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Above, from left: Fabian Cheng (front right), Program Manager, Co-Location Division, with Street Lighting Field Crew (from left): Sumiji Richmond, Electrical Craft Helper, 4 months of City service; Ernesto Esqueda, Electrician, 1 year; Scott Ricks, Electrical Craft Helper, 6 months; Mark Dovico, Cement Finisher, 1 year; Jose Guerrero, Electrical Craft Helper, 3 years; and David Cremarosa, Street Lighting Electrician, 8 years. Inside the bucket (top): Daniel Ascencion Rivera, Electrician, 5 years.

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A Message From the CEO

Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

Everybody loves cell phone antennas – until we have to look at them!

The so-called macro towers – the big ones – take up residence in palm trees, above churches and schools, next to freeways, and other unsightly places. We pay a price for our relentless need for connectivity, and that price is ugly.

That's why the Bureau of Street Lighting's newest leadership idea is perfect – hide them inside City light poles, where they're closer to our phones, and, for the most part, out of sight.

This month's cover story on Street Lighting's Co-Location Division – finding uses for streetlight poles in addition to holding the lights themselves – explains why the smart poles are such a good idea. We'll let you read about the project from the project manager, later in this issue. He makes a good case.

I hear the phrase win-win a lot, and sometimes it's overused. But not here. The cell carriers (in this case, Verizon) get strong locations and a simpler approval process than what they have to go through with the big towers. The City makes some money back in leases; our City is more attractive; and Street Lighting has hired three field crews to install them. That means more employment, and more City jobs.



Fabian Cheng, smart pole Project Manager (left), with *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

I should clarify that the antennas inside the light poles are actually micro antennas, meaning they are much smaller than the big ones I mentioned earlier. They aren't the same. But the truth is, placing smaller ones in a hundred heavily trafficked areas reduces the need for the big macro antennas. So, even though they're a different type, the micro antennas reduce the need for the ugly big ones. It's good all around.

The Street Lighting co-location project is the first of its kind in the country. The City does a lot of innovative projects, but not a lot of people know about them. We chronicle many of them here in *Alive!* That's what we're all about.

By the way, I want to thank Fabian for coming in to do this story with us. We'd been planning it for months, waiting for the next smart pole installation. And when the day came, there was a lot of rain that morning. The rain didn't change the installation schedule, but it gave Fabian a nasty cold. Nevertheless, he stood with *Alive!* editor John Burnes through a morning's worth of downpours (you can see the wet pavement), and then stuck around in the afternoon so I could interview him. He's a City trooper! So thanks, Fabian.

Moving on ... there was not enough space for me to mention this last month, so I'll do so here: As we begin a new year, I want to say how proud I am of the amazing stories we brought to you in 2016 – the LA Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band; the Dawson Family's trip across the United States; the Zoo's 50th anniversary; the DWP Headworks Reservoir story; West Valley Sanitation and its awesome Christmas charity; and maybe my favorite of all time, our interview with decorated World War II Veteran Joe Govea, Retired, Building and Safety. Whew, awesome stuff! And we have more coming in 2017. We love bringing you all the good news of City Employees, and that will certainly continue.

Finally, I'm amazed again by the Valentine wishes that Club Members have composed for their special someone(s), all published as part of our annual Club Valentines feature. The Club wants your personal lives to be as incredible as your careers, and that shows in features like our Valentine section. The work/life balance is critical to our happiness, and we're glad you recognize that, too. Happy Valentine's Day to those people who make our lives better. (Hello **Kelley, Mom** and **Hannah!**)

See you next month.

JOHN

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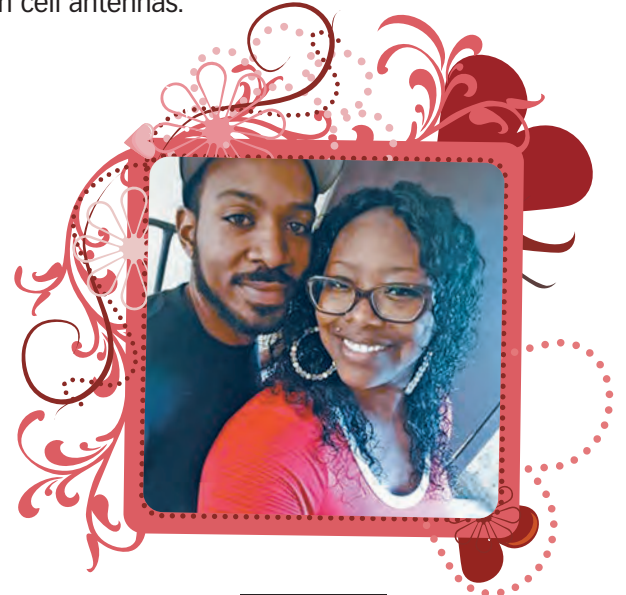
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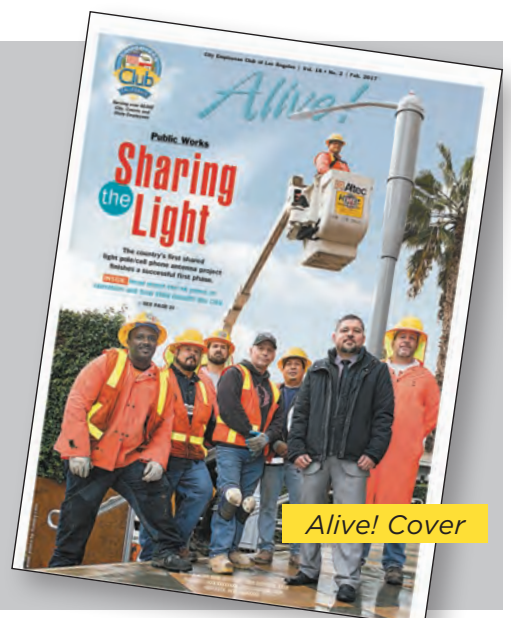
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Club Director of Marketing Summy Lam (lower left) takes this month's cover shot of the Public Works/Street Lighting crew installing a smart pole on Ventura Boulevard.



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Cecilia Talbot,
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Monica Zamudio,
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 —Ed.



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– Randall Riesehe, May 2016

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Airports

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Santa at LAX



Airport Police hand out gifts to traveling children on Christmas morning.

At LAX on Christmas morning, Santa and Airport Police Officers handed out gifts and Teddy Bears to traveling children. Santa handed out stuffed animals, candy canes, stickers and ornaments. Santa welcomed travelers in the ticketing areas of all seven terminals plus the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Airport Police's K9 unit also participated. Special thanks to Officer Rob Pedregon for his assistance.






Airport Police Officers hand out gifts to travelers on Christmas morning.



Santa and the Airport Police crew that made the gift giving possible on Christmas morning.

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Letters to the Editor

Club Celebrates City Careers, Including Raquel's Retirement

Our thanks to Club COO Robert Larios for attending the retiree luncheon for Raquel Velasquez. Ms. Raquel's last day was the day of the luncheon, and she expressed how surprised she was by



his presence. She loves his cooking/recipe column in the *Alive!* paper! She also really appreciated the award; thank you very much!

—LaTrice Bowen, Finance

Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What's your favorite Valentine's Day candy?



"Boxes of See's Candies."
— Raquel Velasquez, Retired



'City Parties' Wrap-up Brings Holiday Joy to Emma Jones

I always love seeing the holiday events from around the City in the newspaper. It's great to see the happy faces and holiday cheer. My hope is that the spirit of the season lives in each of us throughout the year, too. Bless the City, the employees and the retirees. Wishing you all a wonderful 2017.

— Emma Jones, Retired

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— Roy Henderson, LAFD

Trio of Noelle, Cheryl, MaryAnn Excels at Member Service

I have to say that the people in Member Services for the Club are wonderful to talk to on the phone. I have spoken to Noelle Kauffman, Cheryl Martin and MaryAnn Urdiales over the last few months for various things, and each time has been a wonderful experience. The sprinkling on the cake is that they are all very smart and knowledgeable about all things related to the Club. If you need to call the Club, ask for one of them – I recommend it!

— Mary Johnson, LAPD

Club on Instagram Brings Larry Down the Slopes



I very much enjoy staying current on City and Club news on Instagram. The Club has a very colorful gallery, rich with information on employees as well as

new benefits for us to save big. I especially took advantage of the notices on the ski lift tickets to Mammoth, Sierra at Tahoe, Snow Valley and Big Bear. I love skiing and went to all spots already. The snow this year has been terrific and the discounts are even better.

— Larry Garcia, DWP



"Chocolate! Any chocolate. Just give me chocolate!"
— Naed Cay, Finance



"Reese's Peanut Butter Cups!"
— Danny Gomez, Finance



"Milk chocolate with almonds."
— Melvin Wells, Finance



"There's nothing more scrumptious than dark chocolate."
— Amy Lombard, Finance



"Milk Chocolate has been my favorite for years!"
— Linda Frances, Retired, Finance



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— Gigi Thomas, Finance



"See's Candies are it for me!"
— Ed Marana, Finance



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— LaTrice Bowen, Finance


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Finance Service Pins

At its holiday party held Dec. 6, the Office of Finance recognized those who reached service milestones of 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years. Here's a list of those who were honored with service pins. (*Alive!* published a general story last month on the holiday party, and here we list the names of those honored.) Special thanks go to Theresa Forand, Liaison to the Office of Finance from Personnel, for providing us this list of honorees.

10 Years

- Brent Santos, *Tax Compliance Officer III*
- Dads Morales, *Accounting Clerk*
- Donna Norrington, *Customer Service Specialist*
- Elaine Luong Huynh, *Tax Compliance Officer II*
- Erika Morris, *Customer Service Specialist*
- Guanghua Jin, *Tax Auditor II*
- Maria Imelda Reyes, *Tax Compliance Officer II*
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- Ruchila Perera, *Accounting Clerk*
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- Trang McConnaughy, *Customer Service Specialist*
- Warren Sibille, *Tax Compliance Officer II*
- Wendy Rodriguez, *Tax Auditor II*
- Yestera Kachanyan, *Chief Tax Compliance Officer I*



Claire Bartels, Director of Finance and City Treasurer, was honored for 30 years of City service. Here she is with Councilman David Ryu.

15 Years

- Bradley Kirkland, *Tax Compliance Officer III*
- Delores Sittig, *Customer Service Specialist*
- Georgina Rodriguez, *Tax Compliance Officer II*
- Gidget Blevins, *Tax Compliance Officer I*
- Keaven Shaw, *Tax Compliance Aide*
- Kent Case, *Accounting Clerk*
- Mandy Mijidorj, *Accounting Clerk*
- Melvin Wells, *Accounting Clerk*
- Michael Poon, *Principal Tax Compliance Officer*

20 Years

- Allen Shum, *Sr. Tax Auditor*
- Carlos Venegas, *Sr. Tax Auditor*
- Kevin Kendall, *Administrative Clerk*
- Wilbert Antonio, *Sr. Tax Auditor*

25 Years

- Jaewha Kim, *Customer Service Specialist*
- Jenny Phu, *Tax Auditor II*

30 Years

- Claire Bartels, *Director of Finance*
- Margaret Buchheit, *Tax Compliance Officer II*
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5	Sir Bani Yas Island (United Arab Emirates)	9:00am	6:00pm
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John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"City Hall in the fall."

— Renee Ramirez, LAFD

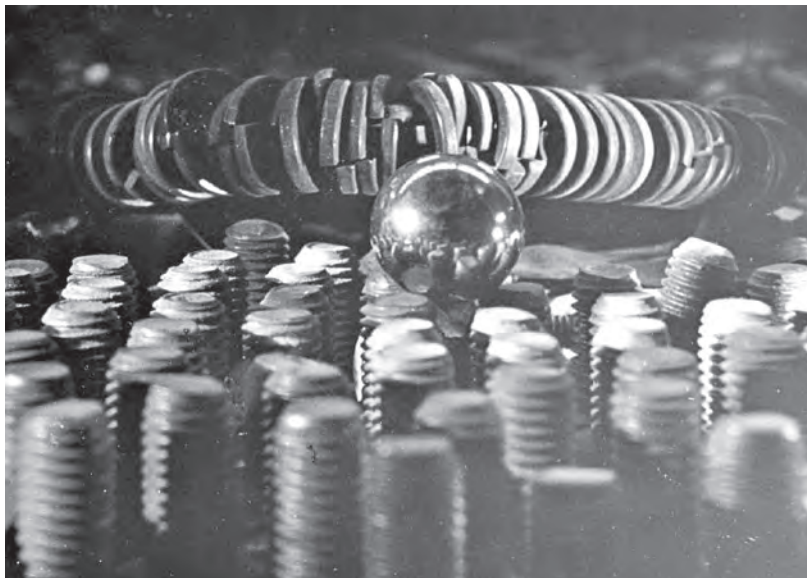
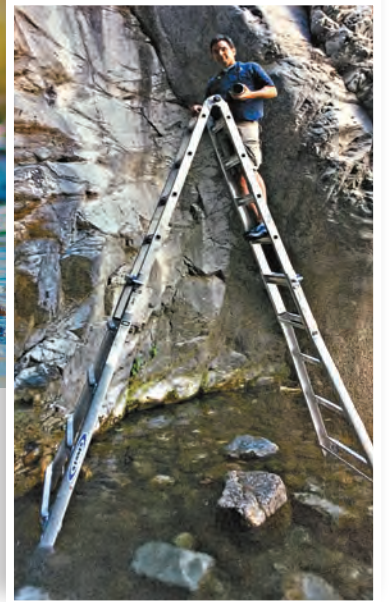
John's comment: Good "photographer's eye," Renee! I really like how you can't see the entire tree or the entire City Hall – it's like an accumulation of nature and structure combined into one. Well done!



"Thinking that this guy must be nuts, sitting on a slippery rock in the middle of the rapid-flowing river, taking a picture of a subject using a none-water-proof camera. Yeah, not me ... No-Sir-Ree-Bob!"

— Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: This reminds me of when Angel Gomez and I were doing his "Be Alive!" in the Angeles Forest(right). Of course I dropped my camera in the water from a ladder I was using. And here's a picture just before your camera dropped! Great shot, Dominique – the timing, lighting, and color are impeccable, as always!



"The mechanics' storeroom in the mezzanine of the Bradley Terminal, circa the mid-'90s. No straight lines except where the lock washers separate."

— John Nance, Retired, DWP

John's comment: This looks like it was straight out of National Geographic. It's perfect, intriguing and soothing, and it elicits so many questions. I love it!



"Sage is five months old and 'Picture Perfect.' I hope she makes it!"

— Adrianna Campbell, Personnel

John's comment: What a cutie! And that looks she's giving ... she is either saying feed me, or please take me on a walk. I love it!



"This is a pic of my son, Daniel, and his cousin, Niko, being boys."

— Officer Claudia Avila, LAPD

John's comment: Now that looks cool! Where were these when I was a kid? The closest thing we had was the Big Wheel from the '70s, which just slid around all over the place.



"After the rain and before demolition, the Sixth Street Bridge."

— Shaudi Pishvaie, LAPD

John's comment: This shows a wonderful piece of history, Shaudi, and I love the bursting sky of clouds and blue. The reflection of the water at the base is also a nice reflective touch, and the angle at which you shot is perfect!

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Antarctica



"I spent time with some penguins in Antarctica."
— Wes Pringle, Transportation

2

St. Louis

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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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SEPT. 6: LARFPA general meeting and election of officers

JUNE 8: RLACEI golf tournament, Alhambra golf course

DEC. 7: RLACEI holiday party and board meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge

AUG. 10: RLACEI annual corporation meeting, elections and picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge

DEC. 10: LARFPA Christmas party

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Ed Harding

President's Report

By Edward J. Harding
President, RLACEI

Please note the revised schedule for this year's RLACEI upcoming events in this issue. The annual corporation meeting, elections and picnic is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 10, and the holiday party and board meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Dec. 7. Both will now be held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. (This change is due to a conflict in hours we can occupy the Friendship Hall, the original location of the holiday party.)

The golf tournament and general meeting is scheduled for June 8 at the Alhambra Golf Club. (This is a change of date.) Tom Stemnock, Director and First Vice President, and his committee do a great job in putting this together, including the prizes and trophies to the winners, not to mention the great lunch that is served.

Tom had back surgery during the holidays, and I wish him a speedy recovery!

Thank you for being an RLACEI member. If you know a City retiree who is not an RLACEI member, invite him or her to one of our events; if he or she becomes a member, a surprise gift is yours.

Happy Valentine's Day! ■

Actuary Reports an Increase In LACERS Funded Level



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS recently received good news in the actuarial valuation for our retirement and health benefits from our actuary, The Segal Company. The valuation shows an increase in the funded ratio of both retirement benefits and health benefits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

The funded ratio compares the actuarial value of all the assets to the actuarial accrued liabilities. Basically it is another way of reporting on how much we have in assets versus how much we will owe to our members to provide retirement and health benefits.

The funded level for retirement benefits increased from 69.4 percent to 71.4 percent. This increase was due to a lower-than-anticipated COLA granted to retirees and a lower-than-expected salary increase for active members, which were partially offset by a small investment loss.

The investment return on a market value basis was a disappointing 0.05 percent, but the actuarial

return on a smoothed basis, taking into consideration other years with higher returns, was 6.99 percent, nearly the 7.5 percent assumed rate of return. However, not reflected in these numbers was a very good third quarter for 2016 that brought the one-year return ending Sept. 30, 2016 to 9.64 percent.

The funded level for health benefits increased from 79.7 percent to 80.5 percent as a result of various minor factors. The level of health funding is higher than most other pension plans because LACERS was one of the first plans to set aside money for its health plan the same way that it does for its retirement plan. Most other plans had been just taking a "pay as you go" approach, which can lead to severe "sticker shock" when health care premiums spike upward.

When you read in the newspaper about other pension plans that are in trouble, it is nice to know that that pension plan is not yours. Segal reported that the plan assets will be sufficient to make all future benefit payments to current members and their beneficiaries through 2114. I hope that is the kind of good news that will help you sleep well and not worry about your retirement benefits. ■

Troubles Noted in Reports Of Other Pension Systems



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

There are big issues coming to CalPERS (to which we do not belong), Illinois, and all local and state plans across the United States (not to mention other countries).

First of all, in December, the CalPERS board of directors approved lowering the discount rate (the expected rate of return on portfolio investments) from the current 7.5 percent to seven percent over the next three years. While many observers had criticized CalPERS (and other pensions) for being wildly unrealistic in thinking their returns would ever be that high, such a realistic move still has severe consequences: This will trigger increases in how the member cities and the state of California pay their share into their pensions. This increase in member cities' contributions to their pension support will have to make up the difference in what used to be expected from investments against the lowered expected rate of seven percent. Such differences will be in the millions of dollars, with

member cities having to make up the difference, which may include increased contributions by active employees.

Illinois continues with its budget woes, much of which is focusing on the public pensions of state workers, Chicago workers and workers in all other local government. The state is in its second year without a budget. One business group is lobbying the government agencies to settle the mess sooner, not later; the group effort is called LOL Illinois, which is a play on the slogan for the state, Land of Lincoln, with the text lingo of "laugh out loud." Per the *Wall Street Journal's* Dec. 28 story, Illinois has the lowest credit rating among states and a large unfunded pension liability. The Census Bureau released data showing the state lost more citizens than any other for the third consecutive year. Few businesses have left the state, but none is moving into Illinois.

An end-of-the-year comprehensive report on the status of pension reform across the country since the financial crisis (2009) by Boston College's Center for Retirement Research, shows that many

Troubles Noted in Reports Of Other Pension Systems – continued

states are making changes in their public pensions. Boston College's CRR looked at 114 state plans and 132 local plans. The changes in plans that were looked at were: changes in employee contributions, COLAs, benefit factors, the periods of service used to calculate pensions, and plan type (defined benefit vs. defined contribution). Some of the conclusions are: 74 percent of state plans made some type of reduction compared to 57 percent of local plans; while the majority of plans

reduced benefits only for new employees, about one-quarter also cut benefits for current employees; the most common benefit reductions for current employees are increases to their pension contributions and reductions to the COLA. In many states, COLAs are not viewed as core benefits and have less protection under the law. With new employees, the report found that reductions to core benefits are much more common than considering an increase in age and tenure to claim benefits. ■

RLACEI

Ex Fire, Police GM Perez Running for Retirees Board

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

A little bird just whispered in my ear that the former General Manager of the Los Angeles Fire and Police System, Michael Perez, will be running for the retired civilian employee's position on the RLACEI board. Michael has all the qualifications – talent, education and experience – and managed on the principals of the California Pension Protection Act. He has been a leader during his 32 years with the City. He served 22 years in the Fire and Police Pension System with the last seven years as General Manager.



Michael Perez

Michael is a hands-on type of individual. He was a tremendous help when our Fire and Police retirees proposed a charter amendment to allow a retired member who lost a spouse to remarry to take a reduction in their pension and provide a portion of the pension for their new spouse. This charter amendment passed and is being used today.

Michael Perez will be an outstanding RLACEI Director like he was during his entire employment with the City. Be sure to vote for him. ■

Silver & Fit Added To Kaiser Health Plan

LACERS



Mary Beetz

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

Kaiser Permanente is offering a new fitness program, Silver & Fit, for Members enrolled in its Senior Advantage Plan. Silver & Fit provides complimentary membership at selected fitness facilities and a no-cost home fitness program.

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A Card to Send on Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day to RLACEI Members!

Just in case one of you forgot to send a card to your loved one, or you didn't include a Valentine in this month's Club Valentines feature (elsewhere in this issue), I'm including one just made for you! Simply write a personal note in space below, cut this out, and send it to your loved one.



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The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

Long Days at Sea

Hal and Co. continue a one-way cruise from South America. **Part 6.**



2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Last March, Hal and his wife, Evelyn, and relatives Don and Myrna took a one-way cruise that began in Chile, but first visited the Galápagos Islands.

The morning of March 21, 2016, we were at sea on the Star Princess. It was a little cloudy, with a temperature of 75 degrees with 100 percent humidity. We were running at about 20 knots, which was faster than we usually went, but the ride was smooth as the seas were calm.

We went to the International Cafe for “breakfast.” I tried the cinnamon roll – it was not great, but the *beignet* was very good, as was the sugar doughnut. Evelyn had her no-foam soy latte and a cold Scandinavian oat cereal.

We played trivia and failed to score high, but one of these days we just might. We stayed for bingo – four games, six cards each, \$30. The coverall was more than \$1,000, but you had to complete it in fewer than 49 numbers. We did not win anything. So much for bingo, although I had a new marker to take home

While we were playing, the Captain came on and provided an update on our missing passengers. This is what happened: As they were taking off (by plane) from Cusco there was a bird strike. The plane did not leave the ground, and they aborted the takeoff (slamming on the breaks) and ran off the runway, using emergency chutes to evacuate the plane. There were no deaths, a few minor injuries, but no word on the bird. Finally, the missing cruise passengers flew back to Lima that morning to where we no longer were and were to spend the night there, then fly on the 22nd to Guayaquil and then be bused to Manta, where they were to board the ship sometime around noon. It didn't sound like fun, or on anyone's bucket list.

Myrna developed an allergic reaction to something she has encountered and saw the doctor.

After lunch, Myrna felt better and we played a few hands of bridge.

That night's entertainment was Doug Cameron, a recording artist.

I decided to try and exchange the Champagne we received when we boarded the ship for a bottle of wine (I was prepared to pay any difference). I checked at the lobby bar and was told I would have to speak to customer service. I spoke to Lillana at the desk, and she was very helpful and made a real effort to facilitate the exchange. She arranged for the room service manager to call me, and he could get me a bottle of Overture for my bottle of Champagne. We had not been on the Princess line for two years, and I was impressed with the helpfulness of the staff and the fact that they had learned our name and, in my case, my drink order. It's always easy to complain, but I like that the staff had given us a reason for praise.

You know that food was no longer the focus of the cruise when I ordered a hamburger in the dining room for dinner. Three of us ordered it, and it was very good. Myrna was not drinking, doctor's orders, so she was not in her happy mode. The doctor didn't know exactly what caused her rash, but he gave her an antihistamine and a steroid.

We decided to skip the show that night. We were to gain an hour and would be only one hour ahead of Pacific Coast Time.

The next morning, we sailed slowly as we approached Manta to pick up “some” of the missing passengers. We received a letter from the Captain the night before that implied that we would pick up more missing passengers when we reached Puntarenas, Costa Rica, the next scheduled port.

Meanwhile our tour in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, to see the Masaya volcano had been canceled because the volcano was too active, which seemed like an oxymoron. That was a little disappointing, but we decided to take a city tour just to get off the ship for a while.

The stop in Manta screwed up the ship's schedule. That



Our ship, the Star Princess.



Our cabin aboard the Star Princess.

night, after we were to leave Manta, which is 60 miles south of the Equator, we crossed the Equator, but we put off the crossing ceremony one day until the next afternoon. Evelyn and I had crossed the Equator twice already in our travels so are shellbacks and decided to not attend, but it was fun the first time. The formal night had been moved one day, too – we skipped the formal nights this trip and made reservations in the specialty restaurant so we wouldn't have to dress up. Before she knew the schedule had changed, Myrna wanted to change the reservation to the next day so she could go to the Captain's party and get a free drink. She made a new reservation but we didn't, so now she would have to miss the free drink or change her reservation again as they were again the same night. But she couldn't drink anyway under doctor's orders, so we were all waiting for her next move. Never a dull moment!

Every night we received a Princess Patter, which had all the information on the activities for the next day, hour by hour. They were: Bible study, Zumba, a port lecture, a ballroom dance class, a movie outside by the pool (unique to Princess), trivia, arts and crafts, golf, a fitness seminar, an enrichment lecture, bingo ... and that was just in the morning. Many more activities were scheduled for the afternoon and evening. Or you could just do nothing and sit by the pool, or find a nice quiet place (there are many) and just read or nap.

We finished breakfast and had an hour to kill before trivia, so we were at the rear of the ship, in the shade, reading. This was deck 15, and we found the children's play area – it was enclosed, with lots of toys. I had seen only a couple of kids on the ship.

We found Don and Myrna and headed to trivia. Myrna felt a lot better, but she still didn't know what caused the rash and itch. Later, there was still no trivia victory for us.

After trivia, we made plans to meet for lunch and I went to the Princess Theater to hear a lecture on “Pizarro and the Conquest of Peru” by Dr. James Kus. He gave an interesting overview of Pizarro in 45 minutes. Seeing I knew nothing about the subject I enjoyed the presentation. It was well attended.

After lunch, we stayed in the buffet area and played bridge.

It was nicer up there because it had better light and was nearer the cookies.

That night, Evelyn and I ate in Sabatini's and were to meet Don and Myrna for Dominik Allen's 9:15 p.m. show.

We docked in Manta about 1 p.m., and I think the first group of missing passengers showed up about 3 p.m. We waited for another group. I didn't think we would sail until later that evening, and then I expected we would see how fast this ship could go. The next port is in Costa Rica the day after tomorrow, where I hoped the 11 remaining passengers would rejoin the ship.

Dinner in Sabatini's was excellent – the food was the best on the ship, and the Evelyn and I finished off a bottle of Overture. We had eaten in Sabatini's many times and were never disappointed. We took a Celebrity cruise last year, and none of their six specialty restaurants was as good as Sabatini's.

After dinner, we saw the show in the Princess Theater. We arrived there 15 minutes before the show, and we couldn't find a seat together; both of us were seated next to nice people from New Zealand. The show was the Master Gaucho, a husband and wife who had performed in the show Jubilee in Las Vegas at Bally's for the last 30 years. They performed a combination of Argentine dances, including the tango, and she was a contortionist. It was a very interesting act.

We then ran (or fast walked) to the Vista to hear Dominik Allen. Don and Myrna saved us seats. We thought his first show was better.

After breakfast the next morning, Don and the two of us went to trivia; Myrna was still not feeling well. We did better with the help of a couple of Australians. After trivia, we agreed to meet for lunch and then play bridge, until then I decided to lay out by the pool in the aft part of the ship. It was partly cloudy, but warm.

That night was another formal evening, and before the trip we decided not to bring formalwear. The ship asks you not to eat in the dining room if you are not dressed formally. I didn't think they would keep us out, but I didn't think it was fair to those passengers who chose to dress up. I knew that I didn't like it when I wore a tux and the person sitting next to me was dressed casually. So, Evelyn and I decided to eat in the buffet and then watch a movie under the stars. Don would go into the dining room naked if they were serving lamb chops.

In the evening, there was barbecue at the hamburger grill, with chicken wings, brisket and ribs. Evelyn and I started in the buffet, and then I had the barbecued ribs. They were not as good as my favorite, TC's in Las Vegas, but they were very acceptable.

We had never watched a “Movie under the Stars” before. There was a large video screen above the pool deck. The deck chairs had covers with headrests, and there was freshly made popcorn and even blankets if guests needed one. We watched *Bridge of Spies*, which we had seen, but seeing it under the stars with a very large full moon was fun. If another good movie were on the schedule we would do it again. Afterwards we had dessert in the buffet.

Next month we move on to Costa Rica and a tour of a coffee plantation and botanical gardens. ■

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
Alexander, Raymus	Parking Meter Tech.	Transportation	13	Houston, Glenn Ellis	Wastewater Coll. Wrk.	Public Works	10
Anguiano, Evie L.	Emerg. Med. Ser. Ed.	LAFD	6	Huff, Calvin L.	Painter	Gen. Services	28
Barajas, Pablo	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Ibrahim, Malika A.	Management Analyst	Housing	27
Bradley, Walter F.	Asst. Dir., Contr. Admin.	Public Works	27	Johnson, Herb	Sr. Custodian	Airports	17
Brown, Michael E.	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	23	Laidlaw, Michael A.	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	8
Cheek, Richard B.	Housing Inspector	Housing	8	Landeros, Silvia J.	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	27
Combs, Lyle Thomas	Mechanical Repairer	Rec and Parks	10	Lovato, Bernardo	Hearing Officer	City Attorney	17
Evans, Dale	Secretary	LAPD	31	Meza, Timothy M.	Mechanical Repairer	Rec and Parks	36
Fields, Jimmie	Detention Officer	LAPD	25	O'Connell, Dion J.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Fukumoto, Mitchell M.	Sheet Metal Worker	LAFD	31	Palacio, Angel R.	Warehouse Worker	Airports	16
Garcia, Lorraine	Traffic Officer	Transportation	6	Ramirez, Alexander	Cement Finisher	Rec and Parks	28
Gilbert, Patrick A.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	33	Roque, Teresita P.	Accounting Clerk	Housing	29
Giles, Charles	Maintenance Laborer	Harbor	16	Sandoval, Julie Billington	Sr. Admin. Clerk	El Pueblo Historical Monument	19
Gonzalez, Daniel	Constr. Equip. Svc. Wrk.	Airports	31	Simms, Veda D.	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	34
Harris, John A.	Security Officer	Airports	27				
Herrera, Aurora	Sr. Administrative Clerk	LAPD	10				

Life after Retirement

Stay Connected

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.

I am sure your co-workers or friends you made during your employment with the City will enjoy reading about your life after retirement.

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

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

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz:

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



Tea with Grandma

"Alene Navarro, great-granddaughter of Allene Buchanan, Retired, LAPD, loved making brownies and having tea with Grandma Allene when visiting her in Redondo Beach over the Thanksgiving holiday. Alene and her two-month-old baby brother, Nicholas, live with their mom, Mary Ellen, and dad, Anthony, in Concord, where Alene attends kindergarten at Ygnacio Valley Elementary School."

Show Us Your Grandkids!

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

Send Prints To: Grandkids

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (800) 464-0452

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

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



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Hawaii



Larry Campita, Retired, Controller's Office, and his wife, Fina, visited Ko Olina, Hawaii – "the island of Oahu's place of joy."



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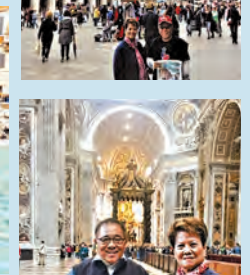
Ireland



Joe Castruita, Retired, DWP; his wife, Pamela; and son, Joey Castruita Jr., Supervisor, DWP, visited Ireland's Kilkenny Castle ("900 years old") and spent the night at the Dunboyne, Birr, Kilbeggan, Kilonan, Solis Lough Eske and Cabra Castles. "An amazing trip!" Joe Sr. writes. "So much history! Great pubs!"

3

Europe



Pablo Ninofranco Jr., Retired, Harbor, and his wife, Josie, visited Europe in October. They visited several countries, including England, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. It looks like they really enjoyed their time!



Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a high resolution photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it.

Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

The Best Years For Retired Club Members



By Tara Miller, MS RD/N, LACERS Well Program Manager, and Candace Wilkie, LACERS Well Intern



Get Active!

Here's a list of LACERS Well events for seniors.

Griffith Park Hike

■ Celebrate National Wear Red Day as LACERS Well kicks off a new monthly hike in Griffith Park. Also participating in the hikes is Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz.

Date: Feb. 3
Time: 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Register online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell, or call LACERS Member Services at (800) 779-8328.

CicLAvia With a Champion

■ Join LACERS Well Champion Lupe Vela on the next CicLAvia bike ride. They're fun, social and safe, as streets are closed to accommodate riders.

Date: March 26
Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
Location: Culver City

Contact Lupe Vela at velaville@att.net

Be a Champion!

■ LACERS is recruiting new Champions. Do you have what it takes to be a LACERS Well Champion? All you need is an interest, hobby or activity that you would like to share with others. The Champion program seeks individuals who like to

interact with other seniors to lead activities that promote health and wellbeing amongst your fellow retirees. Activities can include hiking clubs, yoga classes, movie nights, book clubs, or whatever you like to do that you think others might like to do with you.

If interested, join the Champions Feb. 6 for the next Champion Summit.

For more information, or to register, email Tara Miller, Wellness Program Manager, at lacerswell@LACERS.org.

New Health Workshops

■ "Six Weeks to a Healthier Life" is the title of three new workshops/dates near you.

If you or someone you care for is dealing with a chronic condition, such as diabetes or arthritis, then you know that it often can feel like illness is taking over your life. But there is good news! You can learn techniques and strategies to better manage your ongoing health conditions. Please attend one of the six-week interactive Healthier Living workshops where you will learn:

- Practical everyday skills
- Problem-solving
- Nutritious eating
- Relaxation techniques

Meet new people, have fun and gain the social support and tools for living a healthier life. Register today!

All Members who complete the workshop will earn a full "Passport to Health" and be entered to win opportunity prizes.

Healthier Living with Chronic Health Conditions

Three locations to choose from:

1) Sherman Oaks
Mondays, Feb. 27 - April 10
(closed 4/27)

2) Echo Park
Mondays, Feb. 27 - April 3

3) Pomona
March dates coming soon!

The workshop is limited to 20 participants per location. All LACERS Members and their spouses/domestic partners are eligible.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please contact LACERS' Wellness Program Manager, Tara Miller, at lacerswell@LACERS.org or by calling (213) 978-6843.

Healthier Living with Chronic Conditions workshops are offered in collaboration with Partners in Care. ■



4TH ANNUAL WELLNESS EXTRAVAGANZA

MAKE YOUR MOVE TO A HEALTHIER, LEANER, STRONGER YOU!

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 2017



4th Annual Wellness Extravaganza Make Your Move!

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton, Ontario Airport
222 N. Vineyard Ave.

This event is open to all LACERS Retired Members plus one guest. **Registration is required, as space is limited.**

Expert speakers will be presenting on:

- Arthritis Prevention and Management
- Functional Movement: Stretch Your Way To Better Health
- A Balancing Act: Fall Prevention

Breakout/Activity Sessions*:

- Yoga
- Tai Chi/Qigong
- Zumba
- Mobility
- Health Screening
- Photo Booth



*If you have any health issues, please discuss participation with your doctor.

RSVP TODAY!

Register online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or call (800) 779-8328.

Voicemails/emails will not be accepted as registration.

History Comes Alive!



ON THE RADIO

Some *History Comes Alive!* columns can be heard on 89.3-KPCC's Off-Ramp, online at www.kpcc.org/offramp/

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
City Archivist

Photos courtesy the Archives of the City of Los Angeles, and the Herald-Examiner Collection, Los Angeles Public Library

The City and Japanese Internment Camps

City Employees were involved in the internment of American citizens during World War II.

History is full of parallels. The events after the attack at Pearl Harbor brought out the best and worst in people living in Los Angeles. Even though the Second World War started 75 years ago, the events of the early 1940s still have a meaning for those of us in the early 21st century.

The Japanese American National Museum in LA's Little Tokyo is mounting an exhibition on one of the enduring local reactions to the war – the internment of 120,000 people of Japanese descent. Both aliens and American-born alike were deprived of livelihoods, property and their freedom without the benefit of a trial. Some of the Japanese were citizens of Los Angeles. A few were employed by the City of Los Angeles. They were punished even before the federal government had taken action.

Fletcher Bowron had been a respected Superior Court judge at the time of Mayor Frank Shaw's recall election in September 1938. A moderate politician, Bowron carried every part of Los Angeles, including the heavily African-American part of South LA. Once he assumed office, Bowron began a series of regular radio speeches on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., taking a page from President Franklin Roosevelt's weekly broadcasts to the nation. The City Archives have the transcripts of these speeches in Box C-2021.

The mayor used these speeches to inform the citizens about issues including his efforts to clean up the corruption in City Hall. Bowron was not above naming names of Councilmembers whom he felt were standing in the way of his goals at reform. Many political insiders came to see these messages as public shaming of political opponents. The medium of radio was a powerful tool in Bowron's first re-election campaign in the spring of 1941, with many of his speeches including testimonials from commissioners he had appointed. But all of that was behind him by Dec. 7.

In Mid-January 1942, Mayor Bowron had attended a gathering of the National Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C. There were meetings with various White House officials, which were highlighted in a later speech upon his return to LA. It seems clear that a plan to deal with the Japanese citizens was part of these

meetings. The mayor's speech on Jan. 29 included the following: "A few days ago, we dropped, at least temporarily, from the City payrolls all employees of Japanese parentage. This was done without violating the legal rights of anyone..."

Several prominent citizens quickly expressed their disagreement with both calls for action against the Japanese and the mayor's action against them. Clinton Clifford, one of the men behind the recall of Frank Shaw and Bowron's election, wrote a letter, contained in Council File 10484, addressed to Bowron, the City Council, the County Board of Supervisors and California Gov. Floyd Olson, that began: "Gentlemen, the press reports that you are being urged to take drastic action against alien Japanese by indiscriminate internment." Clifford further warned that, "We should not permit hysteria and indignation to serve as a substitute for hard work and hard thinking. We should build up public morale by taking intelligent and humane action, not undermine it by yielding to the hysteria of a witch-hunt..."

Pasadena realtor William C. Carr protested (now stored in Council File 10483) the discharging of 39 City employees and added the following: "Sometimes I wonder just how genuine our democracy is. If by democracy we mean freedom and liberty for the white man, let's say so and promptly subjugate all others so Hitler cannot divide and conquer. But it's not that kind of an America: Let's publicly reinstate these citizens." But we know that these pleas fell on deaf ears. Bowron's action of Jan. 29 was followed by FDR signing Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942.

By the end of April, the U.S. Department of the Interior was seeking material support through the City engineer Lloyd Aldrich. The City's Public Works Committee and Aldrich's office drew up an inventory of supplies and heavy-duty construction equipment that were available from City contractors and private companies. The equipment was to be used to develop 25,000 acres of federal land near Parker, Ariz. that was part of the Colorado River Indian reservation. This was where the Poston War Relocation Center was established.

Up to 20,000 Japanese, largely from the Los Angeles area, were to be settled there to do agricultural production for the duration of the war.

Camp Manzanar was built on prop-

erty that after the war is over, we will not again have a large concentration of Japanese population in Los Angeles ... here in America we want quality rather than quantity, we want the word 'American' to stand for something that we honor and respect, that the Japanese can never be Americans in the true sense."

Bowron used several later broadcasts to argue against citizenship for the Japanese – even native-born citizens – on constitutional grounds. He believed that violence would break out at their return.

By March 1944, the Civil Service Commission requested an opinion from the City Attorney on the status of the "personal leaves of absence" granted to Japanese employees two years earlier. The issue was whether the leaves could be cancelled while Japan was still at war with the United States. The City Attorney stated that the leaves were legal only if the employee had requested it in writing in the first place. Most of the employees had not made the request, but it had been made for them by their general managers. Ten employees of Japanese heritage filed for reinstatement to their civil jobs. By the time the final decision was made in October 1944, eight former employees were available. Six returning employees were photographed with a smiling Fletcher Bowron in January 1945, who now urged Angelenos to welcome them home.

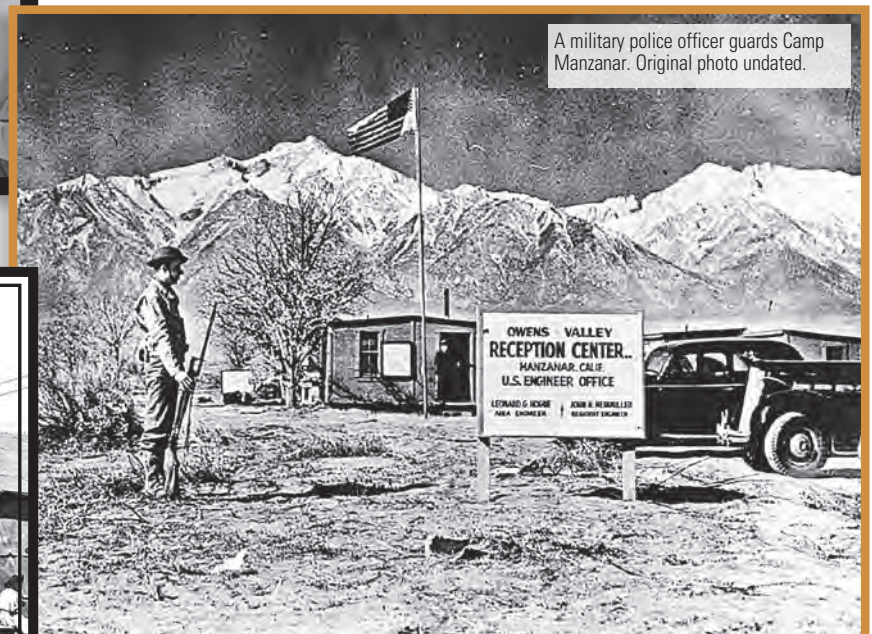
How many City Employees were forced to leave their civil service positions with the City? William C. Carr's letter



Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron with returning Japanese City employees, Jan. 15, 1945.



Japanese internees at Manzanar Relocation Center are shown on Nov. 17, 1943, bidding goodbye to friends who had just signed their way out of confinement and were about to get into a station wagon and head for Eastern and Midwestern cities.



A military police officer guards Camp Manzanar. Original photo undated.

erty owned by the City near Lone Pine in the Owens Valley. The property was leased to the federal government and the internees raised vegetables with water from the nearby aqueduct. By

March 1943, Councilman Roy Hampton of the 13th District felt it necessary to submit a resolution through the City Council that would increase the access of fresh food to the residents of L.A. if the Department of the Interior would cooperate. The resolution in Council File 14539 included the following paragraph: "Whereas, said Japanese are now not engaged in any gainful occupation, and unless they are financially able to support themselves, they are being cared for by the government at considerable expense..." The Water and Power Commission concluded that all was being done that could be reasonably done and filed the request without submitting it to Washington.

By May of that year, Fletcher Bowron's tone towards the Japanese had hardened into intolerance. His speech on May 26 focused on what to do with the Japanese being slowly released from the internment camps. He mocked those who felt "so sorry for the poor Japanese" and went on to make this startling prediction: "... had expressed the hope

mentioned 39 people. The Civil Service Commission minutes for late January and early February 1942 record the use of "special absences" only twice. The first, on Jan. 30, lists two employees taking "personal leaves" and three others leaving the City for other employment – all Japanese. The second instance on Feb. 10 only refers to request form by number – 14 in all with no names. Since the supporting documents for the commission do not exist, I can say that perhaps only as many as 16 employees were forced to leave their civil service positions for "personal reasons." Uncounted were many farmers who had leases to farm City-owned open land in areas including Sawtelle and near Ballona Creek. All of the leases were cancelled in February 1942 without explanation.

Bowron had a change of heart after the Supreme Court ruled against the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens in December 1944. He believed that the high court had settled the matter, and it was time to move on to other issues. He publicly apologized on several occasions after leaving office, most notably in 1956 when he told a group of radio broadcasters, "It was a grave and terrible injustice perpetrated on the Japanese in our midst. Those in whom we lost faith, never lost faith in us." Let's hope we can learn from this in our own time. Scholars including Abraham Hoffman and Tom Sitton praise Bowron's many fine qualities during his tenure as L.A.'s mayor. Yet even Bowron fell victim to the hysteria that turned decent people against their fellow citizens. Let's hope we've learned to be better than that. ■

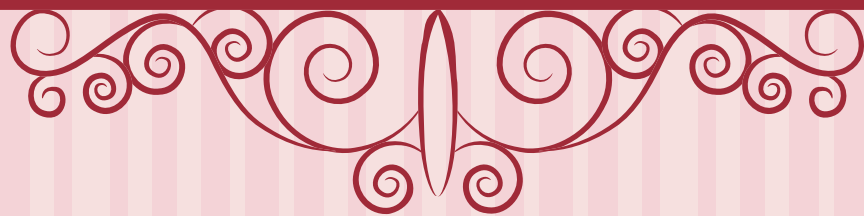


CLUB

Alive! presents one of our most popular annual features – Club Valentines. Enjoy... and happy Valentine's Day!



Valentines



"To my wonderful husband, Delvin: Thank you for a great 20 years of marriage. I look forward to sharing many more with you. I love you."

— Candice J. Arnold, Finance



"Dr. Constance Chang: You so fine. You always whine. And you are mine. I know it is a cheesy line, but will you be my pre- and post-Valentine? Heart, Rodney."

— Rodney Bernaldo, Public Works/ Sanitation



"Estela, your beauty and personality light up my life and all the lights around us! Happy Valentine's Day. Love you. – Me (of course) ."

— John Gonzalez, LAFD



"I love you always, Linds!" (Taken shortly after meeting each other 20 years ago.)

— Bob Hill, DWP, for wife, Lindsay



"Happy Valentine's Day. Love since April 10, 1985."

— Armando and Irma Gallardo, DWP



"I would love to wish my one and only love. Erica B. Andrade, a Happy Valentine's Day. You are my heart and soul. May we have many more."

— James Andrade, Airports



"To my husband, John Sousa: Thank you for always being there for me, for being true, honest, forgiving and always loving me unconditionally. Your wife, Elena Sousa."



"Our life and love over 20 years has been an incredible adventure full of ups and downs, and there is nobody I'd rather share the journey with. Happy Valentine's Day, with love."

— Dawn Cameron, DWP

"Happy Valentine's Day to the most wonderful woman I've ever met. I thank God for giving me a true and loving person like you. I love you, Lovey!"

— Eliseo Ginete, Public Works/ Street Services Bureau of Street Services



"My everything." — Josie Williams, for Al Williams, General Services



"Happy Valentine's Day, showstopper!" — John



From Mr. B, Baron Greenhouse, Retired, DWP



"To my forever Valentine, Eric: May God continue to bless, protect and guide us. We're in for the whole pound!"

— Christal Jones, DWP



"Happy Valentine's Day, my love. Amor eterno."

— Maureen Ornelas, for Jose Ornelas, DWP





"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love never fails. Only these three remain: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love."

— Danilo Jocson, DWP



"Happy Valentine's Day to my beautiful wife. I love you.."

— Than Tiet, DWP



"Happy Valentine's Day, Wifey. You're my rock and ride or die partner."

— Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation



Paul and Sandy Munz, celebrating their 47th anniversary and 48 years of love and happiness together.



"Getting married to you later this year will make my life complete. Can't wait to continue our next chapter."

— Ray Luna, DWP, for Carol

"To my junior high school sweetheart, my forever Valentine."

— Peggy LeGras, Airports



"Happy Valentine's Day to my true love, my friend, my partner, my wife."

— Noe Ramirez, DWP

"To my fave Valentine 4-eva, my grandson, Isaac."

— Patty Nunez, LAPD Communications



"Married to my love, Kurtis Lindquist — Happy Valentine's Day!"

— Tammy Lindquist, LAPD/Communications



"Bruce, I love you to the moon and back! Happy Valentine's Day."

— Maretha Adams, Retired, LAPD



"Mr. Michael and Vincent Vega, you guys each carry a piece of my heart."

— E. Jordan, DWP



"Happy Valentine's Day to my hubby, Rod Dishman," Retired.



"To my valentine, Margie, I love you, Babe!"

— Louis Navarro, LAFD



"To my wife, my partner, my best friend — I love you."

— Ray Anani, DWP

"Travis, it's been 10 years. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Thank you for being my husband."

— Laura Gonzalez-Ellis, Fire and Police Pensions



"Dear love, thank u for bringing us our most precious gift ever, our daughter, Camila."

— Oscar Berumen, LAPD



"Isabella, only the best dads are called Papa. I will always love you. Happy pre-Valentine's Day. Heart, Papa."

— Rodney Bernaldo, Public Works/Sanitation



"17 years happily married. Happy Valentine's Day."

— Lance and Jenny Graab, Harbor



"Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetheart, and congratulations on our 45th wedding anniversary."

— Les Iden

"I am enjoying life more than ever now with you as my Valentine. With my wife, Khin Nilar Soe."

— Ismail Nanabawa, Airports



"Laughter sparkles like sunshine, makes a beautiful love affair. Happy Valentine's Day to my Dwayne."

— Chermaine Fontenette, Public Works/Sanitation





"You have been a Godsend to me and my daughter. We are so lucky to have you in our lives. We love you, my sweet Valentines."
 — Kinshasa Davis, Transportation, for William Dismuke, Public Works/Sanitation



"You are my best friend and my other half. You mean the world to me. I love you!"
 — Alejandra Reynoso, Airports, for Feliciano Diaz, Airports



"Happy Valentine's Day to Alexis, Adriana and L.J. Daddy will always love you!"
 — Lennon Cooper, Personnel



"Happy Valentine's Day to my husband, 'Powerman,' the love of my life and beyond! May God continue to bless us. — Bonita."
 — Ruth Gibbs, Finance



"Love for you is not just on Valentine's Day, but every day! Partners, best friends, life's adventurers. Love, Burt."
 — Burt Smith, Public Works/Sanitation

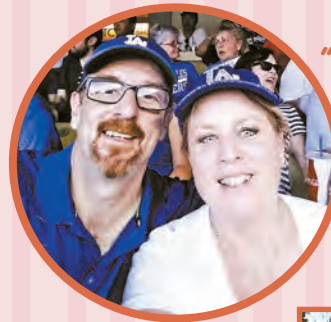


"You are the ammo in my gun; keys to my cuffs; glaze on my donut; Kevlar to vest; shield over my heart; love of my life."
 — Janelle Rodriguez, LAPD, for Joseph Lopes, LAPD



"Sondra, you are the earthly angel the heavens sent just for me. Here's to another 36 years. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Always, Brian."
 — Brian Hale, Transportation

"Happy Valentine's Day to my sweetheart as we enter another chapter of our lives as grandparents! You mean so much to me! Love, Jean."
 — Jean Sarfaty, LAPD/Communications



"I am blessed to be on this incredible journey with my best friend, Holly. I am so in love with you! Happy Valentine's Day!"
 — David Bunjac, General Services



"If I had a million chances to choose my mom, I would pick you every time. Thank you for showing me everything I need to be as a mother, wife and friend. I love you, Mom!"
 — Chanea Adams, Airports

"They are my all and all! Happy Valentine's Day, Rod, Shevae and Joshua. I love you all to the moon and back!"
 — Sherell Palmer, Airports



"Ma chère Kelley, la vie est une aventure avec toi. Je t'aime pour toujours."
 — John Hawkins, Club CEO



"To my lovely wife, I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day."
 — Teren King, LAFD



"It's been only seven years of wedded bliss with you? I can't wait for the next 70, 700, 70,000,000!"
 — Felix Valde, Transportation



"To Mom, my original Valentine: Thank you for making me who I am!"
 — John



"Thanks for being there for me. I know that it hasn't always been easy, but together we can accomplish and overcome anything. I love you."
 — From Asya Hybarger, DWP



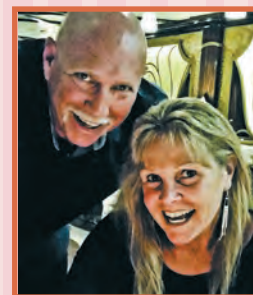
"The love of my life and best friend, Carla. There's nothing better than love."
 — Jansen Hodge, Finance



"I love you, Ariel, my future wife. 2017 — this year is our year, mi amor."
 — Samuel Bacon, Airports



"You make me happy like no one else can. Happy Valentine's Day, Tony. I love you!"
 — Ella Burrell, LAPD/Communications



"Jacqui, you are my cruising partner for life! All my love forever."
 — Iver Dreben, for Jacqui Dreben, LAPD/Communications



"Marcia, I love you! Be my Valentine?"
 — B.J. Fulkerson, General Services

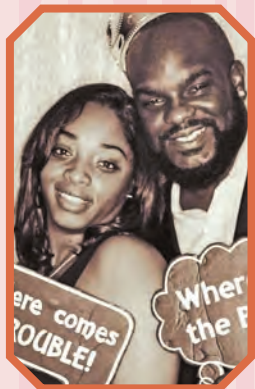


"I love you, Honey. You are my life."
— Steven Ip, DWP



"To the love of my life, Deanna, You are the reason why my heart beats every day and night. After 25 years of marriage, my love for you will continue forever. Happy Valentine's Day! Luv U moy, Papa."
— Ronn Encarnacion, General Services

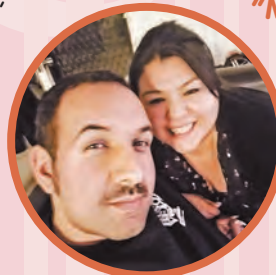
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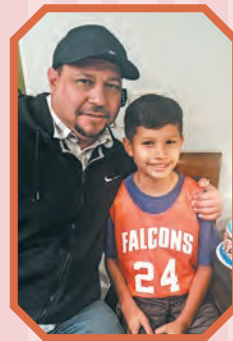
"I want to wish my Valentine, Malik Rahh, a very Happy Valentine's Day! You are such a wonderful person and I love you so much. From your Valentine!"
— Sherry Christopher, LA County/Mental Health



"To my daughter, Lisa Jane Vercher, and my granddaughter, Alyssa Peterson: I love you very much, and I am so proud of you as strong and compassionate women."
— Thomas Vercher, Retired, Library



"My love for you is forever, Sweetheart! Happy Valentine's Day."
— Robert Hernandez, Public Works/Sanitation



"My son and I on his tenth birthday. He is the little love of my life. Love, Daddy."
— Leo Medina, Public Works/Sanitation



"My Reina. Our wonderful destiny."
— Ralph Esparza, Housing



From Yvette Reneaux, DWP.

"Thank you for always making me feel like a princess, for being my best friend and for being the best husband a woman could ever wish to have by her side. Happy Valentine's Day to the man of my dreams! You always know how to make me feel. Love you forever."
— April Douglass-Lawson, Airports Club-Valentines Tributes



"Lots of love to the Gardner kids: Gillian, Garrett and Alessandra! From Mom and Dad, Lydia and Renne."
— Renne Gardner, Housing



"Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you for being you and being mine!"
— Maria Mora, DWP



"Life is the very best with you beside me. With all my love, Happy Valentine's Day!"
— Robert Larios, Club COO



"Jen, I love exploring the world with you. Happy Valentine's Day. Here's to many more expeditions together!"
— Elizabeth "Liz" Carlin, City Council



"Miles, you're my heart! Happy Valentine's Day! Love Always, Mom."
— Rhea Madison, City Attorney's Office

"Anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart. Thanks for being you, Babe! Happy Valentine's Day!"
— Wendy Blow, Airports



"A toast to our love. It's been a beautiful journey — six kids and four grandkids. Happy Love Day!"
— Louie Ramos, L.A. County



"When I saw you I fell in love, and you smiled because you knew. May God continue to bless our relationship. Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetheart! Eternally yours, Baby Cakes."
— Sally De León, Rec and Parks



"Andrew, Joe and I like to go and explore. We go hiking with the Cub Scouts, and we're a bowling team in our parent/junior league. Here we visited Holiday in the Park at Magic Mountain. Lots of love and ((hugs)) to my favorite Valentines!"
— Stephanie Burkhart, Mom, LAPD/Communications



"This is dedicated to my parents who shared a love so strong that it continued well beyond my father's passing 37 years ago and remains alive and strong to this very day. Love you both."
— Andrew Redfield, Animal Services



"Happy Valentine's Day, Ronda Renee. You are my best friend, partner, and love of my life. Every day with you is like a lifetime of joy."
— Vincent E. Murray, Airports



"I'm Todd, and this is the love of my life, Liz, otherwise known as Lizard and Toad. Happy Valentine's Day, Honey."
— Todd Eller, Public Works/Contract Administration



CLUB Valentines



"Loving you is the best thing I've ever done."
— Joe Chale, ITA



"To my husband, Bruce, the love of my life. Thank you for always being there for me. Love you always and forever."
— Delia Hunt, Retired



"Thank you for the adventures, your friendship and your love. Happy Valentine's Day, Ralph. I love you very much!"
— Yvonne Garcia, Library



"The love of my life!"
— Anselm Yu, LAPD



"My father, the greatest man I have ever known. Words cannot express how much I love and appreciate you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Noelle."
— Noelle Kauffman, Club Staff



"Henry, you are my happily ever after."
— Wendy Bird, Transportation



Happy Valentine's Day, Christina Liang.



"Goose and Pookie, I love you 2 forever and ever!"
— Thomasina Lewis, Airports



"Happy Valentine's Day! You are the best dad and husband, and we love you so much!! Fay, Tabi and Zoe."
— Fay Wong, for William Wong, DWP



"Cara, you are my sunshine. I'm looking forward to our big year and a lifetime of days on our porch. I love you."
— Everett Bennett, Public Works/Contract Administration



"Happy Valentine's Day, Itis! Know that I value and appreciate you very much and life would not be the same without you in it. I love you, Chonies!"
— Carlos Cruz, Housing



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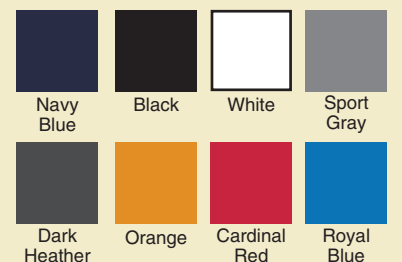
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The Smart Pole

GPS Antenna

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Light Pole (entire structure)

Equipment Cabinet

This smart pole, the 96th in the City, was installed Jan. 10 on Ventura Boulevard just west of Sepulveda Boulevard in Sherman Oaks.

Read about its installation on page 26.

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Sharing the Light

The *Alive!* Interview

More Than Illumination

On Jan. 10, Club CEO John Hawkins interviewed Fabian Cheng, Project Manager for Public Works/Street Lighting's Co-Location Division. Fabian has 17 years of City service.

Thanks for talking to us today. First, give us a brief summary of your City career.

FABIAN CHENG: Sure. I started 17 years ago in the Bureau of Street Lighting in one of our design divisions. I had the opportunity to move around different divisions as part of the Bureau's rotation program. I was able to participate in different design projects for MTA, Caltrans and Transportation. Also I worked with the private development group, which deals with new developments in the City where new street lighting is a requirement for the developers. I was also involved in community service as a liaison for the Bureau for five to six years. In 2009 I moved to our LED conversion program. Under my supervision, the bureau converted about 85,000 streetlights to LED, mostly on local streets.

We covered that story.

FABIAN: Right, but by that time I was already in my current position. I was promoted to Project Manager for the Co-Location Division, to tackle all this work that has been coming in increasingly over the last few years due to the need of telecommunication companies to attach their equipment onto the street lighting poles. There's quite a significant amount of work in that.

The Smart Pole Project

Sure, tell about the Co-Location Division.

FABIAN: We have a group of engineers here who deal with the planning and design of the smart poles, and we work closely with our field operations division. You saw one of the crews this morning during the installation, and there are about three crews assigned to this program. They work specifically doing this type of work – reinforcing

Mayor Eric Garcetti (left of pole) at the press conference announcing the co-location program. This pole was shorter and nonfunctional to better facilitate photos.



ing foundations or building new foundations, relocating poles, coordinating the delivery of new poles, etc. Our Field Operations division takes care of all construction operations.

For someone who doesn't know anything about a smart pole, describe what it is.

FABIAN: A smart pole can take many meanings. For us in the Bureau of Street Lighting, a smart pole is something that does more than provide illumination. In this case we have worked with telecommunication companies to incorporate that technology onto the existing infrastructure that we have in the City. We have more than 219,000 streetlights in this City, and they are valuable assets for telecommunication companies because the poles are all over and spread out through a vast area.

Photos by Summy Lam, Director of Marketing; and John Burnes, Alive! editor

The country's first shared light pole/cell phone antenna project finishes a successful first phase.

Look up at that City light pole above you – it might be giving off more than you think. If looks a little fatter at the top (but still streamlined), it probably is.

Less than two years ago, Public Works/Street Lighting created the Co-Location Division to field and manage innovative approaches to sharing the City's thousands of light poles to create "win-win" outcomes – a win for the City, and a win for whatever entity is seeking to take advantage of them. And now the first joint-use project, installing cell phone antennas on the poles, is nearing its completion. It has been a success.

As more and more communication devices are being used, especially in dense, urban areas, additional antennas and communication cabinets must be installed. The City took a proactive approach to reduce the installation of cabinets and additional antenna poles in the sidewalk area and decided to combine the need with existing street lighting pole locations.

A program for sharing began when the City Council approved new Bureau of Street Lighting policies, specifications and procedures for joint use in August 2004. Since that time, Street Lighting has fielded offers from companies and other entities to share the use of the light poles.

Verizon was the first cell phone carrier to offer a deal that the City was able to bring to fruition. On Nov. 5, 2015, Street Lighting began the yearlong first phase of installing up to 100 so-called "Smart Poles" in its deal with Verizon. It was the first such joint-use installation of a cell antenna on a light pole in the nation.

The City hopes to install up to 500 poles over the next four years. The City is in negotiations with other carriers, and AT&T is expected to be up next.

The accompanying map shows the locations of the smart poles already installed.

"The light pole has evolved right here in Los Angeles," Mayor Eric Garcetti said in a statement. "L.A. is a world leader in LED street lights and has more poles than any other city in America. We are now taking advantage of previously untapped real estate to give our streets better broadband connectivity and



A Street Lighting Field Crew installs a smart pole. See "Installation," starting on page 26.

future-ready infrastructure, while generating revenue for the City. This project shows what smart infrastructure can do for Los Angeles: create jobs, save tax payer dollars, and improve our environment."

Other secondary functions have also been installed onto Street Lighting's poles – vehicle charging stations (in partnership with the DWP) and security cameras (in partnership with the LAPD). More sharing could come.

The Gear

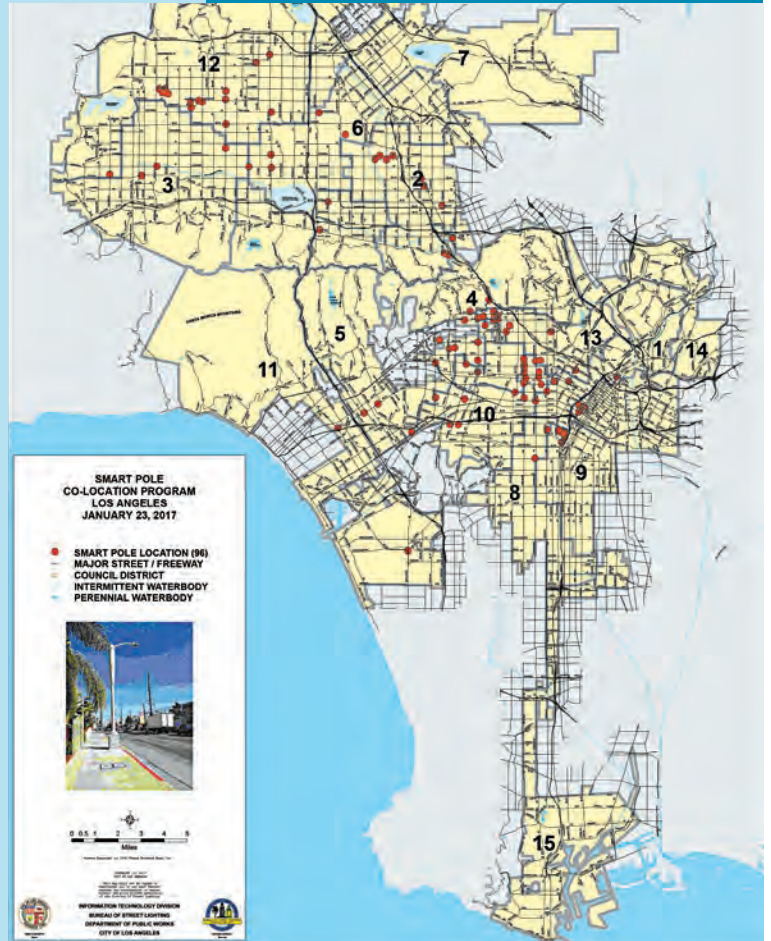
The poles, which are slightly fatter (but generally the same height) as regular poles, are equipped with energy-efficient LED lighting (as are all City light poles) and 4G LTE wireless

small cell technology, provided by Ericsson. The poles are manufactured locally by a contractor and delivered to each site for installation by Street Lighting crews. (Outside contractors make final adjustments to the cell equipment on site.)

The smart poles connect to the information superhighway underground via fiber optic cables connected to the Internet.

The outside partner, in the case of the first phase, Verizon, determines where it wants the smart poles installed. (The City has the right to decline the proposed locations for various reasons.) The outside partner pays for the equipment and the labor costs of installing the poles, and pays the City a yearly lease for use of the pole. The project, therefore, is self-funded. ■

For more information on pole installation and an informative interview, see the remainder of this feature.



This map illustrates the locations of the 96 smart poles installed so far in the City.

Benefits

Here are some of the benefits of the joint-use solution:

- The location of the poles will strengthen the City's communication coverage.
- The poles provide more communication capacity during emergency situations when the airwaves tend to be inundated.
- The poles resist high winds and earthquakes better than typical streetlight poles.
- Antennas are placed within the pole, out of sight.
- The external gear cabinet that would be within the sidewalk area is now within the base of the pole.

By working closely with cellular carriers and utility companies, we have been able to come up with a streamlined solution that takes advantage of the street lighting pole. A smart pole in this case is a structure that seamlessly incorporates cellular equipment and stores it within the street lighting pole. So in other words, you don't see it. It looks like a street lighting pole, or slightly larger, but it allows these carriers to install antennas, radios and other equipment within the street lighting pole. In addition to that we have a large base at the bottom of the pole that takes away the need for any above-ground facilities or cabinets that in the past have been installed in the right-of-way, often in the sidewalk or in the parkways.

What are those for?

FABIAN: Those are for fiber, used mostly for cellular or for other types of

infrastructure. We have taken that element out and put it into the street lighting pole at the base.

So that might not be cell-related.

FABIAN: For the most part it is. There might be a few here and there that might be related to other types of infrastructure, but we're reducing the need for this box whenever we can by using the smart pole.

In addition, we're also incorporating a remote monitoring system to give us live diagnostics of the streetlight. We can measure the power and the voltage. If there are any street light outages, we're able to see that automatically with this new technology. So that's another portion of a smart City.

Having said that, we have also worked with utility companies to install smart meters, for example, for the gas company. They have smart meters attached to the street lighting poles where they read the meters of each individual dwelling or commercial building. That program for the gas company has been successful because they have reduced the need for actual workers to go and read these meters at each house. The device that's on the streetlight reads the adjacent meters around that neighborhood and gathers that information and sends it back to their headquarters. We have about 400 of those throughout the City.

Wow, I didn't know that. Who's working with the DWP on monitoring the water bill and the electric bill? Is that even on the table?

FABIAN: The DWP also is working on some pilot projects where they have smart meters that collect information. I believe it's for water, but they're still in the evaluation process where they haven't implemented anything on a large scale. But they're also looking into using our streetlights for that purpose.

In the past we have also worked with the LAPD to install surveillance cameras on the streetlights. That's not in a lot of areas, but that is something that's monitored only by the police department.

Back to the cell antennas – as we move forward we have master agreements with several cell carriers that I'm sure are going to be coming in in the next few months or at the middle of this year, to apply this technology for their networks. Our cell antenna installations so far have been only for one carrier, but we're working with other carriers to come up with a pole solution for them, too.

You mentioned fiber a minute ago – you're using their fiber, right? The signals come from the antennas and go under the ground connected into the fiber network, but it's the carrier's fiber, not City fiber, right?

FABIAN: Yes. It connects to the infrastructure that the fiber providers have, and there are several throughout the City; it just depends on the area that they're working on. But that belongs to the fiber vendor, not the City.

The City doesn't process that signal.

FABIAN: No. The poles are connected to our electrical system only. The amount of energy the equipment uses is paid for by the carriers and reimbursed to the Department of Water and Power.

Did Verizon ever ask if they could put their logo on these?

FABIAN: We don't allow it. There's a policy in the City.

Leaders in Technology

This project is the first in the nation like this?

FABIAN: Yes. When we started back a couple years ago, it was the first in the nation. We worked closely with Philips, Ericsson and Verizon, which is the carrier for this installation, to come up with this solution.

So how did it start?

FABIAN: It was driven by the cellular carriers because they saw a need, and they came to the Bureau of Street

Lighting, saying, "We want to use your poles. We'd like to offer this new pole that's going to hide the equipment."

Have other cities come to you and said, "Show us how you're doing this, because carriers are approaching us, too"?

FABIAN: Yes. We've been approached by a couple of cities in Southern California including Santa Monica and Long Beach. The need for the carriers is not only in the city of L.A. but in other cities. This project is a proven concept for them, and they can go to other cities and say, "This is what we did with L.A., this is how we did it, and it's successful."

Away From Wi-Fi?

A few years ago when we interviewed the then-head of ITA, he said that they were working hard to build out Wi-Fi throughout the City, but it seems that's kind of going by the wayside because the technology changes all the time, and then you're driving from tower to tower and it doesn't connect seamlessly like cell phones connect. Maybe City-wide Wi-Fi might not be the answer.

FABIAN: That is something that ITA was working on. We provided our infrastructure information, including all the GIS coordinates of the City's street lighting poles for them to run an analysis. It's being looked at by ITA.

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Fabian Cheng, Project Manager (left) speaks to Club CEO John Hawkins.

The *Alive!* Interview

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Stronger Pole, Different Antennae

Did Verizon design this pole?

FABIAN: Verizon worked with Ericsson and Philips. We reviewed the pole for structural analysis and aesthetics, including the street lighting circuitry and make sure it could withstand the additional loads.

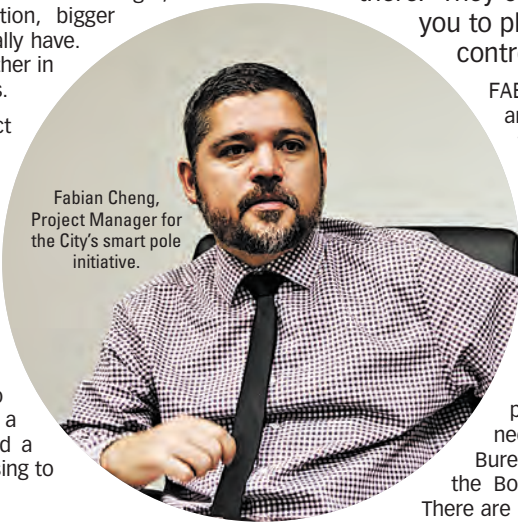
Because they're top-heavy?

FABIAN: The electrical loads, and the physical loads, too.

There had to be a whole new pole.

FABIAN: A whole new pole, and a whole new foundation. It required a stronger, reinforced foundation, bigger than what we usually have. All that came together in the planning stages.

This was a project that the Mayor's office was behind a hundred percent, because this is the direction that we want to go as a City, to incorporate the assets that we have for technology, and to try to make them a little bit neater and a little bit more pleasing to the eye, too.



Fabian Cheng, Project Manager for the City's smart pole initiative.

Speaking of neater and pleasing, does this eliminate the ugly fake palm trees and trees with the cell towers on top of them?

FABIAN: That's a whole different type of antenna. They call that a macro-antenna, which is a high-power device.

These are micro.

FABIAN: Yes, these are small-cell, micro antennas, low-power antennas, which take a load off of the whole network for the carrier. But they still need those big antennas in other areas. These types of small-cell installations take a load off of the network and help the carrier with their capacity. The sites are chosen by the cellular carrier based on its needs. We issue the permits and we do the construction for them.

We are not the communication experts, but Verizon has told us that it helps them because the number of users is increasing. They need more capacity for data usage, for video usage, for cellular phone usage, and also for the 911 operations. They gave me an example – as soon as they install one of these sites, 500 users connect to it instantly.

It relieves the stress off the macro antennas.

FABIAN: Yes.

Continuing Need

Is it satisfying the need, or is the need still growing? Do you see that this program is going to continue on?

FABIAN: From what I heard, it is going to continue to grow. I don't know in what sense as far as the amount of equipment or the new number of poles. Perhaps these poles can be refitted with additional or more powerful equipment. But it's definitely something that is increasing because we've seen the need not just from Verizon but for the other carriers as well. We know that every carrier has this technology in mind: to use these types of small-cell, low-power attachments, to fill in the gaps in the network.

Are these in urban areas?

FABIAN: Mostly in commercial areas. We don't allow them in front of single-family homes for various reasons, because it doesn't go with the scale of the type of light that would go into that area. For the most part, these poles are located on major streets. In downtown there's quite a number of installations as well.

What is the smart pole of the future? Where will this program be ten years from now?

FABIAN: I could see how other sensors could be incorporated into a smart pole. Some of these are already available, it's just that we don't have the need for it now. There are noise sensors and air quality sensors to gather information on CO₂ emissions. In the past we have allowed noise sensors; whenever MTA is doing projects in urban areas,

they need to capture that information. So for that it's a separate attachment, but I could see how the node that goes on the street light may have that capability to have those type of sensors. Maybe temperature sensors, and Wi-Fi could be incorporated into something like this. As technology advances, there may be many opportunities and innovations in street lighting, especially as it relates to smart poles.

This sounds to me like it solves a problem for the cell carriers too, because the placement of cell antennas is getting more contentious all the time. People are fighting it. "I don't want it here, I don't want it there." They can work with you to place them in non-controversial areas.

FABIAN: Yes, definitely, and it also eliminates the need to go through this hearing process and approval process, because anytime you want to install an above-ground facility, whether it's a little box or a pole – you have to go through this process where you need approval from the Bureau of Engineering and the Board of Public Works.

There are public hearings where constituents can voice their opinion. It's difficult to install a new pole in the right-of-way. Since we already an established streetlight system in an area, it's a win-win for the carriers to use existing poles. We just replace the street lighting pole, reinforce the foundation or do a new smart pole and incorporate everything within the structure. And because the cellular carriers hire the Bureau of Street Lighting to do this work, it saves them a lot of time and money. A lot of other procedures would need to happen for this to go through. So it's win-win for them and a win-win for us – we're in the forefront of this new technology.

Lessons Learned

So the installation we watched was the 96th in this program. You've reached the end of the first phase. What have you learned? What do you know now that you didn't know when you started?

FABIAN: Well, we definitely have become more efficient in the construction aspect of this. There were a lot of learning curves, because this is something that we hadn't done in the past, and it's not our core business, which is to maintain the lights. Something like this really took a lot of effort and coordination to come up with procedures and steps to make sure that we were able to do this work efficiently, on time, and with safety as a priority always. So that is something that we were able to do.

The City policy to have telecommunications attachments on street lighting poles has been in place for more than ten years. Recent advancements in cellular equipment have given the Bureau the opportunity to move forward into something that's more in the forefront of the technology. The installation of smart poles takes the City in this direction. And we're always looking into areas where we can incorporate those new technologies. But definitely the construction, coordination, and working with different players were all areas of growth. Becoming a Project Manager, specifically for myself, gave me a lot of experience working with all these other companies and vendors. The construction aspect is something that we were able to accommodate by using City resources. It created jobs for the Bureau. We created a new division and we hired three additional construction crews to do this type of work. So it was sort of a job creator as well.

The most important thing in all of this is that it's a win-win for everybody. The City is providing this service to be in the forefront of this cutting-edge technology.

Thanks, Fabian, for standing in the rain with us this morning while your crew installed the smart pole. We know you weren't feeling well.

FABIAN: Of course.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your time.

FABIAN: Sure. ■

Installation

1 Location

The Street Lighting crew arrives and sets up perimeter barriers to protect the worksite and pedestrians. The location chosen for this installation is at the corner of Ventura and Sepulveda Boulevards in the Valley, in front of the Sherman Oaks Galleria. Locations for the smart poles are chosen by the partner, in this case, Verizon, and approved by the City.



2 Preparation

The existing streetlight pole has been removed from the location (the original foundation lies to the left of the new cabinet). A new, advanced cabinet has been built atop structural concrete, and electronics for power and data (fiber) have been connected below the street level.



3 Delivering the Pole

The pole, which has been manufactured by a vendor at a remote L.A. location, is delivered, hoisted off the flatbed, and laid gently upon the sidewalk.



ALIVE! FEATURE

Public Works

Sharing the Light

Here's the process of how the Bureau of Street Lighting installs a smart pole. It involves two different teams – engineers from Street Lighting's new Co-Location Division, and one of three dedicated crews from Street Lighting's Field Operations Division.

The installation process is mostly the same as that used for a regular streetlight pole, except a few extra steps are included to accommodate for the added electronics.

4 Antenna Final Assembly

Electricians from an outside contractor (chosen by the vendor, in this case, Verizon), perform final installation and adjustment of the electronic equipment related to the cell antennas at the top of the smart pole.



7 Job (Mostly) Done!

More cement work needs to be done on the sidewalk, and additional computer hardware needs to be installed in the cabinet by an outside vendor. But for Street Lighting, the installation job is mostly complete. The partner, in this case, Verizon, will activate the antennas when it is ready. The LED light atop the pole is already operational.



5 Installing the Arm

The Street Lighting crew installs the arm onto the light pole, and the light is connected. The arm holds the LED light.



6 Lifting the Pole

The pole is lifted into place and secured atop the cabinet. A cover is screwed into place atop the pole.



Engineering Crew

Street Lighting's Co-Location Division includes engineers who work in the bureau's headquarters downtown. They are:



From left: Ruben Arevalos, Civil Engineering Drafting Technician, 3 years of City service; Gil Delacruz, Street Lighting Engineering Associate II, 9 years, Club Member; Fabian Cheng, Project Manager, 17 years; Richard Saplan, Street Lighting Engineering Associate I, 3 years; Art Tagatac, Street Lighting Engineering Associate II, 28 years; and Alina Paudyal, Student Worker, 3 years.

LA's Bravest

Above and Beyond



Police Dept.'s annual event honors 58 heroes with Purple Heart, Medal of Valor and Preservation of Life honors.

On Sept. 8, the LAPD hosted its important annual "Above and Beyond" ceremony, which this year honored 58 officers who have demonstrated the highest level of courage and bravery in protecting the City.

The event was held at the Hollywood and Highland complex in Hollywood.

This year's event contained the awarding of not just Medals of Valor, but also Purple Heart medals. Purple Hearts have been distributed only six times in the history of the event. This year, 18 LAPD Officers were honored with the Purple Heart, 15 with the Medal of Honor, and 25 with the Preservation of Life. Three officers received both the Purple Heart and the Medal of Valor.

This year for the first time, the LAPD awarded the Preservation of Life medal, a recognition of new efforts at de-escalation of public safety situations by avoiding the use of deadly force during dangerous encounters. The Dept. is one of only a handful in

the country to bestow such an honor.

The Purple Heart recognizes officers who have sustained grievous physical injury during a tactical situation and posthumously to the next of kin of those officers who did not survive their injuries.

The Medal of Valor is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer shall have preformed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

The medals are awarded by the Board of Police Commissioners and presented by the Chief of Police in the name of the Department at the annual ceremony. The award consists of a medal, ribbon, and citation. The Medal of Valor was first presented in 1925, and the Purple Heart was first awarded in 2009.

The awards ceremony is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

The stories of their bravery follow.

This year's honorees:

Preservation of Life

- Officer Ericandrew Avendano
- Reserve Officer Steven Lee
- Officer Robert Beaty
- Sgt. Steven Conner
- Officer Pedro De La Cruz
- Officer Abraham Garcia
- Officer Adam Green
- Sgt. Andrew Kukla
- Officer David Lemus
- Officer Raul Martinez
- Officer Cameron Gobble
- Sgt. Russell Graybill
- Nurses Shakhkerimyan
- Officer Alberto Lamas
- Officer Joseph Carter
- SLO Charles Chacon
- Officer Garo Garabedian
- Officer John Pastora
- Officer Pierd Perez
- Officer Francisco Rubio
- Officer Sarah Slavid
- Officer Brian Cooney
- Officer Bryan Schilling
- Officer Danielle Lopez
- Officer Bryan Waggener

- Officer Roy Mears, Retired
- Officer John Puis
- Det. Curtis Hagele
- Officer Peter Hunter, Retired
- Officer Peter Lopez
- Officer Stephen Kehoe, Retired
- Det. Lawrence Winston, Retired
- Det. Phillip Wixon, Retired
- Officer Jay Espiritu
- Officer Mark De La Torre
- Officer Francisco Rubio*
- Officer Sheila Sparkman*
- Officer Nelson Fong*

Medal of Valor

- Officer Josue Pena
- Officer Junior McMeekin
- Officer Daniel Nararro
- Officer Vincent Ortiz
- Officer Canaan Bodell
- Officer Cliff Chu
- Officer John Ferraro
- Officer Robert Gallegos
- Officer James Gastelo
- Sgt. Gabriel Holguin
- Officer Timothy McCarthy
- Officer Isaac Moreno
- Officer Michael Munjekovich
- Officer Howard Ng
- Officer Mario Rios

* Honored with both a Purple Heart and a Medal of Valor.



Preservation of Life

Alley Ambush



Reserve Officer Steven Lee



Officer Ericandrew Avendano

On Feb. 20, 2015, North Hollywood Police Officer Ericandrew Avendano and Reserve Officer Stephen Lee were conducting a traffic stop when they were flagged down by another motorist who had been involved in a traffic collision. The motorist told the officers that the other party drove into a nearby alley, so the officers finished their traffic stop and went to look for him.

Unbeknownst to the officers, the fleeing motorist had armed himself with a tactical axe and was waiting just around the corner of the alley with the weapon raised over his head. As Officer Avendano slowly moved toward the end of the alley, he saw the suspect with the axe. He immediately warned his partner who would have been on the receiving end of a blow from the axe had he continued walking.

Both officers immediately drew their weapons, and Officer Avendano ordered the suspect to put the axe down while backing away and maintaining a visual. The suspect advanced toward him with the axe still raised over his head when Officer Avendano repeated his command to drop the axe. Although the suspect did not drop the weapon, he lowered it, and retreated back. Officer Avendano then engaged him in dialogue and tried to convince him to drop the axe. The suspect told the officer that someone was trying to kill him. It was then that the officer realized the suspect was either suffering from mental illness or under the influence of narcotics.

Officer Avendano continued speaking with the suspect and requested backup. Responding officers and a supervisor arrived on scene with a beanbag shotgun. The suspect was hit with three beanbag rounds, taken into custody, and convicted of Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer.

In their encounter, the officers confronted a situation that could have resulted in the justified use of lethal force. However, both officers exhibited sound tactics and restraint that allowed for de-escalation of the situation and the use of less than lethal force.

Vandalism Suspect



Officer Alberto Lamas

On Sept. 9, 2015, Pacific Division received a report of a vandalism suspect. The caller indicated the suspect had entered a nearby business and was breaking items with a chain. Others called in to report the suspect was acting erratically and was likely under the influence of drugs.

Officers Jonathan Gan and Daniel Orr were checking the area when they confronted the suspect who was holding a six-foot metal pole. They gave the suspect commands, but he ignored them and fled on foot. The officers broadcasted their location.

Pacific Patrol Beach Unit Officers Jonathan Avila and Martin Robles were nearby, heard the broadcast, and immediately saw the suspect running in the area. They gave chase, following the suspect over a chain-linked fence (where they saw him first throw the pole over the fence), and broadcasted that they were in a foot pursuit.

Officers Alberto Lamas and Rudy Guzman were nearby and joined the foot pursuit just as the suspect entered an alley. Officer Avila closed the distance on the suspect and came within a few feet of him. Sensing the officer behind him, the suspect swung the metal pole in his direction but lost his grip and let it fall to the ground. Officer Avila tried to push him down, but Officer Avila lost his footing and fell. The suspect stood over Officer Avila, drew a hunting knife from his waistband, and raised it over his head.

Seeing the immediate threat of death that Officer Avila faced, Officer Lamas lunged for the suspect's arm just as he began to drive the knife downward towards Officer Avila's head. Officer Lamas, now having a firm hold on the suspect's wrist, fought back to stop him from striking Officer Avila. In a drug-induced rage, the suspect was undeterred in his effort to murder Officer Avila.

Realizing he could not stop the suspect's effort, Officer Lamas knocked him off balance and caused him to fall to the ground. Once on the ground, Officer Lamas climbed onto his back and maintained focus on the knife, pinning his arm to the ground.

Officers Tim Nambu and Ken Lew had arrived on the scene and saw Officer Lamas struggling over the knife. Officer Nambu quickly took control of the suspect's hand, overcame his grip on the knife, and gained control of the weapon. Officers Lamas and Avila suffered minor injuries. The suspect, who suffered no traumatic injuries, was booked for attempted murder on a police officer.

Above and Beyond



Preservation of Life

Gang Confrontation



Officer Bryan Schilling



Officer Brian Cooney

In October 2015, Rampart Division was experiencing an active feud between the Burlington Locos and the 18th Street criminal gangs. Metropolitan Division B Platoon was deployed to the affected areas to suppress gang activity and prevent anticipated retaliatory shootings.

In the early morning of Oct. 31, 2015, Metro Division Officers Brian Cooney and Bryan Schilling were conducting directed patrol in the area. They observed a known Burlington Locos gang member acting suspiciously and stopped their marked black and white cruiser to continue their observation. The suspect, startled by the

officers' presence, turned and quickly walked away from them while reaching toward a bulge in his waistband area.

The officers, both with extensive gang experience, surmised he was either carrying a weapon or other contraband and exited their vehicle to investigate. The suspect ran, and the officers initiated a foot pursuit. Officer Schilling reached him first, grabbed his shoulders, and began pulling him to the ground. Simultaneously, the suspect removed a sawed-off rifle from his waistband and fired one shot, narrowly missing Officer Cooney.

Undeterred by the suspect's violent actions, Officer Cooney closed the distance and joined Officer Schilling in the ongoing altercation. The officers worked together to successfully disarm this violent gang member who only seconds early had fired upon a uniformed police officer.

Fake AR-15



Officer Bryan Waggener



Officer Danielle Lopez

On March 8, Southwest Division Officers Danielle Lopez and Bryan Waggener were taking an arrestee to 77th Jail Division when they observed a man walking in the middle of a street divider with a rifle in his hand. Officer Lopez saw the suspect raise the rifle and aim it at two different vehicles.

Fearing for the lives of everyone in the area, the officers initiated a "Help Call," tried to make contact with the suspect, and ordered him to drop the rifle. He turned and faced the officers, and Officer Waggener gave commands to drop the weapon. After numerous orders, the suspect dropped the rifle, stepped away from it, and faced a nearby wall. He was taken into custody without incident.

After closer inspection of the firearm, officers learned it was a fake – an exact replica of an AR-15 assault rifle.

Both officers utilized excellent tactics in order to take the suspect into custody without having to resort to deadly or physical force.

Prevented Self-Infliction



Officer Joseph Carter



Officer John Pastora



Officer Sarah Slavid

On Oct. 13, 2015, Mission Division Officers Piers Perez and Sarah Slavid responded to a "415 Man with a Gun" call.

When the officers arrived on the scene, the suspect fled. The officers requested backup and began pursuit.

Suddenly, the suspect stopped, turned, and looked in the direction of the officers. Both officers exited their vehicle, using the doors as cover. The suspect once again began to run. As he fled, he reached under his shirt and pulled out a handgun. Perez immediately saw the weapon and alerted Officer Slavid, who placed a "help" call to nearby units.

The suspect, who was on the opposite side of the street from the officers, stopped running and pointed the gun squarely at his own head. The officers continued to display restraint and did not fire their weapons; instead, they reiterated their commands to drop the gun. While still pointing the gun at his head, he yelled, "Shoot me!" as he walked backwards away from them.

By now, Officers Garo Garabedian and Joseph Carter had arrived on the scene and armed themselves with a beanbag shotgun.

When Officers Francisco Rubio and John Pastora and Sr. Lead Officer Charles Chacon arrived and saw what was going on, they used their police vehicles as "rolling cover" for the other officers. The suspect saw what was going

on, and screamed, "Back up. Do you want to see me die?," and placed the barrel of the gun in his mouth.

Officer Perez ordered the suspect to drop his gun and submit to arrest. He, again, refused. Officer Perez then gave the order for Officer Garabedian to beanbag the suspect. He fired once, striking the hand that was holding the gun, causing the magazine to be ejected. Despite this, the suspect still refused to drop his gun. Officer Garabedian fired a second beanbag, striking the suspect's chest and causing him to drop the gun.

Officers moved in and took the suspect into custody without further incident.

Slash Attack



Officer Cameron Gobble



Nerses Shakhkerimyan

On Aug. 7, 2015, Van Nuys Division Officers Cameron Gobble and Nerses Shakhkerimyan responded to a radio call of a "Possible Assault with a Deadly Weapon" and observed a person matching the description from the call when they arrived at the location. The suspect was walking along the street, mumbling incoherently, and holding a large piece of glass.

When the officers exited their vehicle and tried to make contact with him, he turned away from them and began walking. Fearing he would turn and lunge at them, the officers kept their distance as they followed him and called for additional units and a supervisor.

The suspect entered an alcove and was cornered by the officers. He started making slashing motions with the piece of glass, particularly when the officers tried to close the gap. Rather than using force to have him relinquish the weapon, the officers opted to wait for additional units to assist in taking him into custody.

When Sgt. Russell Graybill arrived on scene, he instructed officers to deploy non-lethal weapons. When one officer said he could rush in and disarm the suspect when he was not looking, Graybill stated, "No, we have all the time in the world." This action reduced the chance of any officer being injured or placing them in a situation that would require the use of lethal force.

Eventually, one officer distracted the suspect while another deployed pepper spray. This allowed officers to take the suspect into custody without any further issues.

TASER Conclusion



Officer Robert Beaty



Sgt. Steven Conner

On May 24, 2015, a woman walked into the Mission Area Community Police Station and told the desk officer that her ex-boyfriend (whom she had made a stalking report against the previous week) confronted her in front of her house and tried to stop her from leaving. The woman called 911 and escaped to the police station as the suspect followed her and pointed a gun at her.

Sgt. Steven Conner received the information and directed Officers Robert Beaty and David Lemus to search the area where the suspect was known to frequent. The officers located the suspect's car, but he fled before they could get additional resources to the location. The officers began to pursue the suspect as he drove in excess of 70 mph while firing rounds at the police vehicle. The suspect lost control of his car and collided with several parked cars.

When the suspect exited his crashed vehicle, he did not appear to have any weapons in his hands. He took off running from the officers before stopping to face them with a large knife that he pulled from his pocket. The suspect waved the knife at the officers and yelled, "Shoot me. Just shoot me. It's over anyways. Just kill me."

By now, Sgt. Conner arrived on scene and took over the radio broadcasts to update responding units to the situation. Officers Beaty and Lemus continued to maintain a safe distance from the suspect while giving commands for him to drop the weapon.

While Sgt. Conner handled the tactical issues, Sgt. Andrew Kukla arrived and took over the radio broadcast responsibilities while also securing the scene. Officers Raul Martinez, Adam Green, Pedro De La Cruz and Abraham Garcia also arrived on scene with a TASER and beanbag shotgun. Upon seeing all of the officers, the suspect ran toward the front door of a nearby residence. Believing he was going to gain entry into the home and place the residents in danger, Sgt. Conner directed the officers to deploy the

TASER.

The TASER caused the suspect to fall to the ground just as the front door of the house opened. After several commands, he complied with the officers and threw the knife away from him. As the officers approached him to handcuff him, he stood up and ran into the house where an additional use of force occurred.



Officer Adam Green



Sgt. Andrew Kukla



Officer Pedro De La Cruz



Officer Abraham Garcia



Officer David Lemus



Officer Raul Martinez



LAPD



Purple Heart

Apartment Ambush



Officer Peter Lopez

On May 15, 1988, Northeast Division Officer Anthony Lopez and his partner responded to a call in Hollywood from an elderly woman who explained that she lived with her son who took medication for mental issues and that he locked her out of their apartment during a fight.

The officers obtained a spare key from the building manager and knocked on the apartment door, announced their presence, and ordered the suspect to come out. Receiving no response, the officers used the key to open the door. As Officer Lopez's partner unlocked the door, the suspect suddenly yanked the door open, causing the officer to be pulled into the apartment. The suspect, armed with a large kitchen knife, stabbed him in the hand he was using to hold his pistol. While the knife remained in his hand, the officer fired his weapon and tried to pull away from the suspect

who still had a grip on the knife. Officer Lopez also fired his weapon at the suspect, striking him, and causing him to fall to the ground. As Officer Lopez moved to handcuff the suspect, he realized that he was bleeding from his right thigh. Officer Lopez had been struck by a bullet from his partner's gun during the struggle.

Robbery Suspects



Det. Phillip Wixon, Retired



Det. Lawrence Winston, Retired

On the evening of July 26, 1995, SIS Dets. Phillip Wixon and Lawrence Winston were conducting surveillance on two men suspected of committing 24 armed robberies in the San Fernando Valley and Ventura County. Having just witnessed the men rob a store in Newbury Park, Dets. Wixon and Winston moved their police vehicle into position to make an arrest. Suddenly, one of the suspects stood up through the sunroof and began shooting. As Det. Wixon jumped out of his car, he was struck by one of the rounds, which penetrated his ballistic vest

and entered his abdomen. Struggling to breathe, Det. Wixon regained his composure and fired several rounds. As the gun battle waged on, Det. Winston was hit in the groin by a bullet from another detective. Despite his injury, Det. Winston fired several more rounds at the suspects to draw their attention away from his wounded partner. One suspect was killed and the other was wounded and is serving several life sentences in prison.

Both Det. Phillip Wixon and Det. Lawrence Winston previously received the Medal of Valor for their actions.

Ran Down by Car



Officer Francisco Rubio (also Medal of Valor)



Officer Mark De La Torre

In the early morning hours of July 30, 2011, Mission Division Officers Mark De La Torre and Francisco Rubio were working the perimeter of what was originally a 415 Gang Fight at the scene of a party when Officer Rubio saw headlights approaching them at a high rate of speed. He immediately grabbed Officer De La Torre by the back of his collar and started dragging him as he ran away from the nearing car.

Just as Officer Rubio was jumping toward the sidewalk in an attempt to get out of harm's way, he threw Officer De La Torre as far as he could

and screamed to alert other officers of the danger. The oncoming vehicle struck Officer Rubio's black and white, which sent it into a 180-degree spin and caused it to hit Officer De La Torre. Officer Rubio was also struck, sending him more than 15 feet into the air, through a wooden fence and dense brush, causing him to land on the back of his skull nearly 50 feet from the original impact point.

The black and white went on to strike two more officers, all of whom were taken to a hospital. Both Officers Rubio and De La Torre underwent many surgeries and had to take more than six months off of work. Officer Rubio sustained a severe brain injury in addition to bone injuries, and Officer De La Torre suffered from a multitude of bone injuries and muscle damage.

Hanging On at 40 MPH

On Jan. 15, 2015, Devonshire Division Det. Kenneth Lewis and Officer Jay Espiritu were conducting surveillance in response to a citizen complaint of narcotics activity. After observing a possible narcotics transaction between two people, the officers exited their vehicle to approach and make contact with the pair.



Officer Jay Espiritu

Officer Espiritu approached the driver, and Det. Lewis approached the passenger. When Officer Espiritu identified himself as a police officer, the driver began to accelerate. Officer Espiritu tried to grab at the chest of the driver while holding onto the steering wheel of the suspect's vehicle, precariously balancing his body halfway inside the vehicle with the door partially open. The driver accelerated dramatically, despite Officer Espiritu's attempts to control him and convince him to stop.

Seeing no other alternative and realizing the vehicle was traveling in excess of 40 mph, Officer Espiritu pulled the wheel down and to the left, forcing the car to strike a curb and travel up onto the sidewalk. The driver's door hit a large tree, causing the door to violently slam onto the hip and legs of Officer Espiritu. He was crushed between the door and doorpost, causing instant unconsciousness.

The officer's pelvis was broken in five places, his left femur was broken in half requiring three screws to repair the damage, several vertebrae were broken, and there were additional injuries to his lower extremities. Officer Espiritu was in the hospital for more than one month and spent nine months recovering prior to returning to duty.

Hostage Situation



Officer Stephen Kehoe, Retired

On April 30, 1993, Officer Hilton Henry began following a man with a gun, not knowing this man had just robbed a nearby restaurant. When the gunman saw the patrol car, he grabbed a 12-year-old girl who was playing nearby, pointed a pistol at her head, and forced the girl to move toward Officer Henry. Officer Henry called for backup and went to his car for cover as the suspect and hostage continued to advance toward him.

When West Traffic Division Officer Stephen Kehoe arrived on the scene, he and Officer Henry moved to the rear of the vehicle as the suspect pushed the girl into the car and got in the driver's seat. Officer Henry tried to disable the vehicle by firing into the rear tire. The suspect responded by firing at the officers through the rear window. Believing the girl must be lying on the seat, the officers fired at the suspect's head and missed. As Officer Henry reloaded his weapon, Officer Kehoe left his cover and moved to the front of the car to draw the suspect's attention away from his hostage and get a better shot at him.

Suddenly, the suspect jumped out of the car and fired at Officer Kehoe, hitting him in the right thigh. Officer Kehoe fired back with his last two rounds and began to reload when the suspect shot again and hit him in the left shoulder.

With his gun reloaded, Officer Henry ran toward the suspect and fired as he got into the police car and drove away. Despite his wounds, Officer Kehoe jumped on his motorcycle and began pursuit. The car later crashed, and Officer Kehoe dismounted at the rear of the vehicle, radioed for help, and covered the suspect until rescue teams arrived, apprehended the suspect, and took Officer Kehoe to safety. The girl was released unharmed.

Officers Henry and Kehoe both received the Medal of Valor for their heroic actions.

Suspect With Shotgun



Officer Peter Hunter, Retired

On April 8, 1982, 77th Street Division Officer Peter Hunter and his partner were on patrol when Hunter's partner observed a man with a shotgun. The officers drove past the suspect and called for backup.

After exiting the vehicle and taking cover behind a telephone pole, Officer Hunter deployed his duty shotgun in case the situation escalated and deadly force was needed. He ordered the suspect to drop his shotgun and walk toward the officers. The suspect ignored Officer Hunter's commands and put his finger on the trigger.

Additional officers arrived on scene, and the suspect ran towards a building and out of sight. One of the officers peered around a corner and was struck in the head by a bullet from the suspect's shotgun. Officer Hunter returned fire, wounding the suspect in the leg. Seeing his fellow officer hit and lying in the line of fire, Officer Hunter tried to drag him to safety. As Officer Hunter was assisting the officer, the suspect fired another round, striking him in the head and eye.

Officer Hunter underwent surgery to remove shattered buckshot pellet from one eye and was forced to take a medical retirement nearly a year later.

Gun Battle



Det. Curtis Hagele

On March, 10, 1980, Det. Curtis Hagele, assigned to Investigative Support Division (which later became Detective Support and Vice Division), was conducting surveillance of armed robbery suspects. After fellow detectives confirmed that the two suspects they were watching had committed an armed robbery of a bank in Manhattan Beach, Det. Hagele and others began a pursuit of the fleeing robbers.

A gun battle ensued, and Det. Hagele was struck by pellets from another detective's shotgun. Det. Hagele succumbed to his injuries shortly after being transported to a local hospital.

Grand Theft Auto



Officer Roy Mears, Retired

On April 2, 1977, Southwest Division Officer Roy Mears and his partner were on patrol when they passed a Grand Theft Auto suspect who was driving erratically.

The officers initiated a pursuit, and the suspect jumped out of his moving vehicle to flee. Officer Mears, without hesitation, got out of the car, drew his weapon, and began to give commands. The suspect broke free, jumped over a fence, and started running through the backyards of the surrounding houses.

Officer Mears began to chase, bounding over fences in pursuit. One fence broke as Officer Mears jumped over it, causing him to injure his right knee. Nevertheless, he stayed in the fight and continued to pursue the suspect. He was eventually able to make contact with the suspect, who kicked Officer Mears in his right hand as he went to apprehend him. A struggle ensued, the suspect grabbed and bent Officer Mears' thumb, causing the tendon to snap. Officer Mears battled through the injuries and eventually detained the suspect.

Officer Mears endured several surgeries for his thumb and his knee and was forced to medically retire in 1978.

Above and Beyond



Purple Heart

Multiple Wounds



Officer John Puis

On June 27, 1979, Newton Division Officer John Puis and his partner responded to a "Violent Male Mental" radio call. When they arrived at the scene, they learned the suspect was at the rear of the house and had just choked his mother. They were informed that there were no firearms in the house.

As Officer Puis and his partner spoke with the suspect's sister, five additional officers arrived to assist. As the officers moved to the rear of the house, they observed the suspect sitting naked on the floor of an enclosed porch. When the suspect saw the officers, he scooted into the house and stood up.

The officers entered the porch, at which point one officer observed the suspect holding what appeared to either be a rifle or a broomstick. Officer Puis only heard that the suspect was holding a broomstick. The suspect retreated further into the house, and the officers followed. One of the officers noted that the suspect was definitely holding a rifle and warned the others. Officer Puis did not hear the warning and kicked in the door to the room where the suspect was.

When the door opened, the suspect fired his rifle. Officer Puis did not see the suspect until he was illuminated by the muzzle flash. Before he could react, the bullet struck his right shoulder and the force of the blow turned him around, slammed him against the wall, and caused him to drop his service revolver.

When the shot rang out, the other officers took cover and exited the house. Officer Puis was alone, wounded, and temporarily disarmed. As he went to recover his weapon, he realized he was unable to use his right hand. Rather than endangering fellow officers, Officer Puis yelled that he was okay and told them to stay out.

The suspect saw Officer Puis moving and fired a second round, hitting him in the right side of his neck. Another bullet struck Officer Puis, traveling through his leg and lodged in his spine, causing temporary paralysis from his chest down. Officer Puis fell to the floor and, again, dropped his service revolver. Not wanting to put his fellow officers in harm's way, he did not call for help. Instead, he said he was hit again, told them he was all right, and said he did not know where the suspect was.

Unaware that the suspect had fled the house, Officer Puis pulled his body and dead legs along the floor by grasping objects around him and headed to the porch. Realizing he left his loaded service weapon behind, Officer Puis dragged himself back across the kill zone to retrieve his gun and back again toward the door.

Running out of strength and hope, Officer Puis lay there and did not call for help for fear of jeopardizing other officers' lives. After his fellow officers saw the suspect flee, they entered the house and realized his true condition.

Officer Puis received the Medal of Valor for his actions in 1980.

Helicopter Accident



Det. Richard Kelbaugh, Retired

On May 29, 1974, Officer Richard Kelbaugh and three others boarded a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter to conduct realistic live-fire exercises. At some point during the flight, the aircraft violently collided with a hillside before bursting into flames, spilling fuel all over the crash site and personnel. The aircraft burned with all four occupants trapped within it as it slid down the steep hillside.

Sadly, an LAPD commander lost his life in the tragic accident. Officer Kelbaugh was the most seriously injured survivor of the crash. He sustained second- and third-degree burns over 40 to 50 percent of his body, as well as damage to both eyes. He remained in intensive care for some time, requiring numerous surgeries and skin grafts to repair injuries caused by the extensive heat.

Nearby Fight



Sgt. William Schmidt, Retired

In the late evening of Aug. 25, 1970, Rampart Division Sgt. William Schmidt was flagged down and advised of a fight nearby. Sgt. Schmidt immediately responded to the area and encountered the suspect walking quickly away from him. Sgt. Schmidt exited his vehicle and ordered the suspect to stop. Instead, the suspect broke into a run and turned and fired several shots at Sgt. Schmidt, striking him in the right bicep (severing the artery) and the chest.

Despite being critically injured, Sgt. Schmidt returned fire and wounded the suspect, leading to his quick arrest by responding units.

Sgt. Schmidt spent more than a year recovering from his injuries before returning to duty. However, he was forced to medically retire in 1973 due to the nerve damage to his right arm and hand caused by the gunshot.

Sgt. Schmidt received the Medal of Valor in 1971 for his actions during this incident.

Car Burglars



Det. David Turnquist, Retired

On June 8, 1969, Policeman David Turnquist and his partner were on loan to Central Area from Rampart Division.

The officers were investigating reports of possible car burglars in the downtown area late that evening when they encountered four possible suspects and detained them. During the stop, one of the suspects began to fight with Officer Turnquist's partner. Officer Turnquist rushed to aid him, but the suspect disarmed his partner and shot him in the neck before he could get there. The suspect then turned and shot Officer Turnquist twice.

Despite his injuries, Officer Turnquist continued toward the suspect, wrestled the revolver away from him, and shot him.

Officer Turnquist recovered from his wound and retired as a detective in 1990. To this day, he carries bullet fragments in his body.

Domestic Shootout



Officer Sheila Sparkman (also Medal of Valor)



Officer Josue Pena (Medal of Valor)

On the morning of March 24, 2014, Hollywood Division Officers Sheila Sparkman and Josue Pena responded to a radio call of a domestic disturbance.

When the officers arrived at the location, they were met by one of the residents. Unaware of any problems, he told the officers that his roommate and his roommate's boyfriend were also present. The resident called out to his roommate and knocked on his door, at which point the roommate opened an adjacent bathroom door and peered out at the officers. Officer Sparkman asked him to step outside so that they could

talk with him. He quickly walked from the bathroom to his bedroom to put on some clothes.

At this time, both officers heard what sounded like two male voices coming from the bedroom he had just entered. Wanting to check on the welfare of any other occupants, the officers entered the bathroom and could see a man seated on the edge of a bed in the adjacent bedroom. The man nervously rocked back and forth. Both officers then took position on either side of the bathroom doorjamb facing into the bedroom. Officer Sparkman asked the man if he was okay and told him to exit the room. The man was non-responsive, so Officer Sparkman reached into the room and pulled the man to safety.

Officer Sparkman then ordered the remaining person to exit the bedroom. He refused and walked farther into the room. Officer Pena observed that the man was holding a gun in his right hand and immediately broadcasted, "415 man with a gun," on his radio. Believing the situation was about to escalate, Officer Sparkman drew her weapon. As she did, the suspect raised his gun and pointed it at her. In defense of her life and that of her partner, she shot at the suspect, striking him. The suspect again raised his weapon, and both he and Officer Sparkman simultaneously fired a volley of rounds at one another as he moved behind the bed.

Officer Sparkman's movement crowded Officer Pena out of the bathroom when the shooting started. To protect himself and his partner, Officer Pena fired to where he believed the suspect was, striking him.

One of the suspect's bullets shattered a large mirror within inches of Officer Sparkman's head, causing bullet fragments, mirrored glass and wood from the door frame to strike her face and eyes. As blood poured down her face, she returned fire. Seeing that his partner was injured, Officer Pena pulled Officer Sparkman from the bathroom and guided her outside to take cover behind their patrol vehicle. Both officers broadcasted for help.

Having taken a defensive position, Officer Pena directed the first responding unit to cover the suspect's last known location. Realizing that the arriving ambulance would not enter the threat zone, he guided his partner farther away from the scene to where the ambulance was waiting. Officer Sparkman was taken to a local medical center for treatment of her wounds.

When SWAT officers arrived at the scene, they discovered the suspect deceased in the bedroom, having succumbed to the gunshot wounds he received during the firefight.

Overpowered



Det. Frank Tomlinson, Retired



Capt. Stan Kensis, Retired

On April 27, 1962, University Division (now known as Southwest Division) Officers Stan Kensis and Frank Tomlinson were on patrol when Officer Tomlinson saw two men looking at men's suits that were in the trunk of a parked vehicle. Knowing that there had recently been a series of window smash burglaries at clothing stores in the area and seeing the suits were on hangers and covered in plastic, the officers stopped to investigate.

Officer Kensis asked one of the men to go with him to the front of the suspect's vehicle

while Officer Tomlinson ordered the other man to stay at the rear and show him identification. As the suspect reached for his wallet, Officer Tomlinson noticed that Officer Kensis was in a struggle with the other suspect over the hood of the car. Officer Tomlinson went to assist him when the officers found themselves surrounded by a group of 20 to 30 men with shaved heads wearing suits.

The group of suspects ambushed the officers. Several of them hoisted Officer Tomlinson onto their shoulders and began chanting in unison. During the chaos, the officers lost track of one another. Officer Kensis was beaten and dragged to a nearby street corner. He was knocked down on the ground on his backside when the suspects started using their feet to stomp him in his face and ribs until he was beaten unconscious.

Officer Tomlinson was dropped and pinned with his back against the original suspect's vehicle. He was doing his best to dodge blows when the suspects suddenly stopped and focused their attention in another direction. A witness was standing in the street holding a gun and yelling at the suspects to stop. As they moved toward the witness, they walked away from Officer Tomlinson – who still did not know where Officer Kensis was.

Noticing that the suspects' focus was on the witness, Officer Tomlinson used the opportunity to gain some advantage. He pulled out his gun and walked towards one suspect who was aggressively advancing towards the witness.

Suddenly, one of the suspects fired a weapon, striking Officer Tomlinson in the back and knocking him down. He heard two more shots being fired at him and felt a sharp pain in his left arm. Despite his injuries, he tried to drag himself from his position on the ground. He could see Officer Kensis on the ground and pulled his weapon to fire at the surrounding suspects, but he did not have a shot because Officer Kensis was in his line of fire.

Officer Kensis, who had been unconscious for most of the time he was separated from Officer Tomlinson, regained consciousness and realized his service revolver was missing. He also saw that Officer Tomlinson was down on the sidewalk with one of the suspects standing over him shooting down at him. Fearing the worst for his partner but determined to retrieve his gun, Officer Kensis struggled to his feet. His eyes were swollen shut, and he had sharp pains in his chest from what he assumed were broken ribs. Once, again, the suspects attacked him, knocking him to the ground, and rendering him unconscious.

As a result of the beatings he received, Officer Kensis fell into a coma and was hospitalized. He took one month of sick leave to recover before returning to duty and eventually retiring as a Captain. Officer Tomlinson underwent several surgeries to correct the damage caused from the gunshot wound to his arm and shoulder area. He returned to full duty after one year and retired as a Detective III.

LAPD

Above and Beyond



Medal of Valor

Dangerous Pursuit



Officer Canaan Bodell



Sgt. Gabriel Holguin



Officer Cliff Chu



Officer Timothy McCarthy



Officer Nelson Fong (also Purple Heart)



Officer Michael Munjekovich



Officer John Ferraro



Officer Isaac Moreno



Officer Robert Gallegos



Officer Howard Ng



Officer James Gastelo



Officer Mario Rios



In the early morning hours of Aug. 18, 2014, 77th Street Division Officers Gabriel Holguin and Michael Munjekovich were on patrol in their black and white police vehicle when they observed a Chevy Tahoe failing to stop at a posted stop sign. The officers began following the Tahoe and saw it fail to stop at two other stop signs.

Officer Holguin activated the overhead emergency lights, but the Tahoe failed to pull over. Officer Holguin activated the siren and watched as the Tahoe sped through a red light. Officer Munjekovich notified Communications Division (CD) that they were in pursuit of a reckless driver and requested backup and an airship.

The Tahoe reached speeds in excess of 80 mph and was weaving in and out of traffic when it suddenly stopped. The front passenger leaned out of the car and opened fire on both officers with an assault rifle. In fear for his life and the life of his partner, Officer Munjekovich fired five rounds through the windshield of their police vehicle. The passenger then closed his door, and the Tahoe took off again. The officers gave chase and notified CD that they were under fire and gave the direction they were traveling during the pursuit.

As other officers joined the chase, the driver of the Tahoe lost control of his vehicle and collided into a pole and a tree. The officers saw the driver fleeing on foot and the passenger exit the car with his assault rifle. The passenger started firing, and the officers returned fire, even reloading their weapons to stay engaged in the gunfight. The suspect took off running, turned toward the officers, and pointed his rifle at them again. The officers returned fire, and Officer Munjekovich began to establish a perimeter with the help of Air Support Division.

SWAT and Metro K-9 personnel arrived on scene to search for the two suspects, and three search teams were established. Officer Cliff Chu was working with his K-9 Ringo when Ringo alerted the officers to the location of one of the suspects. Officers Chu, Canaan Bodell, Timothy McCarthy and Isaac Moreno ordered the suspect to surrender. When he did not comply, another officer deployed a stun grenade. The suspect (who turned out to be the driver) gave up and was taken into custody without further incident.

The search teams continued to look for the other suspect. One of the officers noticed someone trying to conceal himself behind a tree. As the team continued forward, the suspect left his position and, armed with the assault rifle, moved behind a parked car. An officer notified the entire team that the suspect had a rifle.

The search team sought cover behind parked cars in the area, and the MedCat, now operated by Bodell and Officer Howard Ng, and BearCat moved forward. As the MedCat stopped, the suspect raised his rifle in the officers' direction. Fearing for their lives and the lives of their partners, Officers Mario Rios, John Ferraro, Bodell, Nelson Fong, James Gastelo, Ng, McCarthy, Chu, and Robert Gallegos fired their weapons.

As the BearCat moved forward, the suspect began firing, striking the BearCat and Officer Fong. Fong returned fire, fell backwards onto the ground, and grabbed his knee. Fearing that Fong had been shot and was still in the line of fire, Ferraro pulled him to the rear of the BearCat.

Officer James Gastelo and several of his colleagues returned fire at the suspect, striking him. He fell behind a parked car and was no longer moving. The officers formed an arrest team and approached the suspect, who was taken into custody without further incident.

Two officers provided immediate medical attention to Officer Fong until he could be taken to a hospital. The medical team at California Hospital was able to save Officer Fong's critically injured leg.

Multiple Wreck and Fire



Officer Vincent Ortiz

On Feb. 27, Officer Vincent Ortiz was off-duty and traveling on the 5 Freeway when he witnessed a fiery crash involving street racing. One vehicle had hit a UPS truck, causing the driver to lose control, strike the center median, become airborne and land on the opposite side of the freeway, hitting a sedan and catching fire. After the UPS truck came to rest, an SUV immediately hit it.

The SUV quickly became engulfed in flames. Although he was initially pinned down in the front of his car, the driver was able to work his way to the SUV's cargo area. He yelled for help and continuously tried to kick out the rear windows. As he struggled to free himself, he felt the vehicle heat up and his arms start to burn. He saw people standing 50 feet away, but no one was willing to approach the burning wreck.

Officer Ortiz had already gotten out of his car and was checking on people at the scene. He heard the driver's cries for help, made eye contact with him, and ran toward his vehicle – despite the flames and intense heat. Officer Ortiz located the release latch for the back of the vehicle, opened it, grabbed the driver by the arms, pulled him 30 feet away, and sat him on the center median.

Someone yelled that they had to get further back because the UPS truck was going to blow up. Officer Ortiz grabbed the driver by his arms a second time and pulled him another 30 feet away from the wreck, just as the cab of the UPS truck exploded again, sending debris into the air. Officer Ortiz stayed with the driver until paramedics arrived.

Car on Fire



Officer Junior McKeekin



Officer Daniel Navarro

On July 31, 2015, Hollenbeck Division Officers Junior McKeekin and Daniel Navarro responded to a traffic collision and saw two mangled cars in the roadway, one of which was on fire. Without hesitation, the officers approached the cars to make sure all occupants were safe and away from the wreckage. They noticed that one of the drivers was slumped over his seat and unconscious.

The officers quickly broke the window and forced the driver's door open while the vehicle was completely engulfed in flames. They pulled the driver to safety, as additional responding units extinguished the fire. The quick actions of both officers saved the driver's life.

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 89
in a series.



People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.

Meet Kenneth Hagle.



AGE: 54.

BIRTHPLACE: "Echo Park."

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

MARRIED?

"Been married twice, with two kids in their 30s."

MEDICATIONS: "Yes, pain medications."

RELIGIOUS: "Yes."

HIS STORY:

"I was born and raised in Los Angeles, Echo Park as a matter of fact. I always wanted to become a pharmacist. I made it to 12th grade and was just into living life. I really wasn't serious about anything. I drank, abused pain meds and partied. I never went to college, but I did register for the draft. I never served, though. I drank and smoked some pot but was never addicted or anything. I did have two hits of meth yesterday, but it doesn't really affect me.

"I have AIDS, and as you can see me my feet are messed up. I was in Burbank the other day and was coming down some stairs on the side of a building. I jumped, thinking it was just a couple of feet, but it turns out it was 30 feet. I broke up both of my feet and now I am in this wheelchair." [Note: Kenneth's freshly bandaged feet were bloody. - Ed.]

"I have been homeless for three years now."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "The Devil Wears Prada."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Adam 12."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Hamburgers."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My teeth."

WITH \$1 MILLION:

"Buy a loft and do art and music."

ADVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH KIDS:

"One thing leads to another."

The Club gave Kenneth 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 Jan. 11 in the 200 block of South Broadway downtown.



Club CEO John Hawkins and Kenneth Hagle.

{ 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. }

Airports

Story by Officer Rob Pedregon, Airport Police
Photo by CSI Officer Shawn Smith

Welcome, New Officers

Airport Police graduates two officers.

Airport Police added two new officers to the nation's largest aviation law enforcement agency in a graduation ceremony held Jan. 20 at the LAPD Elysian Park Academy near Dodger Stadium. LAPD Academy Class 8-16, with 33 recruit officers, entered a new chapter in their lives as they dedicate themselves to careers in the noble profession of public safety.

Officer Karina Alvarado, a former third-grade substitute teacher for Long Beach Unified School District, and Officer Filomeno Pumaren, a former U.S. Coast Guardsman, represented the Airport Police Division with honor and pride as each held the position of squad leader for LAPD Class 8-16 during the grueling six-month-long academy training program.

Before swearing in the new officers, Airport Police Chief David L. Maggard Jr. welcomed them to the Airport Police family and thanked them for their hard work and dedication during the academy.

The graduates will now begin a six-month field-training program specific to aviation law enforcement under the guidance of a field-training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

Welcome to the City, Officers Alvarado and Pumaren!



From left: Airport Police Capt. Greg Staar, Officer Karina Alvarado, Chief David Maggard, Officer Filomeno Pumaren and Capt. Tyrone Stallings at the graduation ceremony.

Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS,
Chief Operating Officer
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Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer, honors Raquel with the coveted Club Retirement Plaque.



Raquel Velasquez, Retired from Finance with 29 years of City service.

Congratulations!

Help Us Blanket the City!



Help the Club take care of those living on the streets this winter.

The last five years, we put out the call to help those in need downtown. And Club Members came through! So we're continuing *Blanket the City*.

It started five years ago with John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man, coming into the Club Store one December night, shivering from the cold. And if they were chilly, they thought, what about those living on the streets?

So they hatched a plan: pass out blankets those living on the streets downtown. That first night, they gave

away eight blankets. Now the number is into the hundreds.

Blanket the City is an official part of Club Angels, the Club's charitable outreach. During the fall, winter and spring months, the Club will be handing out military-grade blankets to those who really need them.

Blanket the City has become a new winter tradition here at the Club!



Join the effort? Here's how:

- The military-grade blankets cost \$9 each.
- Contribute what you can, and the Club will purchase blankets and hand them out for you.
- Mail your donation of any amount with the completed form below.
- Donations could be tax-deductible. Contact your tax professional.

Want to contribute?

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez with any questions: jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or agomez@cityemployeesclub.com

Help us to Blanket the City!

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Your donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.

The City Parties!

Special Holiday Party Section

The City Parties!
- Part 2

It's an annual **Alive!** tradition!

All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And *Alive!* was there! Here in February, *Alive!* continues its coverage of the City Social Season 2016, with stories and photos from Club staff ... and sent in by you, too.

Enjoy the memories!

Harbor

The Harbor Dept.'s annual holiday program was held Dec. 14 in the boardroom where the Harbor Commissioners meet regularly. It was the third anniversary of the Port's holiday party in its current form.

Several employees performed at the party. Employees were encouraged to attend, sing, dance, laugh and be merry.

Miriam Cruz, Management Analyst, conceived and organized the annual holiday program and converted the stage in the boardroom for the annual holiday program. Previously, guests performed in the Port headquarters lobby.

Executive Director Eugene Seroka delivered the opening remarks to greet the employees. This was

the very first year that an Executive Director joined the employees for the holiday program.

Performers included: Jane Chiappetta, Crystal Gonzalez, Ann Liu, Masashi Morimoto, Charles Middleton, Vince Royale, Charles Sanchez, Velma Von Mosch, and Gems of Polynesia Dancers (Gloria Holden and team).

The event was hosted by the Waterfront and Commercial Real Estate Division, in cooperation with Community Relations and Risk Management Divisions.

The Club provided attendance prizes. Thanks go to Miriam Cruz for her assistance in producing this article.



For the very first time, Harbor employees volunteered and joined the guest performers in bringing joys to employees at the holiday program.



Santa Claus resembled Jason Ho, Civil Engineer.



Santa's elf resembled Kimberly Hee, Secretary, City Attorney.



Guest performer Velma Von Mosch, grandma, 90 years old.



Port Police Officer Jane Chiappetta sang a beautifully rendered version of "Silent Night."



Crystal Gonzalez, Wharfinger.



The South Bay Gems of Polynesian Dancers.



Host Darrell Pan.



Santa's elf resembled Elizabeth Zambrano, Custodian.



Port Security Officer Charles Middleton and Civil Engineer John Posadas, Harbor, on the keyboard.

The City Parties!

Economic and Workforce Development

Economic and Workforce Development held its holiday luncheon Dec. 6. Special thanks go to Amelia Marucut for her assistance in producing this article.



Top row, center: Jeff Whitmore, Chief Management Analyst, with his divisions: Administrative Services and Information Technology.



The Youth Opportunity Movement from Watts (South Region).



Jan Perry, General Manager, Club Member (far right), with Workforce Development staff.

Economic and Workforce Development's Financial Management Division.



Robert Sainz, Assistant General Manager, and Rowena Workman, Executive Administrative Assistant III.



Jan Perry, General Manager, Club Member (center) with, from left: Michael Cole, Executive Officer; Samuel Hughes, Assistant General Manager, Economic Development Division; Catherine Bondoc, Director of Financial Management Division; Jeff Whitmore, Director of Administrative Services Division and Information Technology Division; and Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Director of Financial Management Division.



Luis Jaime Rodriguez, Systems Analyst II, with Jan Perry, General Manager, Club Member.



At the General Services/Accounts Payable Division's holiday party.

LAPD Records and Identification

LAPD's Records and Identification Division hosted its annual holiday party Dec. 1 at LAPD Headquarters downtown.

The group says: "Happy Holidays from LAPD Records and Identification Division!"

The Club thanks Club Board Member Terry Carter, Police Administrator, LAPD, for her assistance.

General Services Accounts Payable

General Services' Accounts Payable Division held its office Christmas party Dec. 13. The party was held at the office.

The party featured an ugly holiday sweater contest, in which each participant received \$5 (top winners took home more). Participants included Katrina Winkleman, Club Member; Ursula Villaneuva, Susie Feliciano, Lilibeth Delafuente, Rhonda Hatter, Sabrina Hilliard, Tamura Mclain and Mila Lumbang.

Thanks to Katrina Winkleman for assisting Alive! in producing this article.



LAPD Records and Identification's holiday party.

The City Parties!

AFSCME

On Dec. 6, AFSCME Local 3672 of Executive Administrative Assistants (EAAs) celebrated the holidays with more than 50 percent of members in attendance at Taix French Restaurant. To ensure that the majority was able to get away from the office, Local 3672 Executive Board intentionally planned the end of the year celebrations during the first week of December as the members are usually the planners of their own department festivities.

EAAs work throughout the City from the northern end of Los Angeles boundaries to the Port of Los Angeles and west at Los Angeles World

Airports. EAAs are the right hand to management and have the ability to multitask high-profile, high-level job assignments. The union welcomed many new members in 2016, and when President Diana Williams asked all newly hired members to stand, well over half of the room stood.

Debi Gutierrez, comedian and actress, provided an inspirational speech. Her inspirational talk filled the room with laughter.

Special thanks go to AFSCME Local 3672 President Diana Williams for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Diana Williams, President, Executive Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Works; Debi Gutierrez, comedian and actress; Magdalena Olaguez, Legal Secretary, City Attorney's Office; and Angie Roman, Vice President and Acting Treasurer/Secretary, Executive Administrative Assistant, LAPD Commission.



Building and Safety Records System

Building and Safety's Records System (LADBS-IDIS) held its holiday party Dec. 21.

Special thanks go to Melissa Morales, Administrative Clerk, for her assistance in producing this article.



Alex Gomez, Administrative Clerk, LADBS-IDIS.



Rafeal Reza, Administrative Clerk, LADBS-IDIS.

From left: Chaunteal Martin, Principal Clerk; Andrew Peers, Sr. Administrative Clerk; Brittany Matlock, Administrative Clerk; Laura Zimmerman, Administrative Clerk; Melissa Morales, Administrative Clerk; Carla Chavez, Administrative Clerk; Eivia Garcia, Sr. Administrative Clerk; and Jennifer Wong, Administrative Clerk.



Administrative Clerks, from left: Melissa Morales, Laura Zimmerman and Jennifer Wong.



Allison Fuentesvella, Administrative Clerk, LADBS-IDIS.



Brittany Matlock, Administrative Clerk, LADBS-IDIS.



Jennifer Wong, Administrative Clerk, LADBS-IDIS.



Administrative Clerks, from left: Maggie Lopez, Brittany Matlock, Melissa Morales, LaMeisha Candler, Jennifer Wong and Laura Zimmerman.

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Rest Insured

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

Home Insurance: How Much Coverage?

One of the most common questions we get is how much homeowner's coverage to carry.

It's an important topic, and one that you should try to get right. Most people dramatically underinsure their home's value.

Some of the mistakes that people make are quite common. Often people base the amount of insurance on the price they paid for the house. This is not a good valuation, as it includes the value of the land as well, so will often be too high. (Although, in some parts of the country it will be too low!)

Often people base the amount of insurance on the amount that the bank requires. This doesn't make sense either, as the bank is concerned only with covering their loan, not necessarily restoring you to your "pre-loss" position.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is basing the value of the home on what it cost when they bought it. I've had plenty of people tell me, "I built this house myself 30 years ago, so I know what it cost." Well, you know what it cost 30 years ago, but things have changed dramatically.

There are several things that go into figuring what to insure your house for.

You need enough insurance to cover the cost of rebuilding your home at current construction costs. Don't include the cost of the land. And don't base your rebuilding costs on the price you paid for your home. The cost of rebuilding could be more or less than the price you paid or could sell it for today.

Some banks require you to buy homeowners insurance to cover the amount of your mortgage. If the limit of your insurance policy is based on your mortgage, make sure it's enough to

cover the cost of rebuilding. (If your mortgage is paid off, don't cancel your homeowners policy. Homeowners insurance protects your investment in your home.)

For a quick estimate of the amount of insurance you need, multiply the total square footage of your home by local building costs per square foot. Typically, this is at least \$200 per square foot in Southern California, and often much higher.

Factors that will determine the cost of rebuilding your home:

- Local construction costs
- The square footage of the structure
- The type of exterior wall construction – frame, masonry (brick or stone), or veneer
- The style of the house (ranch, Colonial)
- The number of bathrooms and other rooms
- The type of roof and materials used
- Other structures on the premises, including garages or sheds
- Fireplaces, exterior trim and other special features like arched windows
- Whether the house, or parts of it like the kitchen, was custom built
- Improvements made to your home – adding a second bathroom, enlarging the kitchen or other additions that have added value to your home

Standard homeowners policies provide coverage for disasters, including damage due to fire, lightning, hail, explosions and theft. They do not cover floods, earthquakes or damage caused by lack of routine maintenance.

Replacement Cost Policies

Most policies cover replacement cost for damage to the structure. A replacement cost policy pays for the repair or replacement of damaged property with materials of similar kind and quality. There is no deduction for depreciation – the decrease in value due to age, wear and tear, and other factors.

If you purchase a flood insurance policy, coverage for the structure is available on a replacement cost basis.

Guaranteed or Extended Replacement Cost Coverage

After a major hurricane or a tornado, building materials and construction workers are often in great demand. This can push rebuilding costs above homeowners policy limits, leaving you without enough money to cover the bill. To protect against such a situation, you can buy a policy that pays more than the policy limits.

An extended replacement cost policy will pay an extra 20 percent or more above the limits, depending on the insurance company. A guaranteed replacement cost policy will pay whatever it costs to rebuild your home as it was before the fire or other disaster.

Building Codes

Building codes are updated periodically and may have changed significantly since your home was built. If your home is badly damaged, you may be required to rebuild your home to meet new building codes. Generally, homeowners insurance policies (even a guaranteed replacement cost policy) won't pay for the extra expense of rebuilding to code. Many insurance companies offer an ordinance or law endorsement that pays a specified amount toward these costs. (An endorsement is a form attached to an insurance policy that changes what the policy covers.)

Inflation Guard

Consider adding an inflation guard clause to your policy. This automatically adjusts the dwelling limit when you renew your policy to reflect current construction costs in your area.

Older Homes

If you own an older home, you may not be able to buy a replacement cost policy. Instead, you may have to buy a modified replacement cost policy. This means that, instead of repairing or replacing features typical of older homes, like plaster walls and wooden floors, with similar materials, the policy will pay for repairs using the standard building materials and construction techniques in use today.

Insurance companies differ greatly in how they insure older homes. Some won't insure older homes for the replacement cost because of the expense of re-creating special features like wall and ceiling moldings and carvings. Other companies will insure older homes for the replacement cost as long as the dwelling is in good condition.

If you can't insure your home for the replacement cost or choose not to do so – in some cases, the cost of replacing a large old home is so high that you might not want to replace it with a house of the same size – make sure the limits of the policy are high enough to provide you with a house of acceptable size and quality.

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



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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Gabriel Alday
 Raymond Campos
 Harold Combs
 Carol Flournoy
 Andrea Romero

Juan Galarza
 Juan Jimenez
 Vincent Lomay
 Thomas Melendrez
 Danny Mosqueda
 Hasan Mubasher
 Robert Navarro
 Edward Rabago
 Thomas Rimer
 Alexis Scopelitis
 Raymond Smith
 Abel Torres

Luis Godinez
 Magdaleno Gomez
 Rebecca Gonzales
 Erika Gonzalez
 Juan Gutierrez
 Javier Guzman
 Michael Hamilton
 Janelle Harmon
 Diane Hawking
 David Hawkins
 Brent Houlihan
 Robert Jaramillo
 James Kelly
 Lori Lee
 David Manriquez
 Marie Marin
 Mario Marquez
 Michael Mattox
 Taylor Montana
 Ismael Moran
 Marcos Moran Camacho
 Larry Peelen
 Matthew Perez
 Daniela Ramirez
 Jesus Reza
 Alexis Rodriguez
 Alberto Rodriguez
 Steven Rovira
 Cody Schram
 Sierra Sellers
 Robin Simmons
 Bryan Thierry
 Michelle Thomas
 Jose Torres
 Stacey Vandersall
 Sheree Wynn
 Jose Zamora

Joy Welling

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 Sergio Arvayo
 Juanita Bell
 Larry Bentley
 Paul Carrion
 Ignacio Chavez
 Maria Cisneros
 Catherine De Jesus
 Jaime Gomez
 Branden Gutierrez
 Joaquin Guzman
 Jonathan Hall
 Roy Mayes
 Jesus Munoz
 Antonia Quintero
 Ryan Rice
 Edwin Rivas
 Rodney Spillers
 Adrian Suarez
 Debra Tatum Harang
 David Vaughn
 Maurice Wallace
 Tennea Ware

Miguel Gonzalez
 Kevin Grimm
 Jose Horta
 David Jackson
 Victor Segura
 Ronald Terry
 Timothy Verdun
 Flyod Wiltz

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Teresa Arreola
 Lorrie Dacuma
 Mario Enriquez
 Lorilei Jackson
 Brett Kalish
 Ray Lay
 Faviola Lomely
 Diana Portillo
 Marlene Prado
 Stacy Starkey

DWP

Lois Bowman
 Daniel Gonzales
 Eric Larison
 Kevin McCue
 Alejo Medina Jr.
 Daniel Montano
 Fernando Porras
 Luis Ramirez
 Carol Sin
 David Suarez Jr.
 Christopher Vandiver

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Jose Amador
 Dale Anderson

Ray Aquino Jr.
 Shirley Aros
 Trinidad Canales
 Juan Cardenas
 Joshua Centers
 Ronald Terry
 Alejandro Cristerna
 Laura Daniels
 Jeremy East
 Mia Garcia
 Matthew Goodwin
 Anthony Hidalgo
 Edwin Hilario
 Scott James
 Jason Keller
 Jason Kerr
 Michael Kolb
 Joshua Koscielny
 Ulises Loera
 David Lugo Jr
 Chad Mihld
 Kyle Morgan
 Roger Morris
 Marciano Navar
 Tobias Negrete
 Roger Neyrey
 George Nificoros
 Roderick Richards
 Gilbert Sanchez
 Ivan Simon
 Joaquin Sosa
 David Stadelhofer
 Richard Taren
 Vinetta Thompson
 John Tosto
 Brian White
 Storm Winter
 Kevin Young

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Meghan Bowles
 Elizabeth Garcia
 Diana Guzman
 Kassandra Isaacson
 Yite Liao
 Haydee Mancera
 Johanna Molina
 Tia Orbin
 Bianca Roman

ITA

Davion Jackson
 Mary Lee
 Stephen Siu

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 Angelica Martinez
 Vu Nguyen
 Olisaemeka Uzondo

LACERS

Karen Freire
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 Oscar Casini
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 Samuel Colwart
 Danielle Correa
 Darren Davidson
 Darlene Dizon-Tolentino
 Julio Estrada
 Tyler Fitzgerald
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 Rex Freymond
 Dalia Galdamez
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Marina Arkhipkina
 Doris Duncan
 Manuel Vargas

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Myena Alcazar
 Sohail Biary
 Derrick Dennis JR

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 Deysi Alvarado-Perez
 Cindy Anaya
 Karynna Carlos

Street Services

Adan Carbajal
 Johnny Cordova
 Valentino Marrupo
 Anthony Robles
 Ivan Sanchez

Rec and Parks

Jose Alamillo
 Oscar Cardenas

Graduations



Ashhad Khan earned a Bachelor's degree in finance from Cal State, Northridge. He's the son of Javed Khan, DWP.



Jennifer Owen graduated in December from Arizona State University with a Master's degree in higher and post-secondary education. She's the daughter of Lourdes P. Owen, General Services, and Jeff Owen, DWP, both Retired. "Good luck in your job at ASU SkySong Enterprise and Innovation!" Lourdes writes.

Weddings

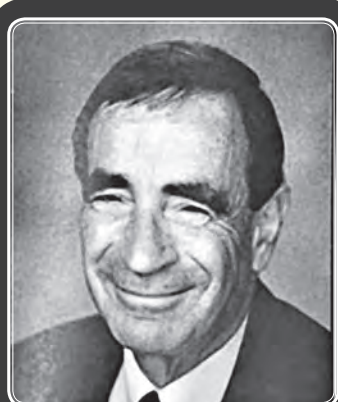


Christal Foster, Utility Administrator, DWP, married Eric Jones, Storekeeper II, General Services, Oct. 1 at Crenshaw United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. More than 250 guests witnessed the wedding and reception. They honeymooned on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Congratulations, Eric and Christal Jones!

In Memoriam

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

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active							
Isaad, Rodolfo M.	ITA	18	Cook, Ennis	Public Works	36	Kehmeier, Harold	Building & Safety
Johnson, Earl	Harbor	31	Daniels, Kimmie	General Services	38	Knox, Phillip	DWP
Juarez, Juan	Rec and Parks	16	Davis, Audrey	Cultural Affairs	15	Kostrencich, Maria Linda	City Clerk
Rivas, Juan	General Services	32	Dominguez, Fernando	DWP	32	Leake, James	LAFD
Rowland, Donald	DWP	35	Eaton, Norris	Public Works	30	Lecce, Helen	DWP
Volpe, Gregory	Building & Safety	21	Elling, Virginia	LAPD	28	Leon, Vicente	DWP
Retired							
Abalos, Migel	DWP	35	Franco, Eduardo Patino	Airports	13	Lofton, La Salle	Airports
Allen, James	DWP	31	Garcia, Ezequiel	DWP	35	Lopez, Heriberto	Transportation
Anamizu, Rodney	DWP	26	Goldman, Myron	City Clerk	30	Louis, Grace	General Services
Baldwin, Carol	Library	16	Gutierrez, Joseph	Airports	25	Lyons, John	Public Works
Barber, John	Rec and Parks	21	Hackmon, Gerald	Public Works	29	Mason, Peter	City Attorney
Blair, Robert	DWP	35	Hairston, Marjorie	LAPD	31	McCool, Mickeal	Public Works
Bowdre, James	Harbor	28	Hinners, Carol	LAPD	22	McCune, Blake	DWP
Burns, Richard	Airports	13	Hopkins, Larry	LAPD	13	McLaurin, Johnnie	DWP
Campos, Felipe	Rec and Parks	18	James, Haywood	General Services	11	Mills, Clarence	Public Works
Capuano, Frank	DWP	18	Janga, Ed	Housing	18	Mitchell, Selvie	DWP
Chang, Helen	Airports	4	Jefferies, Grace	Library	26	Mok, Constant	Housing
Close, Judith	Library	19	Jeong, Wallace	Airports	36	Montgomery, Jonell	Personnel
			Johnson, Lloyd	Rec and Parks	22	Morris, Lenora	LAPD
			Johnson, Marcia	LAPD	34	Nash, Harold	LAPD
			Jolley, Warren	DWP	17	Noel, Jean	DWP
						Ochoa, Louise	Mayor's Office
						O'Neil, Joseph	DWP
						Pruett, Jerry	DWP
						Refaat, Mohamed	Finance
						Rendall, Donald	DWP
						Sarpy, Louis	Airports
						Scofield, Joel	DWP
						Scott, Warren	Public Works
						Sias, Antonio	Public Works
						Smith, Katherine	Rec and Parks
						Stiles, Donald	Building & Safety
						Valentine, Linda	LAPD
						Wade, William	DWP
						Walker, William	General Services
						Walton, Ollie	DWP
						Williams, Edward Jr.	DWP
						Williams, Gary	Airports
						Wyss, Gerard	DWP
						Young, Donzella	DWP
						Zenon, Vernon	DWP



James Netzner

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Tell Their Story

Remembering

James Netzner, DWP

I had the tremendous pleasure of working with Jim in the 1990s while he was the Traffic Agent for the DWP. Jim was warm, patient and such a funny guy! As our supervisor, he was even-tempered, always professional, and a team player as well as a great leader. Jim kept the mood light in the office throughout the day with his wit, and would never let us leave until we heard his last joke of the day – mind you, the jokes were usually pretty corny, but because he laughed at them, we

laughed too! He made coming to work a joy. I also worked on his retirement party and have to say it was one of the largest, most joyful celebrations I have ever attended – everyone loved Jim! He and his wonderful wife, Rhonda, then relocated to Prescott, Ariz., to enjoy their retirement years.

Jim Netzner will never be forgotten. He was what anyone would have wanted in a manager! May he rest in peace.

– Christal Foster, Utility Administrator, DWP

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Zoo

Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

Seal the Deal

Zoo provides home for abandoned harbor seal pup.

The L.A. Zoo has welcomed an 11-month-old Pacific harbor seal named Ziggy as the newest member of the family group at Sea Life Cliffs. The female pup arrived at the Zoo on Nov. 1 after receiving rehabilitation from the Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC) in Laguna Beach.

PMMC staff discovered the day-old pup stranded close to a narrow, rocky stretch of coast at Dana Point Headlands Beach Feb. 3, 2016 with the umbilical cord still attached to her premature body. As the area wasn't a beach where harbor seals normally give birth and the mother was nowhere to be found, the decision was made to rescue the abandoned pup and begin a rehabilitation process.

Because Ziggy was raised in captivity at such an early age, PMMC staff didn't feel she could survive on her own in the wild and she was deemed non-releasable. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) helped connect PMMC to the L.A. Zoo as a potential full-time home for Ziggy.

"Although the goal for organizations such as the Pacific Marine Mammal Center is to re-release rehabilitated animals back into the wild, this wasn't an option for Ziggy since she was found at such a young age," said Josh Sisk, Curator of Mammals at the Zoo. "It is pretty common for Zoos to assist in providing a good home for non-releasable seals and sea lions. Ziggy has been introduced to the other harbor seals in the family, and already we can see how her high energy has been good enrichment for the other seals."

Ziggy currently shares her L.A. Zoo habitat, Sea Life Cliffs, with three Atlantic harbor seals. "Ziggy is very smart and catches on to her training incredibly fast," says Kris Willis, Animal Keeper, Zoo. "She enjoys interacting with guests at the underwater viewing window."



Ziggy the harbor seal at the L.A. Zoo.

Guests can view the harbor seals, including Ziggy, daily at Sea Life Cliffs. They can also learn firsthand about the care they receive from their devoted animal keepers during the Enhanced Visitor Experience talks given jointly by Education and Animal Care staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Activities and schedules may vary or be subject to cancellation due to weather conditions or animal needs.

The Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org.

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Finance

Happy Retirement

Raquel Retires

Dept. says goodbye to Raquel Velasquez, who retires after 29 years of City service.

A retirement party was held Jan. 12 for Raquel Velasquez, who retired from Finance after 29 years of City service.

The party was held at the San Antonio Winery near downtown.

Special thanks go to LaTrice Bowen, Accounting Clerk II, 11 years of City service, for her assistance.

Firouzeh Hadian, Administrative Clerk, Finance.



From left: LaTrice Bowen, Accounting Clerk II, Finance, 11 years of City service; Firouzeh Hadian, Administrative Clerk, Finance; Danny Gomez, Administrative Clerk, Finance, 2 years; Amy Lombard, Sr. Accountant, Finance, 29 years; Naed Cay, TRN, 1 year of service, Finance; Raquel Velasquez, Retiree; and Melvin Wells, Accounting Clerk, Finance, 16 years.



From left: Naed Cay, TRN, Finance, 1 year of City service; and Danny Gomez, Administrative Clerk, Finance 2 years.



Front, from left: Mary Anne Lopez, Tax Compliance Officer, Finance, 10 years of City service; and Mary Lou Villagonzalo, Tax Renewal, Finance, 16 years. Back: Gigi Thomas, Sr. Administrative Clerk, Finance, 25 years; and Ed Marana, Tax Renewal, Finance, 16 years.



From left: Melvin Wells, Accounting Clerk, Finance, 16 years of City service; Amy Lombard, Sr. Accountant, Finance, 29 years; and Linda Frances, Retired, Finance.

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Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00
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<i>-Includes 2 Black movie tickets, 2 small drinks, 1 small popcorn</i>		
BRENDEAN THEATRES	\$11.25	\$8.00
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Concessions (Good for one junior popcorn and one small fountain drink)	\$8.00	\$6.00
CINÉPOLIS THEATERS		
Traditional Theaters	\$12.25	\$8.25
Luxury Theaters	\$22.00	\$17.00
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HARKINS MOVIE THEATERS		
Restricted	\$11.00	\$7.00
Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$8.00
Small Popcorn	\$5.60	\$4.60
Small Drink	\$5.00	\$4.00
KRIKORIAN THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$12.00	\$7.50
LAEMMLE THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$11.00	\$7.50
LANDMARK THEATERS		
	\$13.00	\$8.00
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Unrestricted Tickets	\$13.00	\$8.00
Restricted Tickets	\$10.50	\$6.75
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	Adult \$29.95	\$18.95
	Child (3 - 11) \$17.95	\$13.95
BOOMER'S FUN CENTERS 		
SELECT CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS	4 Hour Pass \$42.99	\$24.99
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE 		
	Adult \$34.95	\$29.71
	Child (4 - 11) \$24.95	\$21.21
	Youth (12-17)/ Student (with ID) / Senior (65+) \$29.95	\$25.46
CATALINA EXPRESS 		

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	RETAIL	CLUB
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Whale Watching	Adult \$32.00	\$21.00
	Child \$26.00	\$15.75
Sport Fishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$41.50	\$31.50
	Child \$34.00	\$25.21
Sport Fishing - 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00	\$57.75
	Child \$61.00	\$47.25
Sunset / Evening Cruise	Adult \$25.00	\$12.61
GOLF N' STUFF		
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband - (Norwalk Location)	\$30.00	\$16.25
All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$20.00	\$15.25
GRAMMY MUSEUM 		
General Admission	\$12.95	\$10.00
IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING 		
Hollywood - Earn Your Wings Flight Package (Age 3+)	\$59.95	\$39.95
San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages	\$59.95	\$50.96
K1 SPEED RACING		
This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.	\$25.95	\$15.25
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<i>All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.</i>		
Hollywood	Adult \$40.00	\$16.00
	Child (4 - 12) \$35.00	\$13.00
Las Vegas (eTickets Only)	Adult \$29.95	\$12.50
MEDIAVAL TIMES 		
<i>E-ticket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.</i>		
	Adult \$57.95	\$43.50
	Child (0 - 12) \$35.95	\$31.50
MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM 		
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		\$29.95
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IOWA COMBO	Adult \$42.95	\$31.92
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	Child (6 - 11) \$23.95	\$17.95
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Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	\$18.00
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Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$25.95	\$13.50
Family 4 Pack (includes 4 wristband + 4 meal card)	\$149.00	\$68.00
SPEEDZONE 		
3 Hour Unlimited Pass on Rides and Mini-Golf	\$49.99	\$28.00
TEATRO MARTINI 		
Buena Park, California	\$75.75	\$36.00 to \$42.00
USS IOWA 		
SAN PEDRO	Adult \$18.00	\$13.50
	Child (6 - 11) \$10.00	\$7.50
	Senior (62+) or Military (with ID) \$15.00	\$10.50

ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
USS MIDWAY 		
SAN DIEGO	Adult \$20.00	\$14.00
	Child (6 - 11) \$10.00	\$7.00
	Senior (62+) \$17.00	\$11.00

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	General Admission	\$52.00 \$26.00
	Luminations Admission (7/26 - 11/29/16)	\$30.00 \$15.00
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	Adult \$65.80	\$43.95
	Child \$42.80	\$37.95
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	Child (3 - 9) \$83.00	\$64.25
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SAN DIEGO PADRES		Games available online
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LOS ANGELES SPARKS		Games available online
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Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in November.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central library downtown and 72 branches combined.

Books loaned

1. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye: A Novel*, Michael Connelly
2. *Night School: A Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
3. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance
4. *Turbo Twenty-Three: a Stephanie Plum Novel*, Jane Evanovich
5. *The Hidden Oracle*, Rick Riordan
6. *The Trespasser*, Tana French
7. *The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo*, Amy Schumer
8. *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi
9. *Cross the Line*, James Patterson
10. *The Hammer of Thor*, Rick Riordan

DVDs loaned

1. *Game of Thrones (the complete sixth series)*
2. *Star Wars, Episode VII: The Force Awakens*
3. *Money Monster*
4. *The Huntsman: Winter's War*
5. *The Boss*
6. *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*
7. *Deadpool*
8. *The Shallows*
9. *American Crime Story*
10. *Now You See Me 2*

Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
2. *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, J.K. Rowling
3. *Commonwealth*, Ann Patchett
4. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*, Michael Connelly
5. *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
6. *Truly Madly Guilty*, Liane Moriarty
7. *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Ruth Ware
8. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance
9. *The Whistler*, John Grisham
10. *The Girls*, Emma Cline

Download-and-Keep songs*

1. "Hallelujah," Pentatonix
2. "All I Want for Christmas Is You," Mariah Carey
3. "Closer," The Chainsmokers feat. Halsey
4. "Love Me Now," John Legend
5. "Play That Song," Train
6. "Just Hold On," Steve Aoki & Louis Tomlinson
7. "White Christmas," Pentatonix feat. the Manhattan Transfer
8. "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays," Pentatonix
9. "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," Pentatonix
10. "O Come, All Ye Faithful," Pentatonix

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The Smart Move

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

The Selfless Nature Of Life Insurance



When we think about some of the selfless things we do, they usually revolve around being selfish with our things, our time or our money. Some of that attitude is learned, and some is just plain old human nature. Watch children at a very young age hold on to a toy that another toddler tries to take away. No one teaches a baby to be selfish, although some of our selfish nature is a result of the environment we grow up in.

The opposite of selfish is altruistic. Altruistic means showing a selfless concern for the wellbeing of others; in other words, unselfish. So the question now begs: Do people buy insurance for selfish reasons? Or are they led to buy insurance for the benefit of themselves and others? When you think about it, they probably buy insurance for both reasons. If I am a very selfish person I would be led to buy insurance to protect my precious assets, my fancy cars, home or toys. I may even be selfish enough to insure my lifestyle or freedom. I would certainly be selfish if I considered only protecting my things and

myself but did not include my family and loved ones.

When we consider the consequences of tragedy of loss and the effect on our family and friends, we start to think in an altruistic manner, even in a caring, loving concerned manner. Consider life insurance as an example. The selfish me says, "What in the world do I need life insurance for if I'm dead and gone?" The selfless me should be asking the following questions:

- What immediate financial expenses (e.g., debt repayment, funeral expenses) would my family face upon my death?
- How much of my salary is devoted to current expenses and future needs?
- How long would my dependents need support if I were to die tomorrow?
- How much money would I want to leave for special situations upon my death, such as funding my children's education, gifts to charities, or an inheritance for my children?
- What other assets or insurance policies do I need?

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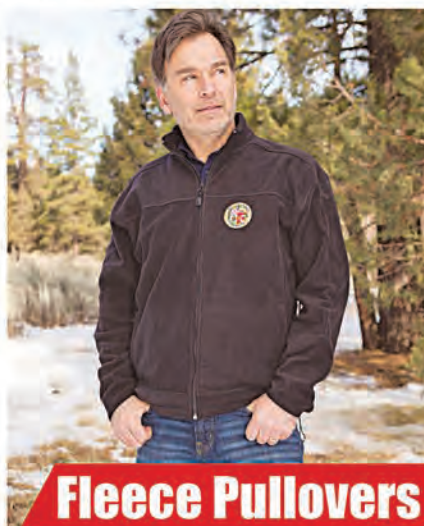
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