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A Message From the CEO

Blending the Best Of Yesterday, Today

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

It doesn't seem that long ago when we started our Interesting series of stories on the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division (SID), the people who use science to analyze evidence and determine whether or not it can be linked to a crime. But it was several years ago when we took our initial tour – let by **Doreen Hudson**, Lab Director, and Lennard Henkhaus, Supervising Criminalist. One of the stops on that tour was Questioned Documents. Now here are we are, several years later, with only a few more labs to chronicle, and we finally get to cover Questioned Documents for real. Thanks for waiting for us, Karen "K.C." Chiarodit and Company, an awesome small group. It was worth the wait.

In some ways, despite its use of modern technology, Questioned Documents is still at least partially old



In the LAPD Crime Lab: Karen Chiarodit, Sr. Examiner of Questioned Documents, and Alive! editor John Burnes.

techniques developed a hundred or more years ago... while they are also very modern, too, when the evidence calls for it. Maybe more than any of the units we've featured, Questioned Documents links to longstanding traditions that I really respect. My dad was in law enforcement, and it makes me feel the City

of LA is in good hands by

school. I find that kind of

cool, using instincts and

blending the past with the best of today. Thanks to Karen and her crew for telling us their story.

And a quick note of further thanks to veteran Bill **Leaver**, Examiner of Questioned Documents II, who was more than willing to give the Alive! team a tour of the Questioned Documents Lab on a day that he probably wasn't feeling his best. That kind of courtesy really means a lot to me. Here's to you, Bill.

Moving on... have you read yet the entries of our Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship winners? I hope you do, as they are amazing, as they are every year.

I can't help but talk about our scholarship winners. As I write this, it's just a few weeks after our committee finished its work and picked the recipients of our scholarships. And I'm still blown away by the quality of the applicants. With this level of academic achievement and initiative in the candidates, it's no wonder we gave out 20 awards, the same number we gave last year, which was a lot more than we used to. We're proud to do it.

If you worry about the future of the world, do yourself a favor and read these profiles. If you're like me, you'll be

The late Joannie Mukai, former City Employee and Club Board Member who passed away in 2010, was a big believer in supporting our youths; that's why we named the scholarship program for her. She would be mighty impressed by this group. Medical students ... volunteers ... performers ... an actual rocket scientist ... graduate students ... those who have succeeded despite long odds ... and on and on. And all related to the Club!

So congratulations to our recipients. And I want to give a nod to those others who applied, but didn't make it this year. You're all winners in my book. Keep on being yourself, and I know you'll be just fine.

And before I forget – have you bought your discounted tickets to the L.A. County Fair yet? Don't buy them at the fair, get the Club discount! They are always big sellers here at the Club, so don't wait!

I want to say a special goodbye to Port Police Officer Rudy Meza, whose retirement event is covered this month. Rudy has been a good friend of the Club for many years. The Club is very active in the Port, and it seems Rudy was always there, welcoming our Club Counselors or spreading the good word of what we're all about. So farewell and aloha, Rudy. May you enjoy ten thousand

And I want to give a shoutout to our ongoing guest photographer, Juan Guerra, for his stunning and dramatic photo on page 40 of an LAFD hero at work. We don't always have an extra page of space to celebrate Juan's work, but I'm glad we made room this month. It's worth taking a look at, and then saying a quick thanks that we have our Firefighters, and that they do what they do. We're all the better for it.

Now that it's September and the kids are back in school, you might not have as much time to do things as a family. That's why the Club Store is such a great thing... Mariana Guevara and her staff have lots of great family outings at amazing Club discounts. The Club believes in families, so take advantage!



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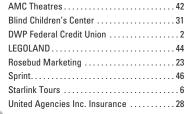
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Cecilia Talbot. Claims Manager

Monica Zamudio,

Claims Assistant Club Members' Praise

'Your claims services are excellent. I am particularly grateful to Cecilia Talbot for her knowledge, professionalism, concern, consideration and cooperation with the members. I had a long-term disability claim This insurance company was sending me form after form to fill out by my doctors, probably others, and me. They were asking for overwhelming information. The insurance company was not forthright in clarifying the insurance industry jargon. I was about to give up and rescind my claim. Luckily I contacted Cecilia. She helped and guided me with the process. She clarified matters with the insurance company and facilitated what I had come to think was possible.

- Farooq Mohammad, June 2011

"Monica [Zamudio] was extremely helpful. My mother's claim was handled immediately, which reduced the stress of paying for medical and funeral expenses. This care cost a great deal out of pocket. I am deeply grateful for the compassionate attitude and efficiency. We all have a purpose in this life. My mother's was to bring joy and love to all who knew her. [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] is a beautiful book and very comforting during these difficult times. Thank you!

- Antoinette Fierro, April 2010

Your claims service was prompt and professional. Cecilia is a very considerate and professional person She really showed concern and listened to me when I explained to her the loss I had for my mom. I appreciate her services to my siblings and me. [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] was comforting and helpful. It helps you to understand the loss of a family member or friend in a very different and coping way."

- Myra Matthew, December 2009

The Club's claims service was "excellent. Cecilia was very kind and very helpful. I found |The Fall of Freddie the Leaf to be thoughtful and comforting.

- Anonymous, December 2009

You probably won't get to meet Cecilia Talbot and Monica Zamudio very often... until you really need them. That's when their service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. - Ed.

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Echo Park Lake Project Makes for a Great Day Out



fter reading your article about Atter reading your management to the Park Lake, my family drove there on a Sunday morning to check it out. It was great! Joggers, a yoga class on the lawn, people in boats, others enjoying coffee at the café, and beautiful views of the downtown skyline... we enjoyed it so much that we walked around the entire park twice. We will definitely be back to enjoy this park. My congratulations to Julie Allen from Public Works on a fantastic job in restoring this wonderful City resource and for Alive! for bringing it to my attention.

> - Patrick Tomcheck, **Airports**

Robert Thanks Alive! for **Helping Honor His Brother**

In April, we lost my brother, William Martin Lavelle, and your printing of his memorial was deeply appreciated by his family and friends.

- Robert James Lavelle

World-Class LAX Bradley Terminal Really Takes Flight

Has anyone seen the changes to at the Tom Bradley Terminal in LAX? It looks so modern, and the architecture is eye catching. Just like it was mentioned in Alive!, it is a world-class location. This will certainly help tourists and other visitors feel more welcomed in the great city. Well done to all who were involved in the project.

- Roger Ludley, Retired

Club's Gedina Is Attuned to **Needs of the Lineman's Rodeo**

What was not reported in the last Alive! about the Lineman's Rodeo was that Gedina [Bergstrom] of the Club sang the National Anthem for the day of the event. She has a magnificent voice and very much added to the excitement of the day. Our thanks to the Club for letting DWP borrow her, and thanks to Gedina for taking the time to visit with us.

- Tim Jones, DWP

Softball 'Commish' Lady Smith **Brings Unity and Fun to League**

I would like to thank Commissioner Lady Smith of the Club Softball League for the fine effort she has made in making the league more united and fun. She cares about everyone and wants them to feel happy. Isn't that what it is all about? Next time I see the Sports Dude, I want to thank him too for keeping the sports program going. I hear there is bowling and basketball coming up soon, so I will be a cheering fan at those events as well.

- Wilma Trevor, Retired

Angel Captures Harsh Beauty of The Streets With 'People' Feature

I must commend Angel [Gomez] for his fine work in the "People We See" column. The story about Luis Miranda is incredible. An immigrant who ends up on the streets, that is harsh. It sounds to me like this is more common than we know. I sure hope he reunites with his family.

- Maria Lopez, General Services

Reader Lisa Stews About the Absence of 'Cooking With Club'

Hey! What happened to the "Cooking With the Club" column? That is the first page we read at our office, and it was a big shock not to see it in the last issue. Will it run again? And is Chef Larios still at the Club? His recipes are easy to make and entertaining to read. Not only that, but we think the Chef has a killer smile. We are concerned employees, and Club Members here at the Fire Department. Don't go, Chef!

- Lisa McCombs, LAFD

Rest easy, Lisa! As you will see when you turn to page 41 (or already have turned, as it is the first page you seek!), Chef Larios makes a triumphant return this month. As for pull extra duty as his alter ego, the Club's Vice President of Operations. Enjoy! - Ed.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

Juestion OF THE MONTH

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

What's your favorite football team?



"Redskins! Redskins! Redskins!" Michael Anderson, Club IT Manager



"The Rams, oh yeah!" – Erick Pineda, Airports, 13 years of City service



"Raiders." - Frank Ramirez, Airports, 13 years of City service



"The Pittsburgh Steelers." - Evelyn Dozier, City Attorney



"The Raiders." - Mike Neal, Public Works/Sanitation, 24 years of City



"New Orleans Saints all the way!"

- Chris Bell, Public Works/Sanitation, 27 years of City service



"The Raiders, baby!"

– Norris Eaton, Public Works/ Sanitation. 27 years of City service



"The 49ers are the team to beat!"

- Sparkle Penson, Airports, 4 years of City service



"The Seattle Seahawks are going all the way!"

– Joseph Zappia,



"The Silver and White... the Raiders!"

- Jerome Johnson Public Works/ Sanitation 11 years of



"The Raiders and Raider Nation!"

– Mike Zepeda, Public Works/ Sanitation. 16 years of

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Xavier Rodriguez Note: The Club Store will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Get Cracking!

Lobster Festival in Harbor set for Sept. 13-15.

Poster courtesy Harbor Dept.

The annual Lobster Festival, one of the Port of LA's biggest social events of the year, is more I than just lobster. It's turned into a multi-attraction event, with top indie bands, an army of food trucks (some of the famous), and lots of great food other than lobster.

HARBOR

But it's the lobster directly from Maine that attracts most of the attendees.

This year's Lobster Festival is set for Sept. 13-15 at Ports O'Call Village on the LA

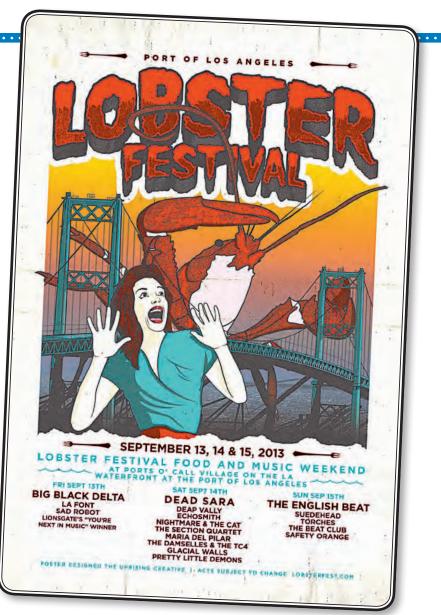
Waterfront.

Admission to the festival does not include the cost of food.

See the poster for more information. For food prices, go to: lobster-

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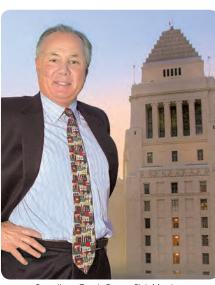
NEWSBRIEF

LA AQUEDUCT **CENTENNIAL:**

To help mark the 100th anniversary of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, the DWP is making significant improvements to the grounds surrounding the Mulholland Memorial Fountain in Los Feliz. A new Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden with California Friendly landscaping and plants, walking paths, park benches and educational signage, will complement the recent renovations made to the water landmark. The space will also feature a decomposed granite (DG) path that depicts the aqueduct's alignment starting from Mono Lake to Los Angeles, as well as a 10-foot diameter riveted steel section of the original aqueduct pipe as interactive display and monument to the engineering marvel's centennial anniversary.

When completed in the fall and in time for the festivities of the Aqueduct's 100th year, the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden along with the Mulholland Memorial Fountain will highlight Mulholland's work and vision of the future of Los Angeles while also demonstrating the beautiful possibilities of water-wise landscaping.

Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, helped break the ground of the garden Aug. 9 with representatives of the DWP. The garden is located at 3360 Riverside Dr. in Los Feliz.



Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



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The LAPD Scientific **Investigation Division's Questioned Documents Unit analyzes evidence** by examining signatures. printing, handwriting, pens and paper.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

hile it frequently uses technology, the LAPD's Questioned Documents Unit still toils away at some pretty manual tasks - shining lights sideways on paper. Cascading toner onto a notepad to see if any writing impressions from now-missing top sheets can be visualized. Peering through a microscope to determine whether a signature has been hand-written, or machine printed. Or trying to reassemble, by hand, hundreds of thin strips of paper from a shredder. But technology new and old work together to investigate crimes.

The Questioned Documents Unit examines documents to determine the facts surrounding them, their preparation, and their subsequent treatment.

> The examination can include: comparison of handwriting or hand-printing; detection of alterations; photocopier and computer manipulation; restoration or decipherment of erased and obliterated writing; visualization of latent impressions; the identifica

tion of printing processes; reassembly of shredded documents; the dating of documents; and differentiation of inks.

The most common examination is comparison of handwriting or handprinting. Authorship of any type of document may come into question during an investigation

Everyone has similarities in their handwriting; otherwise we wouldn't be able to read what each other writes.

The Forensic Document Examiner trains for two to four years in the study of handwriting and other document-related problems. It is the expert's responsibility to examine every element of a writing, including the minute details, and to look for both similarities and differences between known and questioned writing.

Given enough writing evidence, both known and questioned, the forensic document examiner may be able to identify or eliminate a suspected writer of having prepared a questioned document. The examiner is often called to testify in court and present exhibits to demonstrate the opinion.

The section at right constitutes a tour through the Questioned Documents Unit.



THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

You're Making Difference

Alive!: Thanks for giving us a tour today. For our readers, explain what Questioned Documents does. KAREN: Generally we examine documents

to determine their source, their authenticity or authorship. That usually involves a handwriting comparison to determine if one person wrote the document in question, or it can include examination for alterations, obliterations, whether a document is counterfeit, how a document was prepared, the facts surrounding the document and how it was handled subsequently.

That includes an examination of handwriting styles, of paper, of ink, and maybe creating some sort of sequence or history of the document, too?

KAREN: Yes, and printing processes, that sort

Pretty much anything around writing or printing on a document is what you look at?

KAREN: Yes.

How has the process of what you do in this unit changed over the years?

KAREN: When I first started, we had a lot more handwriting cases. Now some cases don't involve handwriting at all. Some do involve handwriting, and then you do an ESDA for indentations. You do a VSC to look at the inks. In the old days, it was more handwriting-based. Now because we have more technology, we can do more things.

Do people write less than they used to?

KAREN: Yes, people do write less, so we have fewer handwriting cases. That's one of the reasons. And the other reason is because a lot of things are copied now instead of originals, it makes it difficult for us to do our exams.

Explain that a little bit more.

KAREN: Sure. For instance, checks. When started, we looked at a lot of checks. Now I haven't seen a check in a long time because they're all microfiched within, I believe, 24 hours. And then they're gone. So we don't really look at checks anymore.

And there's a lot of direct deposit, too. KAREN: Yes.

Did you start out in this department? What was your career path?

KAREN: My first 18 months I was actually a Fingerprint Classifier.

And that was pre-database.

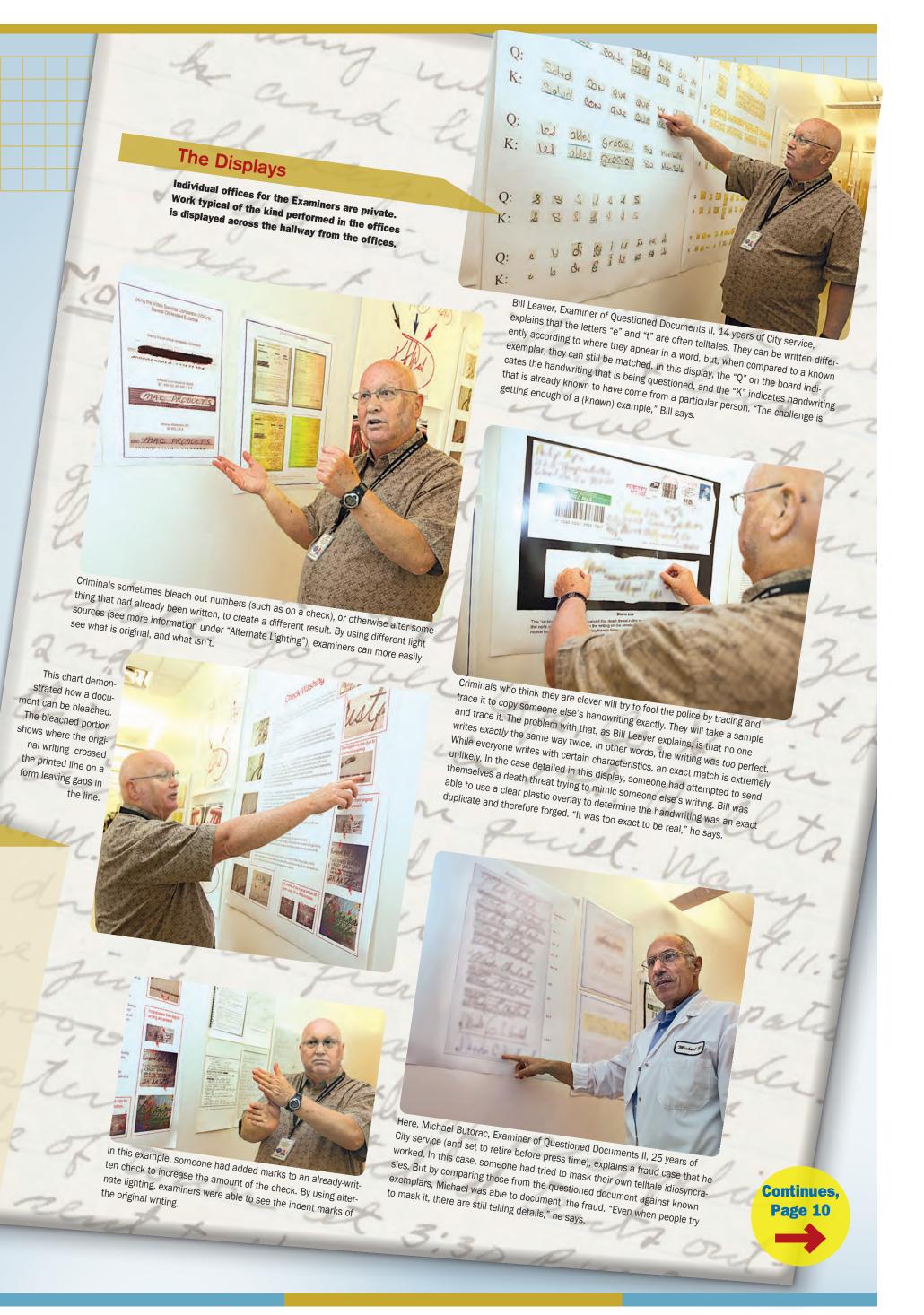
KAREN: Yes, today they are called Fingerprint Identification Experts. I would look at rolled fingerprints, classify them and hand search to determine if that person has been arrested before. It wasn't latent prints. It was all from arrestees.

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On July 2, Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Karen "KC" Chiarodit, Sr. Examiner of Questioned Documents, 34 years of City service. Her last name is pronounced Share-ohdee; she is the daughter of the late LAPD Officer Lawrence Chiarodit. The interview took place in her office in the LAPD Crime Lab. – Ed.

Alive! Feature

CSI: LA Questioned Documents LAPD SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION DIVISION:



— continued

ESDA (Electrostatic Detection Apparatus)

Often people use notepads to write a message, and then remove the top page to remove any trace of the message. But by using a special technique, examiners often can see via indentation what was written on the pages above that "blank" sheet. In addition, examiners sometimes can determine the sequence in which text was written on the sheets above the sheet being tested. The ESDA machine can often determine what was written on a sheet several sheets above the one being tested.



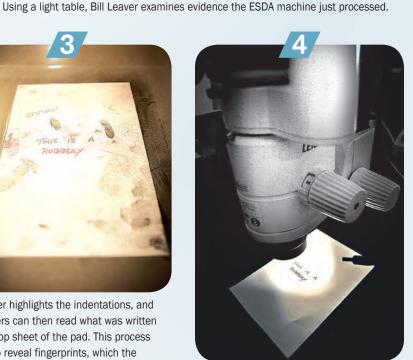
the sheet of paper to protect the evidence. The sheet is made smooth with a roller. With the machine on, air pulls the sheet to the bed, and a slight electrostatic charge is given to the sheet. Then, a special toner is poured on top of the blank sheet (covered

in plastic).

A thin plastic Mylar sheet is placed on top of



The toner highlights the indentations, and examiners can then read what was written on the top sheet of the pad. This process can also reveal fingerprints, which the Questioned Documents Unit passes along to the Latent Print Unit for processing. (This sheet is for demonstration purposes only and is not actual casework.)



Sometimes, by using light at an angle, examiners are also able to see the indentations. and therefore what was written on a sheet above this "blank" one.



In this demonstration (not actual casework), a "blank" sheet is placed on the top of the ESDA machine.

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW - continued

Rolled prints are a lot different than when you're looking at latent prints. Latent Prints is a lot harder.

A latent print is what they lift off of a TV if it had been stolen, something like that.

KAREN: Right. Rolled prints, is what happens when you get arrested. So I was doing that for about 18 months, and then this position came up. At the time it was a trainee position.

Still Some Old-School

Is the process that you use here, is it more technological than it was when you started, or is the process still kind of one-on-one analysis and looking at the way Ts are crossed, for example? At least to me, police work and investigations have gone very technological. Are you about as technological as everyone else, or less so or more so?

KAREN: The handwriting comparison hasn't changed. We look at it exactly the same way today as they did a hundred years ago. But other things having to do with documents have evolved. For instance, the ESDA, which stands for Electrostatic Detection Apparatus. You've seen it in action. It actually can make a permanent copy of the indentations, but when I first started it didn't even exist, so we used side lighting. We still use side lighting today, but if you want to make a permanent impression, you have to use the ESDA. You could sometimes do it with photography, and we did used to do that in the old days, but you're not going to always see what you need to. The weaker the impressions, the better it works on the ESDA. The deeper the impressions, the harder it works on the ESDA. So if you've got, say, a second sheet with typewriting on it, you're going to have better results looking at it with side lighting.

So in that case we might go a little "old school," but for the most part the ESDA is the way to do it. As far as the VSC, it's an alternate light source, so in the old days if we were trying to see if there was a tracing, we would use photography using different filters. And we got limited results compared to what we can get today.

Do you see any typewritten pages anymore?

KAREN: When we see them it's usually a cold case, so when everyone says, "Let's get rid of the typewriters. We don't use them anymore," we actually do, because the LAPD has a Capitalize Cold Case Squad.

Do you have typewriters here that you would use to see what kind of a machine produced the evidence?

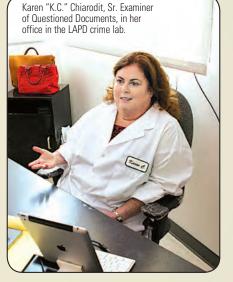
KAREN: We have typewriter standards. There's also another program that is computer based that we can search.

Otherwise it might require hundreds and hundreds of typewriter models. KAREN: Yes.

Reality vs. TV

How different or the same is what you do from what people see on

KAREN: The biggest thing is that, on TV, they usually take the handwriting and one signature from a driver's license, "Oh, it's the same," in about two seconds. Well, first of all, we would never make a comparison like that. You can't take a signature from a driver's license and look at a diary and tell anything about it. We would need a lot more exem-



plar [examples], obviously. We would need exemplar in the same manner as the question is written, and it would take us hours, sometimes days to do the comparison.

What one thing, or two things, do you wish people knew about what you do that they don't know?

KAREN: Well, I wish that people didn't think that we did graphology and told you your personality, or your future.

People really think that?

KAREN: Oh yes. Everyone assumes we do.

People will think that you can determine personality by looking at handwriting...

KAREN: Yes, and they're very disappointed to find out we don't. They'll just say, "Oh, you don't? Oh, is that all you do?"

All you do is solve crimes. KAREN: Exactly.

Interesting Cases

Talk about a few of the more interesting cases that you have worked.

KAREN: Probably the most interesting historically was the SLA case...

That's the Symbionese Liberation Army from the 1970s?

KAREN: Yes, Kathleen Soliah [later known as Sara Jane Olson - Ed.] was a member. She wasn't the only one, but she was part of the group that planted two bombs under two different police cars. She was indicted, but then she went underground for about 25 years. Then she was eventually found as a soccer mom in Minnesota, and they arrested her. They brought her back to Los Angeles to stand trial. That became a three-year case. There were so many documents, and you couldn't put her on trial without putting the whole SLA on trial because of the conspiracy. So it got to be a very, very big case, and there were a lot of documents in a lot of different locations.

Wow. Were you the lead in the Soliah case?

KAREN: I was the only person who examined the handwriting.

What specifically were you tasked to do as part of the evidence in that

KAREN: There were thousands. That was the most documents I've ever looked at on any case. But one that was most significant was a letter. [Soliah] sent away to buy the bomb fuse, because you couldn't order it online.

Not in the 1970s.

KAREN: She had to send away for it, and so I identified her on that letter. There were a lot of other documents.

CSI LA Questioned Documents

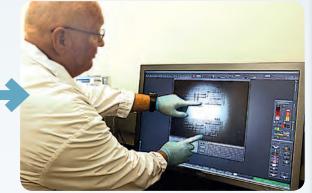
Alternate Light

Modern scanning and lighting technology can produce results far more detailed, and far more wide-ranging, than what old manual equipment could produce. And modern technology does not run the risk of altering or destroying the original evidence.

Examiners use a VSC – a Video Spectral Comparator – to examine the evidence under different wavelengths of light. Changing the light wavelength can reveal many different aspects of the evidence, including whether it had been overwritten or bleached, and whether a different ink was used to alter the writing on a document.



Bill Leaver has scanned a check, and the scan is displayed on the monitor. This shows the evidence under normal light.



Changing the light source to infrared tells a different story the check had been altered. This is not actual casework, but a check used for demonstration.



A note containing obliterations, seen by the naked eye.



The same note under infrared light. Infrared luminescence reveals the original writing under the obliteration.

Stereoscopic Microscope

Sometimes examining a piece of evidence is as simple as placing it under a microscope and looking at it. Under the microscope here is the driver's license of Alive! editor John Burnes. He was examining the license's microprinting, a valuable tool used by the state of California to make counterfeits very difficult to produce.



To determine that the woman who was the soccer mom in Minnesota was, in fact, the same woman - is that part of what you did? KAREN: Yes.

And how did it end? KAREN: She pled guilty.

A Passion for It

You light up when you talk about what you do. What about this work fulfills you?

KAREN: Well, every case is different. You don't get bored, and you do feel like you're making a difference.

Even after 25 years. KAREN: Well, you are

Talk about the special skills and dedication of your crew, of the people who work for you.

KAREN: We have the best Unit in the Division, and one of the reasons why is this: Document Examiners are hired for this unit and only this unit. You either work here or you don't. So we put a lot of effort into hiring the right people. We get along as a unit. When a detective walks in with a case, everybody will say, "How can we help you? What can we do?" And we try to get our work done as quickly as possible.

Everybody here is very skilled and helps each other. You've got Bill with 36 years. Jane is the newbie with eight years. In a lot of units, the person with eight years is the veteran. Here you've got 36 years, 34 years, 19 years, 11 years, eight years. Everybody in here has a lot of experience.

They seem really comfortable with each other.

KAREN: We're lucky, because everybody here gets along, and we'll help each other.

How do people train for this?

KAREN: We hire people with a four-year degree, but it can be in anything. For DNA you have to have a lot of biology. I don't care what your degree is in because we give you two years of on-the-job training. We teach you ourselves, it's really an apprenticeship-type role; we have a curriculum, and we teach in modules.

So the first thing you learn is ethics, and then it goes on. We teach you how to write a report. And then handwriting's the big one, but we'll teach you how to do an ESDA, and you're constantly tested after each module. It takes so long because it's like cutting crystal. You have to do it over and over again. The handwriting is what takes so long. Everything else doesn't take as long. You can't learn handwriting overnight. And then even after you're trained, your cases are still monitored for more than a year. And then about 70 percent of our cases are tech reviewed.

Do you review all the work that your staff does?

KAREN: Pretty much; I do most of the

Moving Forward

What challenges does this unit face as you move forward?

KAREN: Fewer original documents. It's harder and harder for detectives to get originals. Things are just either destroyed or nobody's writing anymore. It's shifted. We get different types of cases, and the types of cases we get now tend to be a little bit more complex than what I first had when I first came in.

Thank you for this interview.

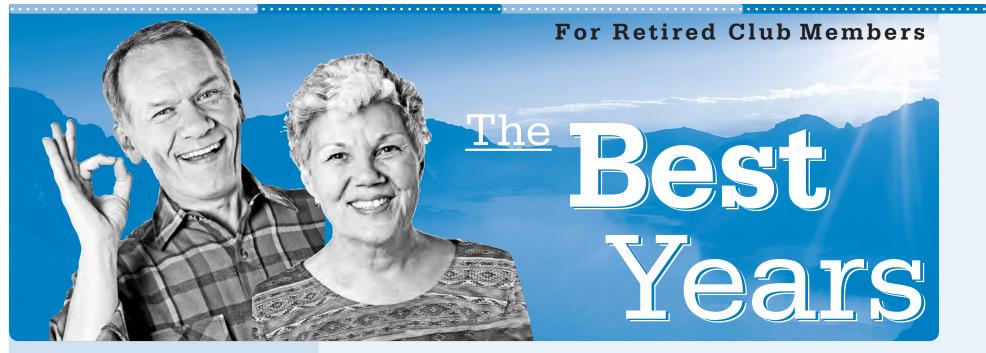
KAREN: You're welcome. ■

Special Thanks!

Alive! thanks everyone in the Questioned Documents Unit, but especially Bill Leaver, who lead us on a tour of the lab just after undergoing a treatment for skin cancer. Bill was brave enough to not mind being photographed. Alive! respects the dignity and reality of all City Employees, whatever life may throw their way, and we thank Bill for his courage. - Ed.



The Questioned Documents Unit, from left: Karen "KC" Chiarodit, Sr. Examiner of Questioned Documents, 34 years of City service; Michael Butorac, Examiner of Questioned Documents II, 25 years; Tim Cheadle, Examiner of Questioned Documents II, 10 years; Jane Rodriguez, Examiner of Questioned Documents II, 8 years; and Bill Leaver, Examiner of Questioned Documents II, 14 years (but more than 40 years in law enforcement, 36 years in documents). Not pictured: Miriam Angel, Examiner of Questioned Documents II, 19 years.



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Reports: Pension Plans Are All Over the Map



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

Tjust returned from our annual I retired member picnic and sat down and started writing this article.

Americo Garza, Entertainment Chairman, and I talked about the food we received from Chris & Pitts. Next year we plan to do more and better than we had this year.

LACERS for sending us Lita Payne, Assistant General Manager, and Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Health Benefits Administrator, and their assistants to talk and answer questions on the status of our pension system. We are lucky to have them at our disposal. They are such a great people!

We are also lucky to have the City Employees Club's: John Hawkins and Robert Larios; they

Again, I want to thank are always very generous with their expensive gift certificates for our raffle prizes. Robert is always there with camera on hand to take pictures for Alive! Thank you for all you do for us!

RLACEI

Sept. 19 is our general meeting and election of officers at the Friendship Hall on Riverside Drive near Los Feliz Boulevard. We plan to have a great lunch. Be sure to call and make reservations.

Pension Reports Reflect Pandemonium



Michael Karsch

Legislative Update and Pension Issues by Michael Karsch

In Illinois, Governor Pat Quinn Ivetoed the pay package for the state legislators who failed for a third time in 12 months to reach an agreement on how to fund the state pension shortfall. The leaders of the Legislature, Senate President John Cullerton and House Speaker Michael Madigan, then sued the governor for stopping their paychecks.

In New York, the head of the state Department of Financial Services, which is regulating all state and local pensions, is reported by AI-CIO.com as saying "our responsibility is to watch the watchers at the public funds to ensure they're upholding the public trust." The article then reiterates the controversy over the last three years in that state: In 2012, Chevron accused the New York State Controller, Thomas DiNapoli, of using his position to get donations for a large international lawsuit; also in 2012, a state court sentenced a former chief investment officer of the state employee pension system to a conditional discharge for allowing

a culture or corruption at the fund; and in 2010 the then-New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo accused a top aide to the state comptroller of leading a \$35 million fraud scheme at the New York State Common Retirement Fund.

In Michigan, of course, the Detroit situation is a crisis. That City's bankruptcy's major cause is the unfunded liability of the pensions (\$3.5 billion) and the unfunded healthcare of the retirees (\$5.7 billion), per Kevyn Orr, the emergency manager of Detroit, according to BusinessWeek.com. A writer at Bloomberg, Stephen Eide, wrote in early July that the healthcare costs have not been funded in any way, nor is there the capacity to do so in the immediate future, citing the same unfunded liability figures above. He notes that the legal protection for pensions is far higher than for healthcare, arguing that the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that the Michigan constitution protecting public pensions does not apply to Other Post Employment Benefits.

The City of Los Angeles has for almost 20 years set aside money for OPEB, such as healthcare, one of the few cities in the country to do so. Beyond this level of argument, however, is the provision in both the Michigan and California constitutions that prohibit the "impairment of contract." This is what the state and local agencies do when offering jobs to applicants, including the pension. Did such offers imply a contract to provide healthcare as well for the employee and the retiree? Or will the retiree over 65 have to seek Medicare on his/her own?

Pennsylvania has a combined unfunded liability in state pensions of \$47 billion. Philadelphia had its debt downgraded by Fitch Ratings at the end of July.

Meanwhile in California, the San Jose pension reform passed by the voters last year is going to trial on challenges by the city unions. This is a fight over what is a vested right, and whether San Jose's charter, which reserves the right of voters to make future changes in retirement plans, takes precedence (San Jose Mercury News, July 21, 2013). Those voters changed the pension system for current employees by increasing their contribution to maintain their program, or pay the same for a lesser benefit; and cost of living increases in the pensions could be suspended if the city declares a fiscal emergency.

New York Times Defends Public Pensions



Wilkinson

Pension Law and Policy by Michael R. Wilkinson

major newspaper criticiz-Amajor newspar I even attacking the millions who depend on these vital retirement plans is not news. However, we have come to the point where one of the most respected news-

papers in the country coming to the defense of public pensions is news, since so few papers are willing to print anything good and valuable about the plans.

The New York Times published an editorial noting that, while all the news coverage goes to pension plans under fire in areas like Stockton and Detroit and Illinois and Connecticut, not all plans are in bad shape. The Times noted that the difficulties for the beleaguered plans vary from the collapse of the real estate market to garden-variety mismanagement of public funds.

Some other papers including the San Diego Union Tribune and others are constantly on the attack and feed into the populist view that a public pension is

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out that some of the attempts at

"pension reform" would really

some kind of public employee give- both cost more and be riskier than benefit is cost of living and other away. However, the Times points the current plans.

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make matters worse. In particular, the *Times* observes that one of the suggestions from a politician (Orrin Hatch, R-Utah) would hurt retirement systems by forcing retirees into annuities and 401(k) plans, and that would likely

Not all of the *Times'* editorial supports the current operation of even well-run plans. The paper also spoke approvingly of a new approach being tried in a Canadian province that would split retirement benefits into two categories: base and ancillary. The base is the core pension benefit, and the ancillary

benefits. This system allows the base to be fixed, but the ancillary benefit would move up and down depending on the financial health of the pension plan.

None of this has any effect on our LACERS pension, but it is valuable for us to look over our shoulders from time to time to see what is going on in the rest of the continent.

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LACERS Update



Marv Beetz

By Mary Beetz, **RLACEI Publicity** Chair

Save The Date: Attend an Open **Enrollment** Meeting

LACERS Health Plans Open Enrollment for 2014 will run from October 15 through November 15. Open Enrollment meetings will be held at various locations and feature presentations from each of LACERS health plans to assist retirees and/or their surviving spouses or domestic partners in making informed decisions about 2014 medical and dental coverage. Please save the following dates for the meeting closest to you:

Location
San Fernando Valle
Ventura County
Ontario
Las Vegas
Los Angeles
San Pedro

Additional information as to time and address of Open Enrollment meetings will be included with your September paycheck.

You can also check the LACERS website at www.LACERS.org for updates.

LACERS in **Motion: Free Fitness Classes for** September

LACERS in Motion, the new fitness program sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross which launched in August with free exercise classes available to all LACERS retirees, continues in September with Low-Impact Cardio sessions at two Los Angeles County locations, as well as one location each in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties*. 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. You may register on the LACERS Well webpage or by calling LACERS at (800)779-8328. For more information on LACERS in Motion fitness classes

scheduled for September -December 2013, visit the LACERS Well webpage or call LACERS at (800)779-8328.

Move More Free Health **Education Class** from Kaiser-**Permanente** September 17, 2013

LACERS Well will host Move More, a health education class sponsored by Kaiser Permanente Healthworks, on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. - noon at the EXPO Center's Roy A. Anderson Recreation Center in Los Angeles*. This class will give you tips to help manage your weight and reduce the likelihood of developing chronic health conditions over your lifetime, simply by exercising more. Join us for a one hour session to learn how to become more physically active by pumping up your heart rate with some fun fitness and music. This is the third in a series of six free health education classes sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and open to all LACERS retirees. Space is limited and registration is required. You may register on the LACERS Well webpage or by calling LACERS at (800)779-8328.

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

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New Officers on Slate at Sept. 4 General Meeting



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

Iguard. At our Sept. 4, 2013 meeting, we plan to have our annual election of officers and delegates who run your association. Candidates for the offices are President Paul Enox. Vice President Bob Olsen, Secretary Will Gartland and Treasurer Jim Chastain. Delegates are James ented directors who are working Wilke, James Hill, Denis Cremins and Don Forrest.

We have had three of our longtime directors retire: Big Mike Dwyer, 19 years; Robin Welborn, 10 years; and Arnett Hartsfield, 11

years. They deserve a healthy round of applause (thanks!) for all that they contributed down through the It's time for the changing of the years. The board has appointed James Hill, a retired Fire Chief, to replace Arnett, and Art Placencia, a retired Police Officer, to replace Mike Dwyer, and the board is in the process of selecting another police officer for Robin's vacancy.

> We have a great bunch of talto protect and preserve our retiree benefits. We are in a continual struggle to keep the politicians and reformers from changing and reducing benefits that you earned with many years of service for the

citizens of Los Angeles. We need your help in this battle. If you are not a member and are a retired firefighter or police officer, or a member of either department with 20 or more years of service, you are eligible to become a member of our association. This is very easy to do. Just call our toll free number, (888) 288-7053, and our staff will mail you the necessary information and forms. We need each other.

Don't forget the Sept. 4 general meeting, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. in Los Angeles.

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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.

We continue the story in the morning, and we are docked in Cadiz, Spain. It is the oldest continuously inhabited city in Spain and one of the oldest in all of southwestern Europe.

Last night on board the ship, we watched a cast show featuring the music of Cole Porter. The dancers were very talented. There was a tap-dancing number that was outstanding. Overall, the entertainment has been good. I really thought the costumes were the best I had seen on any ship. We really got a closeup view sitting in the front row, thanks to Myrna.

We turned the clock ahead one hour that night, because Cadiz is GMT - plus one. The next day we turned the clock back again because Lisbon is on GMT Made

We had all been to Cadiz on our Rome to Fort Lauderdale cruise in 2009, but on that trip we took the all-day tour to Seville. We decided to use the Hop-On, Hop Off bus, but then Don and Myrna decided to just walk into the old city center, which ended very near to where we were docked. Evelyn and I wanted to see more of Cadiz, including the new parts of the city.

We left the ship before 10 a.m. and while

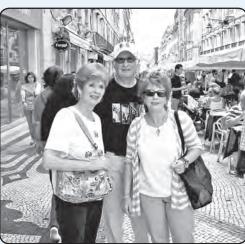


Having lunch.

walking to the bus stop I found that I had left the camera battery in the charger, so I had to go back to the ship. The cost of the Hop bus was €15. When I looked on the Internet to find out, it quoted the regular price as \$26 with an Internet special at \$20 plus a \$3.50 handling charge. At that time, €15 was less than \$20. My only problem was that I was using Euros I bought last year for \$1.50 each. The only plus is that I already considered the money spent. It is good to check the Internet for specials before you leave on your trip. A good site to use is www.viator.com.

It was very foggy when we left the ship, and the bus first went around the new city, outside the old wall, where the beaches were. It was hard to see in the fog, but the beaches reminded us of Santa Monica - a very deep beach, with lots of sand. It didn't look to be good for surfing, but maybe there are times of the year when it is. The weather reminded me of "May gray" or even "June gloom." A short distance from the beach road, it was clear and blue.

The bus then drove back to the old part of the city. It reminded us of Florence, with narrow streets and old buildings surrounding large open public squares. We passed the central area and then drove through a very nice residential area with a beautiful botanical garden at the edge of the bay. The gardens had palms and evergreens trimmed in shapes that were spirals and pinnacles. It reminded Evelyn of Alice in Wonderland. It



On the streets of Lisbon.

ran along the coast for at least a mile with paths, benches and a wide selection of blooming shrubs and flowers, really very inviting. Cadiz sort-of juts out, with the Atlantic Ocean on one side and a bay on the other. All of Cadiz is on the Atlantic side of Spain, with the Strait of Gibraltar to the east.

We went around again to get off at the central area and also to see if the fog had cleared; it had a little. The central square was very busy with a combination of tourist and locals. Another cruise ship was in port, the Maria, from Oceania. We found a café and sat outside and had lunch. The special included bread, olives, potato salad with tuna and olive oil, a plate of cold cuts served on a bed of potato chips, two beverages and paella for €18. It was way too much food, but we managed to eat most of it. Evelyn couldn't wait to get home to make the potato salad and paella. She had already purchased some saffron in the Canaries. The weather was great; the fog had lifted, and

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we had bright sunshine and a temperature in the low 70s. After lunch, we walked the streets of the old city and then walked back to the ship. Our only purchase was a magnet. We looked for Spanish olive oil but didn't see any. Spain produces more olive oil, and some say it's better, than Italy.

Back on board, we had dinner in the dining room after drinks in the Casino Lounge. Tonight was "Dancing with the Stripes," a takeoff on "Dancing with the Stars,"

where the ship's dancers dance with a ship's officers. The show was at 10 p.m., and we wanted a front-row seat. The Cabaret Lounge was setup more as a nightclub, and the best seats were in the front row. Before the "dancing," there was a regular show with Gregg Scott, a very tall violinist from England, at 8:30 p.m. We finished dinner about 7:30 p.m., hung out by the showroom until the first show was over, and then ran for our seats. Myrna also got into a fight with a woman who outweighed Myrna by 100 pounds, but everything turned out okay and we got our seats. Evelyn and I had our iPads and read until show time. After the show, which was very good, we read some more until the "dancing" show. There were four pairs, and they all did a good job. There were judges, who were the comedy part of the show. The junior officer, Sebastian, our escort on the bridge tour, was dancing, and we supported him. He

was doing a disco routine very well and won the competition with his partner, Rochelle, one of the dancers. She was from Australia, so the show was very multinational. The whole program was very entertaining. They perform that show only occasionally, and it was a specialty of the cruise director, David. The couples had to find time and space for rehearsal between their regular duties. It was really fun and a lot more entertaining that the

staff talent shows that are usually scheduled.

We didn't dock in Lisbon, Portugal, until noon. The last time we were here we were not able to get a Starbucks mug for Evelyn's collection, so this time I researched the location of four Starbucks so that we would make sure to get a mug. We would take a taxi to the shopping area from the port.

We had breakfast with Sebastian, who won the dance contest the night before. He's a very nice young man. He has worked seas were calm and the temperature was in the mid-70s. The cruise port is right on a wide boulevard with a very pretty view of the city.

We left the ship just before noon and took a taxi to the city center. The first taxi we asked wanted €20 for the ride for the four of us. We laughed and found one for €4. He dropped us off in the central square of the old town and we walked the pedestrian street, window shopping and checking out the various cafés for lunch. We found one we liked pickup time to 9 a.m. I checked the weather in London and I think we may need an umbrella.

We had drinks at the suite party. Many passengers could have taken advantage of the party, but not many did. There were fewer than 10 people in the room.

We had dinner in the buffet and the sat there as the ship sailed from Lisbon. Lisbon is not on the ocean, but is on the Tejo River.



Sailing into Lisbon.

for Princess for about four year and MSC (a cruise line of the Mediterranean Shipping Co.) before that. If my granddaughter Isabelle were here, she would be following him like a puppy dog. He was really cute and with that Italian accent, he was the whole package. I could tell he worked out, too.

We were now sailing into the harbor area. It was very picturesque and the first time we were awake as we docked. The and ordered sandwiches, and Evelyn had a salad. Don and I each had a very large beer. With tip, the lunch was $\in 40$.

Portugal, like Spain, makes very fine olive oil, though it is less available in the States. We purchased some on the walk back to the ship.

After lunch, we looked for a Starbucks Evelyn bought her mug. We stopped for ice cream, and Don wanted to buy one of the hats the employees were wearing. It was a red English-style driving cap. The ice cream guy went in the back and gave Don a bag and wouldn't take any money. The hat was inside, and inside the hat was the name Ana, who either didn't work there anymore or was missing one hat. Don looked very debonair as we walked back to the ship. It was less than two miles and was good exercise.

Lisbon is a very beautiful city, and with more time we would explore more. We would even try the underground system they have. The architecture is a mixture of old and new. We saw the typical architecture of residential above and retail on the ground floor, with interior courtyards so familiar in Paris and other European cities. It is truly a beautiful city; it has many monuments and interesting street art. We passed their Museum of Modern Art and it had a large mural covering a space at least two stories high by 200 feet.

I decided to confirm our pickup in Dover, so I called them. There was no problem as they had our reservation. I changed our It took more than an hour until we reached the Atlantic. With the sun setting, it was a nice show. The economies of both Spain and Portugal were hurting, but it was hard to see it in the areas we were in. We did notice a number of for-rent and sales signs on buildings in the commercial district in Lisbon, and the maintenance of some looked to be forgotten. On the other hand, we saw a number of construction cranes.

Next month we finish up the cruise with our stop in France.



Hal at the port.



Ana's hat.

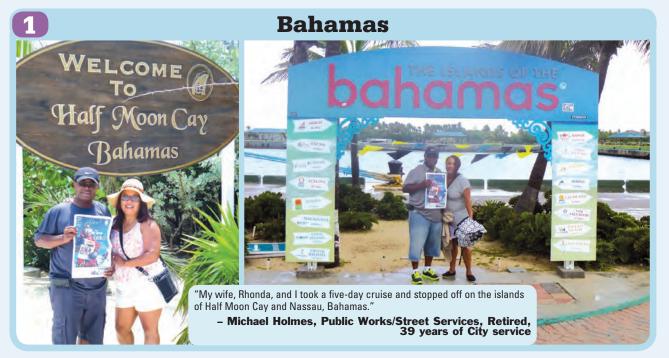
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RETIRES AROUND









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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 grandkids. So send 'em in!



Here's how:

- 1. Make sure to have permission from their parents. If you send in a photo, Alive! assumes you have already received that permission.
- 2. Photos with you in them are better... but if not, that's okay, too.
- 3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
- 4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them - their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
- 5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talk back@cityemployeesclub.com

Print photos can be sent to: Grandkids City Employees Club of Los Angeles 120 W. Second St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012 (800) 464-0452

If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.

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 YE	ARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT Y	EARS
Alarcon, Richard	Councilmember	Council	30	Hobbs, Korla Patricia	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	31	Reel, Judith E.	Deputy City Att. IV	City Attorney	28
Auzenne, Annie Ou	Sr. Pol. Serv. Rep II	LAPD	36	Hodges-Jimenez, Nancy	Council Aide VI	Council	24	Sato, Vincent B.	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	29
Bishop, Jule	Dep. City Att. IV	City Attorney	29	Joiner, David Edward	Street Service Inv.	Public Works	32	Sewell, Robert G.	Street Serv. Supv. II	Public Works	26
Boldware, Joann	Custodian	Airports	12	Johnson, Ralph	Custodian	Airports	15	Sharpless, Stephen	Storekeeper II	Transportation	29
Bremner, Michael	Equip. Specialist II	Transportation	n 26	Kishiyama, Ronald	Sr. Equip. Mech.	LAPD	34	Shimatsu, Rodger K.	Manag. Analyst II	Public Works	15
Brown, Sgt. Anthony	Airport Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Lampros, Sofia	Crossing Guard	Transportation	12	Simmons, Elizabeth	Custodian	Airports	14
Byrne, William	Librarian III	Library	18	Lingat, Panlilio Rodolfo	Wast. Tre. Oper. III	Public Works	25			·	
Cajucorn, Emmanuel	Pr. Const. Insp.	Public Works	35	Lorenz, Richard Lewis	Pipefitter	Public Works	22	Smith, Gail Elizabeth	Deputy City Att. III	City Attorney	7
Clarke, Daniel	Info. Sys. Mgr. II	ITA	34	Madrid, Wilmer B.	Painter II	Airports	22	Soja, Dennis	Comm. Elec. Supv.	ITA	26
Chu, Stella Y.	Criminalist III	LAPD	30	Marucut, Lucia A.	Cust. Service Spec.	Finance	26	St. Peter, Shirley	Occu. Psycologist II	Personnel	13
Dedios, Jose	Traffic Paint. Sign III	Transportation	n 28	Mirabal, Anthony	Gardener Caretaker	Zoo	18	Stancil, Richard	Motor Sweeper Ope.	Public Works	27
Ford, Martin Joseph	Police Service Rep	LAPD	28	Munoz, Irene Hsu	Info Systems Mgr. II	ITA	26	Striker, Garry A.	Park Maint. Supv.	Harbor	33
Forman, Donald	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Park	s 24	Niksich, George	Ref. Coll. Tru. Ope.II	Public Works	27	Sugar, Philip J.	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	39
Friedmann, Ellen T.	Dep. City Att. IV	City Attorney	25	Nollan, James P.	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	40	Thornhill, Robert E.	Sr. Librarian	Library	18
Garcia, Diana	Sr. Comm. Ope. II	ITA	26	Osmundson, Michael	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	29	Tworek, Grzegorz	Light Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	28
Gonzalez, Everardo	Security Officer	Airports	11	Papilla, Hilario	Chief Buil. Op. Engr.	General Services	s 30	Tworek, Zuzanna	Civil Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	25
Gonzalez, Maria R.	Spec. Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Park	s 2	Parreno, Amando	Accounting Clerk II	Harbor	27	•	· ·		
Guilardi, Francis	Dep. City Attorney II	City Attorney	5	Pastran, Armando	Building Mec. Ins.	Building & Safety	y 13	Ty, Carmencita A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Planning	26
Grzybowski, William	Polygraph Exa. III	LAPD	13	Poje, David M.	Equipment Operator	Rec and Parks	28	Williams, Wanda A.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	28
Hawkins, Claudia	Sr. Data Pro. Tech II	ITA	26	Raeburn, Michele	Librarian III	Library	29	Winger, Phyllis L.	Council Aide VII	Council	25
Heinold, Sgt. Gerald	Airport Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Rangel, Pascual	Custodian	Airports	10	Yamaguchi, Willard	Dep. City Att. II	City Attorney	6
Hill, Phillip C.	General Manager	Conv. Center	14	Ravelo, Marieta	Laboratory Tech II	Public Works	20	Yang, Angela Mei	Secretary	LAPD	27

For Retired Club Members

BestYears







Michael Wilkinson campaigns for the LACERS Board.



From left: Fred Kong, Public Works/Contract Admin, 33 years of City service; Ed Shum, Public Works/Contract Admin, 35 years; and (in back) Olivia McGhee and Ruth Kong, wife of Fred Kong.



Henry Starks, Public Works/Street Services, 40 years





From left: Lee Burell, General Services, 33 years of City service; and Sam Hochberg, Convention Center, 35 years.

RLACEI





From left: Linda Wang, LAFD, 20 years of City service; Mary Beetz, RLACEI Director; Helen Salgado, RLACEI Director; and Martha Harding, wife of Ed Harding.

Picnic Time

LA Retirees Association hosts annual summer picnic.



From left: Julian Torres, Building and Safety, 20 years, with his wife, Rose, and daughter, Debra.





Carrie and Walter Wilson, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 30 years of City service.



Story and photos by Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations

Detirees met for the annual \mathbf{K} picnic Aug. 8 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

Association leaders Ed Harding, Ken Spiker, Cliff Cannon, Helen Salgado, Mary Beetz, Phil Orland and Gary Mattingly, Dan Horowitz, Michael Wilkinson, Neil Ricci, Americo Garza and Tom Stemnock made sure this was a fun event.

The meeting was not over until everyone won something from the raffle! There were lots of great prizes, some of which were donated by the Club.

Thanks to Ed Harding for the opportunity attend and participate in this annual event.







son, Richard Gomez,





From left: Sharie and Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years of City service.





At the picnic.





From left: Paul Coleman, Public Works/Street Services, 26 years of City service; Walter Wilson, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 30 years; and (in back) Altrichia and Curtis Hopson, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 30 years.



At the picnic.

THIS MONTH AT THE Coastal Cleanup Saturday, Sept. 21 9 a.m. - Noon Spend Saturday morning enjoying the coast while helping the environment. Join the international effort to "Adopt a Beach." Hosted by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission, this event will be the 29th annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Every U.S. state and more than 90 countries are engaging in the cleanup. Participants will meet on outer Cabrillo Beach at 9 a.m. Aquarium staff will provide bags, instructions and light refreshments. All participants must bring a signed waiver; for children under 18 the waiver needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers are downloadable on the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Website. Groups are requested to call ahead at (310) 548-7562. Free and open to all. Parking: \$2. Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

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New Airport Police Officers

Dept. graduates two new officers.

Story by Officer Alicia Hernandez, Airport Police; Photos by Officer Darrius Lewis

n Aug. 9, new Airport Police Officers David Holcomb and Christian Flores joined the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from Class 2-13 of the Los Angeles Police Academy at Elysian Park, downtown Los Angeles.

Among the 33 recruits in the academy class, officer Holcomb received the "Overall Top Recruit" officer award for scoring the highest overall percentage in academics, phys-



From left: Airport Police Officer David Holcomb, Chief Patrick Gannon and Officer Christian Flores after the ceremony.

ical fitness, tactics, driving and firearms. He also scored number one in tactics and was voted class vice president by his academy peers. Officer Flores led his peers as squad leader in the academy.

Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon attended the graduation ceremony and performed the swearing-in of the officers. Also in attendance were Arif Alikhan, Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security; Assistant Chief Michael Hyams; Capt. Latasha Wells Amerson; Lt. Edward Trahan;



From left: New Airport Police Officers David Holcomb and Christian Flores are sworn in by Chief Patrick Gannon.

and other Airport Police personnel.

Chief Gannon said, "I am very proud of the dedication and leadership these new officers have demonstrated throughout this journey. Their accomplishments are the result of their hard work and dedication. Please join me in welcoming them to our organization."

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Officers Holcomb and Flores are expected to complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement under the guidance of a Field Training Officer before being assigned to Patrol Services Section.



From left: Airport Police Officer Christian Flores and Chie Patrick Gannon at the graduation ceremony.

DWP

Steam Plant Graduates

DWP graduates 14 to become Steam Plant Assistants.

Story and photo courtesy Joe Navarrete, DWP

Nongratulations to the 14 graduates of Steam Plant Assistant (SPA) Evaluation Class 121. The evaluation class is considered by many to be the toughest two weeks in the DWP. The SPA Evaluation Class traditionally experiences a 30 to 40 percent dropout rate;

many candidates repeat the class a second time, prior to passing. The class consisted of the intensive instruction on boilers, gas and steam turbines, fuel systems, primary and auxiliary systems, basic electrical theory, generator and electrical systems.

SPAs are the cornerstone of Steam

Generation. They are the basis from which all Generation personnel start their career. They will be assigned to one of the four in-basin generating stations. There, they will be responsible for maintaining the equipment and help to ensure the constant supply of electricity to the citizens of Los Angeles.



Steam Plant graduates, back, from left: Rafael Chang, Vince Jones, Cedric Bowen, Jonathan Tibbs, John Hong, Milton Adolph and Rukshan Evans. Front: Carlos Verduzco, Alex Carbajal, Veronica Castillo, Gary Valles, Albert Santillan, Elliot Moriarty and Robert Kershner

LAX WI-FI LANDMARK:

LAX, the largest U.S. airport to offer free Wi-Fi, announced that its wireless Internet service, operated by Advanced Wireless Group (AWG), achieved a significant milestone in surpassing one million public Wi-Fi sessions delivered in July alone.

One year ago, LAX became the largest airport in the country to offer its passengers free access to truly unrestricted Wi-Fi through a concessions agreement with AWG, the leading provider of free airport Wi-Fi services in the United States. With the explosion of mobile devices and consumers' increasing desire to stay connected while traveling, LAX recognized the opportunity to satisfy this growing demand while continuing to deliver on its dedication to excellent customer

While visiting LAX over the last year, travelers have enjoyed the option of unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi sessions at basic speeds after engaging with brief, sponsored content. For those seeking a commercial-free experience with greater speed and bandwidth, a premium service option is available for a nominal fee.

"Since LAX began offering free Wi-Fi last year, we've seen the passenger experience improve tremendously." said Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey. "As we continue to build the future of LAX with



the construction of the New Tom Bradley International Terminal and renovations to existing terminals, free Wi-Fi is a key component of LAWA's commitment to providing excellent customer service. As part of this effort, we will continue to identify areas for

network improvements within the four million square feet of terminal space at LAX and work alongside AWG to ensure an optimal web experience for all of our customers."

AWG has been providing high-quality Wi-Fi to airport passengers since 2004. Following award of the contract in June 2012, AWG was able to transition the existing infrastructure in less than two weeks to accommodate this new free service. This ensured no disruption in travelers' access to the network by making the upgrades before the existing operator's agreement expired. Working at unprecedented speeds in cooperation with Airports, the majority of upgrades were completed by

of the AWG agreement. Over the past year, both LAX and AWG have worked diligently in monitoring the network's capacity and traffic patterns throughout the upgrade

September 2012. Ongoing upgrades

will continue throughout the duration

process to address any customer complaints along the way and ensure optimal connectivity. Always taking customer feedback into consideration, whether positive or negative, LAX continues to make improving the airport experience for its travelers a top priority.



Hilario Papilla's retirement luncheon in the Tom Bradley Room, City Hall



From left: Elmo Rocha, James Segura, Fred Esakhanian, Paul Navarro, Allen Garbutt and Chris Holman.



Hilario Papilla receives a certificate from David Paschal, Asst. General



"The Man of the Hour" - Hilario Papilla retires after 30 years of City service.



Ed Hunter, Retired Building Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, hired Hil 30 years ago and shared that when Hil came in for his interview, he brought



From left: Ruben Verduzco, Mel Johnson, Andy Perez, Keith Terrick, Alex Garcia, Carlos Gastelum, Ruben Jaramillo and





From left: Herman Bilbrew, Bruce Hansell, Greg Zuniga, Beth Wendt, Michael Chee, Dan Rodriguez, Rosie Moore, Sylvia



Front, from left: Janet Lavilles, Library; Eloisa Sarao, Library; and a guest. Back: Fred Fajardo, Efren Asuncion, Mel Larino, Mark Carreon and Fernando Salvador



From left: John Arevalo, Yoly Ortiz, Tim Ocha, Hil Papilla, Randy Oshiro, Joe Bologna, Peggy Buck and Carol Dickens



From left: Kent Steward, Danny Navaro, Paul Ramirez, Allen Pavalella, Jessie Gomez, Russell Melves and Freddie Orduna.

GENERAL SERVICES

Goodbye, Hilario

Hil Papilla retires from **General Services after** 30 years of City service.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Richard Wuerth, General Services

retirement luncheon was held AJune 27 for Hilario Papilla, Chief Building Operating Engineer,

General Services, who leaves after 30 years of City service.

The event was held in the Tom Bradley Room, high atop City Hall.

Hil was one of our most accomplished trade City Employees. He ran three shifts of Operating Engineers, who run the City's Civic Center buildings and the Library, as well as other City facilities. The BOEs take care of and monitor (24/7) the emergency systems (all alarms), heating, air-conditioning, elevators, water and electrical of our largest City buildings. You have to know all the trades to be a Building Operating Engineer.

He recently did some work on the Building Emergency Manuals pertaining to the new LAFD fire code laws and was the only person who could do the assignment because of his knowledge and 30 years at Civic Center. No one else even knew where to look for the information to complete the project.

Congratulations on your retirement, Hil!



Hil is presented a City Council Resolution by General Services General Manager Tony Royster, Club Member.



Val Melloff, Asst. General Manager, congratulates and thank Hil for his special projects — Emergency Preparedness



A standing ovation from Hilario Papilla's wife, Alma, and



From left: Richard Wuerth and Hil Papilla.



Hil is presented a City Council Resolution by General Services General Manager Tony Royster, Club Member.



Digging into the LeChon (roasted whole pig) buffet.



Event host Richard Wuerth. Emergency Preparedness . Coordinator and beloved Club Member.



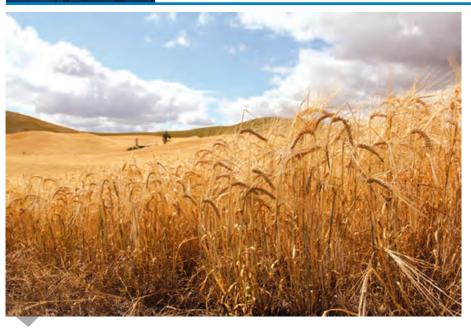
Hil's coworker and friend Marius Capra.

Club CEO



John's **Picture Perfect** Contest John Hawkins,

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"Harvest time in a barley field in Cheney, Wash."

- Jill Weiszmann, wife of the late Robert C. Weiszmann

John's comment: Hey Jill, we seem to have all of the photos this month from the natural world... and yours is right at the top, with its incredible textures and flowing lines. Thanks!

"I just came back from my vacation in the Philippines. I took this sunset picture at Duka Bay Resort. I really like the cloud formation, the silhouette of a man fishing by the rocky shoreline and the volcanic island of Camiguin in the background. Somehow those three subjects came out beautifully in this picture. Hope you like it, too."

- Glenn Y. Abellanosa, LAPD

John's comment: Wow, what a sunset, Glenn! I can feel the breeze right off this photo! (And I love the colors.) Awesome!



"Shy – this lorikeet simply refused to turn around for its fans at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Then for a brief

- Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: Ah, gotcha! Patience is definitely a virtue, Dominique!

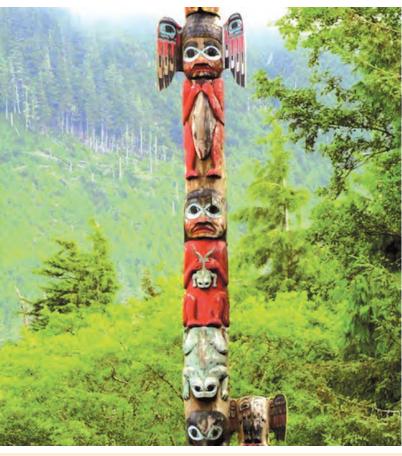


"There's a place in the Philippines called Boracay. It's a wonderful place to

- Cecille Consebido, Public Works

John's comment: I love the symmetry in your photo, Cecille, just perfect! Thanks for sending!





"Two weeks ago I caught sight of this beautiful totem pole, out of the corner of my eye, during a whalewatching tour in Skagway, Alaska. There was not much opportunity in whale watching, so I kept my eyes open for other possibilities. I had to max my Canon Power Shot to 800 millimeters to get a decent view."

- Ken Kochakji, Retired. **Transportation**

John's comment: The contrasts between the colors and the textures are really strong, Ken!

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 lowresolution images, and they don't look good in
- · 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.

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From the Commish

Who's That Guy?

The manager of a City Employees Club softball team could be anybody. It could be you.

Softball -**Play Ball!**

The 2013 Club Summer Softball season has started. Here are images from the early games so far.

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

As the horn blew in a far-off City facility – the end of shift is here, he gathered his things and headed outward to the Cheviot Hills softball field. But first, he swiftly yet subconsciously surveyed his vehicle, counting six windows, three mirrors, and four firm, rounded tires. He started his engine, turned on the radio and air conditioner, placed his cell phone on his non-slip mat and hooked up the charger. He slid on his Maui Jims and checked his swag in the mirror. All good! He can go now.

Oh no! They did it again! They're playing one of his favorite beats from way back. He can't help but turn it up! With the beats bumping in his ear, he couldn't control his shoulders from bouncing, fist from pumping, head from bobbing, and chest from swaying. Before he knew it, he was back on the dance floor with his high school sweetheart, showing out, of course. A flicker of a light caught the corner of his eye, and a female player texted his cell phone. "Sorry can't make it tonight." He shrugged his shoulders but continues driving and dancing.

While unmoved by another driver entering the wrong way on a one-way street, and while he patiently waits as the driver makes a seven-point turn, his cell phone lights up again. A male player texts, "Hey, hope U have enough 2nite. I'll b at the next 1 fo'sho." He sighs a little, starts unbuttoning his shirt and grooves to the beat playing on

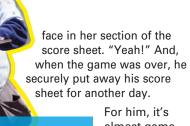
Suddenly, another text illuminates his phone and reads, "May be right at game time but no more than 15-30 mins after,

ok?" He shakes his head to the beat and sings, "Nah, it's not okay," and does some (dance) move that causes other drivers to stare. Now he's entering the freeway, encounters bumperto-bumper typical L.A. traffic, and repeatedly presses

on the brake, making the car bounce to the beat. He continues this behavior for 23 miles, three freeways, and three additional texts, one asking for directions, another female player out, and another man down.

As he maneuvers through the streets of West L.A., he picks up a female player waiting on her porch, suited with sports bag and bats. "That's what I'm talking about!" he thinks to himself. She gets into the car and asks, "Can you turn that down a little?" He happily obliges, not realizing that he had the music up so loud. They head to the park. They debrief about their day and finally enter Cheviot's parking lot, spies the umpire chalking the field, and players filling both dugouts, playing catch and stretching.

While his passenger answers his text messages at his request, he pulls out two blank score sheets, obtains the lineup from both teams, and settles in for a great game. As every person came up to bat, as every player crossed the plate, he marked the score sheet accordingly. When Lady Smith, a lady hit a home run, he Fire and Police Pensions added a star and a smiley



almost game time, for he had the 9 o'clock game. His players have been trickling in for the last half hour. He now

has three women and five men including him. As he's writing his lineup for the scorekeeper (who isn't staying), he pulls out bats, softballs, his glove and bat gloves, his dry-erase board and his umpire fees, and processes all of this material when the "15-30 minute late" lady arrives on time. His game commences and they're down 10 runs up until the last inning, when his team hits into a rally, ultimately winning by 1.

He slaps that hand, compliments the umpire, gathers his passenger and things, and leaves. He drops his player off and watches carefully as she enters her home and closes her door. He proceeds to the freeway and fights that L.A. traffic for approximately 17 miles to his home, while grooving to the sounds of his

favorite radio station. Unmoved, stressfree, cooperative, patient, committed, supportive, participatory, and a winner! Who's that guy... or gal? That's a City Employees Club Player! That's you!

Meet the Commish

Please welcome the Club's new Commissioner of Softball, Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions. She will attend the games, making sure you all are playing safely and having tons of fun! Congratulations, Lady!













Sign Up Mondays!

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History Comes Alive!

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland Acting City Archivist

The City Art Collection

A look at the City's **Cultural Affairs Dept.**

PART TWO

Photos by Michael E. Holland

Cummer has wound down, and I sus-**D**pect that younger members of the Los Angeles family weren't ready for the new school year. But allow me a quick commercial for the Los Angeles City Archives in this space. Almost everything you read in this column comes from our records vault, and almost all of that exists in paper form only – very little digital content exists before 2005. Students: If you - or your parents - decide you need a leg up on that next research paper in civics or history, consider an email to the archives for cessor, the Cultural Arts Department, to thank for it.

One of the missions of the original commission members in 1905 was to collect and display public art in an art gallery as well as adorning the public parks with statues and fountains to complement the natural beauty of their surroundings. The world-class museums with names like Getty and Hammer would come along later, but in the meantime, the City of Los Angeles began collecting art through donations and later by purchase.

The Municipal Arts department had

pieces on our walls. Buildings being renovated created the reverse situation. The collection was estimated to exceed 2,000 pieces of artwork, photographs and sculptures when the most recent inventory was completed in 2003. The fair market value exceeded \$13 million, and the replacement value was calculated at more than \$20 million.

The mayor has typically been the biggest donor to the art collection by virtue of his office. Dignitaries from around the world bring gifts that become property of the City due to laws aimed to

prevent influence peddling in government. During his 20 years as mayor from 1973 to 1993, Tom Bradley received hundreds if not thousands of art pieces, commemorative souvenirs and unique gifts that can be found in the Special Collections of the UCLA Library as well as the City Archives and on loan to various institutions such as the California African American Museum in Exposition Park.

I want to highlight one such piece that stands today near the offices of the City Clerk on the third floor across from the Mayor's offices in City Hall. It is known as the Korean Turtle Ship and is identified in the art collection database as item number CAC.1998.236. It is a scale model of a Korean naval warship dated from 1593, and it has the distinction of

being the first ship to use armor plating in warfare and was presented to the City in October 1981 to commemorate a century of diplomatic city in Korea. The model was housed in a glass and frame case 76 inches high, 109 inches long and 60 inches deep.

The mayor was given a much smaller copy of the ship and display case -12 inches high, 18 inches long and 10 inches deep - at the actual presentation ceremony. This copy turned up in the City Record Center last month from among the various gifts stored at our location. The miniature is now stored in the Archive vault.

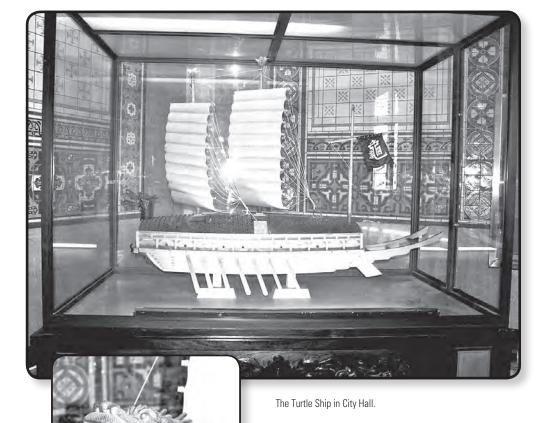
When the larger copy arrived shortly thereafter, the case had been damaged in transit. The mayor's staff ordered repair work to be done promptly to ward off vandals or theft. The General Services department performed the needed repairs and added a door and framing. The total cost was \$2,556.74. Although the original estimate for the materials included the note that the city of Busan would pay the costs, the final appropriation came from a General Services account that the council approved Jan. 5, 1983.

I have walked by the Turtle Ship display a thousand times and never noticed it, let alone wondered about its history. But all my questions were answered by one Council File located in the archive vault - Council File 82-2172, to be exact. Council File 00-1882 has the most recent inventory of the City art collection listing everything from the musical instruments on display in the Watts Tower Center, the Triforium standing at the Los Angeles Mall or the portraits of the City mayors in the Bradley Tower on the 26th floor of

The new Cultural Affairs Department was interested in preserving historic buildings and landmarks, some of which predated the original commission in 1904. Achieving landmark status became a rallying cry for preservationists as the era of downtown redevelopment cleared away Bunker Hill and otherwise changed the look of Los Angeles in ways that

the original commission had never envisioned. That will be the focus of a future

The Turtle Ship in the City Archives.

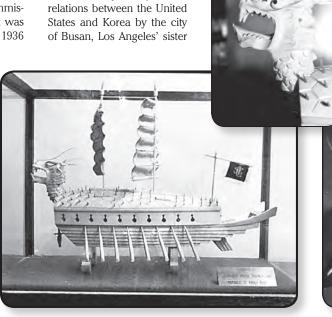


that unique document or bit of information that no one else will have. Thanks for the indulgence and now back to our regular feature!

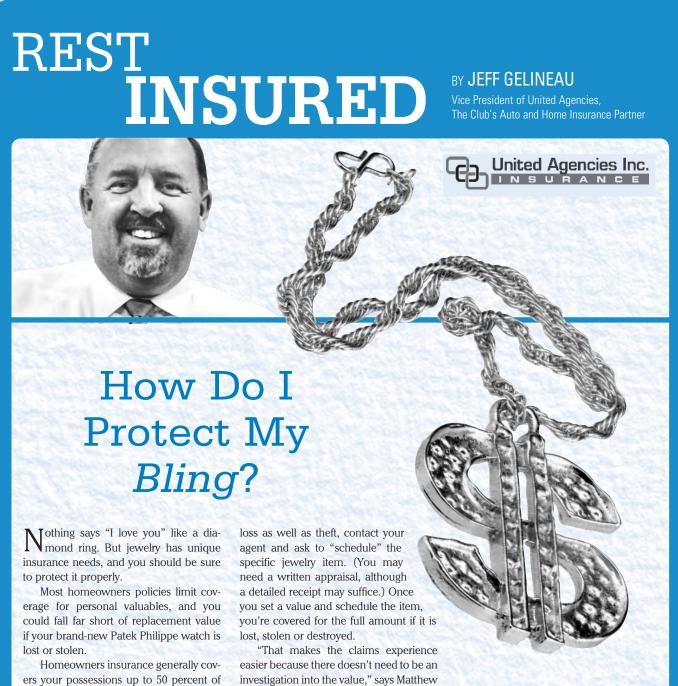
The next time you walk into the lobby of a civic building such as a library or city hall, take a look at the walls. Odds are good that you will see some artwork on the walls or a statue or some other artifact that either belongs to the City or is on some kind of long-term loan. If you have never paused to wonder how that art happened to be there - you have the Municipal Arts Department, or its sucno budget to purchase art as late as the mid-1930s as shown in the annual reports at the time. It was up to the Council to approve and provide funding for display and maintenance of whatever the commission collected. The department was woefully underfunded - the 1936 total department budget

was \$2,283 - and original commissioned works such as the murals in the Central Library involved a lot of councilmember wrangling over small amounts of money.

The Municipal Department was re-named as the Cultural Affairs Department by Ordinance #153,893 on July 1, 1980. The art collection grew to a size that required storage space in the basement of City Hall. New office spaces provided some relief. The office of the Los Angeles City Archives at the C. Erwin Piper Technical Center has several framed art







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Accidental loss is generally not covered.

So if you lose your engagement ring,

But most policies also place limits

investigation into the value," says Matthew Cullina, of MetLife Auto and Home. Plus, there's no deductible for scheduled items.

Extra coverage is inexpensive. Many insurance companies charge only about 85 cents to \$1 for every \$100 of coverage for jewelry. Don't forget to revisit your coverage levels frequently - every three years would be a good recommendation.

Generally, homeowners policies don't set limits on personal electronic items (other than your overall possessions limit). But make sure that your policy includes replacement-value coverage, which will pay for you to replace your item with a new one, and not actual cash-value coverage, which will leave you scrounging to buy a used PC or TV with the money you receive.

Here are some suggestions to help you protect your jewelry:

- Have your jewelry inspected regularly. This can prevent loss of loose stones, faulty clasps and worn prongs. You can update your appraisal at the same time.
- Don't make it easy for burglars and others in your home to find your jewelry. Protect your jewelry and other precious possessions by securing it in a safe or a hiding place in your home. Consider storing barely-worn jewelry in a bank safe deposit box.
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Club Honors 20 With

The Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship Program



The Club family is filled with young people of promise, hope, service... and achievement.

The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program for 2013. The Club's Scholarship program was named for the late Joannie Mukai, the former Club Board Member who passed away in 2010.

Those eligible included Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2013.

Here are the recipients of the 20 scholarships:

- Bryanne Carter, daughter of Alisa Carter, LAPD:
- Monica DeLoera, daughter of Jorge DeLoera, Rec and Parks;
- Lorena De La Peña, daughter of Miguel Barcenas, Housing;
- Chelsea Cardenas, daughter of Hector Cardenas, DWP;
- Hayley Gladson, daughter of Greg Gladson,

Here are brief profiles of the awardees:



BRYANNE CARTER

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Bryanne graduated from St. Anthony High School in Long Beach and plans to attend Hollins University in Virginia in the fall, studying mechanical engineering.

At St. Anthony, Bryanne was involved in the Tournament of Roses Parade,

the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles and the Avon Walk, and with her church. She was also involved in campus ministry, the cheerleading squad, student government, diversity week, outreach to elementary schools and to children taken into protective custody (through the LAPD) and the California Scholarship Federation, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

"I have enjoyed my time in high school," she wrote in her application essay. "I will miss seeing my friends, but I also look forward to trying new things and meeting new people. I can't wait to share my experiences with others, and I look forward to expanding my community involvement as I continue my education in college.'

She's the daughter of Alisa Carter, LAPD.



Sciences. At Baldwin Park High School, she was a member of the orchestra (violin) and was

the orchestra's librarian, she was the treasurer of the Art Club, she played badminton, and she performed as part of the Relay for Life and the "El Dia de la Virgen de Guadalupe" festival. She graduated with honors. She also volunteered at Kaiser Permanente.

"I would like to become a scientist and find solutions to the pollution issues that are developing across the planet today.

"Everyone knows that it is one thing to simply have a dream, and another thing to actually take the steps necessary to make that dream come true. I firmly believe that, although my road to success has only begun, I am taking the correct steps to ensure I am on the right track. I am confident that my struggles to achieve my goals

throughout high school have made me a more resilient and persistent individual, and that these qualities will aid me in overcoming the obstacles that are yet to come."

She's the daughter of Jorge DeLoera, Rec and Parks.



LORENA DE LA PENA

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Lorena

graduated from Independence High School in Bakersfield and plans to attend the University of California, Davis, in the fall, majoring in chemistry.

In high school, she played sports all four years, was the vice president of

the medical club and treasurer for the forensics/speech and debate club. She graduated with honors. She earned the "best writer" award from the Energy and Utility Academy. She volunteered at the Carriage House Retirement Home, the (Kern County) Sheriff's Activities League, at St. Philip the Apostle Church, and in a teen outreach program.

"After having earned my Bachelor's degree, I hope to go on to medical school to fulfill my dream of becoming a brain surgeon," she writes. "Another future goal of mine, which I am currently working on, is to inspire my younger sister; every day I try to be the best role model I can for her I hope that, by achieving my college plans and growing as an individual, that she does the same."

She's the daughter of Miguel Barcenas, Housing.



CHELSEA LAKVENA3

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Chelsea

graduated from Alhambra High School and plans to attend San Francisco State University in the fall, studying biology.

At Alhambra, she was co-captain of the crosscountry team, and she was the fundraising chair, tutor and

ambassador for the Advanced Placement program. She is also a caregiver at her church.

At age 12, Chelsea was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa. "At such a tender age, still just a child, I had to evaluate what was important in my life, like staying healthy and doing well in school,"



THE CLUB

Mukai Scholarships

for 2013 awards \$500 to 20 members of the Club family.

- Royce Wilson, son of Juanita Carter, Library;
- Sydney Young, daughter of Charlette Rodgers Starkey, Personnel;
- Tiffany Riser, daughter of Timothy Riser, Airports;
- Lindsy Vega, daughter of Pierre Vega, Building and Safety;
- Angelica Torres, daughter of Salvador Torres, Public Works;
- Nataleigh Maia, daughter of Donald Maia, Airports;
- Ashley Collins, daughter of Anselmo Collins,
- Bethany Costa, daughter of Samuel Costa, Airports;
- Baylee Gerardo, daughter of Albert Gerardo, Public Works;
- Patricia Sanchez, daughter of Patrick Sanchez, DWP;
- Aryel Gilmer, daughter of Tonja Bellard-Evans, Personnel;
- Alexandria Huerta, daughter of Maria Pena, General Services;
- Deepak Atyam, son of Suneeta Atyam, Building and Safety;
- Austen Ma, son of Thomas Woo, Public Works; and
- Jessica Wheeles, daughter of Christina Wheeles, DWP.

Congratulations to the awardees, and the Club wishes the best success to all those who applied.

she writes. "I view this part of my life as my greatest achievement, since overcoming anorexia nervosa meant life. After overcoming such a life-threatening and emotionally debilitating disease, I came to view life in a whole new perspective; it is worth every second of an upward battle because your prize is your life. And you get to choose how vou will use it.'

She's the daughter of Hector Cardenas, DWP.



HAYLEY GLADSON

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Hayley graduated from Heritage High School in Menifee and plans to attend Cal State San Marcos in the fall as a pre-health major.

In high school, she was active in golf, volleyball and softball, and she graduated with academic honors. She participated in Relay for Life and with the Ontario Airport Firefighters' Children Fund.

"Some people are in their career for the money, and yes, that plays a big part in all our lives," she writes. "But my real reasoning behind my choice [to pursue nursing] is because I want to make a difference in this world. Not only do I want to be known as 'the nurse

at the hospital,' but I want to be a friend to those who are unable to care for themselves. Just making one person smile is what makes all your hard work worth something. I want to be that person who can bring happiness to one's life, and if I can do that through saving a life, then I will feel that I have lived life for that it's worth." She's the daughter of Greg Gladson, Airports.



ROYCE WILSON

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Royce graduated from Torrance High School and plans to attend San Francisco State University in the fall, seeking a degree in business admin-

In high school, Royce had perfect attendance and participated in the Kiwanis Service Club and was a student rep for the PTSA. He volunteered as part of the St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry, the Guidance Church, the Armed Forces Day, the National AYSO Soccer Games in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Heal the Bay. He won the AYSO Character Counts Award in 2009 and 2010.

"In my life, I have seen too many African-American males

choose the wrong path," he writes. "I am an African-American

male who is determined to succeed. I am walking on the right path.

"In the future, I see myself as an advertiser utilizing my business administration/ marketing degree from San Francisco State to reach out to the poor in urban communities. I am going to college to realize my full potential, which I will measure in how much I can do for others.'

He's the son of Juanita Carter, Library.



SYDNEY YOUNG

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Sydney graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood and plans to attend Howard University in Washington, D.C., in the fall.

At St. Mary's Academy, she was a cheerleader and cheer captain, a spirit ambassador, a member of the National Art Honor Society, and in the Advanced Placement Laureate Club. She was a National Art Honor Society scholar, and AP Scholar, and was on the second honor roll. She volunteered at the Petsave Foundation.

"Just as discovering my [late] grandfather's sketchbook influenced me [to become an artist], my goal is to develop a three-prong plan

to influence the children in my community," she writes. "As an African American, my goals are to leave a legacy that will provide direction for students who are unable to travel; to enter the world of artistic expression; and to make a living in this chosen field. After college, I'd like to work with my local city government to establish a public program dedicated to providing children with hands-on experience in the

She's the daughter of Charlette Rodgers Starkey, Personnel.



TIFFANY RISER

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Tiffany graduated from King High School in Riverside and currently attends Cal Poly Pomona, where she is studying animal science.

Her application lists more than three pages of community service and scholastic achievements, including academic, musical, artistic and spiritual accomplishments.

"My whole life... I have cared for, loved and cried over the many animals I have had that passed away because we were not always able to offer them the prime health care that they needed," she writes.

"And now my goal is to never have to experience the losses that I incurred as a child by becoming my animals' own personal doctor. I have a love of science as well, that coincides with my love for animals, making veterinary science the perfect field for me.'

She's the daughter of Timothy Riser, Airports.





LINDSY VEGA

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Lindsy graduated from Glendora High School and will begin her fourth year at Cal State Fullerton in the fall, majoring in communicative disorders.

She lists three pages of high school and college honors, activities and volunteerism, notably: basketball, Camp Titan and Ronald McDonald House, academic honors, food drives and the Japanese Community Center in the San Gabriel Valley

"I hope to specialize as a speech therapist in either stuttering or autism," she writes. "I know that my job will require much patience and repetition, but I am

more than glad to fulfill that need. It will be a test of my skills as a speech language pathologist, and also something rewarding to remind myself why I love helping people speak to the world around them."

She's the daughter of Pierre Vega, Building and Safety.



ANGELICA TORRES

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Angelica graduated from Golden Valley High School in Eagle Rock and plans to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz in the fall, majoring in anthropology.

In high school, she was a member of the Key Club and the National Honor Society. She participated in cross-country and soccer. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts, Million Meals (for Haiti) and doing readings at her church.

"Growing up in Eagle Rock, I was surrounded by people whose cultures were not like my own," she writes. "Being surrounded by them, I got to learn a little bit about their cultures and compared them

to the traditions of my own culture. Then, in high school, when I got to learn about cultures worldwide not only in the classroom but from my new-found friends at my new high school, my desire to learn more about where all these different cultures came from grew stronger. Now I get the chance to satisfy my desire by studying and researching different cultures at the university level."

She's the daughter of Salvador Torres, Public Works.



NATALEIGH MAIA

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Nataleigh attends Biola University in La Mirada and plans to be a nurse.

She volunteers with the Children's Hunger Fund, Operation Christmas Child and the music ministry at her church, visiting the elderly at convalescent homes, giving away backpacks to the homeless, and at Kaiser Permanente. In high school, she was involved in sports and cheerleading.

"I want eventually to become a head nurse and go into a specialized field, and I am interested in children's oncology," she writes. "I will continue to be a hard-working, dedicated student and stay focused

on my lifelong dream of becoming a nurse." She's the daughter of Donald Maia, Airports.



ASHLEY COLLINS

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Ashley plans to attend Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., in the fall.

In high school, she achieved academic honors, played the flute/piccolo in a concert band, and participated in the Key Club and the California State Girls Conference. She volunteered with the Special Olympics, "Meeting Each Need With Dignity," at the Santa Clarita Public Library, and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church.

"I have accepted tolerance for the uniqueness of other people," she writes. "I hope to apply this compassionate and cooperative

spirit on a global scale, and my openness to new people and ideas has contributed to my dream of working at the United Nations, an organization in which I hope to participate because I want to dedicate my life to encouraging international cooperation that can transcend race, religion, or any other divisive category. I will always be able to use my unique perspective to impact a world, which, like me, is innately multicultural."

She's the daughter of Anselmo Collins, Airports.

BETHANY COSTA

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

Bethany attends Pacific Union College in Napa Valley in the fall.

Bethany lists volunteer and school activities, including academic, music, cultural and service-based involvements.

"As an accomplished student and performer, I do aspire of becoming a doctor," she writes. "I am currently working to achieve a Bachelor of Science degree in music while fulfilling pre-medical requirements. Music has always been an outlet for me to express my creativity and relieve stress from academic pressures.

"Although my decisions to study music and become a doctor are two contrasting ideas, I believe that

I will be able to accomplish this goal with compassion, perseverance, and optimism. My past achievements inspire me to become a better person every day, and continue to motivate me to work toward my future."

She's the daughter of Samuel Costa, Airports.



BAYLEE GERARDO

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Baylee graduated from the Pacoima Charter School and plans to attend Cal State Channel Islands in the fall

In high school, she was involved in the yearbook, softball and cheerleading, and won academic honors. She volunteered as a youth ministry group leader, at the YMCA, and at the San Fernando Valley Summer

"I have every intention of using every skill that I have gained from my family, community, school and parish, in my life to come," she writes. "I know that anything I put my mind to, I can surely succeed.

"I'm not afraid of not being

good enough, because if I've made it this far with getting accepted to each and every college I applied to, I know I can achieve all of my goals. It's clear to me that, just like Milton Berle once said, 'If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

She's the daughter of Albert Gerardo, Public Works.



PATRICIA SANCHEZ

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Patricia graduated from Bellflower High School and plans to attend UCLA this fall, studying

In high school, she participated in the history club, the speech team, music, the Key Club and the California Scholarship Federation, earning academic honors. She volunteered for the Relay for Life, the AIDS Walk, the Tournament of Roses Parade, and a Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat event.

"Between achieving highest honors, speech tournament awards, choral awards, and other forms of academic recognition, I have learned that one of the most valued

attributes one could have is assiduousness," she writes. "My drive to succeed has carried me through my high school years and has inspired me to always try my best in school and everywhere else. I know this realization will do wonders for me as it has already contributed to much of my success thus far.

"My underlying goal is to pursue my dreams of becoming a biologist and have a career I will sincerely enjoy.'

She's the daughter of Patrick Sanchez, DWP.





Mukai Scholarships

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ARYEL GILMER

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Aryel attends Azusa Pacific University, having earned her Bachelor's degree in business administration, and is now continuing on toward her MBA.

She is on the dean's list, is a member of the Scholars for Business Achievement club, the Faith Foundation, and helped lead personal finance workshops for students. She has also worked at Faith Community Church as a ministry leader and media volunteer. She volunteers with children whose parents are in prison, and helps clean the lawns of the elderly.

"It is not by accident that I have been blessed with the opportunity

to be part of a community that fosters a love for higher education," she writes. "Through the collaboration with my advisers, my mentors and other students, I have been greatly impacted by the accountability in my academic journey.

"As I begin a new chapter in life, I am eagerly waiting to leap into the next oppor-

She's the daughter of Tonja Bellard-Evans, Personnel.



ALEXANDRIA HUERTA

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Alexandria graduated from St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs and plans to attend the University of California, Davis, in the fall, studying neurobiology, physiology and behavior.

She played basketball in high school, won academic honors, and participated in the yearbook, the Associated Student Body, the drama dept., the Ambassador's Club, the Spanish Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She volunteered at the Whittier Public Library, Harbor UCLA Medical Center, as a mock trial student coach, for the Soroptomists, the March for Hunger, and for the AIDS Walk.

"A higher education will help me apply my knowledge in the medical field," she writes. "I aspire to become a highly noted neurobiologist in the world of medicine. While my height has not changed since freshman year, my perspective on the world has. I have gained a clear vision of how I want the world to be in ten years, and I am ecstatic because I know I have what it takes to make my visions real. My time within the walls of my room is dwindling to an end, and I am eager to live up to my full potential and become my dreams."

She's the daughter of Maria Pena, General Services.



DEEPAK ATYAM

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship Recipient

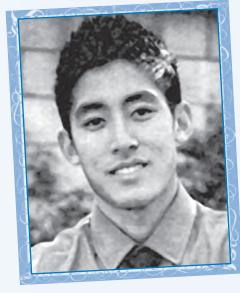
Deepak attends the University of California, San Diego, studying aerospace engineering.

He interned at the Jet Propulsion Lab, where he worked on the Curiosity Mars rover; the Langley Research Center (NASA); and the Marshall Space Flight Center (NASA). At UCSD, he created and is the president of the Triton Rocket Club, and participates in Students for the Exploration and Development of Space and Model United Nations. He plays Ultimate Frisbee and plays in the marching band and wind symphony. He volunteers as a science/ math outreach mentor, for beach cleanup and blood drives, and he

mentors high school students.

"My experiences as the president of the Triton Rocket Club, Students for the Development of Space Club, and internships with NASA have given me amazing opportunities to learn and work in the space-based industry," he writes. "I know that the industry of tomorrow needs innovative technology as well as great leaders to move forward. I am prepared to build on my past experiences and remain confident that I will be an integral part in the future of space travel."

He's the son of Suneeta Atyam, Building and Safety.



AUSTEN MA

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Austen graduated from Ayala High School in Chino Hills and plans to attend UCLA in the fall, studying

He was active in the school band, the percussion ensemble and the archery alliance all four years in high school, and has been a musical instructor at local schools. He has also achieved academic honors.

"Four years ago... a catastrophic accident left me completely blind in one eye, with little to no hope of ever recovering any vision," he writes. "It was the miracle of modern science that did what no one thought was humanly possible - it allowed the blind to see again.

"My ultimate goal is to become an essential part in the restoration of those who have been hurt. I am well aware of the healing abilities that all people have upon the people around them, and I seek to contribute to this honorable field of action. My pursuit of becoming a doctor embodies my aspiration to fully harness the power of healing for those suffering around me, just as my doctors have done for

He's the son of Thomas Woo, Public Works.



JESSICA WHEELES

\$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Jessica graduated from West Ranch High School in Stevenson Ranch, and plans to attend San Diego State University in the fall, studying chemistry.

In high school, she was involved in the choir and the glee club, and she volunteered building bicycles for homeless children. She also earned academic honors.

"Having a chemistry background, I can then venture into the research of new drugs and cures," she writes. "This is my highest-ranking goal for my future. I want, more than anything, to create new drugs that will help people. I want to research and study and invent ways to possibly

cure cancer and diabetes and other ailments that plague not only my family, but every other family in the world. I don't care for the recognition or the prestige; I just want to do something that will change people's lives for the better. I want to create a world where there is no fear of dying young."

She's the daughter of Christina Wheeles, DWP.



REC AND PARKS

Baja Adventure on Sale

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

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 infor-



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

mation 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



Cabrillo's Larry Fukuhara on

Cabrillo

Marine

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Sea Fair!

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium presents its autumn sea fair.

The richness and diversity of the sea, com-I bined 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 demon-

stration, 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 Aguarium at (310) 548-7562 or visit www.cabril-





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From left: Alex Castillo and Rudy Meza Baker to Vegas Captains. (Rudy Meza, although now a retired officer, plans to continue to support the Baker to Vegas



From left: Linda Leslie, Retired Dispatcher, 37 years of City service: Caprice Staten, Dispatcher, 23 years, Club Member; Officer Rudy Meza, 32 years, Club Member; and Maria Corona, Dispatcher, 24 years, Club Member



From left: Retired Officer Robert Reynolds, 32 years of City service; Officer Rudy Meza, 32 years, Club Member, Lawanda Reynolds, wife of Retired Officer Robert Reynolds; and Moe Meza, wife of



From left: Retired Sgt. John Curry, 30 years of City service; Officer Rudy Meza, 32 years, Club Member; and Officer Jose Magana, P3, 6 years,





From left: Officer Rudy Meza, 32 years, Club Member: Retired Lt. Danny Aleman, 35 years Club Member; and Officer Art Kurkowski, P3,



From left: Retired Capt. Martin Renteria, 34 years of City service; and Retired Capt. Alberto



From left: Det. Al Alvarado 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Rudy Meza,

HARBOR

Rudy Retires

Officer Rudy Meza retires after 32 years of City service.



Port of Los Angeles - Angels Gate Light presented to Officer II Rudy Meza by the Los Angeles Board of Harbor



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

n June 21, the Port Police, Jalong with family and friends gathered for a Hawaiian-themed barbecue in honor of Officer II Rudy

Meza, who retired after 32 years of dedicated City service. The dinner was held at the Berth 29, Cabrillo Marina.

Many colleagues had the opportunity to share the many ways Rudy touched their lives and how he will be missed.

Here is a brief review at Officer Meza's career:

- 1981: Hired by Airport Police
- 1983: Hired by Port Police
- 2002: Assigned to Sea Marshals
- 2002: Awarded Career Service Award
- 2007: Co-captain of the Port Police Baker to Vegas relay challenge cup footrace team
- 2008: Assigned to range staff.

The Club congratulates Officer Rudy on a great career!

Special thanks go to Stacy Xenios and Mary Ramos for their assistance.



Officer Rudy Meza with his wife,



From left: Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; Lt. Titus Smith. 28 years of City service, Club Member; Retired Sgt. Al Guerrero, 36 years, Club Member; and Chief Ronald Boyd,



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, years of City service, Club Member; Officer Jamie Stearns, P2, 5 years, Club Member; and K9 Officer Alfred Moya, 5 years, Club



From left: Lt. Michael Kettelkamp, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Pauline Hospe, Port Pilot Dispatcher, 28 years, Club Member; Jessica Bautista, Management Aide, 18 years, Club Member; and Sgt. lan Schunke, 13 years, Club Member

NOTICE



Theatre chain begins adding surcharges at some cinemas.

Ilub Members should be aware that AMC Theatres has added an Club Members should be aware that the core 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.

mere'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."

Although this decision by AMC is beyond the Club's control, you are welcome to comment on it at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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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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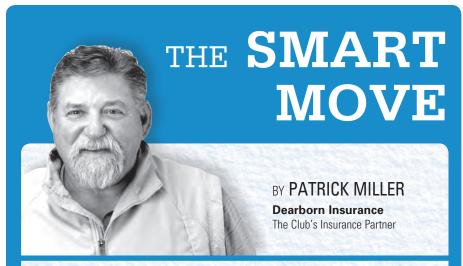
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Critical Illness Costs Can Be Major Worry

Amajor insurance company's financial report has revealed that workers are concerned with the costs of critical illness. Many fear the financial impact of a critical illness more than dying from one. Cancer is the most dreaded critical

The report, based on responses from 4,000 employees, found that many workers feared the financial impact of a critical illness even more than dying from one. Such concerns may be driven by a rise in out-of-pocket healthcare costs, as employer-sponsored health plans require workers to shoulder an everrising share of medical costs.

To highlight this trend, the insurance company included in its report estimates of per-person out-of-pocket medical costs for individuals covered by health insurance who experience a critical illness, including cancer (\$6,740), stroke (\$17,680), and heart attack (\$14,234). The per-person out-of-pocket cost estimates for critical illness are based on claims data from more than 300,000 of the firm's stop-loss insurance claims.

According to the insurance company's critical illness white

- Half of all workers, especially women and younger workers, cite cancer as their most dreaded critical illness.
- Most workers age 40 to 50 fear the financial impact of a critical illness more than they fear death, especially single workers, single women, and single parents.
- Of workers age 22 to 39, most single parents and single women earning under \$50,000 fear the financial impact of a critical illness more than they fear death.

Other key findings:

- More than one-third (36 percent) of workers believe they have critical illness coverage, when industry estimates suggest that less than 5 percent of the U.S. workforce actually has critical illness insurance coverage.
- Two-thirds (66 percent) of workers who personally experienced a critical illness had to make financial sacrifices to meet uncovered medical or nonmedical costs, despite owning health insurance.
- More than one third (37 percent) of workers who survived a critical illness found themselves out of work for four months or longer.
- Tapping emergency funds or dipping into long-term savings were the most common financial sacrifices made by workers who experienced a critical
- 12 percent of workers who experienced a critical illness declared bankruptcy, and 11 percent lost their homes.

The research on critical illness underscores that even if you have robust health insurance coverage, a significant health condition such as cancer, heart attack, or stroke can divert a significant chunk of money from your savings, or in some cases, cost you your home.

Based on these findings, it's important for employees to explore ways to increase their financial security in case they experience a critical illness. Dearborn National offers a plan that can pay a cash lump sum up to \$250,000 on the initial diagnosis of specified critical illnesses. Money is paid directly to you to be used wherever you need it.

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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PUBLIC WORKS

North Central Yard Open House

Sanitation's annual Open House program stops by the North Central Yard.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

he North Central Sanitation Yard I held its open house for neigh-

bors June 1. The event was part of Sanitation's series of annual yard

The Sanitation Open House plan started in 2005 as a means to reach out to the community. As Sanitation services have modernized and become more automated, there has been less personal contact between residents and employees. The Open House is one way for the bureau to bridge the gap.

The Open House is also a great way to educate residents about what the bureau does and its future direction. Employees volunteer their time to make the open house events a success. There are tours of the facilities with different stations that offer information on the related Departments, including the Mulching Facilities, Container Services, Recycling Division, etc.

Trucks are staged so that the public can observe the equipment in a safe environment. Refuse Collection Truck Operators volunteer their time and operate the trucks for the duration of the event. Kids love to come and see the equipment. They get a chance to meet the operators, sit in the trucks, operate some

of the mechanical attachments and honk the horns. Mascots in costume and a robot made out of a Recycling container roam the facility and educate residents and their children about recycling. There are also games for the kids, raffles, giveaways and free food.



Jude, 5, with Jose Rosas, RCTO, 12 years of City service.



From left: Richard Myles, Retired, 32 years of City service, with Kim Tran, Environmental Supervisor, 13 years.



From left: Robynn Ibarra, Accounting Clerk, 14 years of City service, with relatives Frank Hernandez; Molly Hernandez; Aidan, 5, and



Michael Zepeda, RCTO, 16 years of City service, with his wife, Elisa, and Gabriel, 14



Mr. Recycle with Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor, and



Angel Lara, Sr. RCTO, 13 years of City service, with Angel Jr., 12, and



Francisco Canela, RCTO, 5 years of City service



From left: Carlos Romo, RCTO, 5 years of City service; Anthony Cardenas, RCTO, 14 years; Steve Plancarte, RCTO, 12 years, and Steven Hall, RCTO, 23 years.



Antonio Zuniga, RCTO, 26 years of City service, with his wife, Esperanza and grandchildren, Albert, 7; Elizabeth, 8; and Denise, 6.



Basilio Llamas, RCTO, 13 years of City service, with Sergio, 11, and Dominic, 7.



From left: Det. III Jorge Martinez, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Cmdr. Kevin McCarthy, LAPD, 33 years; Capt. Bill Hart, Captain, LAPD, 30 years; and Lt. Mike Oppett, LAPD, 32 years.



From left: Det. III Venus Mason, Gangs and Narcotics Div., 25 years of City service, Club Member, April Romero, Sr. Clerk Typist, Gangs and Narcotics Div., 11 years, Club Member, Det. Michelle Pagan, Gangs and Narcotics Div., 23 years; and Det. Luz Flores, Gangs and Narcotics Div., 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Dep. Sheriff Brian Gapik, San Bernardino, 9 years of service; Dep. Carlos Godoy, San Bernardino, 7 years; Dep. Juan Aguirre, San Bernardino, 7 years; and Det. Jeremy Dean, San Bernardino, 8 years.



From left: Julissa Garcia, Intelligence Analyst, California Corrections, 11 years of service; Monica Montanez, Intelligence Analyst, California Corrections, 18 years; and Ruthanna Esquivel, Intelligence Analyst, California Corrections, 8 years.



Winners of the Angels tickets raffle, donated by the Club, from left: Jose Santiago, 17 years of City service; and Jim



From left: Officer Jonathan Rocha, LAPD, 5 years of City service; and Officer Brandon Barron, LAPD, 8 years.



Raffle winner (Knott's Soak City tickets, donated by the Club) was Mike Brodie, Special Agent, CDCRSSU, 19 years of service.



Raffle winner (Raging Waters tickets, donated by the Club) was Cory Perryman, Assistant IGI, CDCR, 13 years of service.



Police Dept. takes the lead with a gang task force symposium.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

n June 21 – 22, police agencies from throughout California joined the LAPD for a two-day meeting that served as a platform

for the current Advisory Board Members of the California Gang

Task Force to keep police officers and other state agents up to date on gang-affiliated information.

The meeting was held at the Four Points by Sheraton hotel.



Officer Kevin Bayona, LAPD, 5 years of City



Raffle winner (Sea World Raffle winner (Speed tickets, donated by the Zone passes and Legoland Club) was Officer Jose tickets, donated by the Velasco, Criminal, Gang, Club) was Jermie Skidmore, Parole Agent, Sate Parole, and Homicide Division. 6 years of City service. 15 years of service



Officer Charles Surh, Gangs and Narcotics Div., 16 years, Club Member; and Officer Jackie Orellana, Gangs and Narcotics Div., 11 years, Club Member.

19 years

Officer Charles Surh,

Gangs and Narcotics

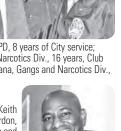
Div., 16 years of City ser-

vice, Club Member, won

a plague of recognition

from the Board of the

Gang Task Force Unit.



From left: Officer John Truchanovicz, Centinela

Fernando Romo, Centinela State Prison, 14 years

State Prison, 10 years of service; and Sgt.

Sgt. Keith Gordon, Gangs and Narcotics Div.



From left: Officer Matt Grover

Officer Juan Del Rio, GED, 7 years.

GED, 5 years of service; and

From left: Officer III Matt Harer, LAPD, 10 years of City service; and Officer II Luis Flores, LAPD, 5 years.



From left: Officer Brian Williams, LAPD, 8 years of City service; and Officer Robert Hargrove, LAPD, 8 years.



From left: Officer II Sean Laule, 15 years of City service; Officer Rosalind Curry, LAPD, 19 years, Club Member; Scott Walton, Reserve Officer, 32 years; and Sgt. Tere Akune, LAPD, 25 years,

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Welcome New Members!

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



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Floyd Johnson Robert Muhammad Martin Morton

Aging

Cameron Aguirre

Animal Services

Francisco Cruz Nunez Lois Westphal

Building and Safety Armen Sarkisian

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Tanisha Wilson

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Kristine Khachatrian Mercedes Marquez

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Felipe Benavidez

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Bernardo Coronado Carlos Godinez

PW-Street Services

Joseph Akkerman

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Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy The Club's Peace of Mind Expert

Advanced Planning for Final Expenses

In many families, including my own, discussing one's funeral plans is an extremely uncomfortable topic. The idea of it raises every strand of hair on my body. Still, I know from my experience in insuring against risks, that I'd rather not risk the consequences of not having a plan.

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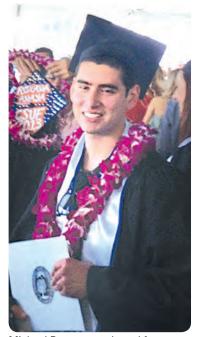
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Dayna Symone Ramsey graduated cum laude from Oakwood University in Alabama with a political science/ pre-law major. She plans to attend law school in the fall. Dayna is the daughter of Lisa Ramsey, DWP.



Sierra Sittig graduated from Pasadena High School and plans to attend Pasadena City College in the fall, studying journalism, and hopes to transfer to USC or UC Berkeley in the future. She's the daughter of Delores Sittig, Finance.



Michael Bronson graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a major in criminal justice. At Cal State, he made the dean's list. He's the son of Retiree Michael L. and Kathleen Wickham.



Bryanne (pronounced Brian) Carter graduated with honors from St. Anthony High School in Long Beach. She plans to attend Hollins University, Roanoke, Va. in the fall with a major in creative writing/marketing. She is the daughter of Lisa Carter, LAPD.



Philip Abellanosa graduated from Cal State Northridge with a degree in electrical engineering, specializing in digital design. He finished his degree through "a full scholarship, courtesy of Mom and Dad, ha ha!" The glad parents are Glenn Y. Abellanosa, LAPD, and Cynthia Abellanosa, Housing.





Weddings

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"Here I am, John Gale, Retired, Rec and Parks, with Alive! in Lancaster, Calif. at the JP Eliopulos Hellenic Center, celebrating the wedding of my son, Paul, and his new, wife, Kimberly. Pictured in the photo are, from left: Michael Ruiz and Anita Ruiz (father and mother of the bride), Kimberly Gale, Paul Gale, and Barbara Gale and John Gale (mother and father of the groom)."



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Club Members share their memories of City Employees listed in our In Memoriam section, or others who have died recently.



Broyles, Joseph, Public Works, 6 Azzam, Jadine, Convention Center, 9 Chavez, Armando, Harbor, 8 Franklin, Suren, DWP, 26 Love, Kimberly, LAPD, 23 Paramo, Sergio, Public Works, 24 Soriano, Roberto, LAPD, 15

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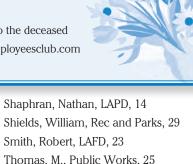
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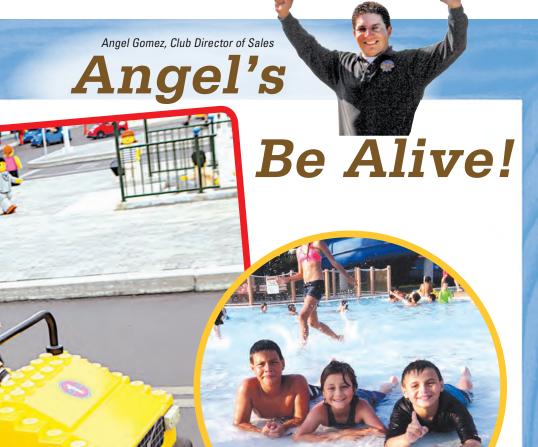
Every month, Alive! publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to Alive! and letting us know. Tell their story!

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
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Aden and Lego Luke Skywalker, with Angel Jr. in the background.

Carlsbad



Julian, Aden, and Angel Jr. at the LEGOLAND pool.



Kathy and Aden take a ride.



Angel Jr. undercover with Knight and his Lego



Aden, Angel Jr. and Julian. "Yeah!"

Hello everyone!

This month we travel to Carlsbad. Yes, we are going back to LEGOLAND! Our rep was very nice and invited my family and me to the new LEGOLAND Hotel for an overnight preview.

I was really excited to visit this new hotel! As you may know, we have an amazing deal for Club Members. The regular price for admission to the park is \$75; your Club price is only \$58. That is a savings of \$17 per ticket. So, if you have a family of four, you would be saving \$68! I love the City Employees Club! That is more than the admission for one

other person. The Club discounts are absolutely the best!

The new LEGOLAND Hotel, with 250 rooms, is right next to the park; you walk out of the hotel patio and enter the park with just a few steps. My boys were excited to stay in the hotel. You can also drive right up to entrance and unload your bags; someone will be there to greet you and help you check in. The staff is so helpful, I felt like a VIP.

The lobby has a small store; there were Legos all around the area. The check-in desk has a wall full of Legos, more than I could count. There is a concierge to help with your plans, a coffee and pastry shop, a big Lego ship, and a castle all in the lobby area. My two boys

wasted no time and just ran right in the castle and started building.

There are two places to eat inside the hotel. Both are very nice; one is buffet style and the other is a menu-type place. My boys loved the buffet because they could go back again and again. I had to stop them before they overdosed on chocolate desserts. The hotel also has a pool, and there is a movie shown in the evening so you can watch the movie and play in the pool, all in one

The LEGOLAND Hotel knows how to keep their guests happy. We were all very pleased with all the amenities; the room was also very nice, with lots of Legos around you in the room. Some of the Lego figures were for sale. The rooms were very spacious, and the graphics were done in one of three themes - pirate, kingdom and adventure. Even the elevators were fun; each time you got on, the music would start and a disco ball would drop. Very cool.

This is a must-stay location while in Carlsbad; they took the fun up to another level. I would recommend it to all Club Members and friends. LEGOLAND Hotel, you guys get 5 out of 5 from my entire family. Thank you!

Club Members, I would call and make a reservation ASAP; this is a great trip, and family moments like these are priceless. Don't forget to bring your camera and take lots 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

LEGOLAND Hotel

5885 The Crossings Drive • Carlsbad, CA 92008 (877) LEGOLAND (534-6526)

LEGOLAND features more than 60 rides, shows and attractions and is an interactive, hands-on experience for families with children 2-12. The resort is also home to SEA LIFE® Aguarium and the world's first LEGOLAND Water Park.

LEGOLAND Hotel rooms include two separate sleeping areas, with a queen-size bed for grownups, and a separate area for up to three little ones. As a special privilege, LEGOLAND Hotel guests will get entry to select LEGOLAND rides and attractions before the park officially

Park hours vary: www.LEGOLAND.com

Directions: From Los Angeles and Orange County, take the 405 south/Interstate 5 south to Cannon Road East. Turn right at LEGOLAND Drive then follow signs to LEGOLAND.

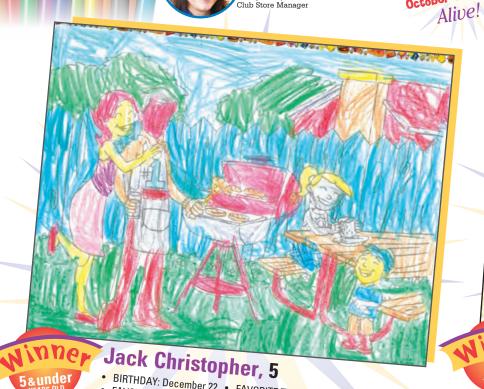
Important Club Member Information: Club Members can purchase discount tickets at the Club Store or on the Club Website. All of the tickets come with a second day free (and it doesn't have to be consecutive), so you can easily plan a weekend trip or wait until the park's Halloween festivities or its holiday festivities in late November/December. The second-day ticket must be used within 90 days of the first visit, or before Dec. 31.

Coloring with Marianal Ev Look for our next

Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!'s* last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of your choice!

contest in the October edition of npiled by Mariana Guevara



• BIRTHDAY: December 22 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Curious George"
• FAVORITE SNACK: Breadsticks • BEST FRIEND: Nico • WHAT

AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, because it is so much fun. • PARENT: Jack Christopher, DWP



Anthony Amie, 7

Honorable Mention

CHILD

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Matthew Lansang	3	Leann Lansang	LAPD
Joshua Estrada	4	Ramon Estrada	Harbor
Ethan Alvarado	5	Carlos Alvarado	DWP
Omar Reza	5	Guillermo A. Reza	Rec & Parks
Robert Ruiz	5	Roberto Ruiz	DWP
Hailyn Topete	5	Paul Alvarado	Public Works
Samantha Torrez	5	Vivaldo Torrez Sr.	Airports
Tressa Blas	6	Fe R. Blas	Retired
Sophie Chou	6	Maria T. Hontiveros	DWP
Mikayla Gaspar	6	Rommel Gaspar	DWP
Rossalyn Glenchur	6	Mark Glenchur	LAFD
Delilah Hernandez	6	Cesar Hernandez	LAFD
Madison Kuzichev	6	Alfred Kuzichev	LAFD
Amy Lindsey	6	Brian Lindsey	Public Works
Madeline Moraga	6	Shoji Moraga	Public Works
Christopher Rios	6	Christopher Rios	Public Works
Landon Theurer	6	Stacey Rafter	LAPD
Maria Alvarado	7	Joel Alvarado	Rec & Parks
Alexa Espiritu	7	Jose Espiritu	Public Works
Sydney Hernandez	7	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec & Parks
Isabella Jimenez	7	George Jimenez	DWP
Johnell Lloyd	7	Tracie-Russell-Lloyd	Transportation
Giselle Meza	7	Hector M. Meza	General Services
Lily Pagnella	7	Rodney Dishman	Public Works, Ret.
Angel Reza	7	Guillermo A. Reza	Rec & Parks
Sophia Rodriguez	7	Monique Rodriguez	Library
Raymond Trinh	7	Thai Viet Trinh	Public Works
Samantha Velasquez	7	Robert Contreraz	Rec & Parks, Ret.
Maliya Alvarez	8	Clifford Milar	DWP, Ret.
Josie Chou	8	Maria T. Hontiveros	DWP
Cameron Mullin	8	John McTigue	Rec & Parks, Ret.
Brillana Munoz	8	Martha Castaneda	LAPD
Jessica Rios	8	Victor Rios	DWP
Arianna Roberts	8	Saturo Tanaka	LAPD, Ret.
Jeannine Rodriguez	8	Jose Rodriguez	Public Works
Manny Rodriguez	8	Miguel A. Rodriguez	Public Works
Mia Tomilin	8	David Tomilin	LAPD
Zailah Wilson	8	Godfrey S. Wilson	Harbor
Gio Contreras	9	Sal Alcantara	Rec & Parks
Alyssa Estrada	9	Jorge L. Estrada	DWP
Nadia Gallarzo	9	Georgina Tamayo	Housing
Gregory Hernandez	9	Mark Hernandez	DWP
Jadyn Johnson	9	Bryan Johnson	Public Works
Kristin Kohles	9	Chris Kohles	DWP
Sophia Lenge-Fonte	9	Lena Mokdad	LAPD
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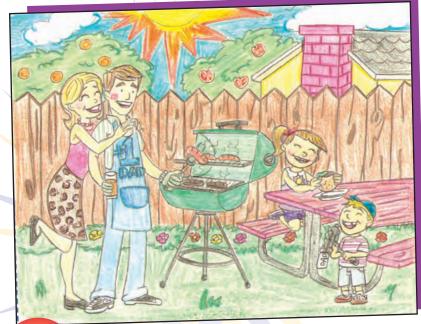
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Nichelle Perkins	9	Evelyn Fitzpatrick	LAFD, Ret.
Elisa Ruiz	9	Roberto Ruiz	DWP
Jonathan Sandoval	9	Noe Sandoval	DWP
Elijah Wright	9	Simboa Wright	Public Works
Priscilla Alvarado	10	Steve Alvarado	Public Works
Angelina Amie	10	Lawrence Amie	Public Works
Marissa Andrade	10	Richard Andrade	Airports
Claryssa Armendariz	10	Ester Monterrosa	Airports
Claudia DeLoera	10	Jorge A. DeLoera	Rec & Parks
Aresha Dias-Echols	10	Charles Echols	DWP
Daisy Espinoza	10	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Kaylee Gabon	10	Jose A. Gabon	DWP
Zitlali Luis	10	Jorge Luis	Airports
Lorenzo Marsh	10	Alden Marsh	Transportation
Makenzie Mendieta	10	Antonio Mendieta	Transportation
Alyssa Meza	10	Hector Meza	General Service
Peter Otoshi	10	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Brandon Roberts	10	Saturo Tanaka	LAPD, Ret.
Byron Amie	11	Lawrence Amie	Public Works
Evelyn Bermudez	11	Rafael Bermudez	Rec & Parks
Rikki Clark	11	April Clark	Airports
Lilac Cobos	11	Raul Cobos	Public Works
Ebony Drinkard	11	Sandra Tucker	DWP, Ret.
Ariel Hamilton	11	Jason Hamilton	Rec & Parks
Shawn Jackson	11	Phyllis Massey	Airports, Ret.
Kiara Jones	11	Myleah Jones	Housing
Christopher Liao	11	Celeste Cho	DWP
Giselle Madrid	11	Frank Madrid	Airports
Daphne Narvaez	11	Gilbert Narvaez	Public Works
Megan Rudd	11	Kevin Rudd	LAFD
Vivaldo Torrez	11	Vivaldo Torrez Sr.	Airports
Moriah Wilson	11	Godfrey S. Wilson	Harbor
Vivianna Arredondo	12	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Ashley Carlos	12	Renee Ramirez	LAFD
Destiny Hamilton	12	Nicole Hamilton	LAPD
Celine Hernandez	12	Manny Hernandez	Housing
Rebecca Johnson	12	Leon Thomasian	Ret
Yasmine Paredes	12	Maria Moreno	LAPD
Samantha Bautista	13	Sandra Bautista	LAPD
Chloe Emory	13	Jason Emory	DWP
Cayla Fujita-Haffner	13	Harold Fujita	Rec & Parks
Christen Ganotise	13	Vitolina Ganotise	LAPD
Alessandra Gardner		Renne Gardner	
Gabriela Navarro	13	Julio A Navarro	Housing Public Works
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Joseph Otoshi	13	John T. Otoshi	
Michelle Rodriguez	13	Sandra Bautista	LAPD
Sofia Salcedo	13	Rafael Salcedo	DWP
Thailiya Thomas	13	Sandra McDowell	LAPD

AGE PARENT/GUARDIAN DEPT



Milana Gatfield, 9

BIRTHDAY: April 10 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Jessie" FAVORITE SNACK: Chocolate chip cookies • BEST FRIEND: Emilia

WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, because I have a little brother and really want to take him there. I haven't been there in so long. • PARENT: Jason Gatfield, DWP



 BIRTHDAY: October 3 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Teen Titans" FAVORITE SNACK: Zings • BEST FRIEND: Angelina • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Six Flags, because I want to surprise my nieces by taking them there. • PARENT:

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Reviews by Fellow Club Members • • • • • • • • •••••

Book Reviews

The English Girl

Daniel Silva Adult Suspense, 656 pages HarperLuxe

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A beautiful young British woman disappears on Corsica, and the career of the prime minister of England is threatened with destruction. Gabriel Allon, a now-retired, former star of Israeli intelligence, is asked to help, which becomes the dangerous spy game of deception and shadows.

Silva's novels are always adventures in intrigue and current affairs, and this book is no exception. Long-time fans will be pleased with this latest spy episode, but those new to the series may find difficulty in following the action with its many twists, in this, Daniel Silva's least stand-alone book yet.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Nine Years Under: Coming of Age in an Inner-City Funeral Home

Sheri Booker Nonfiction, 258 pages Gotham

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Sheri Booker worked in a funeral home for nine years. Deacon Wylie, a larger-than-life official from her church, gives the 15-year-old a summer job after her aunt's death, and soon she has the run of the place. Baltimore becomes the "murder capital" of the country, and a lot of its victims end up at the Albert P. Wylie Funeral Home. Following her first service, Sheri wills herself not to ever cry again and holds in tears as she assists families and Deacon Wylie in all types of funeral prepara-

Sheri Booker paints a vivid portrait with the colorful characters of this book - the employees and the deceased - leaving the reader feeling as if they've peeked at insider interment secrets. Avery enjoyable read.

- Carmen Y. Steward, Fire & Police Pensions

Damage Control

Denise Hamilton Crime fiction, 384 pages Scribner

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Maggie Silver and Annabelle Paxton were best friends in high school. Maggie became a high-powered crisis management executive. Maggie is hired by Annabelle's father, Sen. Henry Paxton, to help solve the murder of his 23-year-old aide. Maggie must defend Sen. Paxton from a crime and prevent a scandal while delving into her past, making her question her past friendship with Annabelle. Can the bonds of true friendship triumph from a murderous crime?

This powerful, suspenseful, psychological thriller is brilliant.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Heist

Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg Crime fiction, 320 pages Bantam

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

FBI Special Agent Kate O'Hare is a tough cookie, chasing criminals and putting them behind bars. International crook Nicholas Fox is a charming and a slick con artist known for elaborate scams. At first he did them for the money, but now he does them for the thrills. Kate and Nicholas team up to capture a corrupt investment banker who is hiding in Indonesia, battling pirates and getting involved in high-speed chases.

This new series is a mystery as opposed to Janet Evanovich's romantic Plum novels. Teaming up with fellow writer Lee Goldberg makes this collaboration a suspenseful novel of great writing between Evanovich and Goldberg.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

At the Movies

In the cinema

The Heat

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Sandra Bullock plays an FBI agent who reluctantly teams up with Officer Melissa McCarthy to find the head of a drug ring. I loved the two of them in this movie and hope they do more together in the future. It's good to laugh, and these two actresses excel in humor.

The movie has a lot of bad language, which explains the R rating, but it works here. I do recommend the movie

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Blue Jasmine

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Writer/director Woody Allen's latest film is about a woman, Jasmine (Cate Blanchett), whose life crises force her to move from New York to San Francisco, forgoing her status of wealth and privilege.

This movie belongs to Ms. Blanchett, whose acting will long be talked about. I'll forgo the plot spoilers (you're welcome) by saying that I haven't seen acting this engrossing or compelling in a long time. Blue Jasmine also comes with a wonderful supporting cast, great music, and the wonderful sights of San Francisco, but nothing compares to the awesome Cate Blanchett.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Blue Jasmine

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

While there is no "Woody Allen" character in Blue Jasmine, it's just as well, as Cate Blanchett gets a great role as Jasmine, and it is very much her movie. Jasmine's story is part Blanche DuBois and part New-York-ladywho-lunches, but the designer labels hide a fragile personality who is forced to stay with her adopted sister, Ginger (Sally Hawkins), as

Jasmine rebuilds her life. But with good intentions being built on suppressing the past, how long will it be before things start to unravel for Jasmine and those around her? A fine ensemble cast adds a light touch to the proceedings.

A back-on-form, but serious Woody Allen. - Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club Wife

Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

When DC Comics overhauled its lineup a few years back with Flashpoint, you knew that sooner or later that story would be adapted into one of their animated films to explain the changes to a wider audience. The recently released Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox is that adaptation, and it does a remarkable job of adapting the story from book to film without leaving out too much. Some story elements have changed but nothing so much that it takes away from the overall impact the story makes. This really is one of the best-animated films DC has ever produced.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Conjuring

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

If you are into horror movies, then you have got to see The Conjuring. Following the exploits of famed husband and wife paranormal investigators, Ed and Lorraine Warren, this film manages to scare the living heck out of the audience. While last year's Sinister was unsettling in the way it scared audiences The Conjuring manages to scare the audience with good old fashioned chills and frights to get the job done. And what a job it does. Engrossing and haunting, this is the kind of horror film the genre has been missing.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Video Gaming

Videogames online, rental or purchase

Citadels

Not Rated

My Score: 0 (out of 5)

Citadels is such a buggy and outdated realtime strategy game that I could not possibly consider recommending this game to anyone. There is just so much wrong with the game that it is unforgiveable for the production team to have released a game of this quality to the public. There are persistent crashes in the game, horrible physics errors, the AI oftentimes defeats itself in engagements, and crippling path-finding errors keep you from completing many missions on the first try. This is a great example of how not to produce a PC game, and if it weren't because I got the game for free, I'd be demanding my money back.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Earthbound

Not Rated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

If you have never played the SNES roleplaying game known as Earthbound when it was first released, you missed a diamond of a game. Its fresh and hilarious take on culture at the time made the game accessible to all of role-playing (RPG) games. Now the game has been released on the Wii U's virtual console, and it is just as fresh and entertaining as before. Don't miss your chance to download one of the best and highly regarded RPGs in the history of gaming and help Ness and friends save the world.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Megan Recommends Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich.

Customer Service Associate at the Club Store



Musical Pantages, Oct. 23-Nov. 10

Eva Perón used her beauty and charisma to change her life and from move the slums of Argentina, to an acting career in Buenos Aires, to becoming First Lady of her country. Beloved by her people and a champion for the poor, she became one of the most powerful

women of her time. Surrounded by politi-

cal corruption, she fought for those who

came from the slums and granted them a better life, if only for a few moments, until her frail nealth ended her life far

too young.

Evita tells Eva's story and features some of musical theater's most memorable songs, including "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," "Another Suitcase in Another Hall," and my personal favorite, "High Flying, Adored."

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD





"Here's a photo from our family vacation this summer. It was taken in Cancun at the Moon Palace Resort. I enjoyed a beautiful summer vacation with my son, Marquas, and wife, Kim."

- Burt Smith, Public Works

Ireland



At the end of his long journey, Alive! editor John Burnes bids goodbye (for now) to Ireland at the Dublin Airport as Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club Wife, has earned her green card visa and has relocated to Los Angeles.

Florida



- "I went to Daytona, Fla., for a family reunion."
- Joann Le Count, wife of Frankie La Count Sr., Public Works





Mediterranean



Darryl and Robin Wright, who both work for Transportation, spent their honeymoon in Rome, Italy, Greece and Turkey. "We are standing in front of the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome (in Italian, Fontana di *Trevi*). It's the largest standing (85 feet high and 65 feet wide) and the most ambitious of the Baroque fountains of Rome. We thought it would be fun to take Alive! with us. The other photos shows Robin and I in Athens."



New Zealand 6 "Here are pictures taken on the Milford Track in New Zealand. The first was taken on top of the Mckinnon Pass with the Mckinnon Memorial in the background to the left of the body of water. The second was taken at the end $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($ of the track called Sandfly Point, with the sign showing the total distance. Milford Track is 33.5 miles long in Fjordland on New Zealand's South Island. We joined a guided walk for the entire track to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary.







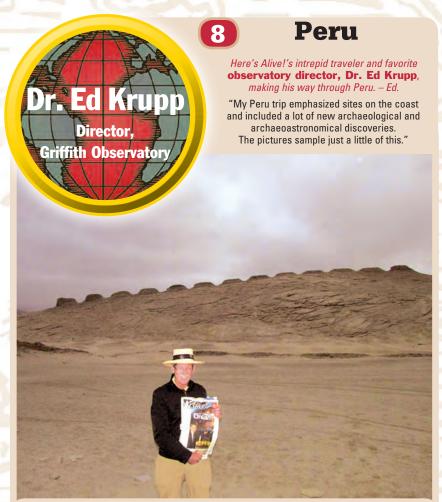
- Matthew and Carmel Tobin (both work for the DWP)



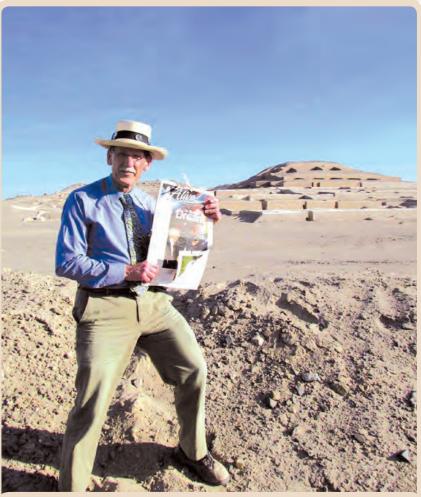


"In the last two weeks of June, we visited Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Although we couldn't get in the White House, we were able to tour the Capitol. We had to visit the *Rocky* statue and run up the steps like he did in the movie when we were in Philly! The kids are my son, Jonah, and niece, Franny; my husband, Jeff, was the cameraman."

- Kathy Kravitz, LAPD



"Chankillo, on Peru's central coast, seems to have the earliest solar observatory in the New World. The 13 towers in the background are built upon a natural north/south ridge in the valley below a fortified hilltop temple constructed around 2,400 years ago. The archaeologist examining the site discovered two distinctive structures on either side of the ridge that are placed perfectly to allow the observation of the sunrise and sunset through the entire year. I am standing at the sunrise observation point. The year's limits, the June and December solstices, are marked by the towers at each end of the ridge. We successfully observed the June solstice sunset from the observing point on the other side of the ridge on 21 June 2013.



"Cahuachi is major ceremonial center associated with the world-famous 'Nazca lines,' the giant ground drawings on the south coast of Peru. The ground figures are associated with mountains, sources of water, water flow, and perhaps a little astronomy. Peoples of ancient Peru started constructing monumental architecture, including pyramid platforms, very early, around 2,600 B.C. The pyramid in the background is more recent. It is the main structure at Cahuachi, and it was probably begun around 200 B.C., long after the earliest monuments in Peru but long before the arrival of Europeans."



"Kuelap, in Peru's northern highlands, was the inspiration for the Temple of the Chachapoya Warriors in the roller coaster of an opening sequence in Raiders of the Lost Ark. A monument at Kuelap known as El Tintero ('the Inkwell'), or Templo Mayor ('the Great Temple'), has a odd inverted cone surface at the top with an opening at the bottom of the "funnel," and that led some to speculate the opening and the inaccessible chamber beneath it were used astronomically. This is unlikely. Bones were deposited in the chamber from the top. Perhaps sunlight was intended to strike those bones for a symbolic effect on the two days of the year when the sun passes directly overhead, but that is completely speculative."



"The Sicán culture of northern Peru was in business from about 700 B.C. to 1,350 B.C. Spectacular treasures — primarily gold — from Sicán tombs at Batan Grande in northern Peru, near Chiclayo, are displayed at the Sicán National Museum in Lambayeque. A Sicán Iord endorses Alive!'s coverage of Griffith Observatory in front of the museum.'

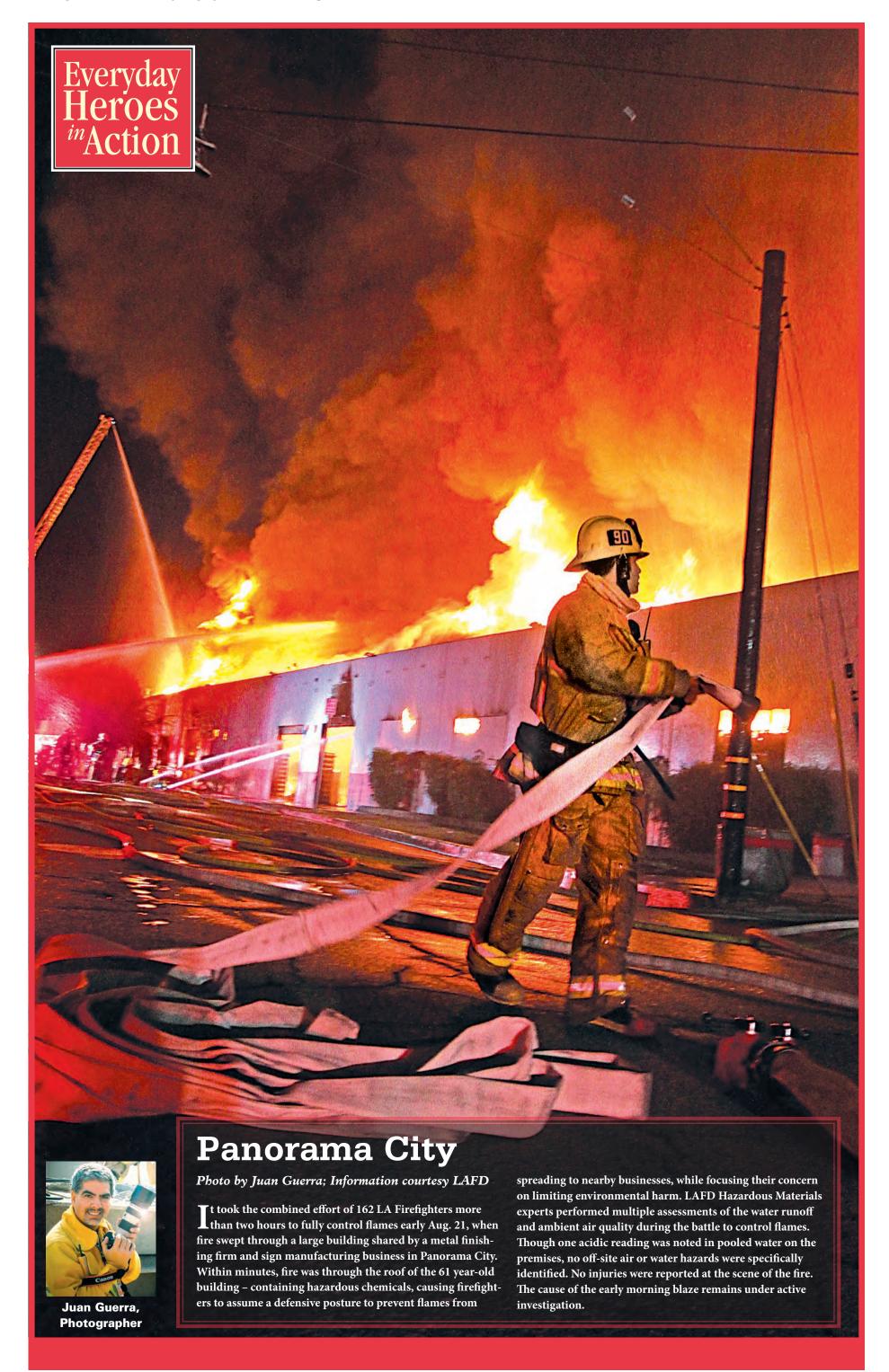
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Cooking with the 🌈

with Chef Robert Larios



SALMON OVER PLANK

There is nothing like cooking fish over a cedar plank on a grill. The flavors are better and more intense, which makes anyone want more of it. The plank also helps to keep the fish intact and not fall apart like most do when just cooking over the grill alone. I prepared a marinade, but you might just rub mustard and brown sugar onto the fish prior to cooking. I also suggest getting wild salmon since the flavors are stronger than with farm-raised salmon, and of course there are health advantages, too.

Salmon Over Plank

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (3 pounds) wild salmon
- 5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Juice of one lemon with wedges included
- 5 cloves minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill
- 2 shallots, sliced
- 1 untreated cedar plank, soaked in salted water for up to 24 hours prior to placing on grill.



Try to soak the cedar plank in water for more than one hour but never less.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Salmon:

Salmon was an important food to many early American Indians whose superstitions prevented certain tribe members from handling or eating the fish lest they anger its spirit and cause it to leave their waters forever. Salmon are anadromous, meaning that they migrate from their saltwater habitat to spawn in fresh water. Over the years, some salmon have become landlocked in freshwater lakes. In general, the flesh of those salmon is less flavorful than that of their sea-running relatives.

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Food Fact

"As for butter versus margarine, I trust cows more than chemists."

- Joan Gussow

DIRECTIONS:



Into a Ziploc (or similar) bag, place your cut of salmon, olive oil, sea salt, pepper, lemon juice and wedges, garlic, dill and shallots and seal, letting ingredients marinate the salmon in the refrigerator for two to three hours.



Cooking time may vary, but always keep an eye on the cedar plank so that it does not begin to ignite. The salmon is cooked through once its internal temperature has reached 130 degrees in its thickest area. Cooking time may vary, but it should cook about 20 to 40 minutes

Serves 4 to 6



Remove salmon from Ziploc bag and place onto soaked cedar plank, then place onto hot barbeque grill. It is a good idea to keep the area of the grill at a lower temperature while raising the temperature on the other side to reduce burning the cedar plank. You may roast side dishes including potatoes or Brussels sprouts while the salmon cooks.



Serve and enjoy!



POPULAIRE - 9/6

september movie releases

RIDDICK - 9/6 SALINGER - 9/6 **MONEY FOR NOTHING - 9/6** THINGS NEVER SAID - 9/6 THE ULTIMATE LIFE - 9/6 THE FAMILY - 9/13 **WADJDA - 9/13** INSIDIOUS CHAPTER 2 - 9/13 JAYNE MANSFIELD'S CAR - 9/13 SHUDDH DESI ROMANCE - 9/13 BATTLE OF THE YEAR - 9/20 ENOUGH SAID - 9/20 HAUTE CUISINE - 9/20 PRISONERS - 9/20 RUSH - 9/20 THE COLONY - 9/20 A SINGLESHOT - 9/20 BAGGAGE CLAIM - 9/27 CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 - 9/27 **DONJON-9/27 METALLICA THROUGH THE NEVER - 9/27 MORNING - 9/27**







New Ads This Month!

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.

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

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

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

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



Estate Moving Sale: Assorted furniture including: Entertainment cen-

chair sets, coffee & side tables. To schedule a viewing, call (909)244-2469 or (909)440-



Roll Top Desk: looks like it could be over 100 years old.



Coachmen RV

full bath w/extra outdoor shower. \$15,500

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

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 dynode

at 125hp 135ftq. 26,000 miles. \$16,500. Richard @

transmission, 35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs,

many upgrades. Reduced price \$130K. Mike

2005 BMW R1200GS Motorcycle: Gently

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

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.

4 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Westminster

Memorial Park, Garden of Devotion. \$3000 ea;

\$5500 for 2; \$10,000 for 4, + transfer fee. Allene

Table Set: Rattan & glass, in good condition

w/4 chairs & pillows. \$350. Tanya, after 5pm

Entertainment Center: Plummers, fits "32"

TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael

Karen Hunter Hill @ (661) 317-5922.

@ (818)799-3516.

@ (310) 376-2006.

@ (323) 778-8297.

@ (310) 534-2181.

(805) 208-4406.

White @ (661) 904-2234.

Transport



2000 Ford Mustang: V6 convertible, \$4,200.110,000

interior, new head-

lamps 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.

6x135 Michelin P255 65 R17 LTX AS. Used for only 2,500 miles. \$400 firm. Johnny @ (323) 545-7007 between 5pm & 8:30pm.

2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide: W/dual backrests & detachable trunk. Lots of chrome & accessories, mileage 19,000, \$12,000 OBO,





2011 CAB. 4.6L V8 8100 miles. 23,900 OBO. Info @ (562)665-7127.



interior, heated bucket seats, loaded! \$31,900 OBO. Kelly @ (661) 733-2411.



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

3-Wheel Moped: Blue, 2011, practically new, purchased for \$2800. Selling for \$1600. Frank



Reduced price \$19,500! XcInt condition inside

6-cycl silver w/blk racing stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649.



'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.

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

2006 Volvo: Flint gray, V50 SW. Sports package, fair cond & 138K highway miles. Valued btw \$6500–\$8800. Price negotiable. Denise @



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

ter, couch sets,



\$150 OBO. John @ (909) 593-5835. 9/13



2005: Purchased in 06 in excellent condition. 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 popouts, AC, 2 awnings,

Harley: Factory paint

job; USB power com-

mander & drag tuner

Freedom 2 into 1

2008 Providence

40X Diesel RV:

360HP Cummings 8.3

L, 5-speed Allison

OBO. Fernando Torres @ (562)900-9229.9/13



miles, automatic, new paint, no dents, clean

Tires & Rims: For original 2012 Ford F150.

Theodore @ (661)477-5896.



Harley Motorcycle: 1985 Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or japete 43@



used, mileage is 23,666 miles. Has GPS w/full option. \$11,000 OBO. Selling because I never Toyota have time to ride it, my loss is your gain. Info @ Tundra: 4x2 DBL (213) 718-2373.



Chevy Silverado: Crew Cab LTZ, 22,500 mi. Warranty! Navigation, leather



2012 Camaro LS:

& out. 12.000 mi. auto.



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.

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.

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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Members Marketplace

Homes/Rentals/Land

Rooms for Rent: 2BDs available: 1 extra-large room & 1 regular-sized room. Both furnished & recently remodeled. 3BD home in Whittier area, next to 60 and 605 fwys. Quiet neighborhood next to CA Country Club. \$700 for large, \$400 for regular. Mo. lease includes utilities, kitchen & laundry room use. Firefighter owned home, males preferred. John @ (626)757-5341 or igonzlz@hotmail.com.

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 Palicades: 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.

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.

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 $\&\,the\,5/2/110/101\,frwys.\,\$1200/mo.\,1\,year\,lease, no$ pets, app process, credit check. Info @ (323)919-

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.

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.

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 frwys 5/58. Close to stores, parks, schools, etc. Carport covered parking. Listed for \$130,000. Seller selects services. Info @ (323)919-1163.

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 @

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For Rent: 4BD/2-1/2 BA home in Riverside. Gated community, granite countertops, freeway accessible, near 91 fwy/Van Buren. 1 year lease, \$1875/mo. Andrea @ (310) 946-5552 or Larry @ (310) 633-3719.

For Rent: Westchester, 2BD/1BA. Lower unit in fourplex. Close to LAX, LMU, transportation, shopping & the beach. \$1400/mo. Call or text @(424)204-2264 or (310)343-3573.

For Rent: Apt in Inglewood (4-units), 82nd/ Crenshaw. 1BD/1BA, kitchen, granite countertops, living & dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit, new paint, carpet, windows & fixtures. Very quiet, close to public transportation. Info @ (323) 292-9989.

Household Items

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

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.

First Edition Book: Gone with the Wind, hard cover book, written in 1936. Good condition. Asking \$1000 OBO. Lauretta Hall @ (323)751-

Miscellaneous

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.

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.

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.

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

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



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

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

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 "Elixer" Teflon strings installed, sounds great, very bright acoustic sound but electric pickup system needs to be fixed. \$200 OBO. Michael @ (818) 720-5198.

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

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

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 Caguiat @ (818) 395-3552 or gina91203@yahoo.com for a detailed description and/or copy of the flyer



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.

Vacation Rental: In 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 builtin bunk beds. Walking distance to restaurants, antique shops, etc. Built in 1942, previously owned by DWP. \$500 per week or \$100 per day. Norma @ (323) 333-2238 or e-mail: Norma2go2@gmail.com

Timeshare: Cancun Sunset Club, 1 week, studio sleeps 4, resort on the beach, \$700/week. Serious renters will receive all-inclusive meals. Not available New Years, July 4th, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Gina @ (818)395-3552.

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.



Vacation rental in Bear Lake: Big 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.

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

Vacation Rental: Nuevo Vallarta/Grand Luxxe. Golf, 2 units, 3K sq ft, each unit sleeps 4. Rent 1 or both units: May 20-27, 2013. \$1.2k or \$1.4k/unit; \$2.5k both units. Info @ (626)278-

Timeshare: Mayan Sea Gardens/Acapulco 2 units, 1BD, full kit & lvng 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



Vacation Rental: Lake Tahoe Cabin in beautiful forest setting. 4BD/3 BA, large deck, BBO, satellite TV. Close to beach, bike path, stables, boat launch,

Timeshare: Cancun Mexico. Fiesta Americana, 2BD, silver package. Earns 3500 pts annually.

hiking, casinos. Jess @ (626) 797-5992.

Feet from the sand, 5 minutes walk to town. Serious buyers info @ (562) 447-3189. $_{1/12}$

Wanted

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.

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

Wanted: Do you have a Desert Tortoise looking for a new "approved" home? Marcell Baines @ (310) 323-5313.



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Pacific Theatres Restricted \$2 surcharge	for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight	\$12.50	\$6.00	x	=\$	
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Sportfishing – 1/2 Da	-	\$46.50	\$30.25	X	=\$	
Sportfishing – 3/4 Da	Child v Adult	\$39.00 \$71.00	\$25.75 \$56.25	X	=\$ =\$	
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Adult		\$14.95	\$12.00	X	=\$	
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1-Day, 1-Park	Adult Child (3-9)	\$92.00 \$86.00	\$88.32 \$82.56	X	=\$ =\$	
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3 Hour Unlimited W	ristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.00	X	=\$	
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Sea Life Resort Hopp	per Adult Child (3-11)	\$95.00 \$85.00	\$67.00 \$67.00	X	=\$ =\$	
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General Admission (3 and up)		\$64.99	\$34.99	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 unlimite and Sunday, major holidays and everyday durir						
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Gift Certificate		\$15.00	\$10.00	X	=\$	
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LIBRARY IS TOP **INNOVATOR:**

The Urban Libraries Council (ULC) recognized the Library as one of its ten Top Innovators for 2013 during the ULC Annual Forum, June 27-28, in Chicago. A panel of expert judges selected the the Library's Immigrant Integration Initiative from more than 140 applications in the fourth annual ULC Innovations Initiative.

ULC is a membership organization made up of America's premier public library systems and the organizations that serve them. ULC's Innovations Initiative highlights members' programs, services and operating practices that demonstrate an ability to keep pace with change and expand opportunity for people of all ages. The Library won in the category of "Civic and Community Engagement."

The Library's Immigrant Integration Initiative educates people in the City's many immigrant communities about citizenship and establishes its libraries as local citizenship information centers. The project is a partnership among U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the City and the Library.

The initiative provides training for library staff on the naturalization process and USCIS resources and establishes "citizenship corners" with a variety of citizenship materials in all 73 libraries. The initiative also offers a list of local service providers for referrals and provides a variety of workshops about citizenship issues held in libraries by community partners. Materials and programs are available in a variety of languages including Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Farsi, Russian and Japanese.

As the second largest city in the country, Los Angeles is home to immigrants from more than 140 countries who speak a total of 244 languages. The state of California is home to nearly 3.4 million immigrants, 2.5 million of whom are estimated to be eligible to apply for naturalization.

Since the initiative was launched in September 2012, more than 17,000 people have participated and visited the Library to begin their citizenship journey.

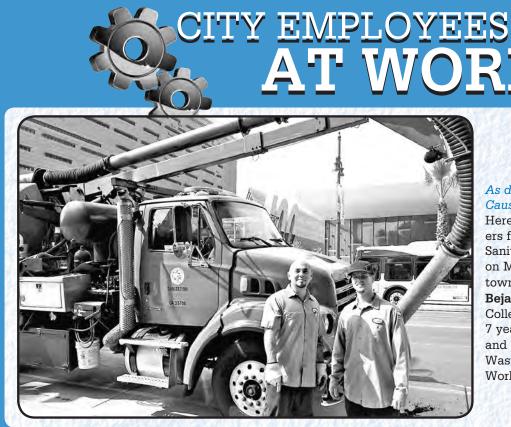
"The Los Angeles Public Library's is grateful to the ULC for its national recognition of our successful Immigrant Integration Initiative," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "Our 73 libraries are places that change people's lives, whether it's helping students succeed in school, helping the unemployed find jobs or helping adults overcome illiteracy. Now, with this initiative, the library is taking a leadership role in helping people take one of the most important steps in their lives: the first step on the path to becoming a citizen."

In announcing the 2013 Top Innovators, ULC President and CEO Susan Benton said the winning libraries and libraries that submitted programs for the Innovations Awards this year demonstrate the amazing work that takes place in libraries every day.

"On behalf of the ULC community throughout North America, I congratulate the Los Angeles Public Library for being selected as a 2013 Top Innovator," Benton said. "You and your library staff are commended for setting the pace for growth, change and innovation in the field. Each submission highlights exactly how public libraries create value and impact in local communities."

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, more than six million books, and state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org, provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

As a membership organization made up of America's premier public library systems and the organizations that serve them, the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) has spent more than 40 years enriching urban communities by strengthening their public libraries. While ULC members primarily represent urban and suburban libraries, lessons from their work are widely used by all libraries. ULC serves as a forum for thought leaders sharing best and next practices resulting from targeted research, education, and emerging trends. Its programs are recognized for creating new frameworks that invigorate public libraries and their communities.



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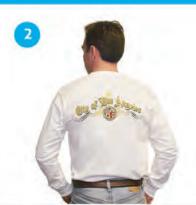
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