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A Message From the CEO

How to Build a City

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

You might notice that we've given an extra page to this month's feature story.

It's that big. It needed it!

Our main story this month started with Club Member **Nick Pendorf**, the head of Construction Forces, stopping by the Club's administrative offices to talk to **Robert Larios**, the Club's Vice President of Operations, about Nick's division. We were sold!

And then the more the *Alive!* crew delved into Construction Forces, the more we realized – we've done lots of stories on Construction Forces already. Or rather, the projects they have built, from Hollyhock House to the Siqueros Mural project to the Echo Park Lake boathouse to the City Hall retrofit to probably many others. But Construction Forces themselves never made the cover; we just didn't emphasize their role because we focused on each project's client.

Behind the scenes, Construction Forces has built a lot of what we consider the City. That means thousands of projects over the decades. And they do it right, coming in under budget 90 percent of the time. That's amazing performance.

It's a unique situation. They are City Employees, but they have to go out and find their own projects; their sustenance depends on the jobs they do. They aren't budgeted without these projects. I like their hunger and passion for what they do. And I'm glad to know to a fuller extent what they do. And finally, after these long years, to put them – not just their work – on the cover. We do it proudly.



With the Club's Robert Larios (center) are Construction Forces' Nick Pendorf and Rose Karagezyan.

If you're in position to approve a City construction project, consider giving Nick a call (see the story for contact information). Construction Forces is a tremendous City asset, but only if it gets used. Take advantage!

Moving on ... here we are approaching the Christmas holidays. How did we get here so soon? Yes yes, we're not there yet, but soon enough now.

But right on schedule are Club Store Manager **Mariana Guevara** and her crew. Last year they introduced movie ticket packs, an awesome idea for stocking stuffers or other holiday gift needs. Needless to say they were a big hit, quickly becoming a Club holiday tradition just like our fantastic discounts on Honeybaked Hams and See's Candy. And of course they're back again. Take advantage! (And speaking of the Club Store, plan on dropping by the Club Store later in the holiday season. Add it to your holiday shopping routine.)

And I'm also happy to hear about a new City tradition in the making – the Zoo is offering what looks like an awesome event, Holiday Lights. The DWP ended its longtime Holiday Lights attraction a number of years ago, but now the Zoo is stepping up in a major way. I'm really looking forward to it, and I congratulate **Laura Stegman and the Zoo crew** for letting us know about it. Read more in the story in this month's issue, along with many other City holiday traditions – the Hollywood Christmas Parade, Downtown on Ice, Banning Residence Museum, Drum Barracks Museum, and others. The holidays will be here soon!

But before there's Christmas, there's another very important holiday – Thanksgiving. It's simple, it's meaningful, it's American, and it's one of my favorites. Let's be thankful for those things that we have right now, in this moment. Friends and family, roofs over our heads, and enough to get by – being happy is often as simple as being grateful. Amongst many things, including my awesome family and friends, I am thankful for all of you, for the Club, and for Los Angeles.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

JOHN

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Alive! Behind the Scenes



The Club's Summy Lam (right) photographs Construction Forces' Rose Karagezyan and Nick Pendorf at the under-construction LAPD SID DNA space at Piper Tech.

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— Juan Guevara, August 2014

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— Alma Mims, August 2014

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— Printle Russell, July 2014

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— Ed.



Cecilia Talbot, Director of Claims, Member Advocate



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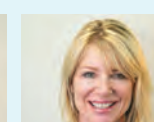


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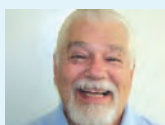
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Letters to the Editor

September Issue Brings Back Memories of Two



Former Club Board Member Joannie Mukai, in whose memory the Club Scholarship Program is named.

I saw the Club's Scholarship winners [September issue] in memory of my cousin, Joannie Mukai. Thank you. I agree with you: "Wow, we have some awesome young people related to Club Members! It is great to see the Club's family filled with young people of promise, hope, service and achievement."

Regarding the LAPD Photography Unit's PM Watch, I saw the photographer Norman Sugimoto in a photo. Norman's mother was my mother's good, longtime friend since childhood. As children, my brothers and I often visited Norman's grandparents' farm in Venice (Marina del Rey) near Washington and Lincoln Boulevards. Norman's grandparents farmed the acres of land at Berkeley and Carter. We often enjoyed picking strawberries on their family's farm.

My mom worked for the City in Public Works/Accounting. I enjoy reading *Alive!*

– Bruce Ujemura, Club Member



LAPD Photographer Norman Sugimoto.

Good Day, Club!



I just wanted to share my pride of being a member of the City Employees Club. My wife and I were at the Taste of Soul over the weekend, and I was able to take a picture with my favorite morning Fox 11 "Good Day L.A." news gals with *Alive!*

John R. Mireles, Transportation

Fantastic, John! We love "Good Day L.A.," too! And we love that you even thought about bringing your copy of Alive! along with you. We're honored! – Editor

All excited about *Alive!* are "Good Day L.A." news presenters (from left) Araksya Karapetyan and Maria Sansone. The proud Club Member at right is John R. Mireles.

Chermaine Is Always A Splash of Fresh Water

I would like to do something for the Ice Bucket Challenge. Can City Workers do this and have it in *Alive!*? Just a thought. You know me. I want everything in my life to show my girls that I had a purpose on this earth, and to help with the awareness of this disease.

– Chermaine Fontenette, Public Works/Sanitation



Here's Chermaine taking the Ice Bucket Challenge, in support of the fight against ALS.

Correction

In the list of new retirees in last month's "Life's Important Moments" (page 17), we incorrectly listed the number of years of City service performed by Sandra Bogan. Sandra retired with 30 years. We apologize, Sandra, and we thank you for your great service to the City of Los Angeles.

Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations
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Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

What are you most thankful for?



"My health, my job, family ... and that I can buy deep discount tickets at the Club ... just, everything!"

Cedric Evans, Warehouse Toolroom Worker, DWP, 22 years, Club Member since 2009



"Two words for you: my family."

Scott Sulak, Club Counselor/Enrollment Team



"For my grandmother, that she has the opportunity to enjoy her grandchildren."

Kristy Noochlaor, Field Deputy, Council District 4, 1 year of City service



"For everything, like serving people!"

Christine Natividad, Sr. Coordinator, City Attorney's Office, 29 years, Club Member since 2002



"I am most thankful for my family, friends and Roscoe, my puppy."

Ben Seinfeld, Field Deputy, Council District 4, 3 years, Club Member since 2013



"I'll be thankful if I am left alone so that I can finish cooking the turkeys!"

Mario Ericson, Maintenance & Construction Helper, Public Works/Street Services, 16 years, Club Member since 2011



"Three big things: my family, friends and my job at the Library."

Madeline I. Pena Feliz, Librarian, Library, 7 years, Club Member since 2012



"Feasting, and all the festivities!"

Warren Green, Sr. Custodial Services, General Services, 12 years, Club Member since 2004



"For my children!"

Belkys Caballero, Victim Advocate, City Attorney's Office, Club Member since 2014



"For my family on Thanksgiving Day and every other day of the year!"

John Soto, LAPD, 7 years, Club Member since 2007

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From left: Whitney Olafson, PSR III, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR, 17 years, Club Member.



Police Chief Charlie Beck, 37 years of City service.



The William H. Parker Foundation Board, from left: Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR, 17 years of City service, Club Member; Vicky Arujo, Sr. PSR, 24 years; Ezett Smith, Sr. PSR II, 25 years; Toni Diaz, Management Analyst, 34 years; Kris Arakel, Liaison; Yvette Burney, Commanding Officer of SID, Club Member, 30 years; Ken Esteves, President of the Foundation, 20 years; Carol Schott, Sr. PSR II, 30 years, Club Member; and D'Anna Markley, Commanding Officer, 30 years.



From left: Jeannette Diaz, Accounting Clerk, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Juanita Brown, Accounting Clerk, 26 years, Club Member.



From left: Naomi Alexander, PSR III, 29 years of City service, Club Member; Angie Roman, Executive Administrative Assistant II, 39 years, Club Member; and Maria Silva, Police Commission, 20 years, Club Member.



Rachel Harris, Principal Clerk, LAPD, 25 years of City service.



From left: Erol Ergun, Criminalist, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Liz Nation, Lab Tech II, 9 years.



Lt. Craig Valenzuela, LAPD Communications, 17 years of City service.



Sgt. II Jeff Beck, 19 years of City service, Club Member.



Capt. III Don Schwartzter, 34 years.



Carmen Arreguin, Clerk Typist, 18 years of City service.

LAPD

Story by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor; Photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Coordinator



A Summer Carnival, for Wellness

Police Dept. hosts wellness fair.

On June 25, the William H. Parker Foundation held the 2014 Civilian Wellness Program in the courtyard of the Police Headquarters Facility downtown.

The theme for this year was a Summer Carnival, and the event included all the fun carnivals have to offer. There were game booths including the dunk tank, a dart game, a beach ball toss, a lollipop game, raffles, and the cash fault money machine!

The yummy lunch served included chicken and beef tacos, beans, rice, caramel apples, snow cones, popcorn, a fresh fruit cart, and soft drinks. Even Chief Charlie Beck himself came out to play pin the mustache on the Chief! What a fun afternoon for all of LAPD Civilians!



Robert Lopez, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member, with Communication Division Cadets, from left: Nereyda Zamora and Helena Maa.



From left: Det. Camille Armstead, 18 years of City service; and Officer Tenesha Dobine, 18 years.



From left: Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR, 17 years of City service, with Communication Division Cadets, from left: Ofek Angel and Emilio Castellon.



From left: Dorine Thomas, Sr. PSR, 29 years of City service, Club Member; and Mary Topete, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years.



From left: Sgt. Alora Perna, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Ellen Kanda, Secretary, 17 years, Club Member; and Elizabeth Romero, Executive Administrative Assistant.



From left: Clarence Holston, Accounting Clerk II, 23 years of City service; and Miguel Rivas, Accounting, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Rommel Fabella, Sr. Clerk Typist, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Jaime Ramirez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Roslyn Edmondson, Police II, 19 years of City service, Club Member; and Mary Newton, PSR II, 27 years, Club Member.



Vicky Arujo, Sr. PSR, 24 years of City service.



From left: Dennis Fung, Supervising Criminalist, 29 years of City service; and Daniel Rubin, Criminalist, 27 years.



From left: Monique Jones, Management Assistant, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Angie Whetstone, Police Officer, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Maria Moreno, PSR III, 10 years of City service; and Sara Wieck, PSR III, 11 years, Club Member.



The Police Commission Alarm Section, from left: Alfonzo Mendez III, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service; Charles Clifton, Management Analyst, 13 years; Rene Gardea, Management Analyst, 20 years; and Eva Vega, Sr. Management Analyst II, 33 years, Club Member.



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Club Angels: Won't You Help?

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

During the fall and winter, Club Angels, the Club's charity, helps those around us in need with blankets and buckets of supplies, and other forms of assistance.

Club Members can give to this full-fledged charity.

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

Holiday Toy Drive, and other initiatives – and builds a framework for others to come.

John Hawkins, Club Angels board member, said: "A bucket of personal goods and a blanket during the cold months can make a huge difference to those living on the streets. We all can make a difference."

Helping Those in Need

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



How to Help

Yes! I want to help those in need. Count me in.

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Your donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.



Fire Chief Terrazas, 31 years of City service, Club Member, receives his award.



Entertainment at the event.



From left: Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, Club Member, and Fire Chief of Staff Graham Everett.



From left: Lupe Durazo, 2nd VP, LACECA, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Sergio Hernandez; and Stella Sias, Treasurer, LACECA, 27 years, Club Member.

LACECA

Story and photos by Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor



Congrats, Chief Terrazas

For Latino Heritage Month, Chicano Association honors City's first Latino Fire Chief, Ralph Terrazas, Club Member.

On Oct. 3, LACECA (Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association), Mayor Eric Garcetti and members of the City Council hosted "Chanclazo" to celebrate Latino Heritage Month.

The event took place outdoors at City Hall with a beautiful view of the City. Power 106's Krystal Bee, hosted the ceremony. Guests enjoyed catered food, art, entertainment from dance performers and live music.

Chanclazo celebrates the hard work of Latino City employees and recognizes the everyday Latino. This year's event honored the first Latino appointed to Chief of the LAFD, Ralph Terrazas. His service to the City of more than 31 years was recognized as well.

The event allowed for City employees and guests to meet with one another while also carrying on the tradition of celebrating their diverse cultures.

Thank you, LACECA, for allowing the Club to be a part of it.



Dancers at the event.



From left: Firefighter Adrian Vasquez, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, 31 years, Club Member; and Capt. Raymond Cuevas, Station 47, 30 years.



Guests at the event.



From left: Laura Donlucas; Maggie Guedea, DWP Claims Asst., 29 years of City service; Jorge Guedea, Field Services Rep., 29 years; and Diana Castro, Claims Asst., 26 years, Club Member.



From left: Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, 31 years of City service, Club Member; Gracia Dacia, Executive Admin. Asst., 27 years; Maria Aginigo, Office Manager for Councilmember Paul Koretz, 18 years; and Graham Everette, Fire Chief of Staff, 25 years of City service.



Front row: Jackie Zarate, President, LACECA, Personnel Examining, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Stella Sias, Treasurer, LACECA, 27 years, Club Member. Back: Lupe Durazo, 2nd VP, LACECA, 15 years, Club Member; Gloria Ortiz, 1st VP, LACECA, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 25 years, Club Member; and Angie Roman, Executive Admin. Asst., 29 years, Club Member.



From left: Rosie Ocana, Retired, Mayor Tom Bradley's office, 11 years of City service; and Anna Rivera.



Rigoberto Rodriguez, Tree Surgeon, 14 years of City service, Club Member, and his family.



Event host Krystal Bee with guests.



From left: Richard Lopez, Electric Station Operator, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Heidi Vega, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 7 years, with guests.



From left: Angie Roman, Executive Admin. Asst., 29 years of City service, Club Member; Gilbert Cisneros, Electric Mechanic, DWP, 27 years; Club Member; and Julie Walters, Management Analyst, DWP, 29 years.



From left: Ester D. Perea, Customer, Service Rep., DWP, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Liza Ornelas, Secretary, DWP, 26 years.



Henry Casas, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office, 4 years of City service; and Wendy Carrillo.



From left: Juan; and Jose Canales, Retired, DWP, 32 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Mimi Walker, UES, DWP, and Recording Secretary, LACECA, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Lupe Durazo, 2nd VP, LACECA, 15 years, Club Member; Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, 31 years, Club Member; Gloria Ortiz, 1st VP, LACECA, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, 25 years, Club Member; Jackie Zarate, President, LACECA, Personnel Examining, 30 years, Club Member; and Edna Meraz, Club Member.



Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor, and Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, 31 years of City service, Club Member.



The Smart Move

BY PATRICK MILLER, Dearborn Insurance, The Club's Insurance Partner

Why Supplemental Insurance Matters

While many are confused about what it means for them, in the years ahead key provisions will take effect that could require individuals to make important benefits decisions. Over the next few years, individuals will begin to see healthcare plans that adhere to new design standards. Supplemental insurance (also known as voluntary insurance) has long served as a way to protect the policyholder when they are sick or injured – regardless of their major medical insurance coverage. As healthcare costs continue to rise, and plans focus to meet consumer demand, supplemental insurance plans are even more relevant and have importance as a key piece of a worker's overall financial plan.

"Healthcare consumerism is about transforming an employer's health benefit plan into one that puts economic purchasing power—and decision-making—in the hands of participants. It's about supplying the information and decision support tools they need, along with financial incentives, rewards and other benefits that encourage personal involvement in altering health and healthcare purchasing behaviors." – Ron Bachman, The Institute for Healthcare Consumerism Forum, 2011

The "consumerization" of healthcare is the process of turning patients into consumers. In everything from the patient experience to advertising for prescription drugs, healthcare has moved rapidly to involving and including the consumer in the decisions around health services. Not only is the medical community promoting more to the consumers' interests, but with rising healthcare costs, employers have been shifting to more consumer driven health plan options, such as High Deductible Health Plans (HDHPs) tied to a health savings and/or reimbursement account (HSA or HRA). In many instances consumers are making more of their healthcare choices – including how much

they spend on healthcare coverage and what type of coverage they have.

Research shows individuals are concerned they may not be prepared to handle the numerous and complex details of managing their healthcare insurance options as they should. The majority do not understand consumer-driven healthcare options, are confused about how they will be impacted by healthcare reform, and last but not least they have very unrealistic opinions about their own morbidity risks, or the risk posed to their finances. In fact, more than half of workers (53 percent) think they may not adequately manage their health insurance coverage, leaving their family less protected than they currently are, and a similar percent (54 percent) say they'd prefer not to have more control over their health insurance expenses and options because they will not have the time or knowledge to manage it effectively.

Voluntary supplemental insurance benefits like critical illness insurance and accident insurance can help to ease the anxiety surrounding the shift in responsibility. A lump sum payout on diagnosis of the most common critical illnesses can provide money for out-of-pocket medical expenses as well as unforeseen living expenses. It also gives employees the advantage of choice, choice to seek other opinions, other treatments or alternative sources of treatment.

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. Contact Dearborn National at (888) 443-8829.

Airport Police

Story by Sgt. Karla I. Ortiz; Photo by Officer Darrius J. Lewis

Welcome, Officer Shao

Airport Police adds new officer after graduation.

Airport Police Officer Albert Shao graduated Oct. 3 from the LA Police Academy Class 04-14. The ceremony took place at the LAPD Administration Building downtown.

Officer Shao was amongst 22 police officers graduating, which included officers from the LAPD and the USC Dept. of Public Safety. Officer Shao was selected to carry the rifle during the posting of colors as part of the Color Guard.

Officer Shao will be assigned to Patrol Services Section, where he is expected to successfully complete a six-month field training program specific to aviation law enforcement.

Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon performed the swearing-in of the new officer and said, "I am proud to welcome Officer Shao to this great organization."



From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Michael T. Hyams; Officer Albert Shao; Chief Patrick M. Gannon; and Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker.

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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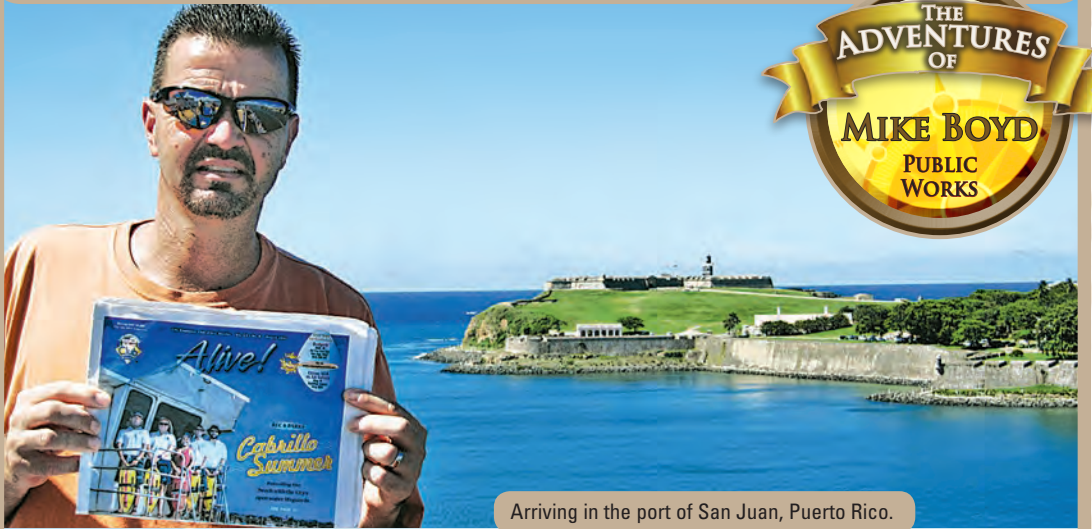
Here's **Chermaine Fontenette, Public Works/Sanitation**, at the Ventura Ranch KOA near Santa Paula.

"So here I am waiting to go ziplining and enjoying the breeze and view. They have the most awesome campgrounds here. They offer tents, RV parking, glamour tents, cabins, and teepees. Of course I chose the teepee and made the best fire grilled hot dogs last night, and the best pumpkin pancakes this morning. They have all sorts of children's activities, including tie-died T-shirts."



2 The Caribbean

Here's **Mike Boyd, Public Works/Sanitation**, on a Caribbean cruise.



Arriving in the port of San Juan, Puerto Rico.



In St. Kitts at the Brimstone Hill Fort.



On the beach in Grand Turk.



Mike in the port of Miami, with **Benny Ruvalcaba, Public Works/Sanitation**.

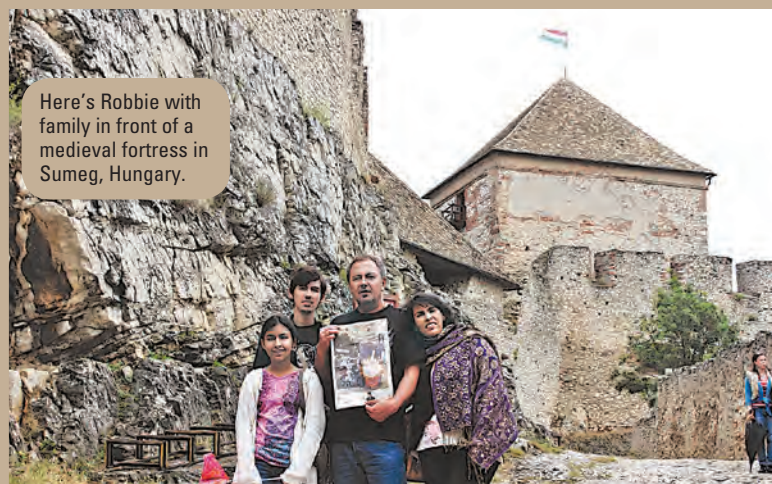
3 Budapest

Here's **Robbie Horvath, Public Works/Hyperion**, in Hungary.

Here's Robbie with family in front of the Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest, Hungary.



Hungarian Parliament in Budapest.

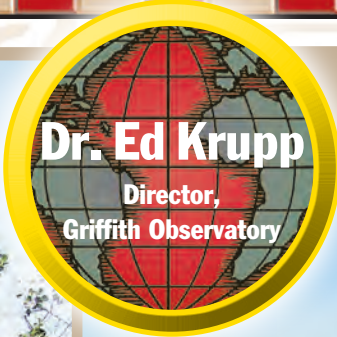


Here's Robbie with family in front of a medieval fortress in Simeg, Hungary.



Monument of the Heroes Square, Budapest, Hungary.

"After bonding with one reptile, we visited Dinosaur Island at the Columbus Zoo. Zoos have become theme parks, and this one has prehistoric animals."



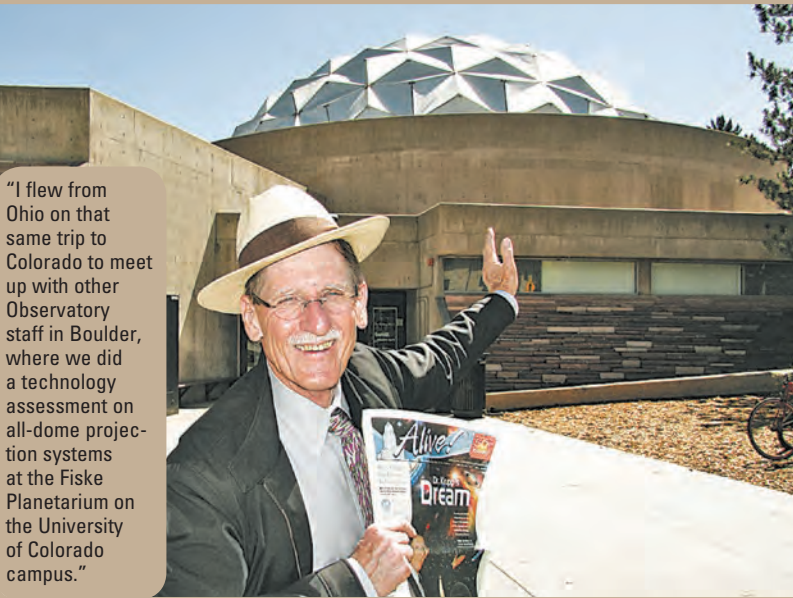
4 Eastern United States

Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory

"Granville, Ohio, possesses Alligator Mound. With the shape of an animal, it is called an effigy mound. It is thought to be more recent than Hopewell monuments, like the Newark Earthworks, and is attributed to Ohio's Fort Ancient culture. It is thought to have been constructed between 800 and 1200 A.D. There is no astronomical significance. There are no alligators in Ohio, and the mound doesn't look like an alligator. From the ground you can detect the outline, but in this picture, all you see is part of the raised 'alligator' in the background."



"Last June, I went to Columbus, Ohio, to meet up with my son and grandchildren, who live in Pennsylvania. Columbus is about 40 miles from Newark, Ohio, where remarkable prehistoric antiquities have been unexpectedly preserved. The Hopewell monuments are large prehistoric ceremonial centers in which space is defined by huge geometric earthen enclosures. The Hopewell culture sites probably date to 250-500 A.D. In picture number 1, we are looking toward the southwest end of the octagon, over the parallel mounds that connect it to the circle. The axis of symmetry of the octagon and the circle is aligned with rising of the northernmost moon. The moon reaches this northern extreme every 18.61 years. Although the alignment is correct, its deliberate connection to the moon remains unproved and controversial."



"I flew from Ohio on that same trip to Colorado to meet up with other Observatory staff in Boulder, where we did a technology assessment on all-dome projection systems at the Fiske Planetarium on the University of Colorado campus."

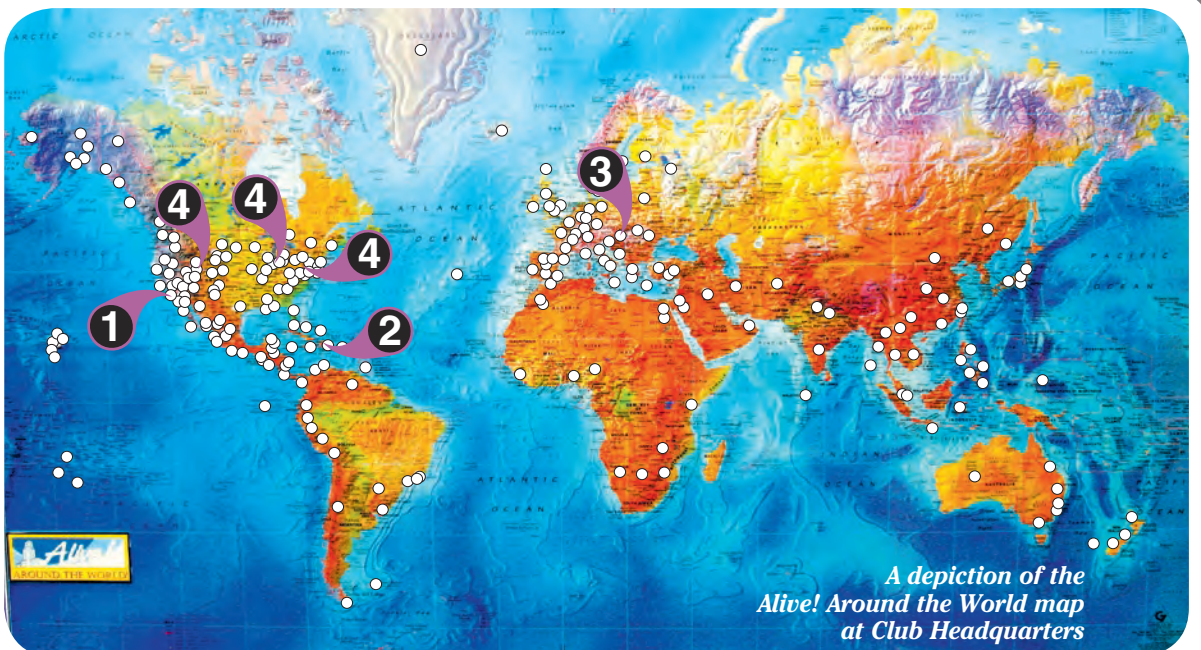


"In July, the Observatory technology assessment team traveled across the country to Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Va. We evaluated the new projection system in the Einstein Planetarium at the National Air and Space Museum and then continued to the Science Museum of Virginia for a look at the system in what they call The Dome. In picture 5, *Alive!* and I are on the second floor of the National Air and Space Museum with *The Spirit of St. Louis*, the Bell X-1 rocket plane (orange), and the most recent recreational space vehicle, *SpaceShipOne*."



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



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

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LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

- Dec. 3:** LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Los Angeles
- Dec. 4:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles
- Dec. 7:** LARFPA Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

RLACEI Website

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

Contact the LA City Employees' Retirement System

The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System is at 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans. www.lacers.org

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LACERS Open Enrollment Meetings Run Nov. 3 – Dec. 1

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

President's Report By Edward J. Harding President, RLACEI

I want to remind you that on December 4 we will have our annual holiday party at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. George, owner of Chris and Pitts, is preparing something special. Also, we have a load of door prizes to give out. Great entertainment has been planned. Congratulations to Americo

Garza, our Director, who arranges all our special events. He recently turned 90. For the past ten years, Americo and his friend, Claude Gasio, who also turned 90, celebrate their birthdays with family and friends. Instead of gifts, donations are brought to the party. These donations provide care packages for our forgotten Vets living in the Veteran's Hospital in Fresno.

I am not going to let you forget that soon after the first of the year, LACERS will be announc-

ing a vacancy on the Board of Administration. I urge you to vote for Mike Wilkinson for board member.

I also wish to remind you to attend LACERS Open Enrollment meetings starting on Nov. 3 through Dec. 1. See you there.

Finally, I want to correct a mistake in last month's column. I mentioned that the RLACEI was seeking an increase in death benefits, to \$5,000. The correct figure where it stands now is \$2,500 (not \$1,500).

Pension Plans Are Settling Down



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

Much of the unrest over the last six years relative to public pension plans seems to be settling down, according to a review by Public Sector, Inc. at the end of September. The reporter reviewed state ballot measures coming up this fall across the country and observed that "missing from ballots at the state level are any pension or government labor reform measures ... you'd think everything was fine with state and local pension systems." He noted that "the most noteworthy potential pension reform

initiative, the effort by San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed ... was withdrawn after the State's Attorney General ... crafted a loaded description of the initiative which reformers feared would doom it with voters." The writer went on to say that half of all states have either constitutional clauses or court decisions that are strongly protective of public pensions. These observations may give some assurance that the battles of the last few years are waning, based on governments' enacting some reforms, and achieving greater balances in pension funds due to more revenue from taxes that reflect a rising economy.

Still, some bankruptcy proceedings (only for cities in bankruptcy) are making changes that

allow for some degree of reduction in pension benefits. A report in the *Wall Street Journal* Oct. 2 said that the Stockton pension bankruptcy case had a ruling by the trial judge that the city "has the power to cut its pension obligations ... that has implications for workers, investors and troubled municipalities across the country." The judge noted that the U.S. Bankruptcy Code allows distressed cities to break contracts, and that "pensions could be adjusted." This is the second time a judge has so ruled for a municipal bankruptcy; the other case is Detroit, where that judge ruled that pension obligations "aren't entitled to extraordinary protection despite state constitutional safeguards against benefit cuts."

Increase in Health Subsidy Approved



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The Los Angeles City Council approved the full increase to the health subsidy that allows LACERS to follow its practice of keeping pace with the cost of the two-party Kaiser rate with no payroll deductions for members who are either under 65 or have Medicare Part B only.

This action is one of the rare times that the LACERS Board needs to ask the City Council for approval for anything that affects member benefits. We are lucky to be under a structure where we have very strong legal pro-

tections of our benefits, and the City is legally bound to pay the necessary contributions to keep our plan operating and financially sound. This is not true for every retirement plan.

The Council action does not affect all our members. Some recently retired members are considered vested in their health subsidy since they paid an additional four percent of their salary as part of a recent labor contract (MOU). A very few other members belong to bargaining units that turned down the offered agreement and had their health subsidy capped at the 2011 rate as part of their contract.

The Council action affected only the "discretionary members"

who would normally receive a health subsidy keeping up with the two-party Kaiser rate, but only if that did not exceed the average of the three year medical trend rate (based on other employers). Since the most recent premium increase from Kaiser exceeded the three-year trend, the LACERS Board approved the increase and was successful in getting approval from the City Council.

So, the good news is that two-party Kaiser members will not have out-of-pocket premium costs, and other members who have PPO plans (generally Anthem Blue Cross) will not suffer increases to their payments based on the lower subsidy if the Council had rejected the increase.

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

LACERS

Changes To LACERS' Dental Plans

LACERS has selected Delta Dental as the NEW dental provider for 2015 Plan Year. Delta Dental replaces both MetLife PPO and SafeGuard HMO. Current MetLife PPO and SafeGuard HMO will automatically be enrolled in Delta Dental.

Changes To LACERS' Vision Plans

LACERS has selected Anthem Blue View Vision as the NEW vision provider for the 2015 Plan Year, replacing VSP. Current VSP subscribers will automatically be enrolled in the Blue View Vision plan.

LACERS Update – continued



Mary Beetz

Life After Retirement

Remember, we are here to serve you! Thank you!

For RLCEI to better serve our Members for 2015, we want to ask our members:

Do you have any ideas or concerns? We will be glad to hear from you.

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz
137 Westmont Drive,
Alhambra, CA, 91801
or Email: mbeetz4841@aol.com

As a Reminder:

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

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

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

I received letters from two retired City employees. The first is from Ken Sobel, Retired, Safety Administration. In the second, David Leatherman, Retired, submitted notice of the death of David Merrill Brauns. According to Mr. Leatherman, Dave Brauns would go downtown once a month to have lunch with his former coworkers and wanted this notice passed onto the Bureau of Engineering.

Thanks, Ken and David, for writing!

Life After Retirement

Story by Ken Sobel, Retired, Safety Administration



U.S. Vets Needed for Video Archive Project

As I begin my 19th year of retirement, I, like many retired people, have numerous hobbies to fill my time. I have continued to enjoy photographic work, especially since it has become so computerized (computer use being another time-consuming activity of mine.)

When a photographer friend came over to show me a program in which he was able to build videos from photographs, I was hooked! I began working with this program, making vacation videos for myself and my friends. My car club (I have a 1934 Dodge) has multi-day cruises that I commit to video and provide copies to those who attended. I have done wedding videos, bar/bat mitzvah videos, and others. Then, at the request of a firefighter who I knew, I began making retirement videos, primarily for firefighters at the heliport at Van Nuys Airport.

Another firefighter, whom I have known for about 25 years and active in military affairs, contacted me about a friend who required help in the process of making videos. He asked if he could bring that friend to my house so I could share some of my expertise. He brought over Brig. Gen. Dan Pemberton (USAF - retired).

Gen. Pemberton, who is actively involved in the Veterans History Project, needed someone to make videos for the project. Gen. Pemberton told me that the woman who previously made the videos for him had suddenly passed away, and he asked me if I would volunteer to carry on the video production for the project. I felt that this project was certainly worthwhile and immediately agreed to help.

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000. The authorizing legislation received unani-

mous support and was signed into law by President Clinton. The videos consist of interviews with veterans and are archived in the Library of Congress and copies are provided to the veteran at no cost, so his family and friends can learn of his history. I have made numerous videos for the project and have completely eliminated the backlog of undone videos.

Do you have a friend or relative who served in any branch of the military during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan or Iraq? If so, and that person would be willing to be interviewed for this important project, please contact me at ken.sobel@yahoo.com. Let's not let time erase the valuable history of this magnificent country's veterans. We all remain free because of these soldiers and they deserve to have their stories told.



David Merrill Brauns
Aug. 20, 1935 – Sept. 11, 2014

Remembering David Merrill Brauns

David Merrill Brauns passed away peacefully Sept. 11 after battling cancer for several months and other life-threatening conditions in the recent weeks. He worked as a Sr. Civil Engineer for the City for more than 40 years, enjoying everything about being downtown in the city he loved and moved to after leaving Tucson, Az., newly married in his early 20s.

After retiring in his early 60s, he worked another 10 years at Enterprise Car Rental, where he very much enjoyed the

social camaraderie of his fellow "cohorts," many of whom he called friends. One of his greatest loves was bicycling – he covered many miles around Southern California, including the Palos Verdes Peninsula, trips from his home to San Diego, and everywhere in between. He bicycled around Lake Washington, the Puget Sound area and the San Juan Island during the summers he spent with his daughter and her family in Washington. He was also an avid football fan and rarely missed a game, especially if the Los Angeles/

St. Louis Rams or UCLA Bruins were playing. He was always the one you could count on for a hand with anything and found great happiness in sometimes very simple things.

He is survived by his two children, Sharon and Steve; brothers, Robert and Keith; grandson, Jacob; and was preceded in death by his father, Ted Brauns, who passed away in July. May they enjoy many more games of chess together. We miss you, Dad; thank you for everything. Love you always.

Blood Moon or Otherwise, LARFPA Wins City Lawsuit



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

On Oct. 8, I got up early to see the lunar eclipse of the Blood Moon. It was spectacular.

While watching the eclipse, an old sailor's phrase came to mind; "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning." This made me wonder if this big Blood Moon was an omen for future pensions and benefits. All I could think of was that our mayor was elected on a platform to reform pensions. I think I was waiting for the shoe to drop because the

Pension Board has been doing a good job. They pay close attention to the recommendations from the staff, consultants and actuaries and act accordingly.

Our Association won its lawsuit against the City, when in 2011 they enacted an ordinance to freeze the health subsidy for active members if they refused to pay a two percent increase on their pension contribution for vesting in a retiree health subsidy. We filed the lawsuit because freezing the health subsidy would jeopardize and impact all retiree health subsidies in the future. The judge ruled that retirees health subsidy was a vested right; the City

should cease and desist in the two percent increase for health subsidies and unfreeze the frozen health subsidies. On Oct. 16, the Board approved unfreezing the frozen pensions that some of our members had received on retiring. It should be pointed out that the CAO was strongly opposed to this action.

Hope to see you at our next General Meeting at 10 a.m. Dec. 3 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. Be sure to make your reservations in for our Christmas party, set for Dec. 7, at The Sportsmen's Lodge. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

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The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

A Jaunt to Eastern Europe

Hal and Evelyn enjoy an anniversary cruise down the Danube.

PART 1



We are off again! Our most recent trip included a visit to Berlin, a cruise on the Danube (from Budapest to Prague) and a stop on the way home in Paris.

Our first day of flying Oct. 22 (2013) was from LAX to Chicago. There, we connected to a flight on Air Berlin to Berlin. It must have been my lucky day because, in going through TSA security at LAX, I was selected for pre-screening; they put a red dot on my boarding pass and told me I didn't need to take my shoes off. I didn't know if it was because I'm so handsome or maybe they thought I couldn't bend over to untie my shoes.

The Air Berlin flight (Oct. 22) was uneventful until we landed without Evelyn's bag. We hoped they would find it before we left for Budapest. The Air Berlin business class seats lay flat and were very comfortable, and the food was better than most.

I had a car pick us up at the airport in Berlin, and we got to the Eurostar Hotel before 9 a.m. the next day. I had sent them a request for early check-in, and our room was ready. The hotel is well located on Friedrichstrasse next to the metro station. We had a great view of the trains from the lobby, but there was no noise within the hotel. The room was very nice, with a king bed, free Internet and a large, well appointed bathroom.

We slept a little on the plane and felt a walk to the Brandenburg Gate in the sun would help us adjust to the nine-hour time change. We ended up walking to the Kedawe department store to see the food floor and have lunch in their buffet. This was a seven-mile round trip. That day was our 24th anniversary, and I was afraid Evelyn was going to be a widow by the time we finished our walk. On the way back we walked along



Evelyn at the food court in the Kedawe department store.

the Tiergarten, a large park and containing the zoo. It had sports fields and picnic areas and is to Berlin what Central Park is to New York. We stopped to see the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. It's a very dramatic memorial. It looks like rows of concrete rectangles about the size of graves in long rows and at different heights. It covers at least six acres. There is also a museum, but it was closed by the time we got there.

Evelyn then spent three hours replacing her wardrobe for the next two days (I sat around waiting most of the time). We got back to the hotel around 5 p.m. After we cleaned up we had dinner at an Italian restaurant called DaVinci. It was very busy, and we shared a table with a German couple who spoke English about as well as we spoke German – none. The food was good and not too expensive – €40 for two entrees, an appetizer, one beer and one wine, and a tip.

Overnight, we slept almost 10 hours. In the morning, there was still no information on Evelyn's bag. They gave us a phone number but it was never answered. I checked the Website and they had our information.

After coffee at Starbucks we walked to the Jewish Museum. Along the way we stopped at Checkpoint Charlie, one of the

passageways between East and West Berlin. Our hotel was in what was East Berlin, which has most of the historic areas and the museums. We had stopped at Checkpoint Charlie on our first visit to Berlin, and since then the area around it has gotten more touristy.

The Jewish Museum is at Lindenstrasse



The Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

9-14 and cost €7. The museum traces the history of the German Jews from the Middle Ages to the present. The Holocaust exhibits are very intense and moving. We spent more than two-and-a-half hours on our visit. We stopped at a small cafe for lunch, tomato soup and beer, the lunch of champions. Only a grilled cheese was missing.

Evelyn's bag arrived at 8 p.m. that night, only 36 hours late.

The next day, Oct. 24, we visited our relatives: Sidney, Claudine and Raffi. Claudine is our son-in-law's sister; Sidney is her husband; and Raffi is their almost four-year old. They live in Potsdam, about 25 miles from central Berlin.

We took the S-7 train from Friedrichstrasse station just across from our hotel. We purchased a whole-day ticket for €5.70. The ticket machine had an English translation so it was easy to find the correct fare. The problem came with paying; it would not take our credit card because we did not have a pin number. It would take cash – either paper or coins – so we just used cash (euros). The ride to Wannsee, the closest station to Potsdam that we could take without changing trains, took about 25 minutes. The train was so clean Evelyn was afraid that bringing her latte was breaking some rule. However she finally saw someone with their morning Joe, so she knew it was okay.

Claudine and Raffi picked us up at the station. Our first stop was the "Spy Bridge," which separates Potsdam from Berlin. The middle of the bridge is the boundary between Berlin and Potsdam, and at the time the boundary between West Berlin and East Germany. This was the place, in the middle of the bridge, where spies were exchanged. The bridge is still painted in two shades of green, one for the west and one for the east.



Checkpoint Charlie.

The area was very picturesque, with green spaces and a lot of lakes and streams. Hard to believe it was a place with such an infamous background.

We stopped at their apartment to pick up a stroller for Raffi and set out on our walk around Potsdam. We walked to the Old



Hal and Evelyn on the bridge between Potsdam and Berlin.

started walking, and the temperature was in the mid-60s. Back in Berlin the next day it was overcast and cooler, but there was no rain, and by lunchtime the sun had come out.

We didn't see a lot of cars in central Berlin because of the price of fuel and the excellent transportation system. In Potsdam it was the same, and most people rode bikes to work or walked. What was very interesting was that bike riders followed the rules of the road, something we rarely see in the United States. The traffic lights had a bike signal that controls the flow of traffic. All the roads had bike lanes that were clearly marked.

The next morning, (Oct. 25), we had to return some of the clothes that Evelyn had bought. After that we walked to Museum Island. This area had enough museums and attractions to spend a number of days visiting. We were told to visit the Pergamon, which has a collection of classical antiquities, Islamic art and items of the ancient Near East. It was a very impressive collection. The admission was €10, but if you have the time there is a €19 ticket that gets you into all the museums. Don't buy your ticket outside; go in the museum, where the line is shorter.

We walked back toward the hotel along the Spree River. We stopped for lunch at a German pub, where I had the local dish, currywurst – a sausage with curry ketchup. I thought it was good; we had it in a restaurant, but you can get it as fast food all over Berlin.

Before dinner we had a complimentary glass of wine at the hotel and then walked to the Reichstag, the home of the German Parliament, about a mile from our hotel. Our dinner reservation got us through the security process. Whether wanting to tour or dine you need a reservation. If you want to tour, they give you a time to show up. The tour is of the glass dome, which provides a 360-degree view of the Berlin skyline. The restaurant is adjacent the dome with a great view.

The restaurant, Kaefer, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It was recommended by our good friends the Kaufman's, who had visited Berlin earlier in the year. This was the best meal we'd had so far on the trip and one of the best meals we'd had in a while. It wasn't cheap, but it was worth the price. This should be on your list if you are visiting Berlin. But make your reservations in advance so they can do a security check on you.

We walked back to the hotel to help settle the food. We had an early flight the next morning for Budapest.



The bridge over the Spree River.

Dutch area, mostly a walking area of cafes and shops. We continued on to Brandenburg Tor, the main tourist/shopping street that leads to a copy of the Brandenburg Gate. Evelyn was able to get a Potsdam Starbucks mug to go with the Berlin one.



Evelyn at the Schloss Sanssouci.

We had lunch at a Thai Cafe. We all had the soup and beer. Both were delicious. After lunch we strolled thru the gardens of Schloss Sanssouci, King Friedrich II of Prussia's summer palace. It was built in 1747 and is Potsdam's biggest tourist draw. The buildings and gardens are very impressive. We stopped for a rest at a children's play area. The Germans do not have the same safety concerns we have in the United States and allow the kids to fall down and get dirty. Raffi had a great time. We then walked back to the apartment on a tree-lined street a short walk from a beautiful lake. It has four rooms: a living room, two bedrooms, a large kitchen and two baths. It is on the third floor with no elevator. They had no parking space, but there was good street parking. Since everyone has a bicycle and other outdoor gear, the apartment building (only eight units) has a common room with outside access to store everything, including strollers.

We had dinner in a German pub on Brandenburg Tor, and then Sidney drove us to the train station. We got back to the hotel about 10 p.m. It was a very enjoyable day. It's nice to have a local show you the sights. On our next trip we hope to stay longer.

A word about the weather – it had been outstanding. When we arrived was the best, with the high in the 60s and clear skies; the next day was overcast with just a little drizzle around noon, again in the mid-60s. In Potsdam it was raining hard on our arrival around 10 a.m., but it cleared by the time we

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Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Adams, Leamon	-	DWP	-	Fitzpatrick, Michael	-	DWP	-	Moore, William	Criminalist III	LAPD	30
Allen, Glenn	-	DWP	-	Fujiki, Kathleen	-	DWP	-	Nadir, Allan	Deputy City At. IV	City Attorney	37
Arias, Paul Wende	Security Officer	LAPD	13	Gagnon, Robert	Tax Comp. Officer III	Finance	24	Nichols, Dennis	-	DWP	-
Aubrey, David	-	DWP	-	Gilliam, Chrystal	Legal Secretary III	City Attorney	34	Norton, Donald	Painter II	Rec and Parks	12
Banuelos, Raul	-	DWP	-	Gonzalez, Carmen	-	DWP	-	O'Brien, Michael	City Planning As.	City Planning	30
Basile, Philip	-	DWP	-	Gropp, William	-	DWP	-	Ocubillo, Roberto	-	DWP	-
Batungbakai, Dario	-	DWP	-	Gutierrez, Marcus	-	DWP	-	Obusan, Zenaida	Tax Auditor	Finance	7
Bentley, Larry	-	DWP	-	Hantragoon, Suchada	Prog./Analyst V	ITA	25	Olivares, Lydia	-	DWP	-
Blandino, Ernest	Security Officer	Airports	30	Haydel, Michael	-	DWP	-	Oliver, Terrence	-	DWP	-
Bogan, Sandra	Clerk Typist	Library	30	Hodges, James	-	DWP	-	Ortiz, Roy	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	LAPD	24
Bowen, Jean	Accounting Clerk II	Controller's Office	14	Hopkins, Larry	Equipment Mechanic	LAPD	13	Panaligan, Petronilo	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	33
Boyd, Dorothy	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	23	Hopkinson, Henry	-	DWP	-	Pascual, Nilda	Man. Analyst II	Eco./Work. Dev.	14
Burd, Ellen	-	DWP	-	Hopper, Nicholas	Parking Ser. Supv.	General Services	30	Pool, Ross E.	Man. Analyst II	Animal Services	31
Cabrera, Jerry	-	DWP	-	Hourigan, Joseph	Chief Foren. Chem. II	LAPD	30	Poosti, Seyed	-	DWP	-
Carpenter, Emma	-	DWP	-	James, Jeffrey	-	DWP	-	Prather, Ralph	-	DWP	-
Chan, Terry	-	DWP	-	Jimenez, Mitchell	-	DWP	-	Prins, John	-	DWP	-
Chavers, Lee	-	DWP	-	Jones, David J.	Building Mech. Ins.	Building & Safety	25	Raymond, Gregory	-	DWP	-
Cheah, Hai-Yuan	-	DWP	-	Jones, Wanda	-	DWP	-	Renfro, Stevie	-	DWP	-
Church, Leonard	Property Officer	LAPD	27	Kisely, Gary	-	DWP	-	Rieger, Howard	-	DWP	-
Compton, Garnet	-	DWP	-	Knokey, David J.	Assistant City At.	City Attorney	41	Russell, Joseph	Security Officer	LAPD	34
Cunningham, Calvin	Custodian	General Services	22	Krebbers, Martin	-	DWP	-	Shi, Hao Ming	Systems Prog. III	ITA	30
Custis, Glen	-	DWP	-	Lee, David	-	DWP	-	Song, Jae	-	DWP	-
Cyphers, Gloria	Clerk Typist	Airports	11	Leroy, Kurt	-	DWP	-	Soriano, Dante	Instrument Mech.	Public Works	23
Davis, Alice A.	Property Officer	LAPD	25	Lopez, Alfonso	-	DWP	-	Sullivan, Michael	-	DWP	-
Davis, Donna	-	DWP	-	Louie, William	-	DWP	-	Swett, Richard	Building Mec. Insp.	Building & Safety	8
Duarte, Mario	Fleet Ser. Eq. Mec.	General Services	17	Loya, Javier	-	DWP	-	Teter, Melvin	-	DWP	-
Elbinger, Robert	-	DWP	-	Lucas, Ladonna	Sr. Clerk Typist	Building & Safety	30	Trivison, Margaret	Librarian III	Library	10
Elliston-Belker, M.	-	DWP	-	Matzkin, Kenneth	-	DWP	-	Tse, Jimmy	Systems Programmer	ITA	17
Esparrago, Josefa	-	DWP	-	McTevia, Wanda	-	DWP	-	Walker Lashley, C.	Child Care Center Dir.	Rec and Parks	28
Ezell, Estelle M.	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	25	Mendoza, Nick	Carpenter	Public Works	24	Watson, Earlene	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	10
Ferrer, Tony	Parking Attendant II	General Services	25	Meshkin, Pakzad	Trans. Engineer	Transportation	31	Weber, Mary	-	DWP	-
Fischel, Robert	-	DWP	-	Moody, Allan	Storekeeper II	General Services	33	White, Douglas	-	DWP	-

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Recently retired **Linda de la Peña, Library Assistant, Central Library**, spent her first summer off caring for three of her seven granddaughters. They spent mornings keeping up with schoolwork and learning Spanish. Afternoons were for field trips to the beach, the Natural History Museum, KidSpace, parks and, of course, the library, both Central Library and Arroyo Seco Regional Library. On the wall is some of their work. This was their last day, displaying some of the work they did throughout the summer.

Three grandchildren of Linda de la Peña, from left: Jewel, 6; Valentina, 11; and Mila, 5.



Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos! Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have the 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: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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

The Best Years

RETIREEES HOLIDAY PARTIES IN DECEMBER

Don't forget to attend a retiree party this holiday season!

RLACEI: The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers event is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

LARFPA: For Retired Fire and Police, your Christmas party is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7, at Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Contact LARFPA for more information.

LACERS

By Tara Miller, MS RD/N (Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist), LACERS Well Program Coordinator

Flu Prevention for Seniors: What You Need to Know Now

While this time of year is often appreciated for its fall colors and cooler temperatures, it's also the official kickoff for "Flu Season." For people 65 or older, this could mean an increased risk for serious complications of an already unpleasant illness due to weakened immune systems and a delay in treatment. Learn what you can do now to ward off the flu and keep yourself and the ones you love healthy this fall and beyond.



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What is the flu?

Unlike a bacterial infection such as strep throat, which responds to antibiotics, the flu is a *virus* transmitted mostly by the lungs and is better *prevented* than treated. Similar to a cold, but with a greater severity and duration, the flu may present with a sudden onset fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, chills and fatigue and typically lasts for seven to 10 days. Symptoms are generally improved with over-the-counter medications, but in severe cases, your provider may also prescribe antiviral medication and/or antibiotics if the illness is thought to have progressed to a secondary bacterial infection.

Prevention the Best Medicine

Flu strains, like most viruses, are quick-change artists, which means that they

mutate and become unrecognizable to your immune system in a relatively short amount of time. To anticipate these changes, flu vaccines are updated yearly to prevent the most common forms of the virus, so it is important to get a flu shot annually. This year a newer flu vaccine, which is available to people age 65 or older, contains a higher dose to boost the immune response to the vaccine. Research indicates that even if you contract a form other than the predicted strains of the flu, symptoms and illness duration will be less

severe with a yearly vaccination than without.

Other things you can do to prevent the flu are:

- Be diligent about hand washing
- Covering your cough and sneeze with your arm or shoulder, not your hands or a handkerchief
- Maintain a healthy immune system through exercise, proper hydration, and a stellar diet loaded with fruits and vegetables
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Feel Better Fast

If you are exposed to the flu, you can still

improve your symptoms and possibly even prevent getting sick. First, talk to your doctor about an antiviral medication, ideally within the first 24 to 48 hours of exposure or onset of symptoms. Four antiviral medications approved for treating the flu in the United States are Tamiflu, Relenza, Symmetrel, and Flumadine. Other tools include:

- Getting plenty of rest
- Using a sanitized humidifier to make breathing easier
- Gargling with salt water (1:1 ratio warm water to salt) to soothe a sore throat
- Avoiding dehydration by drinking broth, water, and/or electrolyte beverages. Diluted, pure fruit juice may also be beneficial
- Reducing fever with approved pain relievers, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) or NSAIDS (Aleve)

Your medical provider is the best source of personalized flu vaccine information. For up-to-date information regarding this flu season, check out the Center for Disease Control at www.CDC.gov and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services dedicated flu site at www.FLU.gov.

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RETIREEES AROUND THE WORLD



1 England



Here's **Mike Wilkinson, Retired LACERS Board Member**, at Bodiam Castle, Sussex, England.

2 Iberian Peninsula

Here's **Allene Buchanan, Retired, Sr. Management Analyst II, LAPD**, traveling through Gibraltar, Portugal and Spain.



Flowers growing on the Rock of Gibraltar.



Barcelona, from Gaudi's Parc Guell.



Belem (Bethlehem), Portugal.

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Lois and Henry Starks, Retired, Street Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works, 40 years of City service, Club Member.



Doug and Irene Sahara.



From left: Marianne Robinson, Retired, Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service; and Grace Arroyo, Retired, Clerk Typist, 36 years.

For Retired Club Members



Attendees at the dental wellness workshop.



Cornelius Reffeggee, Retired, Sr. Waste Water Treatment Operator, Public Works, 37 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Patricia.



From left: Carmen Portaluppi, Retired, Crossing Guard, Transportation, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Guadalupe Ponce, Retired, Crossing Guard, Transportation, 18 years, Club Member.



Richard Nieto, Retired, Sr. Recreation Director, 44 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Carol Mullen, Sr. Data Control Assistant, 34 years of Club service, Club Member; and Shirley Roi, Accounting Clerk II, 30 years.

LACERS

Story and photos by Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor



Dental Wellness For Seniors

Retirees System holds first dental wellness workshop.

On Sept. 17, the LACERS Well program was proud to present its first Dental Wellness Workshop, sponsored by MetLife. Held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at Elysian Park, 112 Retired City employees and their guests braved the scorching, late season heat to hear presentations by the UCLA School of Dentistry and a keynote address by Beverly Hills-based Dr. Rich Hirschinger. Topics included healthy dental practices for seniors and how chronic conditions such as headaches, facial pain, and sleep apnea can often be alleviated through proper diagnosis and facial muscle treatment instead of costly dental procedures or medications.

Attendees were treated to lunch, door prizes, blood pressure screenings and information tables by MetLife, the American Bone Health Assoc., RLACEI, and the City Employees Club.

Many thanks to Heather Ramirez from LACERS Well and Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Coordinator, for coordinating this event!



From left: Asya Hickman, LACERS, Club Member; and Sherry Christopher, LACERS.



Ilene Shapiro, Retired, Management Analyst, 33 years of City service, Club Member.



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Artists' rendering of part of the new Zoo Lights attraction.

Introducing Zoo Lights!

For the holidays, Zoo illuminates an animal fairy tale come to life with a dazzling new light display.

Guests will enjoy a dazzling display of holiday lights as the LA Zoo introduces a new event: L.A. Zoo Lights.

This holiday season for the very first time, the Los Angeles Zoo changes its stripes from a daytime adventure to a nighttime wonderland aglow with animal-themed illumination.

The walking event (nightly except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. after the Zoo has closed, and it requires a separate admission.

While Zoo animals themselves are asleep, L.A. Zoo Lights depicts them in displays made of millions of lights that beckon guests to stroll through a section of the Zoo where they're surrounded by dazzling sights and colors for a "don't-miss" experience destined to become a beloved Los Angeles holiday tradition.

L.A. Zoo Lights, an ideal family outing, date night or meet-up with friends, introduces guests to a clever troop of animated monkeys outlined in colorful

lighting who commandeer an electrical power source hidden in a holiday tree. They swing through the entry plaza as they guide an illuminated power line toward a giant electrical "outlet," attempting to plug it in. Will they succeed? Yes! The Zoo is lit up, and guests follow the "monkeys" as they meet up with an illuminated "Reggie the alligator," origami "rhinos" and a pink "flamingo," to name a few. Along the way, L.A. Zoo Lights offers the only opportunity in Los Angeles to see real reindeer (L.A. Zoo Lights' sole live animals), plus a visit with Santa Claus, seated atop a throne seemingly carved from ice, and an unexpected Hollywood ending featuring a red carpet complete with paparazzi "animals."

Other special effects include a "monkey" flipping burgers, an animated flying bird, a freeway-driving "hippo," a group of giant "bullfrogs" made from 3,750 water bottles lit from within, and much more. Among other

sights are giant floating snowflakes, animal cutouts and projections, elegant "chandeliers" and icicle lights.

Until now, the discontinued DWP's wildly popular "Festival of Lights" display was the longest-held holiday lights tradition in Griffith Park. While L.A. Zoo Lights is a completely different animal, it pays homage to the Festival by featuring some classic elements, including the Hollywood sign, the downtown LA skyline and City Hall.

L.A. Zoo Lights' techno wizardry is designed by Gregg Lacy and Bionic League, a live event design company known for designing spectacular light shows for festivals, stadiums, arenas and clubs and artists like Stevie Wonder, Daft Punk, Kanye West and many others.

Daytime visitors to the Zoo can see the reindeer during regular hours, which are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with a flurry of seasonal festivities and yuletide flourishes, plus occasional visit by Santa Claus.

Admission to L.A. Zoo Lights is \$13 for adults/seniors and \$11 for children 2-12; for Zoo Association members, tickets are \$11 for adults/seniors and \$10 for children; children under age two are free. (Requires separate admission from regular Zoo hours.) The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available. For additional information, contact (323) 644-6042 or visit www.lazoo.org

LA Zoo Lights

What: LA Zoo Lights, an immersive display of animal hijinks in lights that guests walk through

When: Nightly Nov. 28 – Jan. 4 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

Cost: Requires a separate admission: \$13 for adults/seniors and \$11 for children 2-12; for Zoo Association members, tickets are \$11 for adults/seniors and \$10 for children; children under age two are free.

Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5355 Zoo Dr.

Parking: Free.

Info: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org

Holiday Happenings

Council

Christmas On Parade

City's holiday parade is set for Nov. 30.



has been tabbed as this year's grand marshal.

The parade had been known by that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die six years ago, the

City – notably then-Councilman Eric Garcetti and Mr. LA., Tom LaBonge, Club Member – took charge and restored the parade. The name was then changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back four years ago.

This year, the parade plans to work with the Marine Toys for Tots campaign.

The parade will feature entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units, food and some reserved grandstand seats, which range from \$25 to \$85. General admission is free.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for 83 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Last year it was telecast locally and throughout the nation on the Hallmark Channel (time delay) and in national syndication during December. Check local listings. As last year, the co-hosts are television personalities Laura McKenzie and Erik Estrada.

Singer/composer Stevie Wonder

The parade starts on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route follows east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade

- When:** 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30
- Where:** Hollywood, starting at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Street.
- Cost:** Free; grandstand reserved seating is available ranging from \$25 to \$85.
- Parking:** Hollywood and Highland Center (fee)
- Metro:** Red Line station, Hollywood and Highland.
- Info:** (866) PARADE-1, or www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.com



Donate to the Toy Drive!

As part of its Club Angels program, the Club is gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with a number of City-related toy drives. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store soon – by the first week of December – and we'll take it from there!

It's best to bring an unwrapped toy that's not fragile. In these economic times, please be generous!



Bring your donations to:

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(888) 777-1744

The Club Store Is Holiday Headquarters!

A Club Holiday Hit: Club Movie Ticket Packs! Beautifully wrapped bundles of movie tickets, wrapped and ready to go, at the great Club discount. As always, they're the cheapest in the state: **\$25 for each ticket pack.**

Great gifts.
The Club Christmas Tree.
The Club Toy drive.

They're all available at the Club Store this holiday season.



Start your holidays at the Club Store!

Also at the Club Store for your holiday shopping:

- ❖ **Gift Central:** Buy fantastic Club merchandise that will be great under your tree. New this year: Free holiday gift boxes and bags, with the purchase of select items.
- ❖ **Great deals** on See's Candy and Honeybaked Hams.
- ❖ **Free standard shipping** on all Club tickets and merchandise!!
- ❖ Visit the **Club Tree!**
- ❖ **Club Toy Drive:** Bring an unwrapped gift to be given away as part of the Club's Toy Drive.



The Club Store is located at:
120 West 2nd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Holiday Happenings

Zoo

Romp With The Reindeer

Zoo brings back annual reindeer fun.



Reindeer Romp

What: Reindeer Romp, Los Angeles Zoo: reindeer, holiday fun, visits from Santa Claus
When: Nov. 28 – Jan. 4 (daily except Christmas Day)
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Free (except Santa photos) with paid Zoo admission (\$19 for general admission, 13 to 61; \$16 for seniors 62-plus), and \$14 for children 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Admission for Zoo Association members is free.
Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5355 Zoo Dr.
Parking: Free.
Information: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org

Photo by Jamie Pham

The Los Angeles Zoo's Reindeer Romp, which offers the only opportunity to see real reindeer in Los Angeles, opens Friday, Nov. 28 and continues daily (except Christmas Day) through Sunday, Jan. 4, during regular Zoo hours.

Visitors will also enjoy a flurry of seasonal festivities and yuletide flourishes, plus occasional visits by Santa Claus. All activities, except Santa photos, are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$19 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$16 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$14 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Zoo admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

The landmark Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, drawing 1.6 million visitors each year, is home to a diverse collection of 1,100 animals representing 250 different species, many of which are rare or endangered. Its lush grounds on 113 acres feature a botanical collection comprising more than 800 different plant species with approximately 7,000 individual plants.

Rec and Parks



A Civil War Christmas

Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season by traveling back in time at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 14th annual "A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6-7. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event. Drum Barracks Museum is a Rec and Parks facility.

A Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 6 – 7
 Regular hours Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.
 Closed Christmas Day.
Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)
Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington
Info: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

Be a Part of a
Club Holiday Tradition

It's Party Pix Time

We want to print pictures from your holiday office party in *Alive!*

Is your office having a holiday party? Here are two ways to get your holiday office party pictures into the January Alive!:

Take the photos yourself:

Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can. Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

If there are just a few photos, then email them to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. But if there are a lot, then it's best to burn them onto a CD and deliver (or mail) the CD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

We'll take your holiday photos for you:

Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer. Please note: There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Club Rep (Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Jackie Burciaga, Gedina Bergstrom, Dalila Vielma, Isabel Marquez, Jeanette Gadut, Tiffany Sy or Noelle Kauffman) or email Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.

See you at the party!

Holiday Happenings

STUFF THAT STOCKING

With movie tickets from the Club!

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Make your plans now to visit the Club Store for all your holiday shopping and end-of-year insurance needs!

Club Store Holiday Schedule

Club Store

The Club Store will be open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the following exceptions:

- Closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day
- Closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 – 28, for Thanksgiving
- On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, the Club Store will close at 2 p.m.
- Closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25 and 26, for Christmas
- On New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31, the Club Store will close at 2 p.m.
- Closed Thursday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day
- Closed Jan. 2 for annual inventory

Free Shipping

If you want your Club Webstore order to arrive by Christmas using the Club's free standard shipping service, the Club recommends you order by the close of business Monday, Dec. 15. Don't wait!

Club Webstore

The Club Webstore will be open 24/7 online, but fulfillment of some orders will be processed according to the above schedule.

Members can order from the Club Webstore at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com



The Club Store
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Rec and Parks



Victorian Christmas At Banning

The Banning Museum to host annual Victorian Christmas celebration.



Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

When: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6–7
Hours: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: The Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington.
Cost: Free

Regular museum tours:
Dates: Throughout November and December: Tues. – Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sat. – Sun.: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.
 Closed Christmas Day
Cost (regular tours): \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)
Info: (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season at the Banning Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6-7 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., in Wilmington.

This free event is open to the public and promises to be a weekend to remember. Visitors will enjoy period entertainment, tours of the museum decorated in holiday splendor, refreshments, a children's craft and a horse-drawn trolley ride between the Banning Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, which is also presenting a Christmas event that weekend.

The event will feature local food and craft vendors, a wreath-making lecture and a blacksmith. As a special treat, a Queen Victoria re-enactor will receive guests for the two days, and Jolly St. Nick will pose for photos with the kids.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility, operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

Rec and Parks, Council



Nice Ice, Baby

17th annual Rec and Parks-sponsored skating venue opens Nov. 13.

Downtown On Ice

When: Nov. 13 through Jan. 19
Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel
Admission: \$9 per person; one-hour skating session
Skate rental: \$3 (figure/hockey)
 Purchase tickets at the rink or in advance at: www.pershingsquareicerink.com
 Group rates, private party and special event pricing available.
Hours: Nov. 13 – Dec. 18:
 Monday–Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Sunday: 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Dec. 19 – 30:
 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily
 Dec. 24:
 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 Dec. 25:
 1 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Dec. 31:
 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Jan. 1:
 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Jan. 2 – Jan. 19:
 Mon-Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat.: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
 Sunday: 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Info: holidayicerinkdowntownla.com or call (213) 847-4970.
 Facebook: [facebook.com/PershingSquareLA](https://www.facebook.com/PershingSquareLA)

Angelenos can "get their glide on" this holiday season at Downtown on Ice outdoor skating rink in Pershing Square. Celebrating its 17th season as a favorite holiday tradition, the community rink is open every day from Nov. 13 through Jan. 19.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks at Pershing Square, the spacious rink is sponsored by Rec and Parks, and the 14th Council District.

A host of free events add to the festive atmosphere, with a winter concert series, championship skating exhibitions, the Snoopy Showcase, deejay nights, the Winter Holiday Festival, broomball games, and more.

Downtown on Ice is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro (Pershing Square stop). A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing their Metro/Metrolink transit receipt/pass. Montebello Bus lines also feature a \$1 discount coupon available on buses. Underground discount parking is available with rink validation.

CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Nov. 2014



From the Commish:

End of Season Draws Near

As the 2014 Club Softball league nears its end, teams are settling into their playoff positions. Although the schedule is not final, it appears that the Guzzlers have taken first place, even with the nail-biting tie game against the Sluggers Oct. 15, when the Sluggers walked for a five-run final inning. It also appears that the Enforcers will take second place, Sluggers third, and Hitmen fourth.

There is excitement brewing with other teams. Teams like the LAX Jets are still a force to be reckoned with, and it appears that the team created by the free agents list, aptly called the "Shockers," has become a solid team. (It really pays to get on the free agents list, which is for players without a team and teams without a full roster.)

But before the playoffs, the All-Star games are to be held Oct. 29 at Downey Recreation Center downtown. Managers were asked to select two ladies and two men from the best of their roster to play in the All-Star games. Also, the top four team's male pitchers were asked to pitch for the men. Although the fourth team's pitcher opted out, the Hotshots, the fifth place team's male pitcher agreed.

Each teammate will compete against each other by playing on separate All-Star teams. The mission is to improve networking and help further camaraderie. We are commonly faced with the fact that the City feels so large but is actually a small world, which gives us opportunities to meet new people and learn and appreciate the diversity. As an example, months ago my daughter worked on a project, and she struck up a conversation. It went something like this:

"Oh, you have a regular job?" she asked.
 "Yes," he replied. "I work for the City."
 "Do you play softball?" she continued.
 "No, but some of my co-workers do."
 "My mom is the sports commissioner."
 "Oh yeah! I heard about her!"

It's small world, and the All-Star games will provide an opportunity to meet new people and bring closer the degrees of separation.

Opening the All-Star games will be accomplished singer Eileen Garrido, a teenage founder of Beating Hearts Foundation and Junior Ambassador for the Children's Hospital. She is a beautiful young lady on a mission, with a powerful testimony. Her wonderful commentary and melodic rendition of the National Anthem is part of the night of fun.

The festivities will also include music, fifth inning and/or after-game line dancing, food, fans and fun!

Remember, the City Employees Club consists of employees from the City, County, State and other municipalities in California – along with their families. Family members can play on a team without the actual member playing. The Shockers, the 2014 free agents team, did very well and will branch off into their own teams next season. Please tell your friends and co-workers about joining next year. Join in next year by bringing a team in or signing up for the Free Agents list.

– Lady Smith, the Commish

Lady Smith, The Commish

Returning for 2014:
 The Softball Commish, Lady Smith! Read Lady's comments each month in *Alive!* during the softball season.



Go to the Club Website for the Club Softball League PLAYOFF schedule and team standings! Championship game scheduled for November 19th!

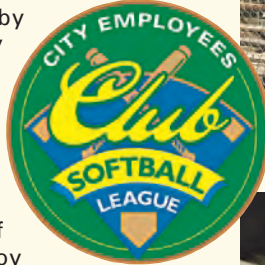
www.cityemployeesclub.com

Club Softball in Midseason Form

The Club Softball season had a fantastic midseason break with the first Club Softball All-Star game! See photos and all the details in the December issue of *Alive!*

Meanwhile, the Club Softball League 2014 season is going along well. Check out the details in this month's column by the Commish, Lady Smith.

Don't forget to come out and support your fellow City Employees! The games are fun, and there are lots of cool people to enjoy the game with. You can't beat the price – free to watch!



All-Star Games Rosters:

The first Club Softball League All-Star Game is set for Oct. 29 (after the *Alive!* press deadline). Look for more details in next month's issue. At right are the rosters.



ALL-STARTEAM: A TEAM

NAME	TEAM
Danny Valdez	Enforcers
Azar Yaver	Guzzlers
Luis Figueroa	Hyperion
Reyes Nunez	Hitmen
Andre' Kohl	Jets
Michael Scaduto	Sluggers
Jerry Borunda, Jr.	We Do It
Raul Montenegro	Transformer
Rick Lopez	Hotshots
Carlos Rodriguez	Dotgers
Eric Aguilar	Reservoir Dogs
Cesar Ponce	Enforcers
Francisco Renterio	Shockers

ALL-STARTEAM: HIT SQUAD

NAME	TEAM
Monica Gomez	Guzzlers
Tania Sanchez	Enforcers
Natalie Montoya	Guzzlers
Colleen Rascon	Hitmen
Kayla Jefferson	Jets
Sylvia Martinez	We Do It
Jessica Cepeda	Hotshots
Claudia Luna	Dotgers
Veronica Mendez	Reservoir Dogs
Robin Stinson	Guzzlers
Marlene Cortez	Enforcers

ALL-STARTEAM: GROUP THERAPY

NAME	TEAM
Elena Asucan	Sluggers
Linda Valdez	Enforcers
Jenee Fluker	Guzzlers
Marsela Lopez	Hitmen
Brittany Maxwell	Jets
Margarita Guevara	Sluggers
Jacque Mendez	Transformers
Mary Vega	Hotshots
Michelle Mowry	Dotgers
Denise Vidales	Reservoir Dogs
Denise Paschal	Guzzlers

ALL-STARTEAM: STARS

NAME	TEAM
Victor Pallares	Guzzlers
James Langley	Sluggers
Eddy Rodriguez	Enforcers
Richard Garcia	Guzzlers
Dominick King	Shockers
Garth Romeo	Hitmen
Rick "Spinner" Kizzee	Jets
Marc Tellez	Sluggers
Alex Acosta	We Do It
Anthony Mora	Transformer
Oscar Berumen	Hotshots
Mike Girouard	Hyperion
Ronald Diaz	Dotgers
Antonio Vasquez	Reservoir Dogs

Basketball Signups Open

Registration is now open for the 2015 Winter/Spring Club Basketball season. Games will be played Thursday nights at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. at the Expo Center.

For more information, contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com



Aging

Are You A Family Caregiver?

Dept. of Aging can help you care for elderly family members.

Did you know that November is National Family Caregivers Awareness month?

If you are helping care for a family member, friend or neighbor over 60, please contact Veronica Sanchez Perez, M.A.G., Information and Assistance Specialist, Dept. of Aging (LADOA) to learn more about the help available for you and your loved one. LADOA can be reached by calling (213) 482-7243 or via e-mail at veronica.sanchez@lacity.org.

Some of the local community resources and programs to help you maintain the independence of a parent or older adult include: care management, nutrition services, transportation, home safety modifications, in-home assistance, family caregiver workshops, and more.

Family members caring for a loved one will receive a caregiver tool including: eyeglass cleaner, stress ball or ID wallet, while supplies last.

THE CHEAPEST

Movie tickets in the state are at the Club!

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New Club Benefit

Whoa!

FOREVER FREE SHIPPING

The Club's new Club benefit – *Forever Free Shipping* – is perfect for the Christmas holidays!

The Club offers an awesome new benefit – **free standard shipping on everything** – tickets and merchandise bought from the Club Store or Webstore.

Don't worry about surcharges – there are none for Club merchandise and tickets. You pay just for the price of the item, nothing more.

Take advantage today for all your Club holiday shopping needs!

From left: Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager, and Megan DeBolt, Club Store Assistant Manager, ship another parcel of great Club merchandise.

Council

Story and photos courtesy Brenda Gonzalez, Council District 4

That's a Big 10-4!

Councilman Tom LaBonge hosts annual police car parade.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) directs vintage police cars to join his 10-4 Day Parade along Hollywood Boulevard.

On Oct. 2, Mr. LA., Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, joined officers from the LAPD, California Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Office to speak about public safety issues at the 11th annual 10-4 Day Parade. The event took place at the LAFD Fire Museum at old Station 27 in Hollywood.

Special guests included radio host "Shotgun" Tom Kelly, actors from famous TV police shows, and many more. A brief ceremony was held by Councilmember LaBonge to honor public safety officers and all they do to protect and serve our City. The group of classic police cars then headed west on Hollywood Boulevard.

Councilmember LaBonge originated the parade along with Gary Goltz.



Councilman Tom LaBonge acknowledges the passing vintage police vehicles as part of his 10-4 Day Parade along Hollywood Boulevard.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) presents a City proclamation to officials at his 10-4 Day Parade.

GENERAL SERVICES' CONSTRUCTION FORCES



The City's Construction

Construction Forces – the City's internal construction crew – is beating outside contractors on price and performance.

Alive! photos by Summy Lam and John Burnes



If it's a City construction project, completed on time and under budget, chances are it was performed by General Services/Construction Forces.

The Division is unique in the City because it's not formally budgeted. The Division works like a contractor – bidding for jobs and earning its keep by successfully completing one job after another, some tiny, some seriously major. Over the decades, it's performed thousands of City jobs.

Construction Forces works with a variety of Special Funds and nearly every City department, and has performed thousands of projects using both as-needed civil service employees and craft position union hiring hall employees. The Division provides technical assistance to a host of various types of construction, and has the ability to use subcontract services to support City Forces construction projects as necessary.

City departments can utilize the Division's services for small and large projects — as an alternative to hiring private contractors — to obtain quality work at reasonable costs, because Construction Forces charges only for the cost of materials, supplies and labor (there is no markup for profit charged to projects).

The Division specializes in design-build and "difficult" projects, and can mobilize quickly. Construction Forces provides construction services of the highest quality for the City of Los Angeles — while continually striving to improve effectiveness and efficiency by delivering projects on schedule and within budget.

Each project that Construction Forces Division performs must be funded separately; the Division cannot use residual funding from other projects to cover overages.

The elements of General Services' Construction Forces:

The Shops

Carpenter Shop

Directed by Rene Abad-Santos, Carpenter Supervisor, and James Byer, Lead Cabinetmaker, the carpenter shop produces millwork and cabinetry and custom restoration and replication of LA City historic fabric. CFD's shop includes a computer controlled CNC router and edge banding machine. The equipment helped the Division build cabinets for the new City Council Offices in Old City Hall during the seismic retrofit in 2000 and various projects including the remodeling of fire station kitchens, the SID buildout at Piper Tech. The carpenter shop built the replacement Council desks in the City Council Chamber in City Hall that replicated the original design of the desks, restored the cupola of the historic Point Fermin Light House, rebuilt the front entrance doors to the historic Old Eagle Rock City Hall, replicated millwork, stair cases, doors and other details for the historic restoration projects at Old Fire Station No. 30, No. 44 and No. 60, and many other projects.

Sheet Metal Shop

Under the direction of Larry Osborn and Ken Tafoya, Sheet Metal Supervisors, Construction Forces Division's Sheet Metal Shop produces all sorts of high quality general sheet metal items, including custom lettering, custom duct (at a cost below vendor prices), custom brass and copper gutters and downspouts, stainless steel counter tops (especially for fire station kitchen remodels), caging and accessories to caging for the zoo and animal shelters, and all sorts of flashings for roofing and water diversion. The crafts workers in CFD's sheet metal shop were instrumental in performing preservation work at the Hollyhock House that won a Trustees' Award from the California Preservation Foundation.

Sign Shop

Directing the sign shop is Jeff Ratcliff, Carpenter, who works closely with Gregory Torres, BC&M Superintendent, on a wide variety of City signage. After the recent elections, the sign shop changed out all the signs of each Council Office at City Hall and in the field; this included updating all the directories

throughout City Hall, City Hall East and many of the field offices. The sign shop produced the three-foot diameter walnut City Seal at the podium of the Council president as well as the individual Councilmembers' carved wooden name plates at their desks. CFD's sign shop produced the metal lettering for the SID project, including all the wall graphics, metal lettering at the Hansen Dam Ranger Station, exterior lettering for the City Medical Center on Temple Street, and many other sites. CFD can and has produced vinyl, wooden, plastic, aluminum, brass, paper, braille, building signs, desk name plates, door numbers, Council press room back drops and many other types of signage for various City Departments, committees and Boards.

Paint Shop

CFD has a fully functional paint shop directed by Mark Sutherland, Acting Painter Supervisor, that includes two paint booths and a sanding booth. The paint shop usually coordinates closely with the Carpenter Crews on projects that may require priming, painting, staining and/or finishing of cabinetry, millwork and doors for tenant improvement projects.

Tool Room

Construction Forces Division includes a central tool room to manage the tools, equipment and supplies for the entire Division. Johnny Hardin, Storekeeper II, and Alberto Castanon (a.k.a. AC), Laborer, oversee more than \$2.5 million in tool room resources and more than 15,000 separate pieces of equipment and hand tools.

Administration

CFD's annual expenditures range from \$20 to \$50 million from up to 100 different funding sources. These administration employees work to support the construction line operations of the division.

Finance/Payroll/Cost Accounting/Personnel

This section's duties include: Drafting MOUs with clients; tracking funding received from bonds, grants and other special funding sources; responding to and

Construction Forces workers transform a Piper Tech storeroom into a bright clerical workspace for the LAPD's SID DNA unit.



complying with audits from federal, state and local agencies; preparing and updating the division's strategic plan, metrics and performance goals; issuing work orders to track and control project costs; compiling billing documentation and timely preparing and issuing invoices for projects; preparing and processing personnel documents, maintaining confidential employee files and ensuring that personnel procedures are followed; preparing project analyses and regular status reports for projects, including reports to ensure cost control; and many others.

Contract Development

CFD has a roster of more than 75 local contract vendors covering more than 20 construction crafts ranging from asbestos abatement to terrazzo installation. Each craft competitively bids one-time projects as they arise within the City.

Purchasing/Supply Management System

The SMS Accounts Payable Clerk is responsible for processing payment of invoices for POs for the Division. The SMS Accounts Payable Clerk will follow up on the prompt payment of invoices so the City can capture the discount offered by the various vendors.

Buyers

The Construction Buyers utilize sophisticated craft knowledge to determine the materials and supplies required for each project job and/or trade, assuring that all required items are in stock or requisitioned and verifies the receipt of the materials and supplies from the various projects sites.

Contract Processors

The Contract Processors are responsible for checking the Division's FMS contracts to ensure that the contractors are in compliance. The Contract Processor links all aspects of the contracting job together from start to finish. A Contract Processor wears one title but many hats.

Duties of a Contract Processor include analyzing and reviewing the contract to be sure that the policy, pricing, and structure for each contract is adhered to by the contractors.

Estimating

The Estimating Section of Construction Forces Division is supervised by Bill Rutan, Construction Estimator. The section is working on 50 to 60 active estimates with 18 estimates on hold.

The Estimating Section generally prepares class "C" budget estimates to establish the

Company

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funding required for a project to move forward. The estimators can work with clients to identify exactly where budget challenges might lie and what's the best way to improve or correct the clients' existing conditions. They assist in clarifying the scope of work, establishing specifications, and identifying hidden or potential unforeseen conditions that could negatively impact a project.

Estimators include a contingency in the estimate that may or may not be required to complete a project. All in-house and sub-contracted services are estimated in compliance with prevailing wage requirements and permitted work is inspected by Building and Safety.

Safety

Construction Forces Division is celebrating 415 days — and counting — without a lost-time injury.

Construction work is dangerous by any standard, and in fact, construction-related death rates are highest among any profession in the United States. So, Construction Forces takes safety very seriously. "The number one rule I give my supervisors is safety," says General Superintendent Nick Pendorf.

In 2014, the section delivered an amazing 415 days — nearly a year and two months — without an injury that's kept anyone off work; there have been no lost-time injuries.

Quality and Productivity

Construction Forces has played a major role in hundreds of outstanding projects, and it has received official recognition within the City for two of them.

The Division won the prestigious Quality and Productivity Award by the CAO in 2006 in partnership with the City Attorney's Office for recycling construction material; and in 2013 in partnership with Public Works/Engineering for supporting the street resurfacing program. Congratulations!

Two members of the Construction Forces leadership team are Rose Karagezyan, Sr. Management Analyst II, and Nick Pendorf, Building Maintenance and Construction General Superintendent II.

Read the *The Alive!* Interview, page 27

THE ALIVE! FEATURE: The City's Construction Company

A Tour of the **Piper Tech Facilities**

TOOL ROOM



Explaining the Tool Room's many functions is (left) Johnny Hardin, Storekeeper II, 25 years of City service. Also pictured (from left) Nick Pendorf, General Superintendent II; Rose Karagezyan, Sr. Management Analyst II; and Robert Larios, Club Vice President.



Logging in, barcoding and testing a new saw is Alberto "A.C." Castanon, Laborer, 18 years of City service.

CONTRACTING GROUP



From left: Richmond Aulio, Contract Processor, 2 years of City service; Jesse Adams, Contract Administrator, 10 years; and Karolina Rosa, Contract Administrator, 14 years. Not pictured: Martina White, Sr. Management Analyst, 27 years.

**PERMITTING SECTION/
DOCUMENT CONTROL**



Abram Santos, Carpenter, 20 years.

HAZMAT SECTION



Rey Rivera, Hazmat Coordinator, 15 years of City service.

COST ACCOUNTING



Frank Meza, Sr. Management Analyst, 26 years of City service.

AUDITING



From left: Maria Pena, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years of City service; and Marilyn Alibudbud, Accountant II, 11 years.

CARPENTER SHOP



Here's Doug Fukuda, Carpenter, 28 years of City service, Club Member, drilling holes for a cabinet destined for an Animal Services shelter.



Jim Byer, Lead Cabinet Shop Foreman, 7 years of City service, drafts plans on a computer, which are then transferred to the cutting machine, staffed by Doug Fukuda. Jim explains the process to Robert Larios, Club Vice President (right).

SIGN SHOP



Jeffrey Ratcliff, Carpenter, 2 years of service (right), presents a special token – an *Alive!* sign – to Robert Larios, Club Vice President (center). Nick Pendorf, General Superintendent II, looks on.



CRAFT SUPERVISORS SPACE



Here's Mark Sutherland (right), Paint Supervisor, 27 years of City service, and Robert Larios, Club Vice President (left)...



... and Dan Ness, Sheet Metal Lead Man, 9 years.

SAFETY RECORD



Construction Forces employees celebrate their record breaking safety record of 415 days (and counting) without a lost-time safety accident.

SHEET METAL SHOP



From left: Robert Larios, Club Vice President, watches the Sheet Metal crew (Ken Tafoya, Sheet Metal Supervisor, 15 years of City service; Saul Sura, Sheet Metal Worker, 14 years; and Rafael Flores, Sheet Metal Worker, 14 years) make letters for the Division's Gaffey Street Bridge project.



Making duct work at or below outside cost is outside cost is Rafael Flores, Sheet Metal Worker.

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW



PAINT SHOP



Overlooking one of the Paint Shop's large spray booths are (from left) Rose Karagezian, Sr. Management Analyst II; Nick Pendorf, General Superintendent II; *Alive!* editor John Burnes; and Robert Larios, Club Vice President.

CARPENTER SHOP



Inside the Carpenter Shop are (from left) Nick Pendorf, General Superintendent II; Greg Torres, Construction Superintendent; and Rose Karagezian, Sr. Management Analyst II.

ESTIMATING GROUP



Construction Forces projects often begin with the estimators. Here are three: Bill Rutan, Construction Estimator, 13 years of City service; Daniel Ireland, Carpenter, 22 years; and Doran Bobadilla, Electrician, 6 years.

PURCHASING



From left: David Lopez, Carpenter, 17 years of City service; Marco Mejia, Clerk Typist, 16 years; and Larry Lopez, Carpenter, 14 years.

A GOOD CLUB FRIEND



... and a Good Club Friend

The City Employees Club is grateful for Maurice Hyett, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, 26 years of City service, Club Member, for many contributions to *Alive!* over the years, including several sets of holiday party photos. Thanks, Maurice!

A Passion for Building

Thanks for joining us today. Can you give us a very brief summary of your career steps?

GREG TORRES: I worked my way up from Plumber to Sr. Plumber to Plumber Supervisor to C&M Supervisor I and II. And now I'm a Building Construction and Maintenance Superintendent I.

Good. Nick?

NICK PENDORF: I've worked in construction for more than 45 years – for others, for myself and for the City. I started with the City in 1985 as a Building Repairer with LAPD's Maintenance Division at the Elysian Park Recruit Training Center. I was promoted to Carpenter and then Sr. Carpenter with GSD Construction Forces Division. I left GSD to become a Rehabilitation Construction Specialist with the CDD, Housing Division, then to Public Works/Contract Administration as a Construction Inspector. I returned to Construction Forces in 1991 as a Construction and Maintenance Supervisor II and then was promoted to Building Construction and Maintenance General Superintendent I. In 2007 I had the great fortune to become the Division Manager of Construction Forces Division.

ROSE KARAGEZYAN: I started my career with the City as the Management Assistant at the Bureau of Sanitation and Public Works. Seven years ago I came to GSD. I was in the finance section. For the past year, I've been head of the finance section for Construction Forces Division.

TOM BYLARD: I'm a carpenter by trade. I was a general contractor before coming to the City. I came to the City in '93, and for the last 21 years I've been with General Services,



The *Alive!* interview, from left: Gregory Torres, Robert Larios, Nick Pendorf, Rose Karagezian and Tom Bylard.

concrete work. Here they do everything from the foundation to frame the building, to putting the windows in, to completing the whole project. Electricians and plumbers are the same way.

Significant Projects

GREG: For the Siqueros mural project on Olvera Street – they only trusted one contractor to drill 450 holes one inch away from the mural to strengthen the backside of that wall. That was us.

TOM: The seismic bracing on the backside of the mural was done by our division. Greg and his team did that.

On Oct. 15, Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios and *Alive!* editor sat down with the Construction Forces leadership – Nick Pendorf, Building Construction and Maintenance General Superintendent II, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Gregory Torres, Construction Superintendent, 27 years, Club Member; Rose Karagezian, Sr. Management Analyst II, 10 years; and Tom Bylard, Building Construction and Maintenance General Superintendent I, 21 years. Richard Telles, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 22 years, Club Member, was out of town and could not participate. The interview took place in the Construction Forces conference room in Piper Tech.

ing as a City family. It's not adversarial; it's truly a partnering. So there's a confidence level at Cultural Affairs when they know that Construction Forces is doing the work and the project is being coordinated by the Bureau of Engineering. It's different than when you have a low-bid private contractor who's working for a profit. Construction Forces is motivated to turning over a high-quality facility that will be low-maintenance, be able to be maintained. So that's one of the reasons that we get these assignments.

Talk about the range of projects that you've done.

GREG: Projects from 21 cents to \$21 million.

Twenty-one cents? What was 21 cents?

GREG: The name badge I just gave you.

Oh, thanks!

NICK: The division has performed an incredible range of projects over the years. Here's kind of a list: All the tenant improvements in City Hall after Clark Construction completed the seismic retrofit. Restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House. Construction of the Mariachi Plaza Zócalo in Boyle Heights. Erection of the dragon archway into Chinatown on Broadway. Erection of the archway in North Hollywood. Historic restoration of Point Fermin Lighthouse and the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse in San Pedro. The historic restoration and seismic retrofit of the Echo Park Boathouse. Construction of LAPD's new Scientific Investigation Division Facilities at Piper Tech. Construction of the new ranger station at Hansen Dam. Construction of Pedlow and Garvanza skate parks. Seismic retrofit and tenant improvements at Van Nuys City Hall. Recreation of the historic City Council horseshoe of desks in Council chambers, including the carved walnut City seal at the Council president's podium. Historical restoration and tenant improvements to San Pedro City Hall. Construction of the Wilmington Recreation Center. Construction of the Eagle Rock Recreation Center. Construction of the Silver Lake Pedestrian Walkway, and many others.

TOM: The Golden Monkey exhibit at the Zoo.

NICK: So, Construction Forces' in-house crew performs a wide range of services.

When is something not worth your efforts, or that you're not set up to really do? Let's say someone's stairs are cracked.

ROSE: We do everything.

GREG: We're fixing the stairs at Fire Station 20 as we speak.

You take it all.

NICK: We do.

NICK: Our biggest job was performing the tenant improvements of old City Hall when it was seismically retrofitted in 2001. Construction Forces Division increased its staffing to more than 1,000 employees and ran two 12-hour shifts seven days a week to complete the work on schedule. This enabled City departments to cancel their leases and return to City Hall without incurring penalties and additional costs for not vacating on time.

Wow. Who was in charge of that project?

NICK: Tom Bylard.

TOM: Myself and Bill Older.

NICK: He's a retired Club Member.

TOM: It was a big project. It was \$41 million for tenant improvement throughout the whole

We can do anything that any City department could ever possibly need or desire ... We've accomplished the smallest, the most complex tasks. Give us your work and you won't be disappointed. — GREG TORRES, Construction Superintendent

Construction Division, promoting my way up from Carpenter to General Superintendent.

Great, thanks. Give us an overview of Construction Forces.

NICK: Construction Forces Division is basically the City of Los Angeles' in-house prime contractor that is generally used for special construction projects. There are many kinds of special projects, but here's a list of them: those that need to be started quickly; require high-quality craftsmanship; include work in occupied or sensitive areas of facilities; have tight deadlines; have a large number of possible unforeseen conditions; are sensitive to the community, require an immediate emergency response, include irreplaceable historic fabric; need to be initiated before construction plans or specifications have been fully developed; require technical input during the construction phase; are best performed with City family and partnership, with City architects and engineers; all the way to complete construction when private contractors go bankrupt or are unable to complete the project; have excessively high bids from private contractors for the project; or for the change orders at the end of the project.

Construction Forces Division has a corps of as-needed civil service employees, but also hires temporary craft workers and foremen from the various union hiring halls as the current construction projects require. Also, to meet the needs of our clients, the other City departments, the division has developed multi-vendor, competitively-bid construction contracts for services which the division does not have the expertise or require specialty equipment, does not perform as competitively as the subcontractors, or must have the services available if City forces cannot meet the clients' tight schedules.

It sounds like to me that the employees that work here at Construction Forces have a variety of skills.

TOM: We have all crafts within our division – electrical, plumbing, sheet metal, painters, carpenters. People have the skills to do multiple activities within their own craft. So on the outside, a carpenter might work for a freeway company, where all they do is formwork to do

That was an amazing project.

NICK: We told the oversight committee that they should go with the cheapest bid like they usually do, but...

GREG: They opted for us.

NICK: They opted to go with us.

Let me point out two other projects that we've done historically to highlight the quality of the people that we are blessed to have in our shops. These are two projects that you've had on your cover. One is the Echo Park Boathouse. The cupola on that, which is sheet metal, was totally destroyed, and it was replicated in our shops by our sheet metal workers.

The other project is the Point Fermin Lighthouse that we did. It was literally falling apart, and we took doors and, where we could, we reconstructed them. These are doors that were fabricated, what, in the late 1800s or something? And we rebuilt stairs all to the original construction, to the original materials. The cupola on that was wood, and was reconstructed by our carpenters.

You do a lot of significant projects with high visibility and historical aspects to them. You must deal a lot with Cultural Affairs or your City client to make sure the project's details are historically correct. How often do you run into culturally significant projects where you have to consult with other departments to do that right?

GREG: Daily. I'm meeting with Project Restore at noon today to sign off on the refinishing and honing of the marble on the fourth floor of City Hall, the main City Hall. We did some marble repairs where they removed some old phone booths, some wall repairs as well as some floors, and we replaced some travertine outside of each of the council offices themselves and tried to blend it all in.

NICK: Construction Forces partners a lot with the Bureau of Engineering. When you have historic fabric and there's a chance that you could lose the mural there, the Siqueiros Mural on Olvera Street, they come to Construction Forces. The Bureau of Engineering has in-house staff that is quite competent with dealing with Cultural Affairs and coordinat-

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Some Current Projects

CLIENT: Council District 15

GAFFEY STREET FOOT BRIDGE

Construction Forces is installing an illuminated welcome sign to both sides of the pedestrian footbridge that soars over Gaffey Street at the end of the 110 Freeway. When completed before the end of the year, the sign will read "San Pedro."



Gregory Torres, Superintendent, overlooks the "San Pedro" sign under construction high above Gaffey Street.

High above Gaffey Street, atop secure scaffolding are (from left, starting in back): Darren Lipp, Electrician, 3 years of City service; Marcello Rockett, Assistant, 5 years; Jeremy Huyer, Electrician, 2 years; Denareo Perkins, Electrical Foreman, 11 years, Club Member; and Gregory Torres, Superintendent, 27 years, Club Member.

CLIENT: ITA

MT. LEE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

Construction Forces is installing an upgraded secondary/redundant power supply system for the Mt. Lee Communications array, high atop Mt. Lee, which is just above the Hollywood Sign in Hollywood. The Mt. Lee facility is one of the most important facilities in the City, carrying critical communications for the LAPD, LAFD, City Hall, ITA and other outside agencies, including the County Sheriff's Dept. and federal bureaus. Earlier this year, Construction Forces replaced and upgraded a pump atop Mt. Lee that supplies water from a giant underground tank to LAFD helicopters in fighting fires.



Here's Graham Harrison, Sr. Electrician/Acting Supervisor, explaining the new power supply equipment.



Kneeling: Rico Gonzalez, Electrician, 5 years of City service. Back, from left: Edmundo Chacon, Electrician, 3 years; Graham Harrison, Sr. Electrician/Acting Supervisor, 17 years, Club Member; Adolfo Mejia, Electrician, 3 years; Fernando Mancilla, Electrician, 3 years; Manuel Perez III, Lead Electrician, 14 years; and Archie Beltran, Laborer, 10 years.

Here are seven current projects being built by the men and women of General Services/Construction Forces. Construction Forces has successfully completed thousands of projects over the last several decades.

Special thanks to Doug Fukuda, Carpenter, 28 years of City service, Club Member, who ferried the Alive! crew in excellent fashion to these job sites all over the City.

CLIENT: El Pueblo Historic Monument (Olvera Street)

AVILA ADOBE

Construction Forces is replacing all the tiles in the courtyard behind the Avila Adobe, a historic and tourist center on Olvera Street. The house is the oldest still standing in the City, dating from the early 1800s. The project was carefully researched to remain authentic to the period.

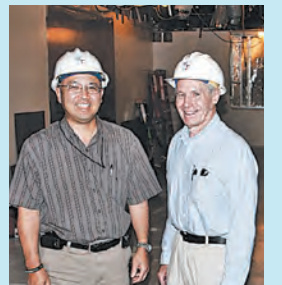


Kneeling: Dave "Cowboy" Grimstead, Carpenter, 13 years of City service. Back, from left: Martin Hernandez, City Crafting Assistant, 7 years; Victor Garcia, Mason, 8 years; Teodoro Orellana, Laborer, 14 years; Timothy P. Mizumoto, Carpenter, 20 years; Michael Loriza, Masonry Foreman, 20 years, Club Member; and Benny Oseguera, Lead Carpenter, 13 years, Club Member.

CLIENT: LAPD

LAPD SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION DIVISION DNA LAB

The LAPD is rebuilding the space dedicated for its SID DNA Lab in Piper Tech. The Construction Forces crews are building clerical spaces and adding windows (through the very thick Piper Tech outside wall) for the clerical staff.



From left: Peter Inouye, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years of City service; and Ben Lahodny, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, 22 years.



From left: Efrain Moreno, Carpenter, 12 years of City service; and Jeff Sgambellone, Sr. Carpenter, 23 years, Club Member.

Not Pictured

Several employees are not pictured but are important members of the Construction Forces team. They are: Tom Freise, Carpenter; Edwin Sanchez, Carpenter; Hector Cano, Electrician; Herman Smith, Electrician; Jeff Rosas, Electrician Supervisor; Esther Owens, Vocational Worker II; Robert Perez, Assistant; Issac Bautista, Assistant; Anton Felando, Painter; Calvin Huff, Painter; Charles Pennington, Plumber; Robert Scipioni, Plumber; Anthony Vasquez, Plumber; Jimmy Jackson, Sheet Metal Worker; and Kevin Busch, Sr. Electrician. Thanks for all you do!

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CLIENT: Economic and Workforce Development
ALISO PICO COMMUNITY CENTER

Construction Forces is adding facilities for its client, Economic and Workforce Development, to the department can run a job training center at this daycare center (it will have dual use). The building is also being upgraded to be ADA compliant.



Installing carpet and floorboards are (from left) Liborio Damian, Carpet Layer, 12 years of City service; and Luis Cuevas, City Crafting Assistant, 8 years. Not pictured: Jerry Jimenez, Carpenter, 2 years.

CLIENT: Transportation
SPACE 16, LA MALL



Soon you'll see a brand new Transportation store for merchandising, transit tickets and more, in a custom-built store that Construction Forces is building in Space 16 in the Los Angeles Mall near and below City Hall. The project should be done by the end of the year.

From left: Ramon Garcia, Lead Carpenter, 14 years of City service; and Rommel Necor, Carpenter, 14 years. Not pictured: Alejandro Dajada, Carpenter, 16 years.

CLIENT: Rec and Parks
CYPRESS COMMUNITY CENTER

Construction Forces is rehabbing and restoring the Cypress Community Center, which started life as the Cypress Library, but then transitioned into a community center a number of years ago. The center is being restored, plus other features are being added, including better connectivity for the Internet. The project is being funded through Prop K funds.



From left: Richard Telles, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 22 years of City service, Club Member; and Douglas Fukuda, Carpenter, 28 years, Club Member.

CONSTRUCTION FORCES ADMINISTRATION

Every good team needs a core group of professionals for management and support. The Construction Forces Administration team works out of City Hall South to secure materials, funding, staffing and outsourcing, and is critical to keeping tight accounting. "We have passed every audit cleanly," says Nick Pendorf, Division Manager. "We're proud of our cost accounting."



The administration team, from left: Jenny Wang, Management Analyst II, 28 years of City service; Carol Holguin, Management Analyst II, 28 years, Club Member; Rose Karagezian, Sr. Management Analyst II, 10 years; Nick Pendorf, Building Maintenance and Construction General Superintendent II, 30 years, Club Member; Tammy Nguyen, Systems Analyst II, 14 years; Gia Pa, Management Analyst II, 13 years; Angelica Rios, Accounting Clerk II, 23 years, Club Member; and Ashia Villegas, Accounting Clerk II, 7 years. Not pictured: Phan Houang, Accounting Clerk II, 32 years.

Working Behind the Scenes

General Services/Construction Forces has worked behind the scenes on hundreds of City projects, including several that have made the cover of *Alive!* In featuring the following projects, we highlighted the lead client. But doing a lot of the work on them was Construction Forces. **Among them:**

REBUILDING THE BOAT HOUSE

In **November 2011**, we featured the project to rebuild the Echo Park Boat House. The client was Public Works/Engineering, which lead the way. (Pictured on the cover: Ohaji Abdallah, Architectural Associate II, Public Works, who was in charge of the project.) Construction Forces did much of the work restoring the LA landmark.



HOLLYHOCK HOUSE

In **May 2012**, we looked at the City's work on the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece, the Hollyhock House, in Barnsdall Art Park.

The client was Project Restore and Public Works/Engineering. (Pictured on the cover: Kevin Jew, Hollyhock House Project Director for Project Restore, and Hsiao-Ling Ting, Project Architect, Public Works/Engineering.) But doing much of the contracting work to restore the house was Construction Forces. In fact, Doug Fukuda, Carpenter, who hosted *Alive!* for this month's cover story, did significant woodwork to rebuild the Hollyhock garage.



BANNING RESIDENCE MUSEUM

In **December 2013**, we featured the Banning Museum's annual Victorian Christmas party on our cover. We also mentioned that the residence was undergoing a major renovation. A lot of the renovation work was being done by Construction Forces, including the beams, trellises and wrought iron fencing, as seen in here, all around John Hawkins, Club CEO (left) and Michael Sanborn, Director of the Banning Residence Museum.



OLVERA STREET MURAL

In **May 2013**, we featured an amazing City project done in conjunction with the Getty Trust – building a shelter and information center for the historic *America Tropical* mural by David Alfaro Siqueiros. On the cover were Mahmood Karimzadeh, Principal Architect, Public Works/Engineering, and Chris Espinosa, General Manager, El Pueblo Historic Monument (Olvera Street). Construction Forces worked behind the scenes to do a lot of the work, including shoring up the Italian Hall wall upon which the mural was painted in the 1930s.



The famed mural, on a wall that was reinforced and sealed from behind by Construction Forces.

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Preservation Honor

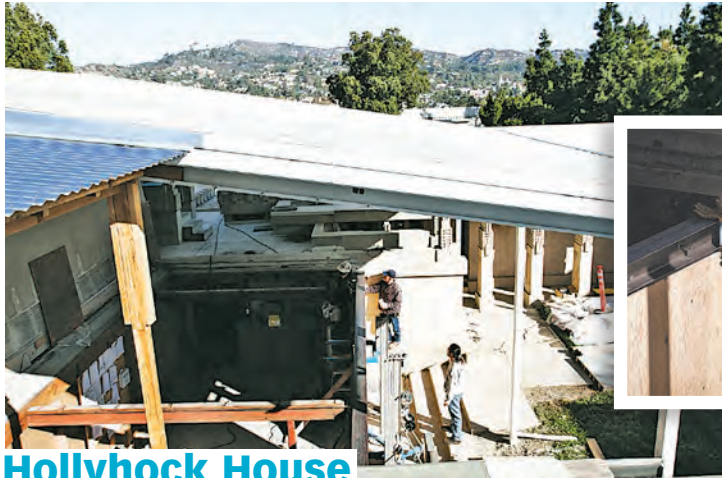
2014 Trustees Award for Excellence

On Sept. 26, General Services/Construction Forces was given a prestigious honor – the 2014 Trustees Award for Excellence, for the division's project to restore Hollyhock House, Frank Lloyd Wright's first Los Angeles masterpiece that's now owned by the City.

The award was given by the prestigious California Preservation Foundation. The Hollyhock House project was one of two to receive the lofty award of excellence; some 25 other projects were honored with various awards that night.

"The stabilization and restoration work that was performed [by Project Restore, Public Works/Engineering, and

General Services/Construction Forces] was carried out with the highest degree of sensitivity; to remove past alterations, and to reproduce important features – thus restoring many areas to their period of significance," the foundation wrote in the event program. "As a result of this project, this house-museum will remain open to the public and scholars."



Hollyhock House

Here are Construction Forces crews working on the Hollyhock House in May 2012. *Alive!* covered the preservation project in that month's issue.

Hire Construction Forces!

Hire Construction Forces for your next City job! Through hundreds of completed jobs over decades, they have a proven record of first-rate work, done on time (or earlier) and often under budget. They're internal to the City, they know the City, and are ready to get your job done the right way.

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structure, plus historic restoration of certain floors. In these older buildings, on an historic restoration, to maintain the historic registry of the building, federal and state, you have to maintain a certain amount of the historic fabric of the building. That was one of the key components.

How long did that project take to complete?

TOM: We were done in less than a year.

NICK: The City delivered on time.

Cost- and Time-Effective

You tend to beat contractors at time and budget.

TOM: With a stick.

NICK: Over 90 percent of Construction Forces' projects are completed under budget. Since Fiscal Year 2005, Construction Forces has reverted over \$20.6 million in funding back to the original funding source.

GREG: We can't keep it. We have to give it back. No other contractor in the world does that.

NICK: There are cases where there are cost overruns. And in those cases, it goes to the oversight committee, and we have to work with different funding sources to get funds to make us whole, because we are not budgeted; we don't have any funds under our control to spend. And it's very public. However, when we go under budget, it's a simple reversion worksheet that goes through the controller and the oversight committees never see it. People aren't aware of the large number of funds that are returned every year by Construction Forces.

Talk about that. You're unique in the City, where you're not budgeted, and you have to, as they say, sing for your supper. You have to go out and find your own work, or it has to find you, but you're constantly earning your own keep.

NICK: Everyone in Construction Forces, from the craft assistance and laborers all the way up to myself, the division manager, and including Rose and Tom and Greg and all of our supervisors, are as needed. The division is not included in the General Services' budget, with the exception of a very small amount of general funds that are specifically set aside for alterations and improvements to correct designated hazards or unsafe conditions, or for small emergency responses. Practically all of Construction Forces' funding comes from special funds. City Departments have the option of hiring a private contractor or Construction Forces to perform the projects. The client transfers the funding to the division and the funding pays for the project labor, the materials, the subcontracted services and the division's other direct costs.

TOM: Ultimately if we, as of today, received no projects, the division would be disbanded. If it were not for the projects that we get, like with a contractor, we wouldn't be here. We try very hard to sell like a contractor. All of our superintendents and C&Ms go out to the different projects and try to sell what we can do in other venues for our clients. We work a lot like a contractor.

GREG: Let's talk about the Gaffey Street Pedestrian Bridge project for a second, and how that came about. We put it out to bid three times and got zero bids from contractors. Then we tried to do more of the project for the contractors so that they would do less of it themselves. The complexities included having to deal with Caltrans and a freeway closure, the CHP, Transportation – there were a lot of entities involved. One contractor bid on it. His bid was at \$500,000 and it didn't include any of the electrical. I'm currently probably 80 percent done and



Nick Pendorf, Building Maintenance and Construction General Superintendent II.

I have about \$300,00 into it. I'm going to beat his price with all included, including the electrical. And I'm hoping to maintain it with the remaining funds, but we'll probably revert it back and let somebody else maintain it.

NICK: There are some limitations. General Services Construction Forces can't go out and shop for materials anywhere, like a contractor. We have to buy off City contracts, which are not necessarily the lowest price. We hire out of the hiring halls, but the City agreements with the hiring halls do not include all of the classifications that a contractor can hire.

We always pay prevailing wage. We track our subcontractors to make sure they pay prevailing wage. We pull permits for all of our work. Our work is inspected by Building and Safety. And that isn't necessarily the case Citywide. So it's not quite a level playing field to be compared directly with a private contractor.

TOM: We're competitive with the union contractors, but there are a lot of non-union contractors out there that don't pay benefits. I would say when you look at a union contractor, we are competitive. Do we beat them all the time? Because of the bureaucracy, it's difficult to do.

GREG: But we give change back.

TOM: Yes.

The Pitch

Do a pitch for your services.

GREG: We can do anything that any City department could ever possibly need or desire, although we do need the funding to perform it. We've accomplished the smallest, the most complex tasks. Give us your work and you won't be disappointed.

TOM: If you're going out to bid to a contractor, that may take anywhere from six months to a year, depending upon the size of the project. We can get an estimate put out in approximately three to four weeks, and once funding has been taken care of, we can get out on the project and mobilize probably within two to three weeks from that.

If a project needs to change direction, that's another thing that we're very good at.

Rose, from a financial aspect, talk about the advantage of being in the City family.

ROSE: We keep very accurate and detailed cost-accounting records, including information on in-house labor, hiring hall labor, and funds spent through contracts. We are able to provide the records that show how the money was spent on a particular project. We're very accountable to what we've spent on the particular project.

And you are audited frequently, and are always A-plus, right?

ROSE: That's correct. We've worked with federal funds, state funds, as well as City funds, and we've spent the funds diligently, and have been able to provide documentation per the requirements of those particular agencies.

Safety Always

Talk about your safety record and why that's so important.

NICK: As of today we have 415 days without a lost time accident. This is truly amazing in a construction situation.

GREG: In a City division, let alone a construction City division.

NICK: Outside in the private industry, this would be unheard of, especially a contractor with as many employees as we have, performing annually \$24 million to \$30 million worth of work. To go 415 days without a lost-time accident is just incredible.

How do you achieve something like that?

NICK: We don't have a lot of money to throw at it, but we involve our superintendents, our second-level supervisors, our supervisors, and our workers. And we use our money wisely. We do the training in-house to save money. We focus in on those things that are good business and are required.

I kid the supervisors: The two most important things that a supervisor does: number one is safety, and number two is to make sure your employees are paid properly and on time. And then there's everything else. Safety is number one here, and it's truly a culture.

Critical in Emergencies

Certainly. As we conclude, anything we've missed? Is there anything that we missed that you want to talk about?

NICK: There is. In the 1990s, we had some civil unrest in the City of Los Angeles. Construction Forces responded to that by demolishing some of the buildings that were burned, cleaning up these areas, and going into private establishments and assisting these communities to get back on their feet.

In the Northridge Earthquake, General Services was one of the first responders. We were in Fire Stations and Police Stations cleaning up debris. We were shoring up buildings so that the ambulances could still run and the fire trucks could still get in and out of the buildings. We continued after the initial response and did much of the seismic repairs to these facilities that were damaged – the critical response facilities.

When El Nino struck, it was Construction Forces who were out in raincoats putting plastic on hillsides and building barriers to stop the mudslides from endangering homes.

And this continues today. The Fire Department has called us up to remove hazardous materials because it's a danger to the neighboring community; to go into houses where a person is storing so many newspapers and other stuff that it's a fire hazard to the community and asked us to clean that up. Sometimes the Police Department has to make a forced

entry, and when they're done they need help in securing that building for the property owner who was not arrested or not part of that criminal activity, and they call us up. Cars have run into stores and they're on public streets and about ready to collapse, and we send people out to shore those up temporarily until the owner can secure a contractor.

There's an amazing amount of activities where we perform first-response activities. The City has a fleet of portable generators in case there are power outages. We twice annually load-test these to make sure that the generators not only start, but once they start they're functioning properly to put out the proper load at the site.

As budgets have become smaller and tighter and people are looking to save money and to use private contractors, we're losing some work. In the past, before this Great Recession, Construction Forces had always been exempt from hiring freezes because we manage our people based on the work we have. But if we don't get projects, we go out of business. So we manage our resources very carefully. But if our size dwindles because we do not have projects, we also won't be able to provide those first-response services. That's a danger to us. When departments use contractors who don't pay prevailing wages, pulling permits or getting inspections, they're taking work away from our division, and they're potentially endangering themselves and the City.

A Passion for Building

Why do you love what you do?

NICK: I work with competent people who care. We don't always see eye to eye on all of our projects, but I know that everybody cares about the project. Everybody is passionate.

Our staff is decreasing. That's seasonal around this time, but also we could use some more projects. But knowing that we contribute to the economy of Los Angeles, that we hire craftspeople – union craftspeople – who earn a decent wage, that they can support a family and send their kids to school and pay their mortgages, and knowing that we help create jobs in Los Angeles, is very rewarding.

TOM: I've been in construction for 36 years, and it's what I love. I have enjoyed building things from when I was a kid – trying to put chairs together out of two-by-fours to building houses when I was a general contractor. It's absolutely just a joy to be able to work on facilities like this and work with projects within the City. I enjoy building.

Greg?

GREG: Who likes sitting in an office? Get me on a scaffold and installing something, or watching something getting installed. I don't even know why I get paid to do what I do.

Rose?

ROSE: I love numbers, so I enjoy making sure that we have the money and tracking all the different funding sources. And I also love construction. My dad was in construction. I'm glad that I'm able to see all these different historical projects happen, and it's nice to see that things are being preserved.

TOM: And as the CFO of our company, Rose has probably one of the most difficult jobs in our group. She knows City funding. It literally could be 10, 15, or 20 different funding sources that need to be dealt with on each and every one of these projects. Working with the clients to get that funding through the pipeline in a timely manner to keep us operating is an extremely difficult job.

Thank you for this interview.

GREG: Thank you.

TOM: Thank you.

NICK: Thanks!



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN A
\$25 TARGET
GIFT CARD



RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: picture-perfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.



"It seems my quest to find the most picturesque spot to have breakfast at in the world has come to an end: I think I just found it during my recent visit to Greece, overlooking the bay of Limeni."

– Yves Didier, Airport Police

John's comment: Okay, now that is one of the coolest views I have ever seen. I want to go there and have breakfast!



"The Horse Lubber is one of the largest grasshopper species in North America. A female of the species can reach seven centimeters long and weigh nine grams. The mature male weighs three grams on average. There is a wide range of sizes due to influences in its specific habitat."

– Victor Ladd, Retired, LAPD

John's comment: Now that's some detail! Nice work, Victor!

"Here's Male Allen's Hummingbird perched in our backyard. I feel pretty. Oh, so pretty, I feel pretty and witty and bright! And I pity any boy who is not me tonight."

– Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation

John's comment: What a beautiful picture Ken, and I love that you used lyrics from *West Side Story* to describe it!

"This is a photograph I took Aug. 23 during an early morning hike on Echo Mountain Trail in Pasadena. It's not often one can walk above the clouds. We stopped to take it all in."

– Alicia Pinedo, LAPD

John's comment: Alicia, I have been on this trail many times since I was a kid, but I was never early enough to witness this – amazing! Thank you!



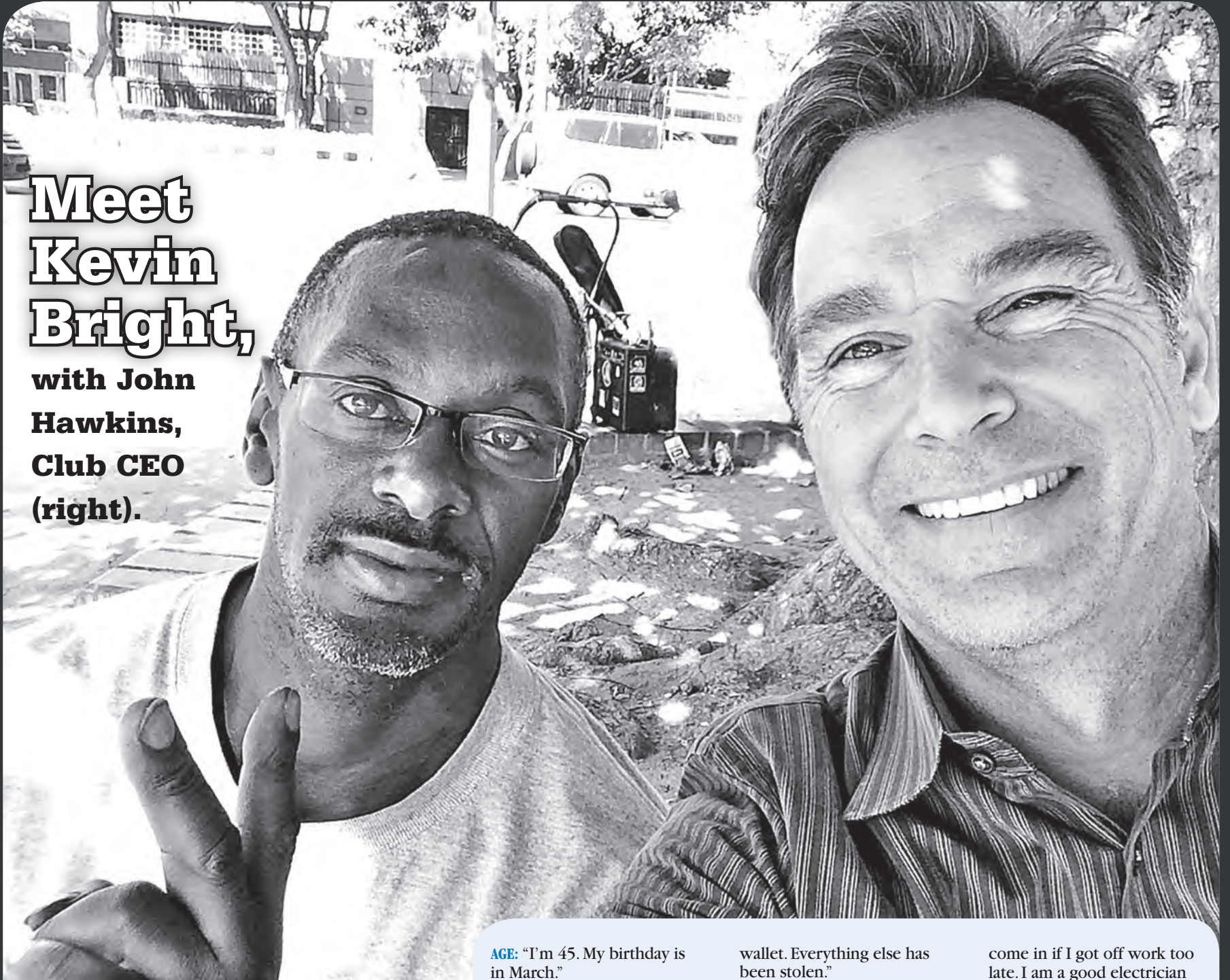
{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 69 in a series.



People We See

an interview on the streets downtown



Meet Kevin Bright, with John Hawkins, Club CEO (right).

Sponsored by Terry Yeager and Associates

Buckets and Blankets!

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



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

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

jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or agomez@cityemployeesclub.com



CRE 8 TIVE SOLUTIONS

AGE: "I'm 45. My birthday is in March."

BIRTHPLACE: "Compton."

MARITAL STATUS: "Single."

PARENT STATUS: "My mom passed away in 1987. I never knew my dad."

FAMILY: "I have one younger sister. She lives in Minnesota."

MEDICATIONS: "None."

EDUCATION: "I had two years of college at Riverside Community College."

MILITARY SERVICE: "No."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Here, on the streets."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Long Beach."

RELIGIOUS: "Christian."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Charlie Sheen."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I like a lot of movies, none in particular better than another."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Two and a Half Men."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "I like all kinds."

LAST JOB: "I was working as an electrician."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "Just my clothes, my ID, and my

wallet. Everything else has been stolen."

HIS STORY: "I was born in Compton but at 17 I moved to Riverside to go to college. I worked in California for a while and then went to Las Vegas and worked there as an electrician for eight years. I learned the electrical trade because someone was nice enough to give me a chance. From Las Vegas I went to Arizona and spent two years there. I came back to LA recently to clear all of my parking tickets and traffic tickets from the past so I could get my license. I had to do time since I didn't have any money to pay them and they were so old. I have been living on the streets for the last two weeks because I don't have enough money for a place. I lost my job; that, combined with drinking too much alcohol, put me on the street. Those two things are a bad combination. I would stay at the Mission, but they are way too restrictive, and if I got some work as an electrician the Mission wouldn't let me

come in if I got off work too late. I am a good electrician and would love to get some work. Next week I am headed back to Tucson, AZ to try my luck there. There just isn't any work here in LA."

WORST THING ABOUT LIVING ON THE STREETS: "Rats. They come out at night and will eat any food you have. I'm frankly very scared of them. I don't want to get bit. And you just can't escape them."

LAST THING EATEN: "I had some beans and salad from the Hippy Kitchen (the Hospitality Kitchen at the Catholic Worker House) at Gladys and Sixth."

IF YOU WERE MAYOR, HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE HOMELESS: "I would keep them busy, cleaning up or something."

WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "I would start my own electrical business."

WHERE HE WILL BE IN FIVE YEARS: "Owning my own electrical business."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Love your kids."

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

The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place Oct. 23 at Main and Third Streets.

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

**A New
Alive!
Feature!**

City Stars



BY NOELLE KAUFFMAN, Club Coordinator • nkauffman@cityemployeesclub.com

Here are this month's submissions. Thank you for your submissions for:

“Favorite Supervisor”



Lt. Tony Boiselle,
Airport Police

“Lt. Boiselle communicates well and listens to the officers. He also motivates officers to perform at their highest capabilities.”

Nominated by:
J.E., Police Officer Airport Police



Sgt. Daniel Romo,
Training and Recruitment,
Airport Police

“Sgt. Romo is easy to talk to, approachable, has a good sense of humor, and is dedicated to making his unit run fluidly.”

Nominated by:
Officer Will Lara, Airport Police



Sgt. Kathy Ryan,
West Valley Division, LAPD

“Sgt. Ryan is a kind, compassionate and understanding supervisor who is there for the officers. She will do whatever it takes to make sure her officers are happy and she always brings up morale.”

Nominated by:
**Officer Christian Costales,
West Valley Division, LAPD**



Angel Gomez,
Club Member Services
Supervisor

“Angel always has a positive, can-do attitude and is willing to help wherever help is needed! He is very encouraging and always watches out for his team.”

Nominated by:
Club Member Services Dept.
(pictured from left: Dalila Vielma and Noelle Kauffman, with Angel Gomez)



Jarmine Bailey,
Supervisor, General Services/
Custodial Services

“Jarmine takes care of her employees and is a very caring Supervisor.”

Nominated by:
Anonymous



Gregory Bland,
Supervisor, LAX

“Mr. Bland is a very kind and helpful supervisor. He always makes sure everyone is taken care of!”

Nominated by:
Anonymous



Ralph Morones,
Director, Construction and
Maintenance, Airports

“Ralph is an above and beyond Supervisor! Every year he puts on an Appreciation BBQ for all Construction and Maintenance employees at each LAWA airport, including LAX, Van Nuys and Ontario. He makes sure his employees know they are special and very appreciated. Everyone loves Ralph!”

Nominated by: **Anonymous**



Jody Perez,
Lieutenant, Parking Enforcement
and Traffic Control Division
Training Manager, Transportation

“Lt. Perez is hard working, motivational and giving. She works in the training division and is an exemplary representative of the department.”

Nominated by:
Anonymous

Royalene Escueta, Principal Clerk Utility, DWP/Worker's Compensation

“I worked for Royalene for five years, and she allowed me the time to get the work done and offered support and advice, and was a great listener. She is also a working Supervisor with an open-door policy. I no longer work for that department, but I will never forget her.”

Nominated by: **Kreshell Ramey, Valley Service Planning, DWP**

The next category:

Happiest/Brightest Smile

Club Members:

Who are your **City Stars**? Which of your coworkers makes the City the best it can be?

Let everyone know!

City Stars asks for your submissions with a new category each month. We'll publish a photo of them, along with a few sentences from you. Make sure to get their permission first.

Who's
your
star?



Submission guidelines:

- Make sure the person you're submitting is okay with it.
- Send in a headshot of that person that we can publish.
- Include their full name, title and department.
- Add a few sentences or a paragraph explaining why you think that person is a City Star.

Send in your submission by:

Dec. 15 We'll publish all that we can.

Send your submissions to: nkauffman@cityemployeesclub.com

THIS
MONTH
AT THE



Griffith Observatory

Nov. 4:

4:40 to 5:40 p.m.

FREE!

Sunset Walk

Led by a Park Ranger and museum guide, the hike starts on the Observatory West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace, covering about a half-mile and lasting an hour. There are stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

Note: The Charlie Turner trail is a moderately steep earthen trail; hiking footwear is recommended.

Information:

www.griffithobservatory.org/pcalendar.html

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www.friendsoftheobservatory.com

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From left: Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Michael Di Bernardo, Director of Business Development, 12 years.



Tai Chi.



From left: Kevin Ferrell, Roofer, 6 years, Club Member; Felix Santa Cruz, Roofer, 10 years, Club Member; Lester Brand, Roofer, 10 years; Marco Santa Cruz, Roofer, 6 years; and Andres Herrera, Roofer, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Jackie Jones, Risk Manager, Airports, 32 years of City service, Club Member; and Adria Williams, Sr. Management Analyst II, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Jose Luis Torres, Custodian, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Juan Vega, Laborer, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Jean Cooronel, Sr. Management Analyst II, 27 years of City service; and Abigail Flores, Management Analyst II, 14 years.



From left: Officer II Aldo Morales, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer II Roberto Ramirez, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Jesse Gonzales, Port Electrical Mechanic, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Michael Thuang, Port Electrical Mechanic, 22 years; and Irwin Palma, Port Electrical Mechanic, 8 years.



From left: Christine Furusawa, Sr. Management Analyst, 29 years of City service, Club Member; and Eileen Yoshimura, Finance Manager, 30-plus years, Club Member.



Regner Globus, Asst. Director of Real Estate, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Stacey Perez, Rec. Manager, 6 months of City service, Club Member; Jill Demontagnac, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20-plus years; Bill Houser, Survey Party Chief, 35 years, Club Member; and Mary Ratcliffe, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Dennis Romero, Inspector, 10 years of City service; Joseph Trujague, Welder, 27 years, Club Member; and Delfin Octomon, Building Engineer, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Joy Rendon, Legal Secretary, City Attorney's Office, 29 years of City service, Club Member; and Frank Rendon, Equipment Supervisor, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Sylvia Alvarado, Custodian, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Jose Franceschi, Gardener, 7 years, Club Member; Maria Garcia, Gardener, 7 years, Club Member; and Zonia Lima, Custodian, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Chris Augustus, Mechanical Helpers, 2 years of City service, Club Member; Ismael Robollar, Gardener, 1.5 years; and Raymond Escobar, Laborer, 1 year, Club Member.

Harbor

Story and photos by Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor



A Healthy Harbor

Port hosts annual health fair for employees.

The Port of Los Angeles held its annual health fair Oct. 1. The main purpose of the event was to promote health and wellness to its employees.

A variety of vendors and classes were offered to participants. Free flu shots were administered, and healthy lunch options were distributed. Relaxing massages and workout classes including yoga, Zumba, cross-fit, and Tai Chi were some of the options Port of LA employees could choose to participate in.

It was a day that emphasized the importance of a healthy lifestyle and also allowed employees to take a break from their hard day's work.



Tish Lorenzana, Personnel Director, 34 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Berni Edwards, Principal Clerk, 26 years of City service; and Lisa Maes, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Vivian Dorfman, Management Analyst, 14 years of City service; Sharon Tatel, Management Analyst, 11 years, Club Member; Geraldine Shinabukuro, Civil Engineer, 15 years; Sue Lai, Sr. Transportation Engineer, 23 years; and Christina Sar, Sr. Civil Engineer, 24 years.



From left: Renee Decker, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Kelsey Amalfitano, Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member.

Happy Thanksgiving



...reminds us of the importance of family.
 ...reminds us of the importance of friends.
 ...reminds us that working hands have dignity.
 ...reminds us to be grateful for our blessings.
 ...reminds us we are all part of the human family.
 ...reminds us how grateful we are for you.

From The Club



City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 Celebrating the lives of City Employees.



Armando Nuñez, Fire Inspector II, at the start of his career and at the end.

LAFD

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President, Operations

Goodbye, Armando

Armando Nuñez, Club Member, retires from the Fire Dept. after 31 years of City service.

A retirement party was held Sept. 13 for Armando Nuñez, Fire Inspector II, LAFD, Club Member. Armando had served the City for 31 years, and has been a Club Member for six years.

The party was held at the Nuñez home. His daughter, Diane Nuñez Guerrero, sang, and there was a presentation ceremony. The presenters were Capt. II Robert Knight, Capt. I Tony Valdez, and the Club's VP of Operations, Robert Larios. In attendance were his relatives, friends and colleagues from the City.

Armando received the prestigious Club Retiree Recognition Award, which read:

"The City Employees Club of Los Angeles presents this Retirement Award to Armando V. Nuñez in appreciation and recognition for your six years of membership with the

City Employees Club of Los Angeles and 31 years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Fire Department. Dated Sept. 30."

From everyone at the Club, we wish Armando a great retirement and thank him for his dedicated service.



Armando Nuñez, Retiree, with his wife, Bethi, and children.



Alive! covered Armando's promotion to Inspector I in 2006.



Armando Nuñez, Retiree, Fire Captain II, with Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



Cesar Nuñez, Eric Nuñez, Bethi Nuñez, Dianne Nuñez, Armando Nuñez, Wilo Nuñez, Christie Khan, Fausto Mendez, Anita Mendez, Elize Almeida, Lisa Teran, Ivette Teran, Suzie Nuñez, Alex Nuñez and Michael Herrera.



LAFD Captains with Armando Nuñez, Retiree, Fire Inspector II.



Armando's daughter, Diane Nuñez Guerrero, sings at retirement event.



Rest Insured

BY JEFF GELINEAU
Vice President of United Agencies,
The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner
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How Can I Save Money on Insurance?

The most frequent questions we get asked are about saving money. "Is there a way that I can save money on my homeowners and car insurance?"

The easiest way to save money on both of those policies is to make sure that you combine them together with the same insurance company.

Paying for two separate policies every month can be painful. If you're looking to save money, combining your car insurance and homeowners insurance with one insurance company may lead to significant savings and a more manageable budget.

Multiple policies, which usually combine car insurance, homeowners insurance or other insurance policy types like condo, or renters, may lower your monthly insurance bill by a significant amount.

Many insurance companies provide discounts up to 15 percent if you insure more than just car insurance with them.

These insurance companies are able



to secure more business through the same clients who, in exchange, receive discounts, in addition to convenience.

This saves the insurance company money, and they pass the savings on to you!

The savings are not small! Many families with teenagers pay \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year for their car insurance. A 15 percent savings can quickly result in savings of more than \$500 a year!

Since some insurance companies allow multi-policies to be combined into one monthly bill, you can have a streamlined process without having to repeat steps for each individual bill. In addition to the financial savings, this will save some time, stress and even money on stamps.

About United Agencies

United Agencies is the Club's Partner is helping members with their home and car insurance, and related products. Feel free to call us with any questions about rental cars, auto insurance, or any other topic. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Call our office today at (888) 801-5522.

Check out the City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website: www.ua-insurance.com/city-club

Have a question?

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

City Clerk

Story by Sandra Mendoza and Sara Gonzalez, City Clerk; Photos courtesy City Clerk

Poll Workers Needed

City Clerk needs City employees to staff the polls for next year's municipal elections.

There are many challenges facing elections officials across the country, including low voter turnout and aging voting equipment. But among the most challenging is finding the thousands of qualified Election Day poll workers needed to properly staff the polls.

For the City of Los Angeles, the third largest voting jurisdiction in the country, adequately staffing its approximately 1,600 polling places is a huge undertaking. To help offset the challenge of finding qualified poll workers, the City implements the City Employee Poll Worker (CEP) Program for the municipal elections that take place every two years. In its sixth cycle, the CEP Program aims to help fill this gap by partnering with City departments to hire 600 City employees throughout the City to work on municipal election days, March 3 and May 19, 2015.

A CEP is a City employee who serves as a poll worker at their assigned polling place on Election Day. CEPs provide a valuable service to the community by ensuring that polls open on time and that Election Day is a positive experience for everyone. The CEP program is a chance for employees to break away from their normal routine and it provides a rare opportunity to be a part of the electoral process. CEPs assist the City's voters and uphold the integrity of the City's election by following the policies and procedures that are in place.

CEPs are paid for working at the polls on Election Day (approximately 14.5 hours) and may earn up to 1.5 times their hourly rate, if applicable. This opportunity provides City

employees a chance to earn extra money by working extra hours while serving their community. Previous experience is not necessary. CEPs are trained by the Election Division prior to Election Day, where they learn how to set up and break down a polling place, how to address Election Day concerns, and, most importantly, how to address the needs of the voters. They support the community, meet new people, and earn extra money!

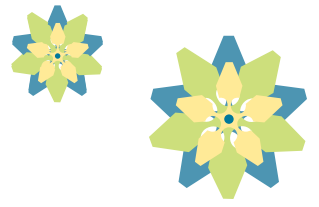
In addition to English, the City also provides voter resources and language assistance in 11 federal and City mandated languages. To meet the needs of the ever-growing diversity of the voters of Los Angeles, the City is also seeking poll workers who are bilingual in English and one of the following languages: Armenian, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese. Bilingual City employees are encouraged to apply!

Apply today!
The application deadline is Dec. 5.
For information and to obtain an application, call the Office of the Clerk/Election Division, CEP Hotline at (213) 978-0001.





Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

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

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

New Members


<p>Airports</p> <p>David Barrozo Alberto Colin Susan Diaz Efren Gomez Jr. Richard Justiniano Rackiel Lord Noel Malate Diane Mc Call Juan Miramontes Jose Reyes Kimberly Robinson Darryl Robinson Evelyn Roque Xiomara Sealey Gabrielle Shaw Ken Sinclair Maria Velasco Bernice Williams Richard Winter</p> <p>Building and Safety</p> <p>Christine Maalouf Jennifer Montana Jason Sibley Somkiat Supanyachotskul</p> <p>City Attorney</p> <p>Jacque Sasser</p> <p>City Council</p> <p>Ryan Ferguson</p>	<p>Controllers Office</p> <p>Joe Torres</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Margaret Buchheit</p> <p>LAFD</p> <p>Maurice Dawkins Alvarez Perez Jr.</p> <p>General Services</p> <p>Stephen Carter Jacque Lorraine Philip Ly Trevar Pope Jose Rodriguez</p> <p>LACERS</p> <p>Denise Malosh</p> <p>Mayor's Office</p> <p>Joseph Bernardo Yusef Robb</p> <p>LAPD</p> <p>Kara Adame Staci Bias Johnny Borjas Graciela Brady Benjamin Brookshire Dushon Bursey Christina Castillo Molly DeCoudres</p>	<p>Newlin Driller Tatiana Garcia Teresa Jones Eric Kang Wayne Lightfoot Marlon Lindsey Carol Mitchell George Molina Robinson Perez Lynette Raggett Daniela Ramirez Samuel Rhone Gabriel Rivas Jorge Rodriguez Edmund Russell Anthony Sanchez Fernando Sanchez Timothy Southard Rosalva Vargas Aurelio Vasquez Mary Vega Diana Velasquez Erik Wilson</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS</p> <p>PW-Engineering</p> <p>Karan Patel</p> <p>PW-Sanitation</p> <p>Adrian Alvarez</p>	<p>Marael Anaya Samuel Antuna Christian Cassillas Ralph Dedeaux Littleton Gardner Terence Harvey Melvin Howard Gregory Koop Denise Li Marc Lopez Raul Magpoc Juan Ortiz Felipe Reynoso Jr Clyde Smith Robert Watson Jr Marques Williams Naguib Yakoub Kimberly Young</p> <p>PW-Street Lighting</p> <p>Abraham Carrillo Matt Phuong</p> <p>PW-Street Services</p> <p>Alejandro Barragan Renell Shaw</p> <p>Rec and Parks</p> <p>Tyla Bacon Brian Barrera Ezequiel Castillo Joshua Ceballos</p>	<p>Raiven Clarke Karin Haseltine Joe Hendricks Patrick Kanan Craig Lamas Paul Morales Alfred Rodriguez Ralph Sartain Erica Tellez Alfred Tutungi Ashley Wade Joi Walker</p> <p>Transportation</p> <p>Ra Monica Carson Paul Che Kenyetta Loyd David Sinohue Gregory Wilson</p> <p>Retired</p> <p>Mary Hankerson Louie Moreno</p> <p>DWP</p> <p>Denise Busby Mario Castellon Raymundo Esparza Elizabeth Henriquez LeQuita Hodge Ralph Jackson</p>	<p>Brenda James Orlin Koehmstedt Rafael Lomeli Julie Marte Maria Pena Rodrigo Pineda Ben Tanimoto Anthony Tyler</p> <p>Other</p> <p>Bradley Arringdale Brian Blackstone Christina-Roshan Brown Jose Delgado Louise Estes Jose Garcia Gregg Gross Cord Hunter Neal Jones Nathan Jones Araceli Lomeli Jameson Lovell Tara Miller Dori Mullins Matthew Perrodin Kristyn Renteria Wesley Rice Shirley Rodriguez Amanda Silverstein</p>
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Alive! In The Military Graduations Special Achievements

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

Peace of Mind

BY TIFFANY SY,
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert
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The Benefits of Long-Term Care

When health insurance is *not* enough to supplement in-home nursing care, you can secure your future with long-term care!

Retirees are at risk in depleting their savings, assets and retirement income when the unexpected occurs – the need for long-term care arises and they are financially unprepared! If you speak with any financial adviser, most will recommend that you review long-term care options when planning for your retirement.

The need for long-term care is an important financial planning consideration for everyone with a pension or assets. Long-term care insurance (LTCi) is a type of insurance designed to cover the costs associated with aging. LTCi provides benefits toward nursing care facility services, assisted living facility and in-home custodial care. There is a big misconception that Medicare covers long-term care. Most health insur-

ance plans cover minimal to none when it comes to custodial nursing care. Generally, health insurance will cover a limited number of days in a skilled nursing facility post hospitalization. I encourage you to contact your health insurance provider for your plan specifics in benefit coverage.

The City Employees Club offers a group exclusive long-term care insurance plan through Unum Life Insurance Company of America. This LTCi plan will provide a monthly benefit (\$1,000 - \$5,000) in the form of a tax-free check payable directly to the insured person to cover the cost of custodial, nursing and assisted care. Our plan allows you the freedom to take this plan with you anywhere in the United States to any board licensed nursing care facility, assisted living facility or in the comfort of your own home.

Your costs for long-term care depend on your age at the time of the application.

The Club's long-term care insurance plan also allows you to select the length of time benefits will last and tailor a specific benefit amount. For instance, you can apply for a monthly benefit of \$5,000 for 10 years in a nursing facility or 20 years at home. There are also extra features you can add to the plan, for example, inflation protection – to hedge against a rise in standard cost of living/care.


There is still time to lock in your rates (on or before Dec. 31) for long-term care insurance. The plan is eligible for active employees, retirees, spouses and parents. Our rates are fixed, which means they do not go up with age! The younger you are when you purchase the insurance, the lower your rates will be.

There is a saying that goes, "It's not your money that buys insurance, it's your health." I find this to be true in the case of long-term care enrollment. Any pre-existing

conditions will be considered at the time of application, and the insurance company's underwriting team will evaluate your health records to qualify you for coverage. If you have a diagnosis and would like to consult with me, I am bound by Privacy Act laws to confidentiality of your health history, so I assure you to contact me for further discussion.

Most of you know me and know of my desk at the corner of your Club Store, so come on in before the end of the year to lock in your rates!

This month, I will be touring with select events with LACERS Open Enrollment meetings, specifically in the LA area. If you would like to meet with me, please let me know in advance so that I may prepare a personalized quote for you at the event.





Births



Dylan Xavier Rosas, born Sept. 15 to Nelidy and Rico Rosas, Security Officer, DWP. "You are special to us and we'll cherish the years watching you grow. We love you!"



Nayeli Itzel Hernandez Villegas, born July 17 at Providence Tarzana Medical Center. She's the daughter of Norma Villegas and Ismael Hernandez, Detention Officer, LAPD.

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



Weddings



**Congrats,
Robert and
Patty!**

The Club's own Robert Larios, Vice President, Operations, married Patricia Martinez July 26 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Santa Ana.

The reception was held at the Tustin Hills Racquet Club. A mariachi band played at both the wedding and reception. Festivities included authentic Mexican cuisine with *barbacoa* (traditional spiced, beef stew) as the main dish – made to honor the traditions of both Mexican families.

Approximately 200 family members and close friends, with some who traveled from as far

away as Mexico, witnessed the memorable day. The reception was filled with speeches by Robert's dad, Rafael Larios; Robert's best friend, A.S. Bradford Jr.; and Patty's sister, Kathy. Also in attendance were Club CEO John Hawkins and his wife, Kelley; the Club's Claims Director, Cecilia Talbot, and her husband, John; as well as Club Board Member Rose Hyland.

Robert and Patty thank everyone for extending their best wishes for their new life together.



In Memoriam

An Alive! feature



It's Time to Tell Their Story

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died.

But who were they?

*Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know.*

Tell their story!

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



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

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Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Be Alive!

– Laguna Beach

1,000 Steps Beach



Angel Jr. and Aden are hangin' loose on the beach.



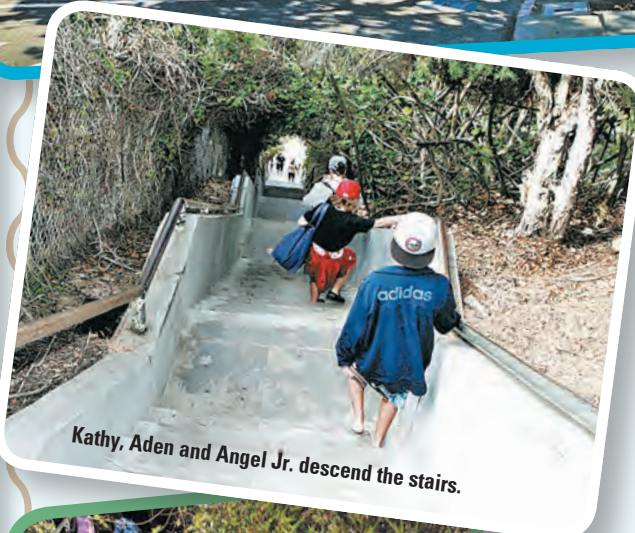
Aden, Kathy and Angel Jr. stand by the rocks.



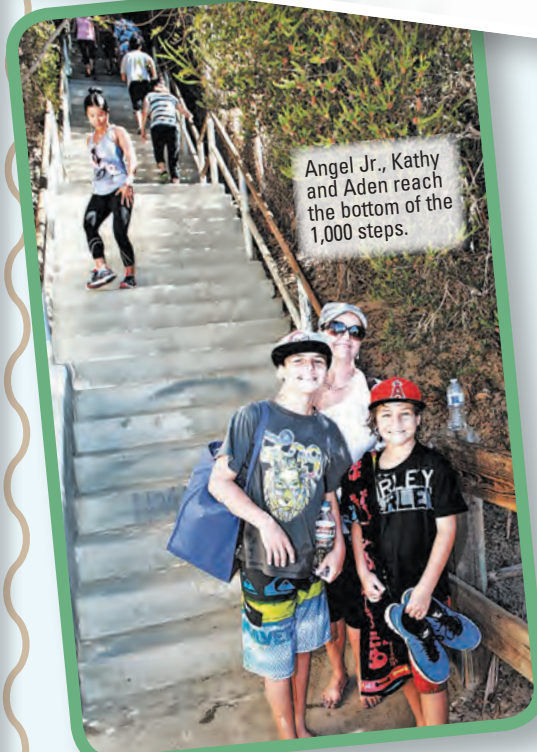
The entrance to 1,000 Steps Beach at Ninth Street and the Pacific Coast Highway.



Angel Jr., Aden and Kathy enjoy the beach.



Kathy, Aden and Angel Jr. descend the stairs.



Angel Jr., Kathy and Aden reach the bottom of the 1,000 steps.

Hello again, Everybody!

For this month's adventure, we decided to enjoy the beach. The last few weeks in September were extremely hot. Since I wanted to keep us all healthy, I chose the 1,000 Steps Beach in Laguna Beach. This was a good idea – we enjoyed the cool and very clean waters and also got some exercise while we had fun in the sun.

1000 Steps Beach is about an hour from downtown L.A. If you're ready and willing, let's go somewhere new and explore – 1,000 Steps Beach, here we come.

Let's begin!

I knew about this section of beach already, but I had never actually stopped by and taken a closer look. So I set up my alarm and got the family ready for some exercise.

We arrived at the location about 9:30 a.m., and the beach was empty except for a few motivated joggers. We parked along Pacific Coast Highway; there is also parking available at the South Coast Medical Center, two blocks away from the stairs on the PCH. (The Medical Center has signs that restrict you from parking until after 3 p.m.). If you arrive early, you can park along the PCH, and you would be fine. The entrance to the stairs is on Ninth Street at the PCH.

We all really loved this quiet stretch of beach. It's about seven blocks long, and you can continue around the cliff that goes into the beach; if the tide is low, you can continue along the beach going north. If you continue north, Aliso Beach County Park is also a very nice beach area to visit. We may visit that beach next time. If you can't go down stairs, you can park by Aliso Beach County Park and enjoy the beach minus the stairs. If you want to enjoy the beach but also get some exercise, 1,000 Steps Beach would be the beach for you.

My family liked the beach so much that we decided to return the following week. My advice is to arrive early so you can spend lots of time with just you and your family. The secret is that the stairs are only about 230 from top to bottom, but if you go up and down them about five times you will

climb a little more than 1,000 steps. If you limit it to going down and coming back up when you are leaving, that is a bit short of 500 steps, which is still good exercise in my book.

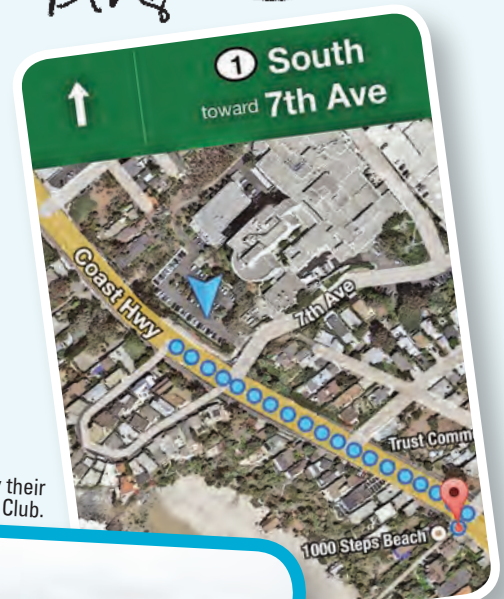
The beach joggers motivated us, so the boys and I took a short run on the beach ourselves.

Try and find some time to visit this area. We recommend at least one visit, and we are sure you will be hooked. Have fun!

If you go, don't forget to bring your camera, and take plenty of photos and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. Bring water, snacks and sun-screen.

As always, be safe and Be Alive!

Angel



Aden and Angel Jr. enjoy their favorite goodie bag from the Club.



The path from the medical center to the beach entrance.

1,000 Steps Beach
Pacific Coast Highway at Ninth Street
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Highlights: secluded beach with amazing views

Hours: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Parking: Free parking at hospital across the street, but only after 3 p.m., or street parking along Pacific Coast Highway

Directions: From downtown Los Angeles, take US 101 south to CA-60 east toward Pomona, then take the Long Beach Freeway south toward San Diego. Merge onto I-405 south, then take the exit onto CA-73 toward San Diego. Take the exit onto CA-73 south toward San Diego, then take the Aliso Creek Road exit (toll road). Take Alicia Parkway and Crown Valley Parkway to CA-1 in Laguna Beach. Turn right onto Aliso Creek Road. Turn right onto Alicia Parkway, then turn right onto Crown Valley Parkway. Then turn right onto CA-1 north. The beach will be on your right.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema***Gone Girl**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I figured that David Fincher's adaptation of *Gone Girl* would lack some of the depth and quality the novel by Gillian Flynn presented, so I was very surprised that what he brought to the screen was almost as amazing a tale as what I had read. Fincher brought out the best of both Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike in this film, and their powerful performances really elevated this film to one of my favorites of the year. Amazing direction and high-quality acting brought the book to life in a way I didn't think film would.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Gone Girl**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

Knowing that *Gone Girl* would certainly become a movie, and pop fiction not being my thing, I resisted reading it. My wife didn't, though, and she says David Fincher's adaptation is notably close to the novel.

I can't be sure whether or not that's a good thing, so I'll just review what I saw. As the story unfolds, it becomes pretty clear (with a police procedural quality a notch or two below the late, lamented *Law and Order*; Lenny Briscoe could have cut through this stuff in half the time!) that the real villain of this story is not going to be the husband with a secret (Ben Affleck) or the wife with a plan (Rosamund Pike). It's going to be marriage. Can marriage make two people this unhinged? Or were they already unhinged before they met? Hard to say. If you liked the book, or you're down on happiness, or you just like pseudo-noir semi-thrillers in which you wish someone would just turn on a light or two, here's your movie.

- John Burnes, *Alive!* editor**The Judge**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The Judge features two great American actors, Robert Downey Jr. (Hank Palmer) and Robert Duvall (Judge Joseph Palmer) as father and son. Hank is a Chicago lawyer who returns to his small-town home and finds his father, the town's judge, suspected of murder.

When two actors as wonderful as Robert Duvall and Robert Downey Jr. get together, it's magic. The film is long but never drags. The family/courtroom drama is clear and compelling. Best of all, *The Judge* is highly entertaining, interesting and peopled with wonderful characters you would like to get to know.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Skeleton Twins

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Estranged twins (Kristin Wiig and Bill Hader) each attempts suicide on the same day, and failing that, reach out to each other. As they try to fix their relationship, they learn how to cope with living.

Billed as a comedy, *The Skeleton Twins* is anything but. It's a well-written and very-well-acted drama about flawed people with emotional problems that overwhelm their every effort to regain balance.

Most notable in this movie is Bill Hader. I'm not a fan, but this film, dark and depressing, shows Hader with remarkable depth and likability.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Fury

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

While *Fury* doesn't quite capture the scope and grandeur that it aspired for, it is nonetheless a great film depicting the savagery and horrors of the World War II European theater. It is excellently acted, with amazing portrayals by Brad Pitt and Logan Lerman, and the pacing and style of the story really capture the viewer's attention. My dad described this as a romanticized war movie for men and I would say that it is a fair, though simple, description of the film. Still, for all that it is, this film is one of the best that I have seen all year.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

St. Vincent

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Saints be praised! Vincent (Bill Murray) is not the welcome committee that Maggie (Melissa McCarthy) and her son, Oliver (newcomer Jaeden Lieberher), expect when they move to a new neighborhood – but well, he's the one they get. Vincent is a drinking, gambling, Vietnam veteran with plenty of issues, but, crucially, he's also home when Oliver needs looking after, and therein begin some real life lessons for the youngster. Bill Murray inhabits Vincent and brings real truth to the curmudgeon at the center of this movie. All the supporting cast round out our journey past the outer appearances to the emotional heart of the story. *St. Vincent* is funny, touching and a lesson in sainthood.

- Dearbhla McNulty, Club wife

Book Reviews

Sea Creatures

Susanna Daniel

Fiction, 336 pages

Harper Collins

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Georgia Quillan and Graham try to start a new life after moving to Stiltsville, Fla. after their startup business fails in Illinois. They move into a houseboat while dealing with Frankie, their three-year old mute son, and Graham's sleepwalking disorder. Georgia takes a job running errands for a reclusive artist and Graham works at a marine facility. Their lives finally seem to be perfect when Graham's sleepwalking episodes become more violent and Hurricane Andrew puts their rocky marriage in jeopardy.

This tale of a mother's love to save her son and her marriage is a mesmerizing book of the joys and tribulations of parenthood and life.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

Someone Else's Love Story

Joshilyn Jackson

Romance fiction, 336 pages

Harper Collins

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

It was love at first sight when a single divorced mom, Shandi Pierce, met William Ashe, who saved her and her three-year old son, Natty, at a gas station robbery. Shandi believes it was destiny that brought Will and her together in that horrific circumstance, but Will believes that destiny is but a choice.

Now a year later, Shandi wants her friendship with Will to become more, but there are complications from Shandi's friends and Will's unresolved past that put a burden on their relationship. But their love and faith for each other will bring them together at last.

This love story of faith and redemption has twists and turns that the reader will enjoy until the end.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

Video Gaming

• *Video games via online, rental or purchase***Destiny**

Rated T for Teen

For PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Destiny is the kind of game that I have been dreaming about for years. Part first-person shooter, part action sci-fi, part MMO and all thrills. The original team behind *Halo*

has done it again and opened up an immersive and expansive universe for gamers to explore. While challenging at times, the learning curve will eventually help all gamers get used to the challenges ahead. Couple that with one of the best MMO stories out on the market and you have yourself a strong competitor for game of the year. This is one game that every gamer should have in their collection.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: **My Score: X (out of 5).**
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployees-club.com
- Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

Club Store

Regal Chains Add Surcharges

Cinemas begin adding surcharges at some locations.

Club Members should be aware that the Regal/Edwards/United Artists theatre chain has added extra fees at certain locations on those tickets purchased from the Club. 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.

Here are the locations where the fees will be added for each ticket:

- Edwards Canyon Country Stadium 10: \$1 surcharge all day
- Edwards Valencia Stadium 12: \$1 surcharge all day
- Island Stadium 7 (premium theatre in Newport Beach): \$6 surcharge all day

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

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, 2015, for a trip that truly is the journey of a lifetime! During this nine-day ocean voyage, the adventure will spend three days anchored in San Ignacio Lagoon, where friendly gray whales and their curious calves swim within arm's length of the skiffs.

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

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

The 113-foot *Royal Polaris* out of San Diego will provide comfortable accommodations, a roomy galley/lounge and a friendly crew that furnishes hardy, flavorful meals. This trip is priceless, but the cost per person is \$2,550, not including a \$150 gratuity for the boat crew. For more information visit the Cabrillo Website: www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org, or to reserve your spot call Larry Fukuhara at (310) 548-7562 x223.

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



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

THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Weekend Tidepool Walk

**Saturday, Nov. 22
2 - 3:30 p.m.**

CMA's Educators conduct tours of the Point Fermin tidepools. Attend an informative slide show in the John M. Olguin Auditorium, then come along on the naturalist-led ramble on the rocks to see animals in their natural habitat.

Outdoor clothing and sneakers are advised. Young children must be accompanied by adults.

Group reservations required.

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SEEN Around Town
By Jennifer Shackelford, Club Application Coordinator

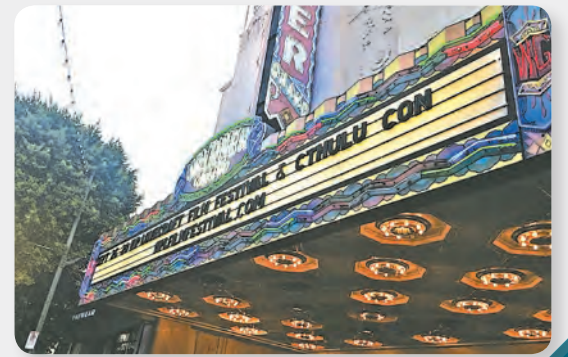
H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival

Once a year, I like to enjoy a weekend full of the unknowable, unnameable horror that is weird fiction. The H.P. Lovecraft Film Festival and CthulhuCon just celebrated its 5th year here in SoCal. The festival was originally founded in 1995 in Portland Oregon, but it has since worked its way, mostly at night and thru dreams, to San Pedro. The three day event features full length movies, live radio productions, and short films submitted by directors from around the world. Writers of modern weird fiction will read samples of their latest work and occasionally a costumed horror will pose for pictures.

In the lobby of the beautiful and historic Grand Warner Theater, you can meet and mingle with fellow enthusiasts and chat with the film makers and authors. Vendors are set up so you can find that little piece of unknowable horror that you've been searching for.

It is a wonderfully fun weekend with trivia at the local pub, a brunch and games set up for those who are interested.

For anyone interested in horror and weird fiction, check out info on the festival at www.hpfilmfestival.com. In 2015, the festival will be taking place May 8th - 10th.



Rec and Parks

Photo by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

Shull to the Top

Longtime City staffer Michael Shull is promoted to General Manager, Rec and Parks.

On Sept. 10, Michael A. Shull received his confirmation as new General Manager of Rec and Parks from City Council.

Mike began his career with the City in 1990 at Public Works/Engineering. During his 14 years with the Bureau of Engineering, Shull served as Project Manager on a variety of large municipal projects before becoming involved in the implementation of many Rec and Parks projects where his knowledge



Rec and Parks' Payroll staff congratulates their new General Manager. From left: Martina Ruiz, Marianne Vila, Lisa Banuelos, Socorro Gonzalez and Mike Shull.

and interest grew around the many challenges facing the City's park system.

In 2005, Shull joined the City's Rec and Parks team when he accepted a position to rebuild and manage the Department's Advance Planning Section. Upon successful implementation of the Department's planning efforts and reorganization of the Department, he took on additional responsibilities as an Assistant General Manager, where he managed nearly 800 employees in the Advance Planning, Real Estate, Environmental, Construction, and Maintenance Branches.

Congratulations Mike on your continued success!

Special thanks to Socorro Gonzalez, Payroll Supervisor II, Rec and Parks, for assisting Alive! in producing this story.

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios

Photos by Patricia M. Larios



THANKSGIVING YELLOW SQUASH CASSEROLE

Most grocery stores in Southern California will have some kind of variety of squash. Most will carry a type of squash we all know as pumpkins as well as summer and winter varieties.

In this recipe, I incorporate yellow squash. If you or those to whom you serve this dish don't like squash, this is likely the one time they will. It is full of flavor. A perfect side dish for Thanksgiving that most people won't have on the dinner table. It is definitely unique but easy to make and great tasting. Just don't take my word for it, make it yourself!

Happy Thanksgiving!
¡Buen provecho!

Chef Larios

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 4 cups sliced yellow squash
- 1/2 cup chopped white onion
- 40 round butter crackers, crushed
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup freshly grated or shredded Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup milk
- Freshly ground pepper and sea salt, to taste
- Cooking spray

Cooking TIDBIT

It is important to stay within the measurements in the recipe, including the size of the baking dish. Otherwise the casserole will be too runny.

DIRECTIONS:



SERVES 5 - 7

1 Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place sliced squash and diced onion in a large nonstick skillet. Use medium heat. Add 1/4 cup of water. Cover and cook until squash is tender. Drain and place in large bowl.

2 In a medium bowl, mix together cracker crumbs, cheddar and Parmesan cheeses. Stir half of the cracker mixture into the cooked squash and onions. In a small bowl, mix together eggs and milk, then add to squash mixture. Stir in 1/4 cup melted butter, and season with salt and pepper. Spread into a 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cracker mixture, and spray over the top the cooking spray.

3 Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cut into medium-sized squares so that you end up with about eight pieces. Plate and add some more Parmesan cheese on top if desired.



4 Serve and enjoy!

Food Quote

"Friends and husbands may come and go, but food will always be my first love."

- Liz Taylor



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Squash: The fruit of various members of the gourd family native to the Western Hemisphere. There is evidence of squash being eaten in Mexico as far back as 5,500 B.C., and in South America more than 2,000 years ago. Squash varies in size, shape and color. Generally they are divided into two categories - summer squash and winter squash.

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Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations
rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com

Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, honors City employees for their achievements.

Right: Mihran Sarkisian, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, and Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President, Operations.

Congrats, Mihran!



From left: Alma Meza, Club Customer Service Associate; Mihran Sarkisian, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, 40 years of City service; Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager; and Robert Larios, Club Vice President, Operations.

Robert Larios recognizes **Mihran Sarkisian** upon his retirement — for his 10 years of Club Membership and more than 40 years of City service to Public Works/Sanitation. Mihran retired July 25. The Club honored him Oct. 3 at the Club Store.

Thanks for all you've done, Mihran, and enjoy your retirement!



From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian Walker, Honorees; Sgt. Steve Zouzounis, Officer Brian Lopez, Motor Officer Raymond Woods, Officer Daniel Yu, Motor Officer Robert Pedregon, Officer David Lalicker and Chief of Airport Police Patrick M. Gannon.

Airports

Story and photo by Officer Ed Palacios

Peace Officer Honors

Six Airport Police Officers honored by state association.

The California Peace Officers Association (CPOA) awarded six Airport Police Officers with the Association's Award of Valor on Oct. 6, for their heroic actions during the Nov. 1, 2013 shooting in Terminal 3 at LAX. The Airport Police Officers being recognized include: Sgt. Steve Zouzounis and Officers Raymond Woods, Daniel Yu, Brian Lopez, David Lalicker and David Pedregon.

CPOA holds an event that annually reviews and selects only the most deserving law enforcement individuals in California: Those who have shown extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. To be considered, public safety officers must have exhibited extraordinary courage, decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of their own personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life. With this award, CPOA recognizes those acts that, at their very core, demonstrate the nobility of the policing profession.

Also attending the ceremony were Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon; Assistant Chief Michael Hyams; Assistant Chief Brian Walker; Assistant Chief Ethel McGuire; Airport Police Captains Mario Patrick and Latasha Wells Amerson; Airport Executive Director Gina

Marie Lindsay; Airport Deputy Executive Director Jacqueline Yaft; and immediate family and friends.

On Sept. 15, these six officers also received the Public Safety Medal of Valor from California Gov. Jerry Brown. The Medal of Valor is California's highest award bestowed for heroism.

Sgt. Steve Zouzounis is an 11-year veteran of the Airport Police. He was appointed a Field Training Officer before being promoted to sergeant in 2005. As sergeant, he served in the Patrol Services Section for six years and as a range master for three years. Sgt. Zouzounis is assigned as detective supervisor in the LAX Crime Task Force Unit.

Sgt. Zouzounis said, "I am honored to be selected for this award. I have always been extremely proud to be a police officer and to serve the public. But, I have never been more proud than seeing the bravery and professionalism demonstrated by the officers, co-workers, and civilians on Nov. 1. I am honored to serve with the Airport Police. My deepest sympathy and support go out to the Hernandez family, all the victims, and the Transportation Security Administration."

Motor Officer Raymond Woods is a 13-year

veteran with Airport Police and is assigned to Traffic Services Section as a motor officer. He is caregiver to his younger brother, Phillip, who has a cognitive disability. Officer Woods said, "I am honored to receive such a prestigious award. I am earnestly grateful and extremely humbled by the recognition. This award could not have been achieved without the inspiration of my fellow officers."

Officer Daniel Yu is a 10-year veteran of Airport Police, assigned to the Patrol Services Section. He has served as a Field Training Officer for seven years. Officer Yu said, "I am very appreciative of the honor and would like to dedicate it to the hard work and dedication of California's first responders and the important, and often thankless, jobs they perform daily."

Officer Brian Lopez is a seven-year veteran of Airport Police and was recently assigned to the Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Unit, which handles investigations related to the Airfield Operations Area. He served in the Patrol Services Section for six years. Officer Lopez said, "I'm humbled at such a noble gesture. I feel all my colleagues demonstrated bravery and courage in the face of imminent danger. I appreciate all the support I have received from Airport Police Personnel, friends

and family. My sincerest condolences go out to Transportation Security Administration Officer Gerardo Hernandez, his family, friends, and everyone affected that day."

Officer David Lalicker is a six-year veteran with Airport Police and is assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

Motor Officer Robert Pedregon is a five-year veteran of Airport Police and was recently assigned to the Traffic Services Section as a motor officer. He has collateral duties as a member of the Airport Police Honor Guard Unit and as Assistant Public Information Officer. He previously served in Patrol Services Section and promoted to Senior Lead Officer (P3) and as a Field Training Officer. Officer Pedregon said, "It's a great honor to have been selected to receive this prestigious award, which I humbly accept on behalf of the many officers on duty that day who ran towards the threat without regard for their own safety. I was fortunate enough to have been one of the six officers on scene who, with training and experience, was able to effectively stop the threat. There may be six awardees, but there are many deserving recipients."

Congratulations to all six Airport Police Officers on this high honor.

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For Sale: Condo 1BD/1BA. All new paint, carpets, dishwasher, etc. Boulder City, NV. Info @ (702) 293-9554. 11/14



Wedding Dress: Kenneth Winston 1530, size 14. Dress was a hit at my wedding, simply beautiful. \$850 (retail \$1,500) & will throw in mantilla veil & tiara. Dry cleaned & looks like new. Mirra @ (213) 248-6878, call or text. 11/14



Musical Items: Casiotone 401 keyboard, foot pedal, instruction manual, \$200. 14 preset sounds (piano, organ, etc), 16 preset rhythms (mambo, waltz, etc). Specs online. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 11/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Eternal Valley Newhall, Premium Garden of Peace. Currently plots here start at \$6,900 each. Sell both \$7,500 total. Jim @ (661) 713-6533. 11/14

Cemetery Plot: 1 plot for 2 people. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, CA, \$3,000. Jose or Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or at (818) 799-0569. 11/14

For Rent: 3BD/1BA House + patio, near Western & Imperial, LA. Big back yard, 2-car garage. Has stove, refrigerator, microwave, hardwood floors, washers, dryers & outlets. Info @ (310) 534-3028. 11/14



For Rent: 2BD/1BA, den, office, kitchen w/ stove & refrigerator, large laundry room, w/ washer & dryer, C/A heat, patio. \$1,700/mo. + security \$2,000. Greg @ (626) 330-7588. 11/14

Cemetery Plot: Live Oak Cemetery, Monrovia. Lot 5670, space A2, Garden of Victory, \$2,000. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 11/14

Cemetery Plot: Contentment Hillside section of Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, 1 plot, \$3,250. Maria @ (310) 518-2996. 11/14

Mattress: Beauty Rest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new. \$1,000 OBO. Info @ (323) 754-8382, dnhenry@yahoo.com 11/14

Cemetery Plot: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Carnation Lawn, grave #2, lot 2709. \$2,500 OBO + transfer fee. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 after 4pm. 11/14

TV: Hitachi 57", good condition, furniture piece. \$300 OBO. Kevin @ (626) 786-3078. 11/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Side-by-side, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Garden of Affection; graves 1-2, Lot 4063; sale price \$4,900 OBO + transfer fees for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 after 4pm. 11/14

Table Set: With leaf & 4 chairs. \$300 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14

Hutch & Cabinet: Touch light, matching set \$500 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14

Washer/Dryer: Maytag, electric, 6 yrs old, very good cond. \$200. Responsible for own pick-up. Della @ (323) 202-3302, msmkamix6233@yahoo.com 11/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills, Whittier. Located in cherry blossom lawn, \$4,850 each + transfer fees. Area is on flat ground & near the lake. Charles @ (310) 386-5041. 9/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Churchyard. Lot 4149, graves 1 & 2, prime location. \$6,700 each. Carolyn @ (805) 461-1282 or noslozin@charter.net 9/14

Companion Lawn Crypt w/Vault: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills (Court of Remembrance, 1731 A+B) 14K OBO. Christine @ (805) 304-8509 or Dcbbnahaku@aol.com. 9/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Garden of Benevolence. Lot 1329, graves 3 & 4. No transfer fees. \$5,000 for both. Raymond Carter @ (702) 255-7851. 9/14

Crypt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum. \$8,000. Sanctuary of Grace, 243, Tier-3. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912. 9/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Beautiful side by side flat plots in Rose Hills, Lupine Lawn. \$3000 each/OBO. Adria @ (626) 826-2025 or ayofhh@gmail.com. 5/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Garden of Benevolence, Lot 1105. Graves 3 & 4, easy access. \$4,900 for both or \$2,600 each. Monica @ (949) 922-3928 after 5pm. 3/14

1 Cemetery Plot: Niche 301, Tier, Redwood Corridor Niches, Double Sky Rose Mausoleum. \$6K OBO. Rose Hills Memorial Park. Manny @ (323) 271-0477 or (562) 695-2677. 3/14

Furniture

Dinette Set: 9 piece, dark brown oakwood w/ matching leather chairs & leaf for extension. \$2,500. Parker @ (562) 612-6567. 9/14

Solid wood large dining table: \$300. Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 3/14

Headboard: Leather King size, diamond pattern, excellent condition. \$150. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

Antique Armoire: Good condition, great craftsmanship. Dark wood finish. Measures approximately 78" H x 46" W x 26" deep. \$400. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Home in west Lancaster, 3BR/2BA. \$1,500/mo. Cathedral ceiling, 1844 sq/ft. Wheelchair accessibility. Gardner included. Info @ (661) 945-6571. 10/14

For Rent: Lower 2BD/2BA, 4-unit building. X-lg living & dining room w/new marble & ceramic floors in kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room & 2nd bedroom. Hardwood floors master bedroom, built-in stove, DW, new ceiling fans & walk-in closets. Laundry room WD hookup. 2 enclosed patios w/ lights & outlets. Main hallway w/new laminate floors. \$1,875. Gail Brown @ (323) 313-3231. 9/14

For Sale: 3BD/2BA, upgraded 2001 sq. ft. house in age-restricted Rancho Resort in Sahuarita, Arizona, which is 17 miles s/o Tucson. \$175,000. Larry @ (818) 883-5870. 9/14

For Rent: Condo in Lancaster, 2BD/2BA, living rm, kitchen, 2 balconies, appliances included, stack washer/dryer, fridge, gas stove & dishwasher. Water included, no pets. \$1,000/ mo + security. Maria @ (661) 236-8534 or martnz57365@yahoo.com 9/14

For Rent: Great 3BD/2BA house in north San Bernardino! Near CSUSB. Newly remodeled w/ huge yard. W/D hook-ups in garage. \$1,515/mo. Ask about available discounts. Marjorie @ (424) 302-7655. 9/14

For Rent: Great 3BD/1BA house in quaint town of Redlands. Completely remodeled w/ huge yard, newly re-seeded. \$1,399/mo. Ask about available discounts. Marjorie @ (424) 302-7655. 9/14

For Rent: Great 3BD/1BA house in quiet town of Redlands. Completely remodeled w/ huge yard, newly re-seeded. \$1,399/mo. Ask about available discounts. Marjorie @ (424) 302-7655. 9/14

Motorcycle: 2005 Yamaha V Star, 1100 Classic Cruiser, 900 miles. Cobra pipes, saddlebags, Yamaha Windshield. \$5,600. Must sell because of health reasons. Ryan @ (661) 273-3766. 12/13

1965 El Camino: 496 inches. 871 blower, dyno 765 horsepower, 4 wheel power disc brakes, power steering, Ford 9 inch, munice m20 trans, airbags. \$30,000. D. Jackson @ (310) 628-3477. 11/13

2004 Toyota Tundra: DBL CAB 4.6L V8. 224,000 miles. \$6,000 OBO. Paul @ (626) 991-5507. 9/13

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

For Sale: "Fly-fish in your own backyard." 200' of river-front property in Clark Fork, Idaho. 3BD/3BA, 3,316 sq ft, built in 1990, 1.34 acres. (1 hour N. of Coeur d'ale, Idaho) MLS#20131371: Clark Fork. \$499,900. Margie Stevens @ (208) 290-5666. 9/14

For Rent: Home in Ontario 3BD/2BA. Family room, water & gardener included in price. \$1,795/ mo. Info @ (714) 840-1390, email: roguin@aol.com 12/13



For Rent: 2BD/1BA, no pets, \$1,700/mo + sec. dep. \$1,000. Leimert Park: 4257 Garthwaite Blvd, 90008. Renovated, hardwood floors, quiet neighborhood, washer & dryer hookups. Info @ (310) 365-1868. 7/14

Household Items



Washer & Dryer: Whirlpool, electric, less than 8 months old, like new, includes manual & instructions. \$800. Responsible for own pick up. Email: lilpebbly14@gmail.com 7/14



AbDuctor: Rarely used, \$100. Tanya @ (310) 713-0244, located in Corona, CA. 4/14

Weight Bench System: Classic Universal, 10 apparatuses in 1 system. Includes separate adjustable sit-up bench, good condition. \$350. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aquos Quattron 52" LED TV. \$1,200 at Best Buy, sacrifice for \$600. Hurry, won't last long at this price! Clarence Young @ (213) 725-3647. 11/14

Miscellaneous



Beauty Products: ELEMIS SpaHome, two 3.4oz body oil & 5 boxes 10.6oz cellulox herbal bath synergy body performance. All for \$900 cash. Retails over \$1,500. Lourdes @ (661) 251-0871. 10/14

Campers Wanted: Looking for fellow active & retired city employees that like to go on mini, 3-day weekend camping trips. Email Susan: wombatty56@gmail.com 9/14

Chargers vs Raiders Tailgate Party: Come join us on our annual trip to San Diego to see the Raiders take on the Chargers. Joe @ (909) 519-8683 or raiderjo@roadrunner.com. 9/14

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @ (805) 227-2866. 7/14

Motorcycle Touring Jacket: Men's, Reima Cycloak, Kevlar & Goretex materials, removable liner, barely used, looks new. Paid \$400, sell \$225. Curtis Shapiro @ (310) 508-6465. 6/14

Wine Glasses: Lead crystal, wine goblet style. Large \$15; small \$10. Have 4-large & 4-small. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Wine Glasses: 10-large crystal, \$5 each. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Cardboard Boxes: 20-assorted used, Home Depot brand. Have 18 x 18 x 16 (medium) boxes & 18 x 18 x 24 (large). \$5 each. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Noritaki China Set: Etienne pattern, 45 pieces. \$500 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Sargo China Set: Chrisma pattern, 4 place settings + side pieces. 45 pieces. \$250 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Sewing Machine: Antique Kenmore in cabinet, needs refurbishing. \$75 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Shannon Crystal: Godinger, large cut glass punch bowl, matching 8 cups & silver ladel. \$35 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Books: "Dream Killers" by Julian Stine. Horror/Erotica themed fiction. \$20 each book. Contact jstine90503@gmail.com or (310) 409-5653. 6/14

Monopoly Game: Franklin Mint Collector's Edition! Maplewood display table; gold plated hotels; silver plated houses; specially printed monopoly money. Great gift idea. \$175. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

Train collectors dream! Lionel. Williams. Many NIB. All others are new & like new. From the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s & 90s. Hundreds of cars & engines available. Collector/Bulk purchases only. Michael @ (818) 489-8481. 12/13

Jeans: 12 pairs of used 511 Levi's jeans, \$200. Size 34 X 30, good condition. Owner lost over 50 lbs. Tina @ (323) 388-5204. 11/13

Collector Comic Books: 1960s-1980s. \$2.50 each & up, discounts for purchasing complete sets - Spiderman, Fantastic Four, The Thing & many others. John @ (951) 203-4438. 9/13

Travel/Timeshare

Timeshare: For sale or rent. 1BD, Palm Springs, CA, deeded float week anytime during the year, can be exchanged for another resort worldwide. Info @ (310) 329-0682 or e-mail: time31011@yahoo.com 7/14

Vacation Rental: Palace Resorts All Inclusive: Cancun, Riviera Maya, Isla Mujeres, Cozumel-exclusive member service & treatment. VisitPalaceResorts.com to view various resorts/amenities. Price is for 1 week, 2 persons, any day travel & includes airport transpo, massages & 2 tours. Price varies by season. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonz@hotmial.com 3/14

Timeshare: Orlando, FL: Marriott Lakeshore Reserve. 1BD/1BA villa, sleeps 4. Spa/golf privileges at JW Marriott & Ritz Carlton. June 28 - July 5, 2014. \$1,600. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570. 12/13

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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. 4/13

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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

Transport

2005 Honda Civic Si: Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, XLNT running condition, tan color, 68K miles. \$10,500 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

1993 Infinity Q: Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K miles. \$3,000 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

1973 AMC Hornet: 2-door sedan, automatic, 258-6cylinder w/2bbl carb., Power steering, power brakes. Runs, needs some work, \$700 OBO, sold as is. J.R. Wright @ (562) 926-5450. 10/14

1959 Buick Invicta: Fully restored, 4 door asking \$25,000. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com 9/14

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2005 Southwind RV: 32ft. Like new w/ 2 slide outs, 2 panasonic tvs, 2 cds, full surround sound system, dvd, satellite, cable, new tires, only 15,000 miles. \$49,000. Rosemary Finch @ (951) 218-4414. 6/14

Moped: 150cc engine, 3 wheel, runs on 92 unleaded gas, practically new, Blue color. \$1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 5/14

Cemetery Plots

Cemetery Plot: 1 plot for 2 people. At Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, CA. \$3,000. Jose or Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or (818) 799-0569. 10/14

Personal

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President, Operations

Get Well, Janae!

Personnel/Workers' Comp shows its support of co-worker with breast cancer.

Personnel's Workers' Comp Division held a support "Pink Day" rally event Oct. 22 for their coworker, Janae Garrett, Clerical Staff supervisor, who has been on leave battling breast cancer.

Her supervisor, Beth Camarco, speaks with her often and keeps the Division in the loop with her progress and wellbeing. Individually, employees in the division send Janae get-well cards with their own personal notes and words of encouragement. Several staff members take it upon themselves to do whatever they can to lift her spirits by sending her crossword puzzles, games, books, Edible Arrangements, taking her shopping, out to eat, as well as, phone calls, text messages, emails, social media messages and of course numerous prayers.

"When I put the email out to the Division about hosting a 'Pink Day' in honor of Janae, I was not at all surprised at the overwhelming response I received from many people, who thought it was an excellent idea," Beth Camarco said.

"We are very proud of our Workers' Compensation family member, Janae



Garrett, for being brave enough to come out in the open about her breast cancer," Beth continues. "She has been an inspiration and encouragement to all of us.

"Since we decided to do the 'Pink Day,' I have received several other personal testimonies from other co-workers who are breast cancer survivors. We are looking forward to Janae's return back to the office in early November, and we will continue to wrap our arms in support around her. To all of the millions of women and men battling this horrible disease and to all of the many, many breast cancer survivors, we say: 'Be strong. Keep the faith. And never, ever give up the fight!'"

Get well soon, Janae!

Special thanks to Bridget Stafford-Talley, Principal Workers' Compensation Analyst, for her assistance.

Janae Garrett, Personnel/Workers' Comp, recovering from cancer.



Personnel/Workers' Comp employees gather at an event to show support for co-worker Janae Garrett, who's been suffering from cancer.



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Adult	\$28.95	\$17.95		Available as E-Tickets!
Child (3-11)	\$14.95	\$10.95		
Boomer's Family Fun Centers – California Available 24/7!				
All Day Pass (CA locations only)	\$30.99	\$17.00		Available as E-Tickets!
CA Science Center: Pompeii Exhibit Expires 1/4/2015				
Adult	\$26.00	\$15.00		
Child (4-12)	\$16.25	\$12.75		
Catalina Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 5/25-27, 7/4-7, 8/31-9/2				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$76.50	Adult \$62.00		
	Child \$61.00	Child \$52.50		
Davey's Locker				
Whale Watching Buy 1 Get 1 FREE	Adult \$32.00	Adult \$21.00		
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Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$46.50	Adult \$30.25		
	Child \$39.00	Child \$25.75		
Sportfishing – 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00	Adult \$56.25		
	Child \$61.00	Child \$47.75		
Discovery Science Center Expires 12/06/2014 Available 24/7!				
Adult	\$15.95	\$12.00		Available as E-Tickets!
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$10.00		
Disneyland/California Adventure Expires 12/31/2014				
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult \$96.00	Adult \$92.16		
	Child (3-9) \$90.00	Child \$86.40		
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$150.00	Adult \$138.00		
	Child (3-9) \$144.00	Child \$132.48		
2-Day, 1-Park	Adult \$178.00	Adult \$161.98		
	Child (3-9) \$165.00	Child \$150.15		
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	Child (3-9) \$204.00	Child \$185.64		Available as E-Tickets!
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SoCal Select Annual Passport	\$289.00	\$274.55		
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Golf N' Stuff				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.25		
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.25		
K1 Speed Racing				
Admit one, minimum height requirement 4'10"	\$25.95	\$15.25		
This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.				
Knott's Berry Farm Expires 12/31/2014				
Adult	\$65.00	\$35.00		
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)	\$35.00	\$27.00		

Attraction Tickets, continued

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY
LA Zoo			
Adult	\$19.00	\$16.00	
Child (2-12)	\$14.00	\$13.00	
Legoland Expires 12/31/2014			
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult \$83.00	Adult \$67.00	
Get 2nd day free, to be used within 90 days of 1st visit.			
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult \$107.00	Adult \$72.00	
	Child (3-11) \$97.00	Child \$67.00	Available as E-Tickets!
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Legoland – Florida Available 24/7!			
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction Expires 12/31/2014			
Adult	\$40.00	\$14.00	
Child (4-12)	\$35.00	\$11.00	
Magic Mountain			
General Admission	\$69.99	\$41.99	
Medieval Times Not valid 12/31/2014 Available 24/7!			
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	Available as E-Tickets!
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	
Mulligan's Family Fun Center			
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	Adult/Child \$16.00	
Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway & the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday & Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.			
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	
Pirates Dinner Adventure Expires 11/30/2014			
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	
Queen Mary Available 24/7!			
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	Available as E-Tickets!
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25	
Queen Mary Chill: 11/21 – 1/11/15 Closed 12/1 and 12/8 Available 24/7!			
Adult/Child	\$34.99 – \$42.99	\$27.99 – \$34.39	Available as E-Tickets!
Racers Edge Indoor Karting			
Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race New	\$23.00	\$18.00	
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	\$15.00	
San Diego Zoo & San Diego Safari Park			
Adult	\$46.00	\$37.50	
Child (3-11)	\$36.00	\$29.50	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$82.00	Adult \$65.50	Available as E-Tickets!
	Child (3-11) \$64.00	Child \$51.25	
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.			
Santa Monica Pier & Pacific Park Expires 1/5/2015			
Unlimited Wristband	\$25.95	\$13.50	
Sea World – San Diego Expires 12/13/2015			
Adult	\$84.00	\$60.00	
Child (3-9)	\$78.00	\$60.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Fun Card Limited Stock available in Store only for \$66.	\$84.00	\$74.00	
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom – Vallejo Available 24/7!			
General Admission (over 48")	\$62.99	\$29.99	Available as E-Tickets!
Speedzone Available 24/7!			
3 Hour Unlimited Pass unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.	\$49.99	\$25.00	Available as E-Tickets!
Universal Studios Expires 1/31/2015 Available 24/7!			
Buy 1-Day: Get 2-Days Free! Adult/Child (under 48")	\$92.00	\$79.00	Available as E-Tickets!

Gift Certificates

Honeybaked Ham		
\$25 Gift Card	\$25.00	\$22.50
See's Candies		
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$17.50	\$13.95

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Airports

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Airport Police Promotes 34

Both sworn and civilian are recognized for their career achievement.

Airport Police promoted 34 civilian and sworn personnel during a promotional ceremony at LAX Sept. 29.

Honorees included two new Captains, seven new Lieutenants, 14 new Sergeants, one Senior Management Analyst II, two Principal Security Officers and eight senior security officers.

Promoted at the ceremony were: Capts. Fernando Castro and Mario Patrick; Lts. Henry Acosta, Anthony Boisselle, Imer Chavez, Marlo Richardson, Michael Scolaro, Masis Sosskian and Vern Williams; Sgts. Christopher Azevedo, Steven Balandran, Eren Barron, Jose Canal, Sasheen Cooper, Adonis Cutchlow, Todd Edwards, Heriberto Gonzalez, Belinda Joseph, Edward Martinez, Karla Ortiz, Manuel Portillo, Lance Schoenbaum and Peter Trance; and Sr. Management Analyst II Madeleine Flanagan;

Principal Security Officers Edward Goodman, Rae Ann Rowley; and Sr. Security Officers Dana Bryant, Julio Calderon, Jeanette Carter, Ryan Carter, Charles Daher, Taye Meshesha, Javier Parga and Michael Rodriguez.

Airport Police Chief and Deputy Executive Director of Homeland Security Patrick M. Gannon conducted the ceremony's swearing-in before executive staff, family, friends and other police personnel.

Chief Gannon said, "I am very proud of all our newly selected leaders. Their strong abilities will be the key to the success of the Airport Police organization today and for years to come. Congratulations on this great accomplishment, and I look forward to working with each of you."

Capt. Castro, a 27-year Airport Police veteran, is assigned as Commanding Officer

in Patrol Services Section. Capt. Patrick, a 21-year veteran, is the Commanding Officer in Homeland Security Section. Lt. Acosta has 30 years and is assigned to Van Nuys Airport. Lts. Boisselle with 15 years, Chavez with 14 years, Richardson and Scolaro, both with 15 years, are all assigned to the Patrol Services Section. Lt. Sosskian, a 16-year veteran, is assigned to Special Project Unit, and Lt. Williams, with 11 years, is assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit.

Sgt. Azevedo, with 13 years, is assigned to the Emergency Projects Unit. Sgts. Balandran, Gonzalez, Canal and Cooper are all assigned to Patrol Services Section and have 8, 15, 11 and 13 years respectively with the Division. Sgt. Cutchlow, a 12-year veteran, is assigned to the Office of Support Services. Sgts. Edwards and Joseph both have 7 years and are also assigned to Patrol Services Section. Sgt. Martinez, a

15-year veteran, is assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force. Sgt. Ortiz, a 10-year veteran, is assigned to the Office of the Chief of Police. Sgts. Portillo, Schoenbaum and Trance have 30, 8 and 14 years, respectively, and are also assigned to Patrol Services Section.

Principal Security Officers Goodman, with 26 years of City service, and Rowley, with 23 years, are assigned to Traffic Services Section. Sr. Management Analyst II Madeleine Flanagan, with 26 years, is assigned to the Office of Support Services. Sr. Security Officers D. Bryant, J. Carter, R. Carter, Calderon, Daher, Meshesha, Parga and Rodriguez have 9, 14, 10, 6, 11, 9, 11 and 8 years with the City of Los Angeles respectively, are all assigned to the Security Access Control Unit.

Congratulations to all those promoted!



The promoted officers and civilians in the Airport Police.

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