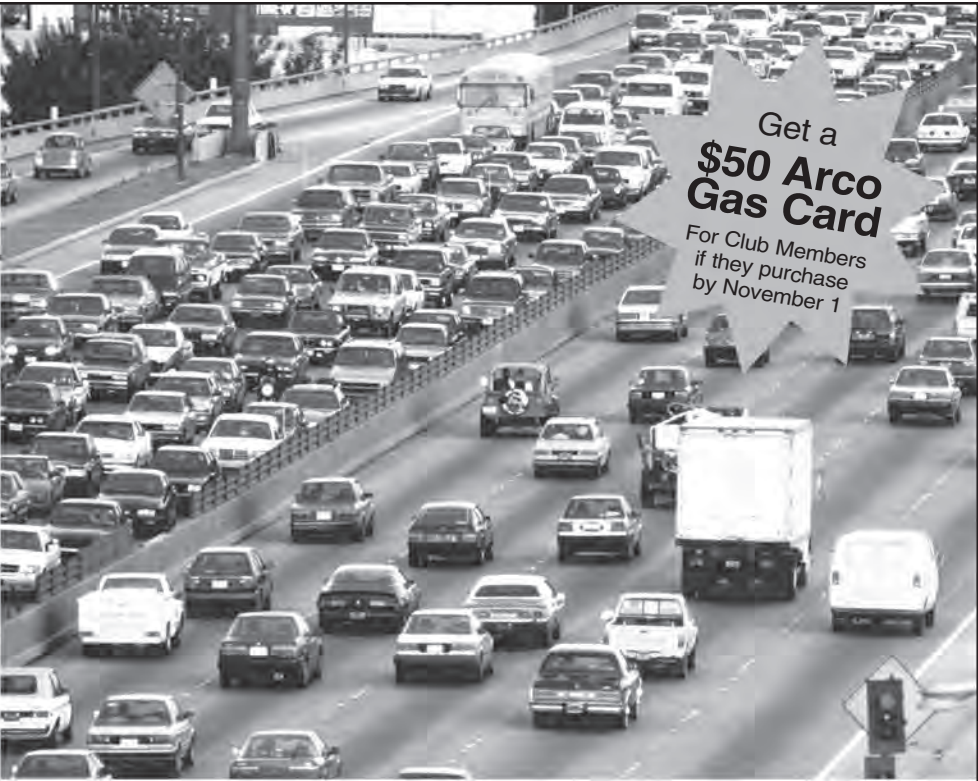
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Javan warty pigs.

Photo courtesy the Cikananga Conservation Center

The Los Angeles Zoo has been awarded a \$19,000 grant from the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund (DWCF). The conservation grant recognizes the Los Angeles Zoo's involvement with the Javan Warty Pig Recovery Project in Indonesia.

"We are very honored and thankful for Disney's support of our efforts with the Javan Warty Pig Recovery Project," said Zoo Director John Lewis. "We pride ourselves in our mis-

Zoo Conservation

LA Zoo receives a Disney Conservation Grant to help save warty pigs in Indonesia.

sion to help animals that are in need whether they reside here at the Zoo or are found in the wild."

The Javan Warty Pig

Recovery Project was initiated by the Zoo in partnership with Zoologische Gesellschaft Arten-und Populationsschutz e.V. (ZGAP), a nonprofit society dedicated to the conservation and recovery of lesser known and globally threatened species. The Javan warty pig currently lives on the Indonesian island of Java and are not kept in captivity anywhere outside of Indonesia. The major cause of the species decline is habitat destruction in the form of deforestation and hunting.

The Los Angeles Zoo and ZGAP worked together to establish a breeding center in 2006 at the Cikananga Conservation Breeding Center, a former Gibbon Foundation Rescue Center. Success was achieved late last year when the first piglets were born and then again when another set of piglets was born this year. With the support of Disney and the grant from DWCF, the Zoo is able to further their efforts of raising awareness through community engagement and education and ensuring survival of this highly endangered species by relocating the pigs to a secure habitat for re-introductions back to the wild.

The Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund works to protect species and habitats, and connect kids to nature to help develop lifelong conservation values. Since its founding in 1995, DWCF has supported more than 1,000 conservation programs in 112 countries.

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NEWS BRIEF

CLEAN AIR AT THE HARBOR:

New data shows air pollution associated with operations at the Port of Los Angeles is at its lowest level since the Port adopted a formal plan to reduce harmful emissions nearly seven years ago.

The Port's 2012 Inventory of Air Emissions shows aggressive clean air strategies – launched in 2006 and expanded over time – have set new records. The results include an unprecedented 79 percent drop in diesel particulate matter (DPM) over a seven-year period that began in 2005.

Removing cargo volume fluctuations from the equation, the 2012 Inventory shows that the amount of DPM emissions related to moving 10,000 20-foot containers through the Port in 2012 was 81 percent lower than the emissions output related to moving the same number of containers through the Port in 2005.

"Every year really does count and our systematic approach has accelerated our progress," said Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski. "Much of the credit is shared by our industry partners who have invested in technology that in some cases surpass government regulations."

The Port's overall success continues to be reflected in the dwindling share of emissions its activity contributes to the South Coast Air Basin. The region is home to 14.6 million people and takes in portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties and all of Orange County.

For 2012, six percent of all SOx emissions throughout the basin was attributable to operations at the Port – down sharply from 25 percent in 2005. Likewise, DPM emissions from the Port are now at four percent, compared with 10 percent in 2005, and NOx emissions have fallen to three percent from five percent in 2005.

The Port's Inventory of Air Emissions tracks the progress of a comprehensive suite of clean air measures, requirements and incentives to reduce harmful emissions from all sources associated with port operations: ships, trucks, trains, cargo-handling equipment and smaller harbor craft. The latest findings are based on data from the 2012 calendar year and compared with data collected annually since the baseline year of 2005.

In addition to exceeding the Port's 2014 goal for DPM, a toxic contaminant and known carcinogen, the latest data shows a record plunge in emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur oxides (SOx), which have fallen 56 percent and 88 percent respectively since 2005. The results exceed the Port's 2014 goal for NOx and put the Port within striking distance of its goal to cut SOx emissions 93 percent by 2014. Both NOx and SOx are key components of smog.

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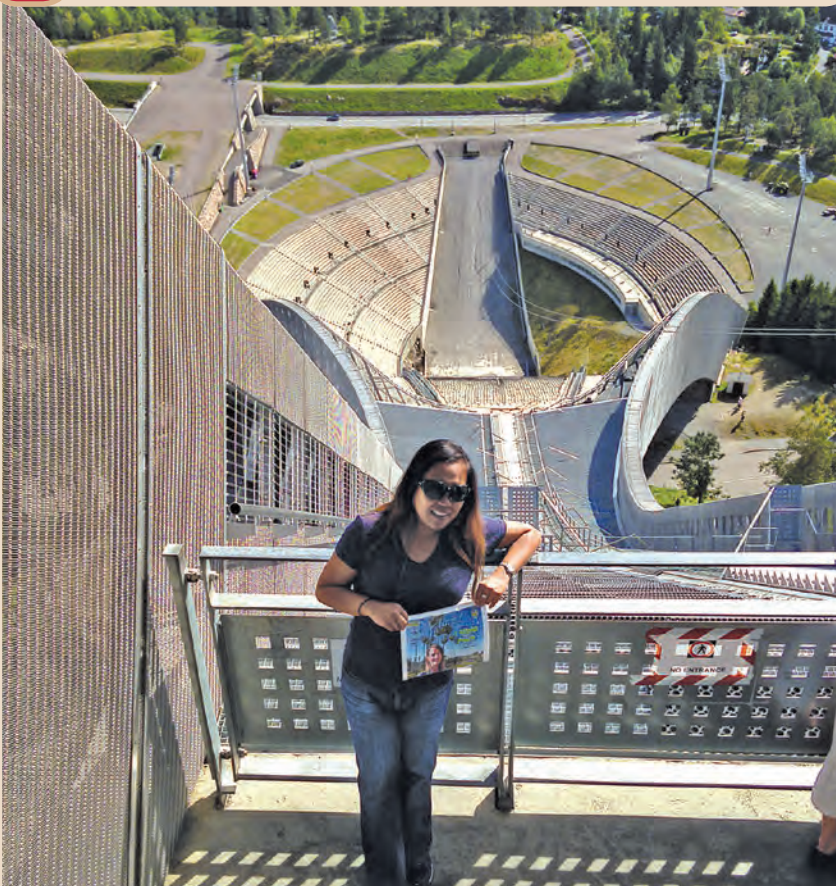


"Canaima Lagoon and its four waterfalls."

Victoria Anaya, Harbor, had the opportunity to visit beautiful Venezuela. "After a three-hour canoe ride and 90-minute hike through Canaima National Park, we finally made it to Angel Falls, the tallest waterfall in the world."

2

Norway



Here's **Arlene Herrero**, the Club's Products Manager, at the top of Holmenkollen ski jump in Norway.

3

California



Here's **Michael Barnes, Harbor**, viewing an America's Cup contest in San Francisco. "I just spent a delightful weekend with my brother in San Francisco. He just happens to be the captain of one of the America's Cup contenders and owns a private yacht. So we had a great view of Saturday's race to win the Louis Vuitton Cup between Sweden's *Artemis* and Italy's *Luna Rossa*."

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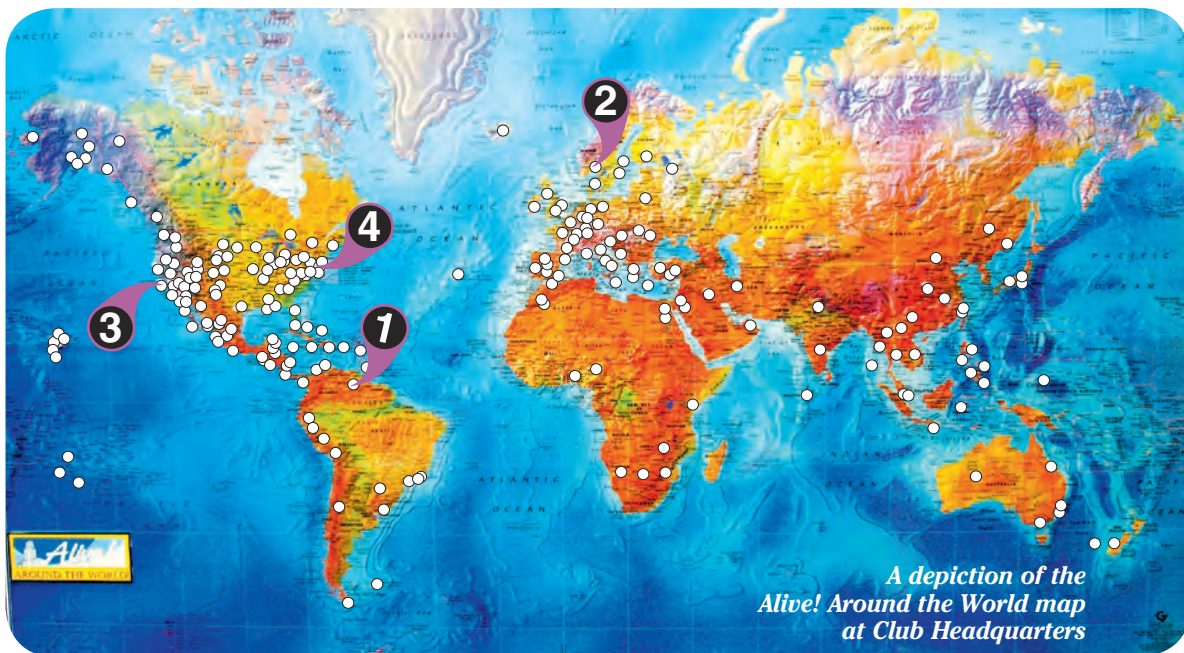
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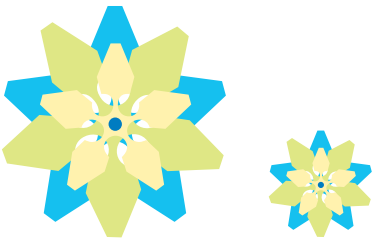
Here's ***Alive!* editor John Burnes** at the 911 Memorial in New York City. This portion of the South Tower remembrance honors first responders (FDNY) who perished in the tragedy.

Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

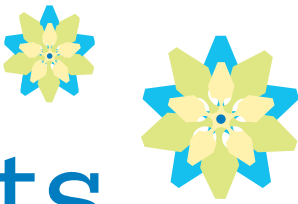
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A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters



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Welcome New Members!

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

New Members

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Rita Alvarez
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Norris Davis
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Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Short Term Disability Plans

According to the Social Security Administration, just more than one in four of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire. More than five percent of U.S. workers, or approximately 8.8 million disabled wage earners, were receiving Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits at the end of 2012. In December 2012, there were more than 2.5 million disabled workers in their 20s, 30s, and 40s receiving SSDI benefits.

Did you know as a City or DWP employee you are not making contributions to California State Disability Insurance (CASDI), and most of you will not qualify to claim benefits from CASDI?

This month is open enrollment for City of LA employees to elect any benefit changes for the upcoming year by contacting

FLEX. It is a good idea to get a refresher on your current benefits in the event you need to make any updates. It is also the perfect time to check if you are insured with any disability benefits or determine your need for disability insurance.

Let's take a closer look at identifying short-term disability insurance (STD). Benefits from STD are temporary cash benefits paid up to 60 percent of gross salary to an eligible employee not able to work. Generally, payments will last up to two years maximum per incident. Most STD plans will not pay until you have satisfied the waiting period, commonly referred to as the elimination period. The waiting period is a number of days you have to wait while being out of work for injury or illness before you can qualify and claim benefits.

Here's a hypothetical example of a short-term disability eligible claim: Mr. Smith suffers an injury while surfing and tears a ligament and requires surgery. He is insured with short-term disability and files a claim. His plan benefit coverage is \$2,000 per month, with a 14-day elimination period. Mr. Smith's doctor says that he cannot return to his duties until fully recovered, approximately six months. On the 15th day of being off work, Mr. Smith is entitled to receive a cash benefit for \$2,000 for each month he is off work. He will continue to receive this benefit until he can go back to work, or if out indefinitely, he can collect up to two years' maximum (whichever comes first).

If you currently do not have the Club's Disability plan, is your sick time enough for

you to sustain your lifestyle? Do you have a backup plan for your income if you cannot go to work due to an injury or illness?

This month until the end of the year, if you are a Club Member and work for City of LA, the Club is holding an exclusive event via mail invitation only for short-term disability insurance special enrollment. Benefits are guaranteed issue regardless of pre-existing medical conditions!

If you would like more details on any of our disability plans, feel free to contact me or your department's Club Counselor.

Contact me at
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Births

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



"This is our beautiful first grandchild, Paige Anne Curtis. She is the light of our lives! A sweet, lovable little girl." Paige's grandparents are David Hadley, LAFD, Retired, 32 years of City service, and Cheri Hadley.



"Hello City Employees! My name is Gabriel Edward Teichman, and I was born July 8 to my mommy and daddy, Amy and Ben Teichman. My grandma is Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger at the Port of Los Angeles. I am her first grandchild and she says I am a true blessing!"



Justin Shervin Eghbal, born Aug. 25. He's the first child of Jasmine Dowlatshahi, Facility Director, Rec and Parks, and her husband, Amir. "We are completely in love with our little baby boy!"

In Memoriam

It's Time to *Tell Their Story*

A new Alive! feature

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
Subject line: Tell Their Story



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.

Active

Brown, Thornell, Rec and Parks, 12
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Dodson, Humphrey, General Services, 9
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Graduations

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Chauntel Riser-Delgado graduated from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology with a Master's degree in industrial organizational psychology. Chauntel is pursuing her goal of becoming a more widely known international web talk show host. For the past three years Chauntel has worked in entertainment news, production, and learning and organizational development in corporate human resources. Chauntel hosts a web show on YouTube, "Ask Chauntel" (askchauntel.com). "Ask Chauntel" has more than 2,200 followers with more than 411,000 views. She's the daughter of Timothy Riser, Airports/Airport Police.



Let the Club family celebrate with you...

Send in your graduation photos!



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

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

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Congratulations, GRADUATES

AIRPORTS

Checking For Safety

Airport Police, other agencies inspect cabs, limos at LAX.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photos by Officer Darius Lewis, Airport Police

On Sept. 19, a multi-agency law enforcement operation conducted at LAX resulted in one commercial ground transportation vehicle removed from service, 42 citations issued to drivers for administrative and mechanical violations and two drivers removed from service.

"This operation is part of a proactive approach by Airport Police and our partner agencies to provide the traveling public with safe commercial transportation to and from LAX," said Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon. He added, "Air travelers rely heavily on commercial ground transportation services, and it's important to ensure these providers are complying with all laws."

More than 40 representatives from the Airport Police Commercial Enforcement and Motors units, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the LAX Airport Operations Ground Transportation Section, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) conducted their inspections starting at 8:30 a.m. Inspections were conducted at three locations: Limousine Holding Lot (intersection of Westchester Parkway and Jenny Street); LAX Parking Lot F (intersection of Avion Drive and Century Boulevard); and the Upper/Departures Level on the east end of Terminal 7. A total of 359 door-to-door shuttle vans, limousines and buses were inspected during the four-hour operation.

The multi-agency team focused on proper driver and vehicle licenses, transponders, PUC



Inspecting vehicles on the limousine holding lot.

and airport operating permits, and proper commercial insurance. Airport Police officers and CHP inspectors concentrated on mechanical equipment, including brakes, seat belts, tires, headlights and safety systems that are required to be in good working order, and other law-enforcement-related issues. Of the 359 vehicles inspected, one vehicle was taken out of service for a licensing permit violation.

Thirteen drivers were issued Personal Service Citations for misdemeanor violations. Another 39 drivers were cited for administrative violations, including serious mechanical problems, improper insurance, driving with an out-of-class license, and invalid or no PUC permits. Fines for these citations vary, and the drivers must show proof of correction before they can resume for-hire operation. In addition, 5 warnings by CHP and 147 observation reports were issued by the PUC.



Inspecting vehicles on the shuttle van holding lot.



Inspecting vehicles on the limousine holding lot.



Inspecting ground transportation vehicles on the upper level of Terminal 7.

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



As observed by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor.

Here's Club Member **Joe Russell, Public Safety Officer**, 28 years of City service, at usual perch as the guard at the LAPD Police Academy. He has a copy of a previous appearance in *Alive!* displayed inside his information booth. We love to hear that, Joe. Good to see you again!

Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job?
Send it in and we might print it! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

THE SMART MOVE



BY **PATRICK MILLER**

Dearborn Insurance
The Club's Insurance Partner

Critical Illness: Could It Happen To You?

Statistically, you are far more likely to suffer and survive a critical illness than die before you retire. One large insurer states that the likelihood is five times greater. What are the implications for the average person? You may well have life insurance coverage, but you probably do not have insurance against critical illness, even though

the risk of experiencing one before you are 65 is high. Fortunately, with medical advances, the chances of surviving a critical illness are very good. Most folks have medical insurance that would cover the cost of a hospital stay, procedures, etc. But medical insurance does not pay your salary if you lose your job or have to take extended leave. It does not cover you for care you may need at home or a period of convalescence that requires your spouse to miss work to care for you. This is where critical illness insurance would determine the kind of lifestyle you can expect after such an illness.

What is a critical illness?

It could be one of more than 40 clearly defined illnesses, conditions or disabilities. Almost 90 percent of actual cases, however, are related to cancer (the biggest culprit, especially for women), heart disease (particularly for men) and stroke.

But why be concerned if you are still young? Because the average age of a

claimant in 2007, according to one of the largest providers of critical illness insurance, was only 44!

Could it happen to you? Well, it has certainly happened to a lot of famous people, among them Mohammad Ali (Parkinson's disease at 42), Eva Peron (cancer at 32), Kylie Minogue (cancer at 37), Olivia Newton-John (cancer at 44), Bill Clinton (heart bypass at 58), and Lance Armstrong (cancer at 25). The difference between all these famous people and you and me is that they would have had to cope just with the illness, not the financial burden that would have accompanied it. If you add to the list all the friends and family you know who have similarly been struck with a critical illness, you will probably agree that while the odds of reaching retirement without suffering one are still on your side, the odds that you will suffer one are pretty large as well.

Don't get bogged down with the stats that say you are likely to go through a critical illness before you retire. Enjoy life and all it has to offer, but do yourself and your family a favor and cover the risk with a critical illness policy.

The Club's new partner, Dearborn National Insurance, is a leader in critical illness insurance, having been the first U.S. company to create and distribute this type of policy.



Patrick Miller represents Dearborn Insurance, the Club's new partner for two areas—critical illness insurance and retirement income. Currently, the Club offers three Dearborn products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Paycheck Protection Plus. Ask your Club Counselor for details.



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History Comes *Alive!*

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
Acting City Archivist

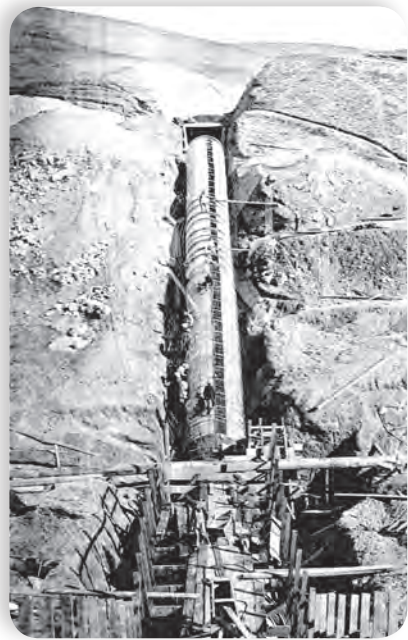
Photos by Photos courtesy City Archives

“There it is. Take it.” Two sentences with a total of five words.

When the signal was given at the Cascades near Sylmar on Nov. 5, 1913, the first water to pour through the canal had started its journey eight months earlier in the Owens Valley at another opening ceremony. William Mulholland, who had overseen the entire project and knew more about it than anyone else, expected to address the 30,000 to 50,000 people on hand that Wednesday afternoon outside Los Angeles. It’s possible that he believed that no words could properly explain what he knew and what he felt about one of the greatest feats of modern engineering. But there is much more to the story based on the facts about the aqueduct.

The reality was that William Mulholland delivered a much longer speech that afternoon, which was described by witnesses as being somewhat “off the cuff.” But the self-taught engineer had been speaking out on the virtues of the project, whether it was supporting bond measures to start and complete the aqueduct or defending it from its critics, using the highly technical facts and details of the trade. His public crusade began some years before his being appointed Chief Engineer for the project in 1905 and for the rest of his life after 1913.

Beginning in 1906, Mulholland submitted a series of annual reports on the progress of the canal to the newly formed Board of Public Works and the Los Angeles City Council. These documents catalog the building of the aqueduct in exacting detail. The Los Angeles City Archives has the original copies of Mulholland’s reports. They are typed – possibly dictated – but some reports have penciled corrections in the Chief Engineer’s own hand. The reports are full of the details familiar to the world of the water, construction and engineering trades.



Elsemere Siphon, Saugus Division, near Santa Clarita, 1911.



The finished aqueduct in Olancho Division, near Independence in the Owens Valley, 1911.

‘There It Is. Take It.’

As the City marks the 100th anniversary of the completion of the LA Aqueduct, Mulholland’s annual reports illustrate the challenges in building it.

I am not an engineer but I hope to create some appreciation of the scale required to move heaven and earth in the City’s quest for water. I leave the politics for others to discuss.

The first amazing detail to me as I read the reports was the level of infrastructure required *before* the first trench could be dug. The opening statement of the third annual report dated Dec. 1, 1908 includes this admission: “It would be rare to find a case in the annals of important engineering construction where the saying ‘Well begun is half done’ would apply with greater force ... the preliminary work necessary to properly enable construction work to begin has been appalling in its magnitude and expense ... and we feel confident that the progress on the actual building of the aqueduct in the near future will fully justify the great expense incurred in the preparatory work.”

What needed to be done before the actual digging could start? Water was needed for construction and domestic uses, which necessitated the laying of pipes and sinking artesian wells. Telephone lines were needed for communication. Electricity was provided by the City by power lines stretching for miles.

Dams and generating stations were built along the way as part of the greater project.

The power supplied ran cement mixers, water pumps, drills and other tools being used everywhere on the route. Railroad lines needed to be extended to move equipment including steam shovels and sections of steel pipe.

Camps had to be built to house the laborers, feed them and provide medical services. A section of canal was five to ten miles long, with its own crew and supervising engineer. Supplies had to be stored and repair facilities needed to be maintained on-site. Many of the buildings were designed in-house to be portable and were moved along the route as things progressed in the eastern sections of the Mojave and Owens Valleys. The 1908 report counted 211 portable structures and 175,000 square feet of other lodging along the route.

Cement plants were needed at various locations to create the linings of much of the length of the aqueduct. The limestone, sand, gravel and clay were mined locally and moved either by custom-built spur rail lines or, in some cases, via aerial tramways to be mixed and poured at the rate of 1,000 barrels per day by 1911. The alternative would have been teams of mules pulling wagons on roads too narrow or steep to be usable. Some cement canals were being dug and poured while steel siphon pipes were being constructed for areas where

canals couldn’t be used. Later additions to the project included covers for open sections of the canal to reduce evaporation.

More than 47 miles of tunnels were dug. The most challenging of these was the Elizabeth Tunnel, near Elizabeth Lake and the newly created Fairmont Reservoir, at just more than five miles long through a mountain of granite that was dug from both the north and south sides simultaneously. The 1911 sixth annual report proudly described the results this way: “The connection was made of the two headings on February 28, 1911 after forty months of work... the Board of Engineers estimated five years to complete. The center line of the tunnel met within 1 1/8” and the grade checked within 5/8” and came under the original estimate by almost a half-million dollars.”

The 1911 report recorded 3,814 men involved in the aqueduct at its peak, but seasonal factors created fluctuation in the employment numbers. Mulholland’s letter attached to the fourth annual report of 1909 states that “the aqueduct has been abundantly supplied with labor up till about three weeks ago ... this can be attributed to two causes: First the warm weather, which makes the conditions of the desert somewhat arduous in the summertime; and second, the demand at this time for harvest hands ... it is hoped that this situation is but a temporary one.” The 1911 report describes the mood of the work camps this way: “There exists a spirit of rivalry ... between the camps, not alone in the speed of executing the work, but also as to its quality and cost.” Bonuses for work completed ahead of schedule and under budget were paid to the workers and had been approved by the Board of Public Works.

The most casual reading of the annual reports confirm the sheer enormity of what Mulholland had overseen. It could be understood how one reporter described him at the dedication as “a slow, silent, tired man.” Another newspaper account claimed that the Chief Engineer sat down after presenting the flowing water to Mayor Henry Rose, smiled, laughed and said to no one in particular, “Well, it’s finished.”

It wasn’t, of course. A second aqueduct was planned and built during the 1920s. The first dam in San Francisquito Canyon opened in 1915 and the second one collapsed in 1928. But those are stories for a later time.

Mulholland’s great-grand daughter, Christine, said recently at an event kicking off the centennial events with the DWP that, “After this Centennial, there will be no great attention paid to the aqueduct again in any of our lifetimes.”

There are several events planned for the Aqueduct Centennial at www.la-aqueduct100.com and I hope you’ll find a way to take part in our local history in what is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



Lining the conduit with concrete in Olancho Division, near Independence in the Owens Valley, 1911.



A steam shovel working in Boulders in Olancho Division, near Independence in the Owens Valley, 1911.



Construction Camp in Olancho Division, near Independence in the Owens Valley, 1911.

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ANIMAL SERVICES/PUBLIC WORKS

Shelter Wins Design Award

South shelter wins major national architecture award for excellence.

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

Animal Services’ South Shelter, whose design was managed by Public Works/Engineering, received the prestigious 2013 American Architecture Award. The award, which recognizes excellence in architecture and urbanism in the United States and abroad, is sponsored by the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, the European Center for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies, and the Metropolitan Arts Press. As an award winner, the animal care facility’s design will be exhibited with the other honorees at the 14th International Biennial of Architecture Buenos Aires in September and October.

“We build more than just municipal facilities, we build municipal facilities that enhance the quality of life of their communities and that help transform Los Angeles into the world’s most livable city,” said City Engineer Gary Lee Moore. “As the City’s project manager for the new animal center, we were fortunate to have strong partners in Animal Services, the Bureau of Contract Administration and the local community, and we couldn’t be happier for our architect, RA-DA.”

“The new Los Angeles Animal Services Shelter, Chesterfield Square in South Los Angeles, gives our staff and volunteers the opportunity to showcase fantastic shelter animals in an inviting environment,” said Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager, Animal Services. “We believe that this facility will allow us to provide better animal care and to reach the local community and beyond as Los Angeles becomes the most humane City anywhere.”

The center, at 1850 W. 60th St., Los Angeles, is a green building and received a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. With 258 kennels, a community cat room, a small animal room, and an exotic reptile room, the 68,000-square-foot facility is designed to care for a wide variety of pets. Features are integrated into the building’s design to facilitate pet adoptions and support responsible pet ownership. These features include training and behavioral assessment rooms, an animal training field and a “get acquainted yard.”

The \$13 million construction project was funded by Proposition F – Facility Bond funds. Approved by L.A. voters in November 2000, Proposition F authorized the issuance of \$532.6 million in general obligation bonds to finance the construction and rehabilitation of Animal Shelters and Fire Stations throughout the City of Los Angeles.



The Animal Services South LA Shelter.



The shelter’s outdoor spaces are nicely manicured.



The shelter was recognized by an architecture association.

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John Hawkins, Publisher, September 26, 2013



From left: Jose Manzo, guest; Cecilia Manzo, Property Officer, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Anthony and Joseph.

LAPD Property Picnic!

Police Dept. Property Division hosts summer picnic.



*Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman,
Club Counselor*

On Aug. 11, the LAPD Property Division held a summer barbecue for its employees and their families to enjoy a fun afternoon in the sun! The barbecue took place at the LAPD Academy, at the Elysian Park pool area.

Swimming and lunch kicked off the barbecue, which included hot dogs, sausages,

pulled pork, chili, potato salad, macaroni salad, corn salad, chips and soft drinks. Following were games including, "Guess how many bananas Lulu has in her jar," and "Who said this line during a station fund meeting;" raffles; and even a friendly basketball match. What an awesome way to promote fellowship and unity among the department! Way to go, Property Division!



From left: Martin Preciado, Property Officer, 5 years of City service, with Cindy, Isabella and Karina.



From left: Nakia Jones, Property Officer; Kalaya; Karen; Jada; Janaya; and Haley.



From left: Ski Brzostowski, guest; with Paula Alvarez, Property Officer, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



Susan Bobadilla, Property Officer, 23 years of City service; and Kenny Smith, Property Officer, 14 years, Club Member.



Susan Bobadilla, Property Officer, 23 years of City service.



At the barbecue.



From left: Savun, guest; Kim Heng, Property Officer, 6 years of City service; and Khonx, guest.



The guessing game!



Aixa Nichols, Management Aide, 22 years of City service, Club Member; with Gianna.



From left: Kevin; Wendy; Nicholas; Sara; Officer Peter Hopkins, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Gilbert.



From left: Janet Johnstone, Sr. Property Officer, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Cecilia Manzo, Property Officer, 7 years, Club Member.



Derek Khuu, Property Officer, 9 years of City service.



Top: Mike, guest. Bottom: Karen, guest; and Artemio Resulto, Property Officer, 23 years of City service.



Leticia Martinez, Secretary, Property Division, 8 years of City service.



Terry Carter, Police Administrator, 23 years of City service, Club Board Member, with daughter, Carlee, and son, Michael.



From left: Patricia; Gabe; and Red Abcede, Property Officer, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



Glenn Abellanosa, Property Officer, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Cynthia Abellanosa, Management Analyst II, 14 years.



Time for a refreshing dip.



From left: Tommy Dominguez; John Garcia Jr.; John Garcia, Property Officer, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Maria Garcia; and Ryan.



From left: Mike Villafuerte, guest; Lily Gomez, PSR II, 19 years of City service, Club Member; with son, Michael.



At the picnic.



From left: Adrianna Acosta, Cadet; Maricela Amador, Lieutenant Cadet; and Sami Gilmore, Cadet.



From left: Lt. Aaron McCraneg, 22 years of City service; with guest Kristin Sthlater.



At the picnic.



From left: Veronica Chavez, guest; and Olga Nunez, PSR II, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



At the picnic.



Cheryl Garcia, PSR II, 8 years of City service, Club Member (left), enjoys the picnic with her family.



Irary Daniel, PSR II, 16 years of City service, Club Member; with son, Anthony.



From left: Raul Recio, PSR II, 11 years of City service; and Taneshia Guillory, PSR II, 10 years, Club Member.



Norma Montano, PSR II, 13 years of City service, Club Member (middle), with her family.



From left: Nicole Ellis, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Brandon Kemp, PSR, 13 years; with Victoria and Christopher.



From left: Reginald Matthews, Traffic Officer II, 18 years of City service; and Eric Williams, Construction Worker, 6 years, Club Member.



At the picnic.



From left: Michelle Vaca, PSR II, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Tony Vaca; and daughters Alexis and Ariana.

LAPD
**911
Picnic**
LAPD Communications
hosts annual summer
get-together.

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor



On July 28, LAPD Communications held its annual summer picnic at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Employees and their friends and family enjoyed an afternoon of fun carnival games, bounce houses, water slides, bull riding, sumo wrestling, participation games and contests, raffles, and even a live band!

The LAPD cadets helped run the carnival game stations and food stands. Food served included hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos, popcorn, French fries, cotton candy, snow cones, ice cream, churros, and soft drinks.

Another successful picnic! Until next year!



From left: Kristina, guest; Alyssa, guest; Wanda Cook, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Janice Williams, PSR II, 17 years; and Lt. Gloria Vargas, 32 years.



Hope Wright, PSR II, 9 years of City service, Club Member, runs the check-in table.



Chris Bartlett, PSR II, 5 years of City service, with daughter, Elizabeth.



From left: Tiffany Hall, PSR II, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Julia Cena, Sr. PSR, 17 years; Capt. III Don Schwartz; and Vicky Arujo, Sr. PSR, 23 years.



Alexis Pulido, Cadet, runs a game booth.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema*

Lee Daniels' The Butler

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie stars Forest Whitaker, who plays Cecil Gains, and Oprah Winfrey, who plays his wife, Gloria. The movie shows how Cecil grew up on a cotton farm to become a butler in the White House. The movie goes through several decades and shows a lot of the civil rights movement and what the family went through. I wish they had showed more of Cecil being a butler in the White House. It's a good family movie to see.

– Gwen Lew, DWP

We're the Millers

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston star in this movie about a drug dealer who becomes a big-time drug smuggler to even out his debt with his supplier. This is a good comedy about a made-up family that consists of a drug

dealer, a stripper, a virgin, and a runaway and how they try to get drugs from Mexico back into the United States. I had some pretty good laughs watching this movie, but it's not recommended for young kids.

– Gwen Lew, DWP

Populaire

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In *Populaire*, Rose dreams of an exciting job as a secretary, but the reality of the day-to-day is anything but. When her self-taught typing skills catch the eye of her boss, Louis, she gets to keep her job, while he sets about training her to compete in speed-typing competitions. Can Rose win at the typing championship *and* in love? Set in post-war France (with English subtitles), *Populaire* is a charming romantic comedy, served up with a knowing 1950s Technicolor smile. *Amour conquiert tous*.

– Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club Wife

Video Gaming

• *Videogames online, rental or purchase*

The Last of Us

Rated M for Mature

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I can't believe it. I have absolutely nothing bad to say about something for the first time in a long time. *The Last of Us* isn't just videogaming perfection, this is the kind of engaging storytelling that is lacking in numerous forms of media nowadays. The level of depth in the story, the way you get attached to the characters, and the tense moments that transcend the screen enter your psyche as you help Joel and Ellie to survive the nightmarish world they live in. Definitely not for kids, though the game had me in tears at several points during the game.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Magrunner: Dark Pulse

Not Rated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

When I first saw gameplay footage for *Magrunner: Dark Pulse*, I thought it would just be another Portal clone. Then the trailer shifted from just showing the puzzle-solving elements and introduced a darker and more sinister element to the game, based on the *Lovecraftian Cthulhu* mythos – and my interest was immediately piqued. While the puzzle-solving element remains throughout the game, the story involving a dark alien horde and how you must stop them certainly pulls you in and engages the player in a way that Portal didn't. This rich and deep story was certainly something new and definitely welcome in this gaming genre.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Rise of the Triad

Not Rated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Rise of the Triad is a remake of 1994 DOS first person shooter *Rise of the Triad: Dark War*. Like its predecessor, this game features a team of H.U.N.T. (High-risk United Nations Taskforce) agents, this time sent to stop a maniacal cult from releasing forces that would destroy Los Angeles. A bloody, violent and oft-times funny first-person shooter (FPS), this game is definitely worth looking into... as long as you are 15 and older. The language and violence might be too much for little ones – so much so that I won't even play the game when my kids are around, and I am pretty liberal when it comes to that.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Saints Row IV

Rated M for Mature

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Saints Row the Third was nothing short of a sophomoric and humor-filled action game that really did endear itself to gamers with its over-the-top violence and antics. After that game's publisher went bankrupt, Koch Games and Deep Silver scooped in and bought the property in time to release *Saints Row IV*. Instead of trying to change the game that developer Volition had been making, they simply let it run its course and have released another unapologetic violent action game that takes all the over-the-top action and story of the previous games and amps it up to entertaining and engaging degrees.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

On a Screen Near You

• *Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming*

The Big Wedding (2013)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A long divorced couple, played by Diane Keaton and Robert De Niro, need to pretend to be a happy married couple over a weekend for the sake of their adopted son's wedding, since his biological mother is coming for the ceremony. When just about everyone in the family begins to tell about their past and present dealings, not knowing all the wedding guests are listening, this movie gets pretty funny. This movie has a great cast, including Susan Sarandon, Katherine Heigl, Topher Grace, and Robin Williams. It's a great date/family movie to watch.

– Gwen Lew, DWP

Good Ol' Freda (2013)

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Freda Kelly was one of The Beatles' inside circle: there at the beginning as a fan in the Cavern, and still there at the end. In between, Freda took over the running of The Beatles' fan club at age 17, even though her own father didn't approve of the group!

Archive film footage of band members, the screaming fans and the era itself are given a fresh perspective in this personal memoir documentary. Freda argued then and reiter-

ates now that the band members deserve their own personal and private lives, but the film gives us all a glimpse into a fascinating phenomenon.

– Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club Wife

Olympus Has Fallen (2103)

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Gerard Butler plays Secret Service agent Mike Banning, who saves the President from a terrorist who has over taken the White House. The movie also stars Aaron Eckhart as the President, Morgan Freeman, and Dylan McDermott. This is a good action movie with a good story line, one of Gerard's better movies.

– Gwen Lew, DWP

Now You See Me (2013)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie is about four great illusionists who come together to become "The Four Horsemen." They pull off a series of daring heists to the amazement of their audience. This movie had a lot of twist and turns. "The closer you look, the less you see" is a quote from the movie. It has a great cast, with Jesse Eisenberg, Isla Fisher, Woody Harrelson, Dave Franco, Mark Ruffalo, Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine. It's a great family movie.

– Gwen Lew, DWP

Book Reviews

Winter of the World

Ken Follett

Historical fiction, 960 pages; NAL

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Winter of the World is the second of Ken Follett's 20th century historical trilogy, starting with *The Fall of Giants* and continuing the saga of several intertwined European and American families. *Winter* covers the Third Reich, the Spanish Civil War, World War II,

and the era of nuclear proliferation.

Follett is a wonderful storyteller who falls too often into awkward prose, trying to defend and justify his own personal politics of socialism. This appears as strange breaks in the otherwise enjoyable and stimulating retelling of the previous century.

The final book of the trilogy is due out in late 2014.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Megan Recommends

Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich,
Customer Service Associate at the Club Store



The Burnt Part Boys

Musical

Third Street Theatre
Weekends through Oct. 20

As part of the Festival of New American Musicals, *The Burnt Part Boys* makes its West Coast premiere. The story follows a group of teens in 1962 in coal mining country in West Virginia, set to music inspired by bluegrass and pop.

The boys' journey to the coalmines where their fathers died helps them understand their past and embark on their



futures. The music is really inspiring and the story touching.

Some truly talented actors take the stage. Appearing so young, it is amazing what they can pull off. One of these actors is Joe Donohoe, who you may have previously seen in *Are You There God, It's Me, Karen Carpenter* and *Prairie-o-ke*. His rock voice plays really well with this musical.

Information:
www.thirdstreettheatre.org/Third_Street_Theatre/Welcome.html

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

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■ Have fun!

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■ 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)*.

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■ Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).

■ Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

■ *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,
Club CEO



“A canoe on Little Lava Lake in the Cascade Lakes region of central Oregon.”

– **James VanGerpen**

John's comment: Big blue sky, serene lake, silent pines and the lone canoe... a very relaxing shot, James!



“Here's sunset at Emma Wood State Beach in Ventura.”

– **Linda Wang, Airports**

John's comment: Wow! The crispy contrast of this shot is, well, photographically delicious! I love how the sun is bursting through the clouds like that. Nice work!



“During a road trip to Montana, my daughter and I decided to take a slight detour and visit Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. It was all worth it! While walking along the trails, I looked up between these two large rocks, and there was George Washington.”

– **Chris Rose, LAPD**

John's comment: I've been to Rushmore twice, but never have I seen it at this angle. I love the perspective, Chris!



“BFF: My two inseparable nieces during our family trip to Kern River. I literally had to spider-walk along the river rocks while chomping on my camera neck strap (to keep the camera afloat) for the perfect spot in the middle of the river, with the E-M5 mere centimeters above water for the snap. It was scary, but worth it.”

– **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

John's comment: Dominique, I've been in similar situations, but as Angel Gomez, the Club's Director of Member Services can tell you, I haven't had your luck. But this was definitely worth the risk! Sharp, clear and almost three dimensional... nice job!



“The attached photo of the L.A. skyline to the east, overlooking the lake at MacArthur Park, was taken by my granddaughter, Carleigh Rendon, 11, from an office building window on the west side of the park. She has an avid interest in photography, and I am submitting it on her behalf. If you look carefully at the photo, you can see the historic Westlake Theater just above left center.

I don't live in Los Angeles anymore, but I do enjoy your feature very much, as it brings back many fond memories of my growing up and living in Los Angeles for nearly 50 years.”

– **Burt Nemcher, DWP, Retired**

John's comment: Thank you, Carleigh (and Burt) for this wonderful photo of such a prominent Los Angeles icon, MacArthur Park. You have a good eye for photography and it shows – the skyline is perfectly positioned and the colors are amazing. Keep up the good work, Carleigh!

RUNNERS-UP:

EDGAR MERCADO, DEBORA FORE,
JOHN OTOSHI, CESAR HERNANDEZ

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@cityemployees-club.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.

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 talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



SPINACH AND MUSHROOM FRITTATA

With the omelet and quiche, the frittata is another a delicious egg-based dish. It is versatile, since many varieties of ingredients can be mixed in, including meats, cheeses and vegetables. In the version I make, I use spinach, mushrooms and green onions in honor of those Club Members who have expressed a need to cook healthier. Spinach provides strong antioxidants as well as being a good source of iron. Mushrooms provide a good source of vitamins and minerals as well. For a higher level of healthy cooking, you may substitute the eggs for just egg whites, and eliminate the use of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese.

Spinach and Mushroom Frittata

Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 to 3 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- 2 eggs with 3/4 cup egg whites
- A pinch of sea salt
- A pinch of freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green onions (scallions)
- 1/4 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 3/4 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated.

Cooking TIDBIT

Instead of spinach or mushrooms, meats and other vegetables can be used including sausages and zucchini.

DIRECTIONS:



- 1** Begin by pre-heating the oven to 375 F. Wash and dry the mushrooms and green onions. Slice the mushrooms and finely dice the green onions.



- 2** In a mixing bowl, add the eggs and egg whites, and proceed to add the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese with the ricotta cheese. Add the salt and pepper along with the spinach and Italian seasoning. Mix ingredients.



- 3** In a large Corning-ware dish, add cooking spray along the sides then add the mix ingredients. You may add more Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese on the top to help create a crust-like texture while baking. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes, then broil another 15 minutes. When there is browning at the top, remove from the oven and let cool for about 20 minutes.



[A Cook's Dictionary]



Frittata:

An Italian omelet that usually has the ingredients mixed with the eggs rather than being folded inside, as with a French omelet. It can be flipped, or the top can be finished under a broiling unit. An omelet is cooked quickly over moderately high heat and, after folding, has a flat-sided half-oval shape. A frittata is firmer because it's cooked very slowly over low heat, and because it isn't folded.

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Food Fact

In ancient times, sap from a marshmallow plant was whipped with eggs and sugar, and used to remedy coughs.



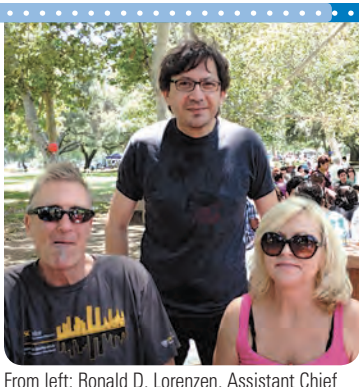
- 4** Serve and enjoy!



Gilbert Guzman, Tree Surgeon Assistant, 2 years of City service, and his family.



From left: Elvis Cruz, volunteer; David Maya, Truck Operator, 18 years of City service; Jerry Lozano, Maintenance Laborer, 13 years of City service; and Valmen, volunteer.



From left: Ronald D. Lorenzen, Assistant Chief Forester; Nazario Saucedo, Director; and Ron's wife Pamela Lorenzen.



The fixings.



From left: Stephanie Gonz, Student Intern, with her mom and dad; and Gus Soliman, Analyst, 6 years of City service.



Public Works/Street Services.



Urban Forestry/Fire Prevention showed up for the fun, too!

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Services Says Thanks

Bureau hosts employee appreciation barbecue.



Story by Veronica Maxwell and Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor; Photos by Gedina Bergstrom

On July 26, Public Works/Street Services gathered in Griffith Park's Park Center for a fun-filled day of celebration to appreciate its employees. The employees shared great food served up by the executive staff, smiles over stories with loved ones, and the beautiful sunshine with music enjoyed by all.

The barbecue served as a way for the Director Nazario Saucedo and the Assistant Directors to say thanks to all of the employees who helped make the fiscal year 2012-13 such a successful one.

At the end of the event, there was a renewed and reinforced commitment to the



Bureau's mission of providing the residents of our great City with quality street services in a timely and efficient manner.



A job well done Street Services! 800 miles completed!



Martin Marquez, Welder, 6 months of City service, with his daughter and son.



Lordinio Hernandez, Civil Engineer Associate, 23 years of City service, with his two sons.



Veronica Maxwell, Executive Assistant to Director, enjoying a bite of the barbecue goodies!



Victoria Villa-Augustine, Acting Division Manager, Financial Division, 29 years of City service, with her husband and daughters.



Greg Spotts, Methods and Standards Division Manager, 4 years of City service, with his wife and sons.



Ilda Diaz, 7 years of City service, and family.



From left: Joseph Cruz, Assistant Director; Ron Olive, Assistant Director; Abraham Navarro, Assistant Director; and Nazario Saucedo, Director, were the hosts for the day.



Frank Gamboa, Motor Sweeper Operator, 30 years of City service.



Alex Bu, Fiscal Systems Intern, 1 month of City service, with his girlfriend, Sokha Ny.



Tisha Weber, Tree Services Assistant, 13 years of City service, with family.



From left: John Castillo, Systems Intern, 2 years of City service; Karen Kishita, Investigator, 14 years; and Celsa Castillo, John's mother.



From left: Jose Camacho, Tree Surgeon, 8 years of City service; Jer Polson, Systems Analyst II, 14 years; and George Pardo, Supervisor I, 31 years, with his wife.



The Ginete family.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

Room for Rent: Whittier, CA. 605 x 60 fwws; Xtra large room recently remodeled & furnished w/queen bed, in-wall entertainment center. Includes use of laundry & kitchen facility, share full restroom. No restriction street parking. Male roommate preferred. Avail: Dec 2013, \$700/ mo. Info: John @ (626)757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com@10/13

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hill Memorial Park (Benevolence). Lot 1430, Graves 1 & 2. \$4,500 for both or \$2,300 a piece. Lincoln Lai @ (310)542-9997. 10/13

For Rent: Lovely condo in LA/Westchester. 1 BD/1BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 2-car garage. New paint, hardwood floors, stove, dishwasher, elevator, washer/dryer hookup, windows & fixtures. Very quiet. Close to public transportation. More details @ (310) 365-1868. 10/13

Bedroom Set: Gently used, 8-piece white-washed pine. Pieces include: twin bed, twin bunkie board, 3-drawer under bed, 6-drawer dresser, 4-drawer desk, hutch (for desk), desk chair & bookcase. Must see to appreciate. \$1,000 OBO. Nancy Cammarata @ (213) 216-3780. 10/13

For Rent: 5 unit cozy apartment, 2BD/1 BA, 2-car garage/no pets. \$1200/ mo. + security deposit. 5347 Oakland St., 90032. Miranda @ (626) 422-1020. 10/13

Furniture: Solid oak dining table w/6 chairs, \$300 OBO. Oak finish coffee table & 1 end table \$45 OBO. Call after 4:30pm @ (909)731-2762. 10/13

For Rent OR Sale: Lancaster 2BD/1.5BA townhouse, 2 stories. Nice complex: small & clean w/pool, jacuzzi & tennis courts. Located near hospital, uspo, transportation, markets, stores, parks, schools & 14. New paint, flooring & newer kitchen cabinets. Half bath downstairs, full bath upstairs w/ large round tub. Small interior patio, bar area, balcony, electric fireplace, attached 2-car garage. \$1000/mo. Renting 1 year lease or more. No pets. App process, credit checks & docs required. OR for sale @ \$90,000. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/13

Musical Items: Casiotone 401 key-board. Includes foot pedal, instruction manual, cover, song books- \$100. Seth Thomas Metronome \$40. Library desk (shown) \$50. Photos available. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 10/13

Pioneer RV 2003: Original owner, amazing condition. 30 ft. sleeps 8, 1 pop-out, AC, TV, DVD. Full bath, awning needs replacing. \$6,000 OBO. Kevin @ (626)786-3078. 10/13

Sea-Doo: 2005 Bombardier GTX Supercharged w/ pull trailer. Needs minor servicing; it's been sitting for a while. Michelle @ (951)-796-4565 & make an offer! 10/13

4 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Westminster Memorial Park, Garden of Devotion. \$3000 ea; \$5500 for 2; \$10,000 for 4, + transfer fee. Allene @ (310) 376-2006. 3/13

Furniture
Estate Moving Sale: Assorted furniture including: Entertainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee & side tables. To schedule a viewing, call (909)244-2469 or (909)440-6364. 9/13

Roll Top Desk: looks like it could be over 100 years old. \$150 OBO. John @ (909) 593-5835. 9/13

Table Set: Rattan & glass, in good condition w/4 chairs & pillows. \$350. Tanya, after 5pm @ (323) 778-8297. 7/13

Entertainment Center: Plummerts, fits "32" TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael @ (310) 534-2181. 5/13

Pedal Fire Truck: Collectible kids org. Real light & bell, rear wooden working ladder & rudder wheels, never used original condition. Replica would be \$400. My price is \$325. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Trundle Bed: White metal frame w/floral knobs, w/2 sets of sheets, 1 new in package, + 1 comforter & 3 pillow shams, both mattresses are upgraded. \$395. Info @ (805) 477-2866.2/13

Roll top desk: Oak, w/chair, space saver has 4 drawers in front & 3 on back left side, all porcelain knobs. \$275. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Roll top desk: Oak, w/chair & 7 drawers. 2 large filing drawers & inside top has 4 small w/locking cabinet & cubby holes. Interior under cabinet lights. \$400. Info @ (805) 477-2866.2/13

Custom Made Sofa: 7 feet, queen mattress, excellent condition, \$375 OBO. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. 1/13

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: 3BD/2BA House. Totally renovated, laundry area inside, granite countertops, hardwood floors & private garage. A MUST see! Located at 1612 W. 82nd St. LA, Section 8 welcome. \$2100/2150 mo. Info @ (310)387-6106. 9/13

For Rent: 3BD/2BA Townhouse, new carpet, new tile flooring, large bedrooms & bath, located near 110 fwy, shopping stores & public transportation. Must see Townhouse located at 10808 S. Hoover St. LA, Section 8 welcome, no pets. \$1,500/mo. Info @ (323) 293-2006. 8/13

For Rent: Pacific Palisades: 1BD/1BA, new appliances, freshly painted, nice patio, 1 carport. Must be 62 or over & qualify for low income rental through the City Affordable Housing Dept. (Not section 8) No smoking. \$1500/mo + (1st & last months rent) 2 months security deposit. Please call only if you qualify. Grace @ (310)459-1564 or Robyn (310)795-3795. 8/13

For Rent: 2BD/2BA, extra large living room, dining room w/stove, air condition, walk-in closets. 4-unit building. Located at 2232 S. Sycamore Avenue, LA, 90016. \$1350/1400. Downtown, Culver City convenient. Gail @ (323) 313-3231. 8/13

For Rent: Downtown LA: huge 2BD/2BA, 4-unit building, 3rd floor (no elevators). Skyline view from balcony. Convenient to Academy/Pasadena/Glendale/Chinatown/Dodger Stadium/Silverlake & the 5/2/110/101 fwws. \$1200/mo. 1 year lease, no pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323)919-1163. 8/13

For Rent: Bakersfield: 2BD/1BA. Totally remodeled w/brand new: flooring, kitchen cabinets, granite countertop & paint. Located near 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. \$900/mo. 1 year lease, no pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 8/13

For Rent: Bakersfield: 1BD/1BA. Totally remodeled. Located near 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. \$550/mo. 1 year lease, no pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 8/13

For Sale: By owner. Bakersfield: 2 houses on a lot! Great investment/retirement income or live in 1 & rent the other! Front house is 2BD/1BA. Totally remodeled w/brand new: flooring, kitchen cabinets, granite countertop & paint- rents for \$900/mo. Back house is 1BD/1BA- rents for \$550/mo. Located near the fwws 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. Listed for \$130,000. Seller selects services. Info @ (323)919-1163. 8/13

For Sale: By owner. Acton: Great property to live in while working or in retirement, near Acton train station. Live a clean, country life on almost 3 acres - your own mini-ranch! 3BD/2BA. Currently rented out for \$1,000/mo & tenant pays their utilities- 1 year lease expires 7/31/14. Wake up to beautiful mountains at the front & back of house & the sounds of farm animals- not the city noise! Enough space to store your vehicles & toys. Location near the 5, off the 14. Listed for \$130,000. Seller selects services. Info @ (213)486-4606. 8/13

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Household Items

Tools: Home repair tools, hand & power tools. Info @ (818)764-2091. 7/13

Household Items: (All OBO) China Cabinet w/matching table & chairs \$300; BD Dresser w/ mirror \$150; Stand-up lamp \$25; Sofa & chair \$125. Steve/Linda @ (818) 506-4024. 3/13

Miscellaneous

Shampooer/Vacuum: New Kirby cleaner. Shampooer used once, no other parts used. Paid \$1,400. Asking \$700 OBO. Robert Valdez: rvaldez95@roadrunner.com 9/13

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 9/13

Collector Comic Books: 1960s-1980's. \$2.50 each & up, discounts for purchasing complete sets - Spiderman, Fantastic Four, The Thing & many others. John @ (951) 203-4438. 8/13

Summer Sports Camp: Inglewood. Boys & Girls, 5-14 yrs. Basketball, baseball, softball, flag-football & more. \$75/week. Mention Swift Games & 1st week is \$50. Info @ (310)641-4131. Sponsors: Top Prospects Baseball, Inc. & H.O.O.P. Foundation. 7/13

Photographic: Enlarger & other photo equipment items. Free! Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 7/13

Legoland Tickets: Selling 2 adult for \$75 (\$37.50 each ticket), 2 children tickets for \$65 (32.50). Elaine @ (310) 283-9225. 6/13

Herald Examiner 1989: Final issue. Have 2 in excellent condition, \$500 OBO each. Info: phernandez1949@yahoo.com 5/13

Fender Squier Stratocaster: Plays great, white face. \$100 OBO. Info @ (626)331-3547. 5/13

Brass Trumpet: Includes plush lined metal case. Used only once. \$250 OBO. Info @ (909) 463-3393. 5/13

Shotgun: Late 1930's model Rizzini over an under 12ga shotgun must see to appreciate. \$1450 OBO. Russell @ (626) 331-3547. 4/13

Ovation Acoustic/Electric Guitar: Looks great w/no "bumps or bruises". Includes case, shoulder strap, digital clip-on tuner, picks & beginners book w/CD. Fresh "Elixir" Teflon strings installed, sounds great, very bright acoustic sound but electric pickup system needs to be fixed. \$200 OBO. Michael @ (818) 720-5198. 2/13

Examiner Newspaper: Last 1 ever printed \$500 OBO. Lauretta @ (323) 751-3203. 2/13

Monopoly Board Game: Disney edition, Disneyland purchase, unused, in original package. \$20. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Travel/Timeshare

Travel: To Malta, Sicily, Assisi & Rome Italy. Oct.6-17, 2013. Join me on a 12-day pilgrimage leaving LA for \$3,799, inclusive of airfare and meals. Call Gina Caguaiat @ (818) 395-3552 or gina91203@yahoo.com for a detailed description and/or copy of the flyer. 6/13

Palm Springs Condo: In beautiful Palm Springs Villas II, gated community, 7 swimming pools, tennis court, shuffle board; near shopping, restaurants & Casino Spa Resort. Weekly & weekend rentals, \$140 per night. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 5/13

Vacation Rental: Boulder City, located btwn Las Vegas & Lake Mead Recreation area. Cottage located in Historic district: Sleeps 6, 1/BD & queen sofa bed in living room + 2 built-in bunk beds. Walking distance to restaurants, antique shops, etc. Built in 1942, previously owned by DWP. \$500/week or \$100/day. Norma @ (323) 333-2238 or e-mail: Norma2go2@gmail.com 4/13

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Timeshare For Sale: Ventura, CA. Ocean view. Deeded float week. Sleeps 4. Many amenities, incl elevator. 60 miles north of L.A. Elderly owner must sell. \$1,800. Leave message @ (503)722-9881. 3/13

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. 3/13

Timeshare: Kona Hawaiian Village, Big Island. 2BD/1 week anytime during the year, resort on the beach. Serious buyers. Info @ (310) 415-7388. 2/13

Timeshare: Mayan Sea Gardens/Acapulco 2 units, 1BD, full kit & living rm, each sleeps 4 privately. Sep 28-Oct 5 or Oct 5-12, 2012. Rent 1 unit or both, 1 wk or both. 7 nights - \$600/per unit, \$1000/both. Info @ (972) 291-2871. 8/12

Wanted

Rental Wanted: Active city retired couple looking for 2BD/2BA & parking for 2 cars. We can afford \$1500/mo. More info @ (310) 645-6527. 9/13

Apartment Wanted: Looking for place to live starting in October, within LA city limits. Senior citizen, 2BD apartment. From \$1000 - \$1400/mo. No smoking, no drinking. Ask for Mr. Walker @ (702)488-6525. 8/13

Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal, Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC. Michael @ (626) 592-2929.11/12

Wanted: Looking for a 2BD+, w/d hookup preferred, garage in San Pedro or within 5 miles. Maximum Rent \$1100. Contact: a.townsend78@gmail.com 9/12

Transport

Coachmen RV 2005: Purchased in 06 in excellent condition. 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs, AC, 2 awnings, full bath w/extra outdoor shower. \$15,500 OBO. Fernando Torres @ (562)900-9229. 9/13

2004 Toyota Tundra: DBL CAB 4.6L V8. 224,000 miles. \$6000 OBO. Paul @ (626) 991-5507. 9/13

2003 Toyota Sequoia: Limited. Power windows, leather seats, very low mileage, 37,000 miles. \$14,999. James @ (626)919-5209. 9/13

2000 Ford Mustang: V6 convertible, \$4,200. 110,000 miles, automatic, new paint, no dents, clean interior, new headlights w/hid, new cowl vents, rear spoiler, new chin spoiler, new tires w/brand new Ford oem 17"rims. No trades, cash only. Tags good till Jan 2014. Frank @ (323) 252-6011. 8/13

Tires & Rims: For original 2012 Ford F150. 6x135 Michelin P255 65 R17 LTX AS. Used for only 2,500 miles. \$400 firm. Johnny @ (323) 545-7007 between 5pm & 8:30pm. 8/13

2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide: W/dual backrests & detachable trunk. Lots of chrome & accessories, mileage 19,000. \$12,000 OBO. Theodore @ (661)477-5896. 8/13

Harley Motorcycle: 1985 Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or japete43@gmail.com 7/13

2011 Toyota Tundra: 4x2 DBL CAB, 4.6L V8 8100 miles. 23,900 OBO. Info @ (562)665-7127. 6/13

2011 Chevy Silverado: Crew Cab LTZ, 22,500 mi. Warranty! Navigation, leather interior, heated bucket seats, loaded! \$31,900 OBO. Kelly @ (661) 733-2411. 5/13

Harley Helmet: Brand new, black. Sells in stores for \$300, selling for \$180 OBO. Info @ (213) 447-9838. 5/13

3-Wheel Moped: Blue, 2011, practically new, purchased for \$2800. Selling for \$1600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 5/13

2012 Camaro LS: Reduced price \$19,500! Xclnt condition inside & out. 12,000 mi, auto, 6-cyl silver w/blk racing stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649. 5/13

'96 Camaro: Original owner, 105K miles. Major work done. Runs well. Needs minor touching up. New tires & belts. \$3500 OBO, as is. Dave @ (424)256-9018. 4/13

Tires & Wheels: 4 original 2011 Toyota Tundra wheels w/Michelin P255/70R18 tires. Used only 5000 miles. \$350 OBO. Ernie @ (310) 908-0433. 3/13

2006 Volvo: Flint gray, V50 SW. Sports package, fair cond & 138K highway miles. Valued btw \$6500-\$8800. Price negotiable. Denise @ (323) 697-8299. 2/13

1992 Mercury Grand Marqui LS: Good condition, low miles. "As Is". \$2,993. Alvin Williams @ (310) 764-4478. 2/13

Harley: Factory paint job; USB power commander & drag tuner; Freedom 2 into 1 exhaust; CNC ported heads w/forged pistons & adjustable push rods; S & S gear driven cams 258; 42mm injectors; green LED lights; 6 speed trans; chrome; progressive 440 shocks. All work done @ Harley dealership w/printouts. Many performance upgrades, 4,000 miles on engine build. Last dyno at 125hp 135ftq. 26,000 miles. \$16,500. Richard @ (805) 208-4406. 2/13

2008 Providence 40X Diesel RV: 360HP Cummings 8.3 L, 5-speed Allison transmission. 35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs, many upgrades. Reduced price \$130K. Mike White @ (661) 904-2234. 2/13

Cemetery Plots

Crypt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3. \$10,000. Dennis Carter @ (661) 433-1912. 8/13

1 Cemetery Plot: One space for 2. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora. \$3,300. Jose or Juanita @ (818)799-3516. 8/13

2 Cemetery Plots: The Gardens Lot (354) in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Graves 3 & 4 (side by side). \$4800 for both or (1) \$2500. Karen Hunter Hill @ (661) 317-5922. 6/13



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Theatre Tickets					
AMC					
Restricted Tickets	The following AMC Theaters will charge a \$2 surcharge for any show after 4pm: All AMC Burbank locations, AMC Century City 15, AMC Santa Anita 16. <i>*Surcharges are determined by AMC theaters and are subject to change without notice. The City Employees Club has no control over these changes.</i>	\$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>					
California Science Center IMAX					
Adult		\$ 8.25	\$5.75	X	=\$
Child		\$ 5.00	\$4.25	X	=\$
Cinemark Theatres					
Good Any Time		\$10.75	\$7.50	X	=\$
<i>Rave Cinemas is now part of CINEMARK. Existing Rave Tickets will be honored at all CINEMARK locations indefinitely.</i>					
Galaxy Theatres – Good Any Time		\$11.00	\$7.50	X	=\$
Harkins Movie Theatres					
Restricted		\$10.00	\$6.00	X	=\$
Good Any Time		\$10.00	\$7.50	X	=\$
Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time		\$11.50	\$7.50	X	=\$
Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time		\$11.00	\$6.00	X	=\$
Landmark Theaters					
Good Any Time	<i>\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D.</i>	\$12.50	\$8.00	X	=\$
Pacific Theatres					
Restricted	<i>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight</i>	\$12.50	\$6.00	X	=\$
Gift Book	<i>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 medium popcorn.</i>	\$40.00	\$32.50	X	=\$
Rave Motion Pictures “Rave 18”: Now part of CINEMARK					
<i>Existing Rave Tickets will be honored at all CINEMARK locations indefinitely.</i>					
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists					
Restricted		\$12.50	\$6.50	X	=\$
Good Any Time		\$12.50	\$7.50	X	=\$
Regency Theatres – Good Any Time		\$11.50	\$7.00	X	=\$
UltraStar Cinemas					
Good Any Time	<i>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</i>	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	=\$
Attraction Tickets					
Adventure City					
Adult/Child		\$14.95	\$10.50	X	=\$
Aquarium of the Pacific <i>Expires 5/31/2014.</i>					
Adult		\$25.95	\$17.95	X	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$14.95	\$10.95	X	=\$
Boomer’s Family Fun Centers					
All Day Pass		\$25.99	\$16.00	X	=\$
Catalina <i>Expires 12/31/2013. Not valid 5/25–27, 7/4–7, 8/31–9/2.</i>					
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult	\$72.50	\$60.50	X	=\$
	Child	\$57.00	\$51.00	X	=\$
Castle Park <i>Good any day, unlimited pass.</i>					
General Admission	<i>Under 36” free.</i>	\$19.99	\$12.99	X	=\$
Davey’s Locker					
Whale Watching	Adult	\$32.00	\$21.00	X	=\$
	Child	\$26.00	\$17.00	X	=\$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult	\$46.50	\$30.25	X	=\$
	Child	\$39.00	\$25.75	X	=\$
Sportfishing – 3/4 Day	Adult	\$71.00	\$56.25	X	=\$
	Child	\$61.00	\$47.75	X	=\$
Discovery Science Center <i>Expires 11/29/2013.</i>					
Adult		\$14.95	\$12.00	X	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$12.95	\$10.00	X	=\$
Disneyland/California Adventure <i>Expires 12/31/2013.</i>					
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult	\$92.00	\$88.32	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)	\$86.00	\$82.56	X	=\$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$137.00	\$125.36	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)	\$131.00	\$119.87	X	=\$
2-Day, 1-Park	Adult	\$175.00	\$162.75	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)	\$162.00	\$150.66	X	=\$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$210.00	\$189.00	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)	\$197.00	\$177.30	X	=\$
SoCal Select Annual Passport		\$279.00	\$265.05	X	=\$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 170 days.</i>					
SoCal Annual Passport		\$359.00	\$341.05	X	=\$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 215 days.</i>					
Deluxe Annual Passport		\$499.00	\$474.05	X	=\$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 315 days.</i>					
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking		\$669.00	\$635.55	X	=\$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. No blackout dates.</i>					
Golf N’ Stuff					
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location		\$30.00	\$16.00	X	=\$
All Park Pass: Ventura location		\$20.00	\$15.00	X	=\$
K1 Speed Racing					
Admit one	<i>Minimum height requirement 4’10”. This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.</i>	\$25.95	\$15.25	X	=\$
Knott’s Berry Farm <i>Expires 12/31/2013.</i>					
Adult		\$57.99	\$33.00	X	=\$
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)		\$28.99	\$24.00	X	=\$
Knott’s Halloween Haunt: Sept. 26th – Nov. 2nd					
Visit www.cityemployeesclub.com for details					
LA Zoo					
Adult		\$17.00	\$13.00	X	=\$
Child (2-12)		\$12.00	\$10.00	X	=\$
Legoland <i>Expires 11/21/2013.</i>					
Adult		\$75.00	\$58.00	X	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$65.00	\$58.00	X	=\$
<i>Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.</i>					
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult	\$95.00	\$67.00	X	=\$
	Child (3-11)	\$85.00	\$67.00	X	=\$
<i>Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>					
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction <i>Expires 12/31/2013.</i>					
Adult		\$40.00	\$13.00	X	=\$
Child (4-12)		\$35.00	\$10.00	X	=\$

		RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Attraction Tickets, continued					
Magic Mountain Expires 12/31/2013.					
General Admission (3 and up)		\$64.99	\$39.99	X	=\$
Medieval Times Expires 12/31/2013. Not valid 12/31/2013.					
Adult		\$57.95	\$43.50	X	=\$
Child (0-12)		\$35.95	\$31.50	X	=\$
Mulligan’s Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child	\$23.99	\$16.00	X	=\$
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.					
Gift Certificate		\$15.00	\$10.00	X	=\$
Pirates Dinner Adventure Expires 11/30/2013.					
Adult		\$56.95	\$36.00	X	=\$
Child		\$37.95	\$27.50	X	=\$
Queen Mary					
Adult		\$24.95	\$18.00	X	=\$
Child (4-11)		\$21.95	\$12.00	X	=\$
San Diego Safari Park					
Adult		\$44.00	\$35.75	X	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$34.00	\$27.75	X	=\$
2-Visit Pass	Adult	\$79.00	\$63.25	X	=\$
	Child (3-11)	\$61.00	\$48.75	X	=\$
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.					
San Diego Zoo					
Adult		\$44.00	\$35.75	X	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$34.00	\$27.75	X	=\$
2-Visit Pass	Adult	\$79.00	\$63.25	X	=\$
	Child (3-11)	\$61.00	\$48.75	X	=\$
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.					
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park Expires 1/6/2014.					
Unlimited Wristband		\$18.95	\$12.75	X	=\$
Sea World San Diego Good through 2013 season.					
Adult		\$78.00	\$59.00	X	=\$
Child (3-9)		\$65.00	\$59.00	X	=\$
Speedzone Expires 4/25/2014.					
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.	\$49.99	\$25.00	X	=\$
Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights: Starts Sept. 20th					
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Universal Studios Expires 1/31/2014.					
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E-Ticket price, available through Website only		\$80.00	\$75.00	X	=\$

Gift Certificates

See’s Candies					
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$17.50	\$12.90	X		=\$

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Hello again, everyone.
Great to be back!

Deep on the west side of the San Fernando Valley resides a quaint mid-century home. Behind the gates of this ranch-style home, you will find solitude. A labyrinth of metal artistry, a jalopy garden, and a sanctuary for historical objects best describe the residence. This is home to a part-time writer, full-time City Employee and full-time gear head – me. Sparks fly, fumes float, and welds form nightly. What is created is homage to American history with a twist of a crazed rebellious attitude. I make everything my own.

Time lapses when I am in the garage. I find myself coming in for dinner at 4 a.m., just to get ready to go to work an hour later. With a schedule like this, energy drinks are always within arm's reach. This has been my schedule as far back as I can remember and will be until a woman who is important enough in my life decides to try and convince me to put stuff on



The 1959
Chevy
El Camino.

do a full feature on them.

I was looking for a reliable work truck with which to run errands, preferably a 1947-53 Chevy truck, since my dad had one while I was growing up. What I found instead was a **1951 Chevy Suburban**. Granted, I still want a pickup truck

one day, but when it comes to the rare things, I just can't say no. More than a few Benjamins later, I had my Suburban. This is one jalopy that has not leaked a drip of oil out of the 350 Chevy engine in the five years I have owned it. Parts are being accumulated, including the third row seat frame (super rare), windshield visor, wheel skirts, and various moldings. Plans are being drawn out by the hour, including a new airbag suspension, crazy paint schemes, plenty of custom metalwork and an even crazier interior. For now, it is happy hauling various products home from Home Depot.

There's another bike, too. I first discovered the world of two wheels on the Discovery Channel. An intimidating figure from the streets of Long Beach was building incredibly beautiful and functional bikes from his shop, an old paint factory. He would take the world by storm not only because of his

demanding personality but his enormous talent and desire to be the best. What he built was an empire. I bought into that empire when I brought home a **2003 West Coast Chopper** – this piece of machinery that is a specimen of handmade perfection and a beast on the road entered my life and just won't let go! Here is what you need to know: CFL rigid 4 up frame; West Coast Chopper tins; S&S 113 C.U.

motor; Jim's five-speed transmission; Denver's Chopper 10-inch over springer front end; powder coated black spoke wheels; Exile rear sprocket/brake; and three-inch open belt drive. The one element that really caught my eye, besides being gorgeous, was the fact it was jockey shift. For those of you who don't know what that is, it means you shift gears with a hand shifter and engage the clutch with your foot (just like a car). I guess you can say it separates the men from the boys, or the dumb from the dumber. How do you learn to handle an impractical bike the practical way? You ride it to San Diego

three days after you buy it and force yourself to learn. I have kept the stalls and close calls to a minimum, and now I can honestly say I won't ride any other way.

And finally, a friend of mine had been on the fence about selling his **1959 Chevy El Camino** for a while. I have always had a soft spot for them, so when the call came in on that Tuesday afternoon, I didn't hesitate. 1959 opened the door for the extravagant, intricate designs of the '60s. For the next few years, sharp edges and fins were all

the rage, especially from carmakers like Cadillac. This car came with history and, even more important, Valley history. The president of a lowrider car club owned the car in the late '70s and early '80s and then sold it off some years later. After passing through some hands, the hydraulics were removed, the wire wheels changed and some accessories were taken off. It currently sits about two-and-a-half inches off the ground, has bias ply whitewall tires, and a 283 Chevy V8 with a Powerglide transmission. What attracts the most attention is the color. It used to be red with a heavy blue pearl, but years of being exposed to the elements have left it more of a faded pink, with spots of peeling clear coat. Someone couldn't pay enough to have the amount of "patina" that has taken 25 years to gain.

Offers are made to buy it every time it leaves the driveway, but the answer is always the same, no! One day it will get a restoration treatment, but for now it will just have to be happy in its current state.

Stay tuned for more! Part two of some of my growing collection of jalopies will be coming at you next month! Thanks for tuning in, and if you want more up-to-date progress, you can follow me on Instagram under Everett Bennett.



The 1951 Chevy Suburban.



the back burner. Your eyes have already seen the '66 Lincoln Continental, the '63 Buick Riviera and the '71 Triumph in past issues, so I will introduce you to some other members of my family. As progress continues and some are completed, I will



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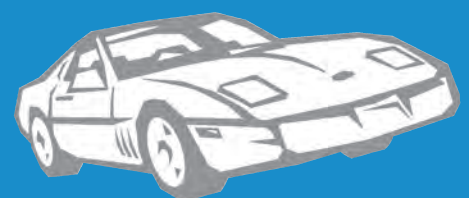


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