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Transportation's Special Traffic Operations Division, from left: Richard Green, Transportation Engineering Aide I, Club Member; Armen Kamyshyan, Transportation Engineer Associate II; Frank Yepez Jr., Maintenance Laborer, 3 months; Ron Frias, Civil Engineering Draft Technician, Club Member; (front) Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Division Supervisor, Club Member; Nancy Wagstaff, Sr. Administrative Clerk, Club Member; X; Club Member; Marina Chang, Transportation Engineering Associate II; and Brandon Wilson, Transportation Engineering Associate I, Club Member.

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## Making History With Cones and Barricades

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

Have you ever had something happen that seemed like perfect timing, even though you didn't exactly plan it that way? When we were covering this month's story on Transportation's Special Traffic Operations, that's exactly what happened.

We'd been planning to cover the team for about six months, slotting it in just after the holidays. But suddenly there were torrential rains and minor mudslides. There was a sinkhole right in the middle of a road in Sherman Oaks. And there were marches and demonstrations in late January and early February. All of these events were largely unexpected six months ago, and all of them called for special management of traffic. You know, cones, barricades, Traffic Officers. And that's in addition to the hundreds, no thousands of events that the unit covers in due course. It was a busy time for Special Traffic Operations!

Club Chief Operating Officer **Robert Larios** and *Alive!* editor **John Burnes** had plenty to talk about when they sat down to interview **Edward Yu**, **Nancy Wagstaff** and **Armen Kamyshyan** of the STO team. And we couldn't really have known any of that when we first connected with Edward last fall with the idea of featuring his unusual team.



From left: Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Supervisor of the Special Traffic Operations team, and Robert Larios, Club Chief Operating Officer, at the traffic yard on Mission Road.

The interview conversation started with the current events that the team was handling that week, that very day. But then it went in interesting, deeper directions. Let me ask you: When you are in thick traffic just trying to get home after an event, does it ever strike you that the men and women who set up the cones had done a lot of thinking and planning in advance to get you to your destination? Or, when it came to getting the Space Shuttle through the streets of Los Angeles, that the Special Traffic Team was actually making history happen? While respecting them completely, I never really thought about how important that team really is. Getting people home and keeping traffic moving is just part of what they do – they also do deeper security, protect First Amendment rights while always staying neutral, and they keep people safe. That's pretty amazing stuff. Just cones and barricades? The real story is much more, and more interesting.

In Edward's words, there's nothing in the country like the Special Traffic Operations Division. And that is what *Alive!* is all about – men, women, Club Members and otherwise, out there doing incredible work without much awareness. It's why we started the paper and why we continue it – to celebrate all that you do. It's why you tell us you love it and appreciate it. Thanks, and you're welcome.

Hey, have you checked out the Club's newest Member benefit, HotelStorm? I recommend you do so immediately! Talk about *awesome!* If you're savvy with using the Internet, and of course you are, you search for decent hotel deals on Expedia ... Travelocity ... Priceline ... Kayak ... Google ... and the hotels' own Websites. What you've probably found is that the Internet has flattened everything out. There aren't many hidden hotel bargains anymore; the hotels know all the tricks before you do.

But then along comes HotelStorm. This site really can save you money, and that's why **Mariana Guevara** and her Club Store crew have partnered with them for your benefit. Nothing's jaw-dropping every time, of course, but it's become my new go-to site for hotel deals. I'm sure you have trips planned for this summer. Give it a shot and see what happens. I expect it will save you money, and that's really important to the Club!

It's nearly spring and, as the Irish say, there's a stretch in the evening. Head outside and enjoy lots of great family time. See you next month!

See you next month.

**JOHN**

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*Alive!* Cover

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Cecilia Talbot, Director of Claims, Member Advocate



Monica Zamudio, Claims Coordinator

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– Zoe Bolin, May 2016

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# Letters to the Editor



## Affection of Club Valentines Should Take Over Entire City



It is always a pleasure seeing the Valentine's Day pictures and messages. Everyone appears so very happy and in love. This is the kind of attitude I'd like to see for the entire City of Los Angeles. If we do that, then I think Los Angeles would be elevated to a new level as a metropolis. A new city of love!

In all seriousness, this feature is one of my favorites of the year, and I enjoy it very much – thank you for putting all the work to put these pictures together, since I can tell it can't be easy from start to finish.

– Tania Williams, General Services



### Stormful of Hotel Savings Through New Club Partner

Here's a story: I needed a hotel room downtown for the next week. I went on Expedia, Hotels.com, Priceline, etc., and the best rate I could get was at the Radisson at USC. It was more than \$210 a night! I looked everywhere.

But then I saw the Club's latest email blast on its new hotel partner, Hotel Storm. So I went to the Club Webstore online, then went to Hotel Storm, and guess what? \$140 per night. Done!

Hotel Storm is a great benefit for Club Members. Good work to whoever created that new partnership!

– Scott Sulak, Club Counselor

### Handcrafted Art of Honor Gifts Perfect to Commemorate Career

I happened to be at the Club store the other day, and a shiny object caught my eye. It was that big, beautiful City Seal in the front window. All I can say is, wow. And then I found out they were actually for sale, so I bought one. Apparently each one is made by hand by an artist, and all I can say is that it shows. Up it goes on my living room wall for all to see. Thank you, Club!

– Thomas Henninger, Retired, DWP

### Club Savings on Ski Resorts Just One Part of the Overall Fun

Hey Club, just a quick shoutout to thank you guys for offering all the different lift tickets. I went to Mammoth last weekend and had a blast! But the most fun part

I have to say was saving so much money. Keep up the great discounts!

– Mary Lou Raditch, Public Works

### Need Car Insurance Savings? Let Club Run Your Numbers

I was shopping around for auto insurance when I came across the United Agencies folks at the Club Store, and the lady gave me a quote that I could not refuse. It was \$200 lower than my policy at the Auto Club. Additionally, I got a \$100 gas card for switching over my policy! Huge savings!

I highly recommend anyone who wants quality service, insurance and big savings to go with the Club's program. Oh and I also got a watercraft insurance for my boat at the same time with an excellent rate. My membership has paid off!

– Joe Gomez, LAFD

### Club Store Support Rains Down, Is Umbrella of Customer Service

I walked by your the Club Store on the day of that rain- and windstorm that plowed through downtown L.A. and saw a lady who works for the Club – and I know that because I see her highlighted as the person to call for insurance questions in Alive! Anyhow, the thing that stopped me in my tracks was the fact that she was promoting the umbrellas you guys sell. It was an entertaining sight to see. She was a getting the attention of every passerby in the rain. I said to myself, now that's a motivated employee!

– Jeff Brown, DWP

## 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 the luckiest thing that's happened to you?



"Retiring is hitting the top of my list!"  
 — Monica Smith, Retired

"Getting divorced!"

— Michelle McGinnis, LACERS



"I don't believe in luck."

— Joe Salazar, LACERS



"Working for the City of Los Angeles."

— Ursula Ruiz, LACERS



"Working with the fine group of people here."

— Victor Chico, Public Works/ Sanitation



"My family."

— Lilia Bedolla-Rivas, Public Works/ Sanitation



"Working for the City is on my top 10 list!"

— Thomas Dowdy, Public Works/ Sanitation



"Living my life!"

— Taji Norman, Public Works/ Sanitation



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# Hello, Bishop!

## Club Mobile Team visits DWP teams in the Eastern Sierras.

The Club mobilized to send Club Counselors Gedina Bergstrom and Scott Sulak, CEO John Hawkins and the Mobile team – Dylan Noel, Noah Badgett and Noah Hawkins – paid a coordinated visit to three DWP yards in the Eastern Sierras Jan. 24-26.

Visited were the Bishop, Keeler and Independence Yards.

The Club team had a great time – despite the chilly temperatures! – meeting veteran and new Club Members, helping them with their insurance needs, and sharing all sorts of new apparel and tickets.

The Club thanks everyone on the DWP Bishop team who came out to say hello and make the Club staff feel welcome. See you again soon!



Club Counselor Gedina Bergstrom (center, left) assists another Club Member in the administration building at Bishop.

### Dylan Noel, Customer Service Associate, wrote the following journal of the trip to visit DWP yards in the Eastern Sierras:

This past week has been a blast. Monday night the mobile team as well as the two noble Noahs helped each other out to make sure we would have the brand new DWP Hoodies for our three DWP visits this week. Big thanks to the two of them for all their help!

After finishing loading all the Hoodies we could fit into the Club Mobile Van, we then set off for the long and winding road to Bishop. We arrived at the crack of dawn, roughly 3:45 a.m., only to wake up to leave for our first of three visits at 5:30 a.m. The first visit illustrated just how much the fellas liked our great new Water & Power Hoodies.

Wednesday morning we made the trek out to Keeler, which you might be familiar with if you've seen Chinatown (think Owens Lake), leaving a population of only 66 people. Although there are only very few people in the small town, the ones we met were great, kind-hearted people who really appreciated everything our great Club had to offer, whether it be our unbelievable insurance plans or our merchandise that not only represents but celebrates people just like them.

After we wrapped up in Keeler, Gedina and I were lucky enough to be some of the only ones on June Lake with the perfect conditions, for her first time skiing. She was a natural of course and enjoyed every minute of it, as did I. It made for a great ending to an already

wonderful day.

Thursday morning we were awake again before the owls stopped hoo-ing because they do say the early bird catches the worm ... and boy did we early birds catch worms! Driving just past the highest summit in the continental United States, Mt. Whitney, opened the final day of our remarkable scenic trip, where we arrived in Independence. Before we even put the van into park, we were surrounded

by five friendly guys waiting to help us bring all the bags in, and they didn't take no for an answer. The visit began as all three did with Gedina and Scott putting on great, thorough presentations that answered all the questions anyone in the room might have had. After hearing them present, it really blew both John and I away to see just how much time and effort they both provided with each member to make sure everyone got enough one-on-one time to get all the further details they needed. In fact Gedina and Scott stayed until the room was empty.

On the other side of the coin, John and I set up our Mobile team display and watched the guys gravitate our way. They couldn't stress enough how happy they were for the Club to continue acknowl-

edging them even though they were so far off the beaten path. We made it clear to them that the reason we have a Club is because of the loyalty and support people just like them have shown us for all these years. The visit exceeded our expectations in every way possible and topped off a great week in high desert paradise.

After saying our final goodbyes, it really dawned on the four of us that we didn't want to leave Bishop so fast after



The Club team visits Bishop (from left): Scott Sulak and Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselors; Dylan Noel, Customer Service Associate; and John Hawkins, CEO.

all. It was a mix between the beautiful atmosphere and happy people that made the trip more enjoyable than we could have ever imagined, and for that, we thank everyone who made it possible.

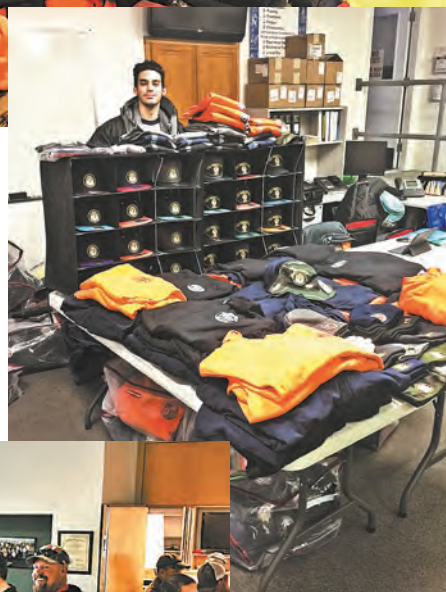
Lastly I'd like to take the time to also thank everyone back at home for their generous emails that kept the fire beneath us burning even when the temperature reached as low as four degrees. Thank you!



The Club's Dylan Noble (left) and a Club Member at the Mobile Club Store at the Keeler Yard.



It's mighty cold in Keeler, Gedina!



The Club's Dylan Noel and the Mobile Club Store are ready to go at the Bishop field worker building.



The Mobile Club Store sees heavy action at the Keeler Yard.

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LAFD

# Art of Honor Gifts Raise Funds

## Elegant, Club-exclusive Art of Honor commemorative badges raise funds for LAFD Fire Museum.

Art of Honor, beautiful commemorative art pieces of City careers, recently helped raise \$6,000 to support the LAFD Fire Museum.

Two enlarged badges, crafted of steel and wood and custom-made by Art of Honor, were donated last May to the LAFD Fire Museum auction by Art of Honor artist and CEO Tim Lampros and Industrial Metal Supply owner Neil Sherman. The two art pieces, a Battalion Chief badge and an Engineer badge, raised nearly \$6,000 at the auction. High bidders were Batt. Chief Mike Reagan, Retired, 42 years of City service; and Engineer Sergio Perez, Retired, 35 years.

Art of Honor gifts, sold exclusively for the City through the Club, are exquisitely hand-made items that commemorate City careers. They make outstanding, substantial and unique retirement gifts that groups of people can purchase jointly.

The commemorative badges were purchased at the auction last May and were then custom-made, as all Art of Honor gifts are. They were delivered to Batt. Chief Reagan and Engineer Perez at the LAFD Fire Museum Feb. 18. ■



With the commemorative badges they won at auction were (from left) Engineer Sergio Perez, Retired, and Lilia Ponce; and Lynne and Batt. Chief Mike Reagan, Retired.



Winning bidders Batt. Chief Mike Reagan, Retired (left) and Engineer Sergio Perez, Retired (right) stand with Art of Honor artist/creator Tim Lampros.



With the illuminated badges inside the LAFD Fire Museum are (from left) Capt. Jim Finn, Retired, President of the LAFD Fire Museum, Club Member; Batt. Chief Mike Reagan, Retired; Engineer Sergio Perez, Retired, and Art of Honor artist/creator Tim Lampros.



# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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## Florida



"My husband, Jim, and I traveled to Cape Canaveral, Fla. in January to see the Kennedy Space Center."

— Nancy Cammarata, Sr. Management Analyst II, LAPD

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## Las Vegas



Here are three City Employees (two retired) checking in from the Container Park in Las Vegas, from left: **Beverly Clark, Retired, LAPD Training Division; James Howlett, Public Works/Sanitation; and Lynette Howlett, Retired, Airports.**

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## Italy

**Intrepid traveler Capt. Michael Barnes, Harbor, and his wife, Rebecca, vacationed in Italy last year. We'll let him take it from there.**



Michael Barnes overlooking Florence.



Piazza San Marco in Venice.



Michael Barnes in the Tuscan hills.



Can you see the replica of Michelangelo's David in the deep background?

"With the long hot days of July in Los Angeles creating just a little stress and unpleasantness, my wife, Rebecca, and I decided to take a trip to Italy with 14 of my friends from around the world. We rented a large eight-bedroom luxury villa in a small valley surrounded by olive trees and grape vines deep in the Tuscan hills.

"Due to all our different time zones and distances traveled, we all decided to gather during the week before in a charming boutique hotel in Florence situated just a short walk from one of the world's most historic and beautiful city centers.

"Once we were all assembled, we left Florence and headed north into the Tuscan hills to the villa and relaxation. Its location was a perfect base to explore the surrounding countryside, and every day was an adventure, as there are so many old medieval towns to visit like Lucca, Siena, Pisa and San Gimignano, to name but a few. The trick is to go early and see the popular sights before the tour buses arrive, then find a nice backstreet bar or restaurant and have a long lunch. If you decide to be less adventurous and eat near the local attraction, you will pay a lot more and the food will probably not be that good. Listen to the language being spoken by the customers – if it's English, German or Russian, move on to a more local place. (Use Google; it works everywhere). Then take a casual stroll back around the town as the tourists rush back to their tour bus rendezvous to take a last early evening twilight photo or two.

"Often on the way back to the villa we would purchase fresh supplies in the local stores or street markets. In the evenings we would have culinary extravaganzas seated around a huge antique table built to accommodate 16 people, accompanied by endless bottles of local wine (which we bought by the case). As the weather was perfect, we would retreat outside and spend the long summer evenings sitting under a very large umbrella in the garden discussing the world's problems to the sound of ice tinkling in our gin and tonics and vodkas and soda glasses, disturbed only by the occasional sound of gunshots in the dark as local farmers in their 4X4s raced around in the olive groves hunting for wild boar. This is truly what memories are made of and will stay with me forever, or what I can remember of it – I must confess to quietly drifting away some evenings while looking at the stars.

"But like all good things this had to come to an end. Some of our friends had to return home, so a smaller group of us rented an apartment in Venice; it was yet another adventure just getting there. We took a train from Prato to Florence then, after numerous cappuccinos we caught our connection to Venice, which for your information has two train stations. Venice is not a luggage-friendly city; it has too many bridges and badly paved streets. If you cannot carry your case for short distances you have packed too much. Upon leaving the train station, we proceeded directly down the steps to the Grand Canal and pur-

chased a three-day water bus pass from the ticket machine with the help of a very friendly local. This enabled us to travel anywhere at any time. I won't bore you with the details of our sightseeing and eating adventures in this old waterlogged city, for if you have been there you already know, and if you have not it's waiting for you to discover it.

"Verona was next on our places to visit. Once again we found a delightful pension run by two charming sisters just off the main plaza. Verona is a much-underrated medieval city. Most people come only for one or two days just to see the opera and visit Juliet's balcony. But the city has the second largest Roman arena in Italy and it is in constant use. We bought tickets with no problem on the night of a performance for the opera Carmen. My advice is, if you decide to make this trip, do not buy your tickets in advance, for if there is a summer storm, then the orchestra cannot play, and there are no refunds. We were in Verona for five days in August and it rained four of them.

"Verona is a wonderful walking town, and if you buy the Verona card, you can join the hordes of sweating masses struggling to see Juliet's balcony (the balcony was installed only in the 1950s) where young ladies (and not so young) reach out their arms to their Romeos taking photos below. Sure there were wealthy local families called Montagues and Capulets back in the day, and probably like all merchants they had differences of opinion. But the story dates back to the days of

Greek tragedy and did not get committed to paper until 1542 by Luigi da Porto, after which William Shakespeare turned it into a popular stage show. It was not until 1905 that Verona bought a weed infested abandoned house of ill repute and turned it into the moneymaker it is today. But like thousands of romantics before, you can be my guest and touch the breast of the brass statue of Juliet to bring you good luck in love, and write your name on the filthy graffiti-covered entranceway walls.

"For a mini adventure, we caught an early morning local bus to Sirmione on Lake Garda, one of the most popular 'sights' on the lake, with thousands of visitors flooding in each day to view the picturesque peninsula and its castle and Roman ruins, but more important it has a ferry station. And it was from here we caught a slow ferry across the lake to the 12th century city/port of Bardolino. Upon going ashore we discovered yet another fantastic restaurant with a perfect view of the lake, and it was here we enjoyed a late afternoon, drinking icy cold adult beverages before catching another public bus for the 25-kilometer ride back to Verona.

"Travel has always been a great love of mine, so here is a tip: When you have the money, you don't have the time, and when you have the time, you don't have the money. That's what credit cards are for, so go now to see these great places."

"Cheers."



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**Airports**

*Story courtesy Officer Rob Pedregon  
 Photo by CSI Officer Shawn Smith*



From left: Airport Police Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Airport Police Chief David Maggard, Officer Savannah Carothers, Officer Mike Johnson and Capt. Greg Staar.

**Welcome, Officer Carothers!**

**Airport Police graduates new Officer.**

Airport Police welcomed a new officer Feb. 17 in a graduation ceremony held at the LAPD Elysian Park Academy near Dodger Stadium. Officer Savannah Carothers now begins her career in public safety serving the City and the second busiest airport in the nation.

Officer Carothers, who served as secretary for Class 9-16, is a California native and step-daughter of Airport Police veteran Officer Mike Johnson. As a member of the Airport Police, Carothers will fulfill her desire to serve the community as a police officer in aviation law enforcement. Officer Carothers is an active member of the Air National Guard and a proud member of the Security Forces Unit. Officer Carothers joined the Air National Guard at age

18 to gain experience until she was old enough to become a police officer and credits her military experience as the foundation to begin her career in law enforcement.

Before swearing in his newest officer, Airport Police Chief David L. Maggard Jr. spoke to Officer Carothers and her family and said, "Thank you for representing us so well in the academy. We are proud to have you as a member of the Los Angeles Airport Police."

The graduate 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, Officer Carothers!*



# Happy Mother's Day

From the Club!



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

**In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or three-sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!**

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**JUNE 8:** RLACEI golf tournament, Alhambra golf course

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

**DEC. 10:** LARFPA Christmas party

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## Two Candidates Stepped In for Director Position

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Ed Harding

### President's Report

By Edward J. Harding  
President, RLACEI

In my previous messages I mentioned the need to fill the director vacancy left when Ken Spiker retired. Neil Ricci, our Nominating Chairman, has informed me that two retirees have applied to fill the vacancy left by Ken. The interview date has been set for Feb. 28.

## LACERS Investments Return 7.19 Percent for 2016



Michael R. Wilkinson

### LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The 2016 calendar year was good for LACERS, with a total investment return, after deducting for investment fees, of 7.19 percent, nearly achieving our long-term assumed investment rate of return of 7.5 percent.

As you have read in this column before, the entire financial support for your pension comes from only three sources: 1) your contributions to your pension while working; 2) the City of Los Angeles' contribution and investment returns; and 3) the active members now are mostly paying 7 percent for the pension and an additional 4 percent for retiree healthcare.

The City must make payments each year of an amount that varies, depending on a variety of factors including how long retirees are living, what the cost of living is and how much employee raises affect the costs. One of the most important factors for the City's contribution is how well LACERS does in meeting its assumed rate of return for investments. For Tier 1, the City is currently contributing 28.16 percent of payroll, including both retirement and health contributions. For the 2017-18 fiscal year, the contribution rate will go down to 27.16 percent.

The actuary uses the fiscal year (ending June 30) returns as part of the actuarial valuation to

Neil also stated that Helen Salgado, Mary Beetz, Gary Mattingly, Cliff Cannon, Phil Orland and I were re-elected for two-year terms as RLACEI Directors. The new terms started Jan. 1.

The next RLACEI event is the golf tournament, scheduled for June 9 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, 630 S. Almansor St. Starting time is 7:30 a.m.

On a different note, the cost of living adjustment (COLA) will soon be announced. Let's hope it will be more than last year. ■

determine the City's contribution rate.

Many of the actuarial assumptions are smoothed so that one very good or very bad year for investments does not cause sudden change in the City's contribution rate. Our investment returns are smoothed over seven years, meaning only one seventh of the amount over or under the 7.5 percent assumed rate is recognized each year.

A quick look back at the other time periods will give a good view on how variable the investment returns are, even over multiyear periods. The return per year on an annualized basis for the time ending Dec. 31, 2016 is: 4.35 percent for three years, 9.06 percent for five years and 5.11 percent for 10 years.

The preceding figures give you some idea how difficult it is for the LACERS Board to come up with an assumed rate of return that should be the average for the next 50 years! Although the total cost of running the plan is not affected at all by the assumed rate of return, the rate has a big effect on when the City contributions are paid.

If the assumed rate of return is set too high, then the City's contributions would be low initially, but then would spike up later when the actual investment returns did not meet the assumed rate. So, while it would look like the City was getting a good deal with the low contribution rate, it could end up paying a higher total contribution over the years because it did not get the investment returns on the higher contribution in the early years and would ultimately pay more later. ■

## Pensions Elsewhere Are Facing Challenges



Michael Karsch

### Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

Be glad you have an excellent government pension with the City. The private sector is not so lucky, especially in the case of an ironworkers' union voting to reduce benefits for some of its retirees. This is the case in Cleveland, Ohio, with Iron Workers Local 17 voting to cut benefits due to running out of cash, as reported in Stump. Half of the 2,000 participants have just had their pension benefit cut by 20 percent, but some of the retirees will see cuts of 60 percent. This is due to a 2014 law making it possible for a troubled pension plan to reduce benefits to improve the financial health of the fund.

Illinois is still at an impasse on its state budget and resolving pension problems in its cities and school districts. One recently noted problem is "pension pickups," which means that a plan ini-

tially requiring teachers to pay almost 10 percent of their salaries into the state retirement system instead can have the employing agency, the school district, "pick up" the employee's share. According to Illinois Policy, the pension pickups amount to \$380 million per year in Illinois, and \$134 million in Chicago alone.

Meanwhile, the impasse over the state budget moves into its 19th month. Lou Cannon, writing in *State Net Capitol Journal* in Sacramento, expects the Illinois impasse to continue into 2018 when the governor's first term is up. The governor is a Republican, while the State Senate and House of Representatives are controlled by Democrats. The Speaker of the House, Michael Madigan (Chicago), has been speaker for 32 of the last 34 years. The issues being dealt with in the State House include tax increases to solve the pension liabilities vs. restricting union power, etc.

In California, Cannon reports that the new proposed state budget for 2017-18 is expected (per the

Troubles Noted in Reports Of Other Pension Systems – continued

governor) to have a deficit of \$1.6 billion, the first deficit since 2012. This is due to slow economic growth from income, sales and corporate taxes. One source advised him that online sales are the culprit, since many such sales are not taxed. California depends on the state personal income tax for 70 percent of its revenues, and this includes fairly high tax rates on the wealthy. Forty-eight

percent of our income tax is paid by the wealthiest one percent. The top 10 percent of earners, with average incomes of \$404,000, paid 79 percent of the income tax. Being so dependent on the personal income tax makes for high volatility in projecting income for a given budget year, as happened in 2016. ■

Will Pension Return Rate Changes Affect Our Ours?



Lee Kebler

It's been about five years since the assumed return of investment rate on our pension fund was changed. The rate of 8 percent was reduced to 7.5 percent at that time. The low market growth the past couple of years and a bad 2015-16 with returns below 1 percent have caused the big pension funds to consider changing the rate again. CALPERS, the largest pension system in the United States with assets of approximately \$300 billion, decided in December to reduce its assumed rate of investment return to 7 percent.

Early this month, the second largest pension system in the United States, California Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) with assets close to CALPERS,

reduced its assumed rate of return from 7.5 percent to 7.25 percent for 2017 and 7 percent in 2018.

When changes like this take place, it affects almost all the other pension systems. As you know, when there is a reduced assumption rate, there is an increase in the employer's (the taxpayers') contribution. I wonder how it will affect our system that has been doing so well that we are 93.9 percent funded due to the good management of investments by Tom Lopez and his team.

Do you remember when the one era when we were over 100 percent funded?

Hope to see you at Rick Ortiz's luncheon on April 11 at the Home Town Buffet in Garden Grove. ■

LARFPA

You Should Have Received IRS Form 1099-R from LACERS



Mary Beetz

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

1099-R: LACERS said it would mail Retired Members their IRS Form 1099-R (Distribution from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement, etc.) by the end of January. Members and Beneficiaries who do not receive their 1099-Rs should contact LACERS to request a new one. Regenerating a 1099-R may require a few working days to process.

Also, Retirees who recently moved should contact LACERS to update their address information by using a Change of Address Request form, which is available at www.LACERS.org. ■

LACERS



Monica Smith, Retiree, with Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer.

Monica Retires

Monica Smith retires from LACERS after 32 years of City service.

A gathering was held Jan. 26 for Monica Smith, Benefits Specialist/Supervisor, LACERS, 32 years of City service, Club Member. The party was held in the LACERS offices. Congratulations, Monica, on your great City career!



From left: Michelle McGinnis, Benefits Specialist, LACERS, 20 years of City service; Joe Salazar, Assistant GM, LACERS, 16 years; and Ursula Ruiz, Benefits Specialist, LACERS, 14 years.



From left: Verris Gorden, mother to Monica Smith, Retiree; Lilly, grand-niece; Gwendolyn Reyes, sister; Joyce Fitzpatrick, friend; Michelle Harvey, friend; and Barbara Tapscott, sister.

Retiree Monica Smith's family, from left: Lupe Smith, daughter in law, with baby Isaiah; Keith Smith, son; Clayton Smith, husband; Monica Smith, Retiree; and Eric Smith, friend.



Alex Rabrenovich, Health Benefits Administration Division Manager, LACERS, Club Member.

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The Best Years

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RETIREMENT HELPLINE

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Cliff Cannon. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA and LAFUCU. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer's extension is listed below.

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System: (800) 779-8328

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

- Mary Beetz Ext. 711
- Cliff Cannon (membership) Ext. 715
- Hal Danowitz Ext. 707
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Edward Harding Ext. 703
- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
- Phillip Orland Ext. 709
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado Ext. 713
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Sternock Ext. 708
- Michael Wilkinson Ext. 712
- Questions: Ext. 0
- RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members



# Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Hal and Co. continue a one-way cruise from South America. **Part 7.**

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

In March 2016, 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 24, we were docked in Puntarenas, Costa Rica. We were scheduled to meet our tour at 8 a.m., so we were up early. It was our first port in three days, and most passengers were taking tours. You would think that the Princess line would increase the staffing in the International Cafe to handle the increased number of early guests, but it didn't work that way, so there was no extra staff to help with the increased demand; even Starbucks knew to increase staffing during busy periods.

The port authorities were late in clearing the ship, so we didn't start the tour until 9 a.m. There were two buses on our tour, but we had only about 20 people on each bus, which was nice.

Ronaldo, the guide, provided us with an overview of Costa Rica. It has a population of 4.5 million, a 98 percent literacy rate and no army. The economy is based on tourism, bananas, pineapples and coffee. The minimum wage is \$2 per hour. Costa Ricans call themselves Ticos and Ticas (male and female). This is our third trip to Costa Rica.

The next four days included the Easter holiday, so most non-tourist stores were closed, but the tour's first stop (after about an hour's drive) was a large souvenir store. It was a cooperative of crafts people, with some Chinese-made crafts thrown in. We bought a couple of things, and it turned out they had the best prices.

The next stop was only for about 15 minutes at a town called Palmares to see the old church, Our Lady of Grace (*Parroquia Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes*). It was more than 100 years old and made from stone. It was not much on the outside, but it had beautiful stained-glass windows. In front of the church was a small park, and we saw a couple of iguanas in the trees. The locals leave vegetables and water for them on the ground to encourage them to stay. At the port, it was very warm, but we were at 5,000 feet elevation and the temperature was very comfortable. We expected the same at the next stop, the coffee plantation, at 6,000 feet.

At the coffee plantation we had lunch -- rice and red beans, salad, chicken and meatloaf (mystery meat?) and a dessert I did not care for. We then toured the grounds and saw the processing plant. The harvest was completed in February, so the coffee plants had no beans. The factory was not processing, but we saw a lot of bags of raw beans ready for roasting. We tasted the different roasts, which were effected by the length of time of the roast.

The last stop was at a botanical garden, which had many orchids, other plants and birds. They had the biggest yellow bamboo tree we had seen. We stayed about 30 minutes and then made the 90-minute drive back to the ship.

We were told that many Nicaraguans go to Costa Rica for the coffee harvest. They are paid by the bushel and make a lot more money than at home; most Costa Ricans no longer want to work the coffee harvest because it doesn't pay enough.

We both enjoyed the tour and our guide. We learned a lot about Costa Rica.

Back aboard the ship, Cousin Myrna wasn't feeling well, and her husband, Don, went to dinner with us in the dining room. We opted for a shared table, and our tablemates were from Australia and Santa Monica. We had so much fun that we didn't leave the dining room until after 9 p.m.

The next day, March 25, we dropped anchor in the harbor in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua around 6:30 a.m., and the tenders were lowered. The weather was warm and very windy. The harbor is in a large semi-circular bay. It is a volcanic sand beach but light gray, not black. It was Good Friday, and most businesses were closed (a four-day holiday from Thursday through Easter Sunday). Locals were already camped on the beach for

the duration.

The Republic of Nicaragua is the largest country in the Central American isthmus. Nicaragua's capital, Managua, is the country's largest city and the third-largest city in Central America. The multi-ethnic population of six million includes indigenous peoples, Europeans, Africans, and Asians. The main language is Spanish. Native tribes on the eastern coast speak their own languages. The Spanish Empire conquered the region in the 16th century. Nicaragua



A very large yellow bamboo tree.

gained independence from Spain in 1821. Since its independence, Nicaragua has undergone periods of political unrest, dictatorship and fiscal crisis—the most notable causes that led to the Nicaraguan Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s. Nicaragua is a representative democratic republic.

We took a tour of the city of Granada with a stop at Lake Nicaragua. Because the tours to the volcanoes were cancelled, there was a scramble for tours, so there were at least six buses doing this tour, which was supposed to be a half-day tour returning at 2 p.m.

We were lucky to be on the first bus and we left around 9 a.m. It was Good Friday and a holiday for many Nicaraguans. San Juan Del Sur is a beach town and very crowded with narrow streets, so it took a while to get out of town. The first stop was Lake Nicaragua, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world. In the middle of the lake are two volcanoes (active).

The lake is part of the Nicaraguan Canal, a planned shipping route through Nicaragua to connect the Caribbean Sea with the Pacific Ocean. It is an alternative to the Panama Canal. In June 2013, Nicaragua's National Assembly approved a bill to grant a 50-year concession to finance and manage the project to the private Hong Kong Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Company (HKND Group), headed by a Chinese billionaire. Scientists are concerned about the project's environmental impact on Lake Nicaragua.

On the more than two-hour ride to Granada (90 minutes in the brochure), the guide tried to put a happy face on Nicaragua: Most people work on their own, the government provides little (health care, education), most children reach second grade and each year they hope to increase by one grade; Daniel Ortega, President, modeled the Sandinistas on Cuba and the U.S.S.R. The place is worse than a third-world country. It was interesting to compare Costa Rica with Nicaragua.

In Granada, we stopped at an old Franciscan monas-



The church in Granada.



A Good Friday procession outside the church in Granada, Nicaragua.

tery to use bathrooms; this is where being the first bus pays off. Evelyn muscled her way to the front and was second at the finish line.

We saw some Pre-Columbian art on the grounds of the monastery. After that

we walked to the town square, were entertained by local dancers and then had 30 minutes to shop. Evelyn bought two pieces of pottery. We saw several Good Friday processions. They reminded us of the procession in *The Godfather*. The country once was almost all Catholic, but now is about 50 percent. Our guide talked about missionaries coming to Nicaragua.

Our bus ride back to the ship was not quite as long, and we got back about 3 p.m. Nicaragua didn't offer much to see outside of the volcanoes, and the country needs to improve its infrastructure if it wants to become a tourist destination. Our guide, Gustoff, was very good. We were told there were very nice all-inclusive resorts on the east coast of the country.

Back on the ship, we met Don and Myrna for a drink at the martini bar. Myrna had stopped itching, but had a reaction of some kind to something she was taking. We ate in the buffet, where the food was very good. I liked it because of the variety. I estimated half the people on the ship were medically overweight and 25 percent were obese.

The next day, March 26, Evelyn and I had been invited to tour the ship's bridge. This was a special treat because, with so many passengers (2,800), they did not have the space or time to accommodate everyone (not to mention deal with the security issues). Just before 10 a.m. we gathered in the lobby on deck 14 forward; there were 10 passengers waiting for the tour. We had been on bridge tours on our last four Princess cruises, and some were better than others; sometimes we met the Captain, and sometimes we didn't. When we walked onto the bridge through a double security door escorted by a senior security officer, we were greeted by Capt. Mario Ciruzzi, who conducted a 30-minute tour of the bridge, answered questions and posed for pictures for another 20 minutes. It was the best bridge visit Evelyn and I had had. Capt. Ciruzzi was very generous with his time. The seas were flat and we had a great view. We even saw a school of dolphins.

We met Don and Myrna for lunch. She was feeling better, and we played bridge for two hours.

Next month we finish up our cruise with a stop in Cabo San Lucas and an exciting medical evacuation while in the middle of the ocean. ■



Evelyn and Hal with Capt. Ciruzzi on the bridge of the Star Princess.

# Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Abraham, Trudie	Council Aide	Council	11	Garcia, Antonio	Custodian	Airports	29	Ramirez, Jesse	Construction Insp.	Public Works	30
Andrews, Willie	Sr. Housing Inspector	Housing	20	Garcia, Trinidad	Traffic Painter Sign Post	Transportation	16	Repath, Barbera	Messenger Clerk	Library	14
Aventino, Lindsay	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	16	Gomez, Susana	Payroll Supervisor	Personnel	36	Robinson, George	Animal Care Tech.	Animal Serv.	10
Bailey, Judson	Signal Sys. Electrician	Transportation	33	Grady, Leroy	Traffic Officer	Transportation	36	Rodriguez, Karen	Sr. Systems Analyst	City Clerk	30
Blum, Ken	Sr. Librarian	Library	30	Hancock, Laurie	Sr. Admin. Analyst	CAO	29	Rosicky, Gregory	Event Services Mgr.	CAO	26
Booth, Dale	Equipment Mechanic	Gen. Serv.	31	Hancock, Robert	Engr. Geologist	Public Works	25	Rouzan, Joseph	Sr. Project Coord.	Econ./Workforce Dev.	13
Bostick, Kathy	Administrative Clerk	Animal Serv.	13	Howard, Ronnie	Heavy Duty Truck Op.	Airports	16	Rubin, Steven	Asst. Director	Finance	7
Bower, Nancy	Sr. Manage. Analyst	Transportation	31	Johnson, Arlene	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	30	Salaramoli, Mohammad	Equipment Mechanic	Gen. Serv.	31
Bratcher, James	Airports Maint. Supv.	Airports	15	Jung, Robert	Equip. Repair Supv.	Gen. Serv.	30	Segee, Palani	Constr. Maint. Supv.	Public Works	32
Brown, Shaton	Sr. Police Service Rep	LAPD	32	Kilgore, Bernadette	Background Invest.	Personnel	6	Shafer, Reid	Helicopter Mech.	Gen. Serv.	22
Calleros, Troy	Tree Surgeon Super.	Public Works	30	Kolbeck, Patricia	Construction Inspector	Public Works	26	Sirovy, Susan	Admin. Clerk	Library	29
Cayton, Fernando	Sr. Constr. Estimator	Public Works	25	Ku, Ying	Sr. Systems Analyst	Housing	30	Solda, Ernesto	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Controller	30
Cephas, Mamie	Custodian	Airports	17	Long, Sandra	Crossing Guard	Transportation	7	Solomon, Karen	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	36
Chaffino, Carlos	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	28	Mak, Ying Yin	Admin. Clerk	Gen. Serv.	17	Taylor, Richard	Police Officer	Airports	15
Chism, Edwina	Traffic Officer	Transportation	18	Mamaril, Efren	Council Aide	Council	16	Tietze, Norman	Waster Coll. Worker	Public Works	30
Clarke, Judi	Commission Exec. Asst.	City Planning	28	Markham, Lee	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	20	Torres, Bradley	Plumber	Rec and Parks	21
Collins, Cheryl	Div. Librarian	Library	36	Martinez, Ralph	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	27	Torres, David	Traffic Officer	Transportation	32
Cuaresma, Lawrence	Sr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	33	Mendoza, Margaret	Child Care Center Dir.	Rec and Parks	16	Toyama, Greg	Sr. Manag. Analyst	LAPD	31
Dalton, Paul	Security Officer	LAPD	16	Merchant, Rusty	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Serv.	10	Udeshi, Smita	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	31
Davis, Darrell	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	31	Mills, Paul	Vocational Worker	Gen. Serv.	5	Valdivia, Maria	Custodian	Airports	13
Debry, Richard	Painter Supervisor	Public Works	30	Mkrtchyan, Gor	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	25	Vigil, Linda	Chief Wharfinger	Harbor	45
Diaz, Charlie	Parking Attendant	Gen. Serv.	24	Mosher, Jennifer	Chief Wharfinger	Harbor	38	Wheelhouse, Robert	Plumber	Gen. Serv.	16
Diop, Margaret	Planning Associate	Planning	8	Nassraway, Thomas	Gold Starter Super.	Rec and Parks	21	Woodruff, Belinda	Customer Serv. Spec.	Finance	12
Dunlop, John	Chief Pers. Analyst	Personnel	30	Norwood, Joseph	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	29	Wortner, Lester	Signal Systems Electr.	Transportation	16
Esguerra, Marinella	Admin. Clerk	Rec and Parks	7	Ortiz, Sylvia	Comm. Info Rep	Public Works	35	Wright, Shanda	Management Analyst	LAPD	21
Frazier, Vyron	Traffic Officer	Transportation	26	Park, Thomas	Systems Programmer	Airports	10				
Gaddey, Bruce	Equipment Mechanic	LAPD	34	Price, Terry	Police Service Rep	LAPD	11				
Galstian, Larry	Dep. Supt. of Buildings	Bldg. & Safety	31	Rae, James	Real Estate Officer	Airports	13				

## 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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

**Send Prints To: Grandkids**  
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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.



## 39th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

### June 9, 2017

The 39th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2017 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA. Check in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$70.00 for R.L.A.C.E.I. & City Employees Club members. All others pay \$80.00 which includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Alhambra Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.00.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with your check made payable to: **R.L.A.C.E.I.** by Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Send to Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. **For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.**

### 2017 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$70 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Employees Club Members (\$80 for all others)

Luncheon Only: \$25

**Make checks payable to R.L.A.C.E.I.**

**NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

### FOURSOME

Member R.L.A.C.E.I.    Member City Club    Guest

**(check all that apply)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation deadline: Friday, May 19th. Mail completed reservation form and check to:  
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# 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

For more information, or to register, email Tara Miller, Wellness Program Manager, at [lacerswell@LACERS.org](mailto: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:

- **Sherman Oaks**  
Mondays, now through April 10 (closed 4/27)
- **Echo Park**  
Mondays, now - April 3
- **Pomona**  
For March dates, email the address or call the number below.

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](mailto:lacerswell@LACERS.org) or by calling (213) 978-6843.

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



## RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



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### Hawaii



Marsha Barnow, Retired, Personnel, and Phil Barnow, Retired, LAPD, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hanalei Bay, Kauai, Hawaii.

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### Antarctica



Judy and Dennis Vander Hook, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, visited Antarctica and surrounding islands.

## 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.

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# History Comes Alive!

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Tales From the City Archives



by Michael E. Holland  
City Archivist

Photos courtesy the Archives of the City of Los Angeles and Wikipedia

## AFTER INTERNMENT; AND CELEBRATING TOM BRADLEY

A follow-up from last month's article on the City's involvement in Japanese internment camps; and an invitation to a lecture series about Tom Bradley.

This month's article is split into two parts for a very good reason.

Since the February *Alive!* was published with the Japanese internment story, new information has come to my attention that just couldn't be ignored and really deserved its own time. So I hope you will indulge me with a follow-up to what happened after the end of World War II and how the City tried to make amends.

There were 36 City employees of Japanese heritage who were released from their City positions in late January 1942. Fourteen had been employed by the Department of Water and Power. Seven were employees of the LAPD, while others worked for the Library, Building and Safety, Parks (now Recreation and Parks), Civil Service and the City's Health Dept.

The City approved a resolution that corresponded to similar actions by Los Angeles County, the State Legislature and a Congressional commission initiated by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. On July 21, 1981, as was recorded in Council file 81-3206, the Los Angeles City Council passed their resolution, which ended with the following:

"The City of Los Angeles hereby extends its apologies and regrets to those Japanese-American citizens who suffered hardships and inconveniences resulting from the United States government's actions in 1942, and in particular those citizens of Los Angeles whose lives were disrupted and burdened by the unfortunate relocation proceedings."

But the City went beyond lip service in its apology. There were reparations approved by the council to those who had worked for the City and had been removed. The internees or their next of kin who filed were allowed to receive \$5,000. Each of the 36 employees is represented by a file that includes photocopies of documents proving their claims or a statement about having to leave everything behind and therefore having no documents to submit. One file contained a copy of a marriage certificate issued by the Heart Mountain internment camp in Montana. Each file gives us a hint about who these people were and what happened upon their release.

Many of the newly released Japanese left Los Angeles for good. Several moved to Milwaukee, Wis., and Kirkland, Wash.,

among other American cities. But most remained in Southern California. One woman relocated to my hometown of Altadena. Several former internees came back to work at the City after being released from the internment camp.

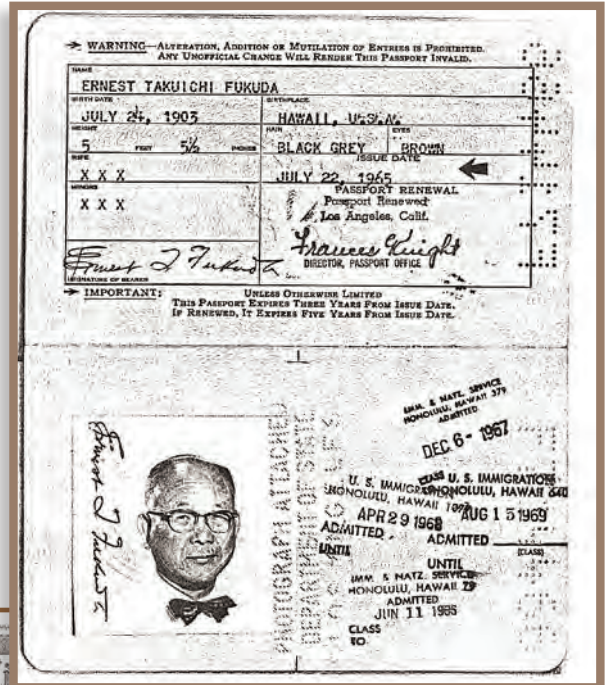
One such returnee was Ernest T. Fukuda. He had submitted documents for his reparations that included a letter dated Feb. 14, 1945 from a former supervisor at the DWP. Fukuda had been employed as a draftsman beginning in 1928 and had become a Civil Engineer at the outbreak of the war. His loyalty as an American was not questioned by the letters preserved in CF 81-3206-S4. One letter dated the following week from former supervisor A.C. Rener included the following:

"[I] considered him an American in every sense of the word. He [Fukuda] was interested in his career as an engineer and tried his very best to live as an American... In closing, I repeat - I have always found him honest, efficient and a good American."

The file doesn't mention which camp he had sent to. Fukuda was successful in returning to City employment. A DWP letter dated Aug. 5, 1946 reflected an increase in Fukuda's salary and level of retirement benefits. He retired from City service in 1967 and was living in Gardena at the time of his request from reparations in 1984.

As I was preparing this follow-up story, I sent a copy of the 36 names to an archivist at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Little Tokyo. I got back a response that one of their former staff was on the list as requesting benefits for her mother. The museum has a permanent display on the camps, but the display is part of a major exhibition right now, and I hope you will take the time to go see it with any kids you know. The possibility of history repeating itself makes the exhibit timelier than ever. **Information is on the museum's Website: <http://www.janm.org/exhibits/instructions-to-all/>**

Finally, a correction to last month's story about the events leading up to internment: I had mistakenly identified the cafeteria owner as Clifton Clifford, when it should have been Clifford Clifton. I apologize for the error. ■



The passport of Ernest Fukuda, one of the 36 City employees who had been removed from work and interned during World War II. From the City Archives.

An Internment camp marriage certificate

### Tom Bradley



Mayor Tom Bradley.

So much of the current Los Angeles that we know today came of age during Tom Bradley's years as mayor in City Hall. The physical presence of the light rail and subway lines are part of the legacy he started with the Blue Line opening in 1990. Many of the skyscrapers outlining the downtown sky came to be built during his tenure. His leadership in making the 1984 Olympic Games a reality continues to this day through the LA84 Foundation.

There are many people working for the City who were fortunate enough to have worked with, for, or perhaps, knew Tom Bradley. I cannot count

myself among them, as I came to work for the archive in 2001 - after his death in 1998. His name has been invoked by candidates who worked for him at one time or another as a kind of anointing to be fit for office. There may be people in Los Angeles who can name Bradley as mayor but won't any of the other mayors before or after him.

Yet, until recently, no one was telling his story as mayor of the third largest city in America for 20 years. That was corrected when the documentary *Bridging the Divide: Tom Bradley and the Politics of Race* was completed and shown on PBS and at venues across the nation by the two women who made the film.

I will be curating the Marie Northrop lecture series at the Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium on behalf of the Los Angeles City Historical Society (LACHS) for 2017. The theme is the centennial of the birth of Tom Bradley. We are launching the series at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, with a screening of *Bridging the Divide* to be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers Lyn Goldfarb and Alison Sotomayor, plus guests including Lorraine Bradley, daughter of Tom Bradley, and former City Council member Robert Farrell. The lecture is free to the public to attend. See the flyer at right or find the LACHS Website: [www.lacityhistory.org](http://www.lacityhistory.org) ■

### 25th Annual Marie Northrop Lecture Series

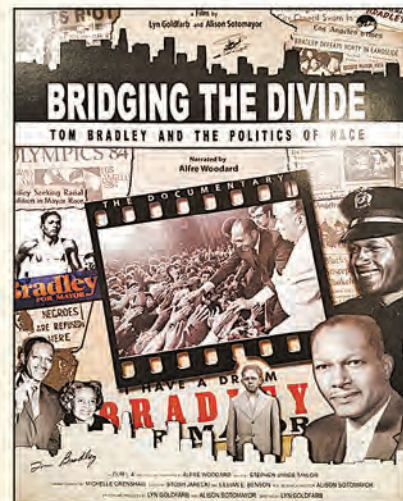
#### The Bradley Effect: A Tom Bradley Centennial

The 2017 series opens with a screening of the documentary

#### BRIDGING THE DIVIDE: TOM BRADLEY AND THE POLITICS OF RACE

Sunday, March 12, 2017 2-4pm

A panel discussion will follow the screening, featuring Tom Bradley's daughter Lorraine Bradley, former Los Angeles Councilman Robert Farrell, and filmmakers Lyn Goldfarb and Alison Sotomayor.



Lorraine Bradley



Robert Farrell



Lyn Goldfarb



Alison Sotomayor

This lecture series is co-sponsored by Los Angeles City Historical Society and the History Department of the Richard J. Riordan Central Library. Lectures are held in the Mark Taper Auditorium, on the first floor of the Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles. For any handicap accessibility accommodations, call the Library at (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

**ADMITTANCE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

The library garage is located on the east side of Flower Street, just south of 5th Street. Flower Street is one-way, south. Parking is \$1 after 1:00PM with a library card.

Zoo

Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

# A Month for Mother Earth

**Zoo extends Earth Day event to focus on endangered species.**

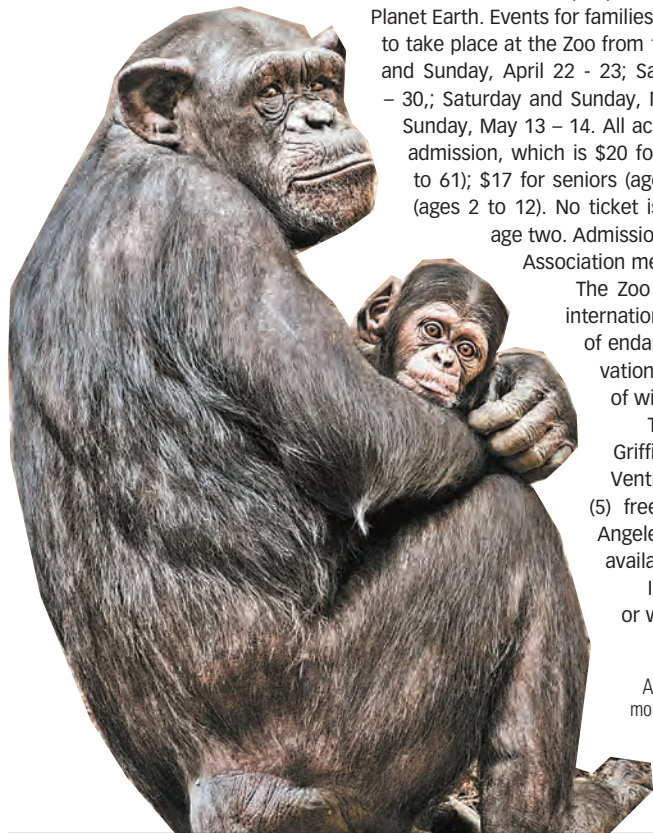
The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is scheduled to present "Wild for the Planet" every Saturday and Sunday over five weekends, from Earth Day weekend April 22 to Endangered Species Day May 19, spotlighting the Zoo's conservation efforts and what people can do to protect and preserve Planet Earth. Events for families and youngsters are expected to take place at the Zoo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 - 23; Saturday and Sunday, April 29 - 30,; Saturday and Sunday, May 6 - 7; and Saturday and Sunday, May 13 - 14. All activities are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$17 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$15 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

The Zoo has achieved renown as an international leader in the preservation of endangered species and a conservation center for the care and study of wildlife.

The Los Angeles Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available.

Information: (323) 644-6001, or [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)

A chimp and baby will be part of the month-long celebration that ends with Endangered Species Day at the L.A. Zoo.



Public Works



Loretta Arnold, Retiree, with Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer.

# So Long, Loretta

**Loretta Arnold retires from Sanitation after 35 years of City service.**

A retirement party was held on Valentine's Day for Loretta Arnold, Sr. Administrative Clerk, Public Works/Sanitation.

The event was held at the Terminal Island Reclamation Plant.

Special thanks go to Victor Chico, Management Analyst II, and Lilia Bedolla-Rivas, Accounting Clerk, for their assistance.

Congratulations on your career, Loretta, and enjoy your much-deserved retirement.



Back row, from left: Victor Chico, Management Analyst II; Lilia Bedolla-Rivas, Accounting Clerk; Taji Norman, Sr. Administrative Clerk; Thomas Dowdy, Administrative Clerk; and Mark A. Starr, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III, Plant Manager of Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant. Front: Loretta Arnold, Sr. Administrative Clerk.



From left: Victor Chico, Management Analyst II; Lilia Bedolla-Rivas, Accounting Clerk; Loretta Arnold, Sr. Administrative Clerk; and Thomas Dowdy, Administrative Clerk.

The Club



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# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"Hey, remember El Niño? Me neither. What I do remember was giving up asking these folks – if for just one moment – to pause from enjoying the two-to-three feet of Mammoth snow, and pose for the camera."

— **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

**John's comment:** The only thing that can make Mammoth snow any better is Mammoth snow with family. Nice work, Dominique!

"I recently took this in the hills near Mono Lake. We were searching for fall color and found this fabulous stretch along a dusty back road."

— **Madeline Bryant, Library**

**John's comment:** When I read your description, the first thing that came to mind was a song by John Denver ... well, not a song, just about every song he wrote. But now that I start thinking about it, the song that best portrays your shot is "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Thanks for the great shot and fond memories of listening a great songwriter and musician!



"My family and I were exploring down by the ocean off the cliffs in San Pedro, and the tide happened to be very low that day. There were sea anemones everywhere. We couldn't resist snapping a shot of this beautiful terrestrial flower of the sea."

— **John R. Sousa, Airports**

**John's comment:** A terrestrial flower of the sea ... I like how that sounds. Great shot, John!

"Lake George, Mammoth Lakes, Calif."

— **John Hicks, LAFD**

**John's comment:** Crisp, clean and crystal clear! A beautiful shot, John!



"Looking at the vast network of pipes under the aqueduct filtration plant, Sylmar. This photo was taken from the service entrance, which was constructed from 120-inch pipe used for the reservoir outlet."

— **Mike Aubin, DWP**

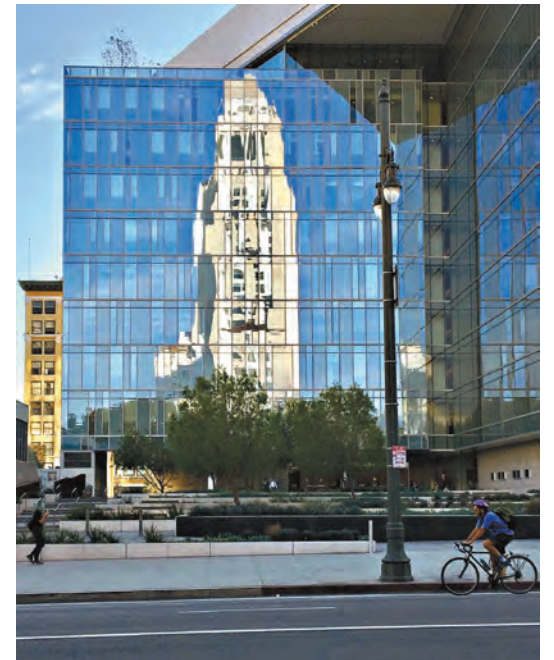
**John's comment:** Mike, that is just so awesome that they made the service entrance with 120-inch pipe. I love this shot!



"Strolling along the Huntington Beach pier, this pelican didn't have a care in the world as we (and many others) passed it by. I couldn't let a photo op like that go by."

— **Jorge Enciso, Finance**

**John's comment:** No, you definitely couldn't let this one go by! A nice, candid shot Jorge, one that I may have taken standing a good five beak-lengths away!



"I took this photo after work yesterday while waiting on the DASH bus."

The shot shows the reflection of City Hall on LAPD headquarters at First and Main Streets. I thought, wow!"

— **Alden Marsh, Transportation**

**John's comment:** Great decision to stop and snap this shot, Alden – and I really like the person walking and the bike rider in the picture. They give it life!

## RULES:

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

LAFD, LAPD



# 15 Years of Saving Lives

St. Baldrick's event celebrates 15 years of raising funds to fight childhood cancers.

March 4, 2017



On Sat., March 4, LAFD and LAPD personnel, and other City Employees, too, will participate in their 15th annual combined St. Baldrick's fundraising event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

The local organizers say they have raised more than \$1 million over those 15 years. This year's location is again Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd. in North

Hollywood. The event is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. and runs to 1 p.m.

The event features a silent auction, a raffle, a free pancake breakfast, blood and marrow drives, face painters, balloon artists, free kids' toys and entertainment, and more. And fire and police apparatus are expected to be present for children to explore and for photo opportunities.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127; or Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at <http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD>

**Who:** LAPD and LAFD Personnel (all are welcome, though)

**What:** Fundraiser for childhood cancer research

**When:** Sat., March 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** LAFD Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood

**Why:** To raise money to fight childhood cancer

**How:** Sign up or donate at: [www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD)

**Info:** Contact Lt. Greg Doyle, (818) 634-6127 or LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu, (626) 590-6240

Zoo

Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

# Welcome, Indah!

L.A. Zoo welcomes endangered Sumatran tiger.

After a long and successful introduction period, the Zoo is excited to announce that C.J., the four-year-old male Sumatran tiger, now has a companion in female Sumatran tiger Indah. Two-year-old Indah arrived from the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash. June 4, 2016 as a potential breeding partner for C.J., who came to the L.A. Zoo in 2014 from the Sacramento Zoo. But before the two could interact, L.A. Zoo Animal Care staff underwent a delicate introduction process to help the two felines get to know each other.

"Introducing two tigers can be an extremely sensitive process that requires time and patience," said Dorothy Belanger, Sr. Animal Keeper. "You would never want to immediately put two tigers together in the same space because they are territorial by nature. Animal Care staff helped Indah get used to her new home while also taking necessary steps to build familiarity and eventually trust between the two tigers."

For Indah and C.J., the introduction process began behind the scenes. Animal Care staff began what is called a "howdy" process, or a situation that allows the pair visual access to each other without being in the same space. This allows the tigers the chance to grow accustomed to each other safely and gives Animal Care staff more control over the interactions. At the same time, Indah was allowed access to the habitat at night alone so she could wander around and discover her new surroundings in a peaceful and quiet environment. The two tigers finally went out together for the first time on Dec. 8, six months after her initial arrival at the L.A. Zoo. They have been out together in their habitat ever since.

"This pairing has really been the best case scenario when putting two tigers together," said Krissy Parada, Animal Keeper. "The pair is

getting along great, and while C.J. is bigger and more excited to get to know her, he listens to her warnings when she wants her space. There haven't been any disagreements so far, and they seem to communicate very well because they met when they were still young."

Animal Care staff hopes the pair continues to thrive as friendly companions until Indah reaches maturity in the next few years. C.J. and Indah were paired together as part of a Species Survival Program (SSP) in hopes of preserving a subspecies of tiger that is currently listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) with less than 400 left in the wild. The biggest threats to the survival of Sumatran tigers in the wild are due to agricultural habitat destruction, poaching, and killing of tigers that come into contact with villages.

The Sumatran tiger is the smallest of the six remaining subspecies of tiger, and they are found only on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. They can range in size from seven to nine feet in length and may weigh from

220 to 380 pounds. The male is slightly larger than the female with a more "bearded" appearance. Their coat is a dark reddish-yellow with long black stripes, which provides camouflage in the dense forest. Like most wild cats, Sumatran tigers are solitary animals that live within marked, carefully guarded territories.

Guests can now observe Indah and C.J. in their habitat together at Tiger Plaza daily, weather permitting.

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



Indah, the Zoo's new Sumatran tiger.

THIS MONTH AT THE



# Griffith Observatory

## Sunset Walk

Wed., March 8  
5:40 – 6:40 p.m.

The Observatory offers a sunset walk led by a Park Ranger and a museum guide. The easy walk starts on the Observatory's West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace. The distance covered is about half a mile over the course of an hour at a very moderate pace with stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

NOTE: The Charlie Turner trail is a moderately steep earthen trail. The Observatory recommends footwear appropriate for hiking.

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# Sustainability Fest

At a previous Cabrillo Earth Day.

Cabrillo Aquarium hosts annual Earth Day-related festival.

City Employees and their families are invited to join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in celebrating and caring for the Earth. Drop by to interact with local agencies and environmental groups, and find out what you can do to make a positive impact on our community's environmental footprint! Learn about the coastal environment and take part in the aquarium's salt marsh open house, habitat walks, coastal bird walks and sustainability "quick shops" from experts in the field. Come to CMA's Sustainability Fest to discover the ways you can make a difference in protecting this fragile place we call Earth.

The Sustainability Fest ends at 3 p.m., while the Aquarium is open until 5 p.m. Throughout the day, the Aquarium provides opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, visit the touch tank, search the Virginia Reid Moore Research Library for more information about local sea life and coastal birds, observe the newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery and let curiosity be the guide in the interactive Exploration Center.

The aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility with support from Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour.

Information: (310) 548-7562 or [www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org](http://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org)



## NEWS BRIEF

### HARBOR Cargo: Historic Level

In January, Harbor the Port of Los Angeles handled 826,640 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs), an increase of 17.4 percent compared to January 2016. It was the busiest January in the port's 110-year history, outpacing January 2016, which was the previous record for the first month of the year. It was also the second-best month overall for the Port, eclipsed only by last November's 877,564 TEUs.

"Coming off our best year ever in 2016, it's very encouraging to keep the momentum going into 2017," said Harbor Executive Director Gene Seroka. "The Port remains diligent, along with our partners, in making the San Pedro Bay supply chain even more efficient through world-class infrastructure, innovative technology solutions and strategic use of resources."



The January surge is due in part to retail stores replenishing inventories after the holidays, a trend of increased U.S. exports and cargo ships calling ahead of the Lunar New Year, when goods from Asia slow down considerably. Over the most recent 10-year period, January volumes at the Port of Los Angeles have averaged 645,142 TEUs.

January 2017 imports increased 13.1 percent to 415,423 TEUs compared to the previous year. Exports surged 28.7 percent to 162,420 TEUs in January. Total loaded imports of 577,843 TEUs increased 17.1 percent compared to the previous year. Empty containers jumped 17.9 percent to 248,797 TEUs. Combined, January overall volumes were 826,640 TEUs, a 17.4 percent increase compared to last year.



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The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Look for our next contest in the April edition of *Alive!*

Compiled by Mariana Guevara, Director of Tickets and Retail Operations



# Coloring with Mariana!

**Congratulations to the WINNERS!**  
of our Club Coloring Contest!

Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win **4 Free Tickets to Aquarium of the Pacific**

## Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT.
Mylana Martinez	2	Alfredo Reyes	Public Works
Janelle Parra	2	Janelle Parra	EDD/L.A. County
Jc'ion Perkins	3	Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Retiree
Eloise Alejandre	4	Luis Alejandre	LAPD
Paige Anne Curtis	4	David Hadley	Retiree
Leila Hernandez	4	Manny Hernandez	Building and Safety
Jasmine Parra	4	Janelle Parra	EDD/L.A. County
Morgan Rowley	4	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Emma Grace Tiet	4	Than Tiet	DWP
Sophia Gonzalez	5	Frank Gonzalez	Retiree
Joy Holmes	5	Edward Holmes	Public Works
Jayde Martin	5	Mario Martin	General Services
Lucas Moreno	5	Alex Moreno	LAFD
Lorenzo Alvarado	6	Carlos Alvarado	DWP
Emma Christopher	6	James Christopher	DWP
Whitney Derby	6	Chad Derby	LACERS
Jake Hernandez	6	Alan Hernandez	Airports
Raziah Jackson	6	Valerie Lockhart	LAPD
Antony Rodriguez	6	Sandra Bautista	LAPD
Natalia Romero	6	Eloy Mendoza	Retiree
Noah Rosas	6	Jose Rosas	DWP
Saylor Rowley	6	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Joshua Estrada	7	Ramon Estrada	Harbor
Aidan Marquez	7	Summer Marquez	LAPD
Malia Murga	7	Vicky Chan	City Attorney
Pearl Valadez	7	Jesus Valadez	DWP
Skylar Williams	7	Marv Williams	Retiree
Isabelle Alejandre	8	Luis Alejandre	LAPD
Ethan Alvarado	8	Jasmine Alvarado	LAFD
Abril Alvarez	8	Marco Arroyo	Transportation
Desiree Arroyo	8	Carlos Arroyo	DWP
Emily Anne Simmons	8	Douglas Donavan	Public Works
India Townsend	8	Ansinee Townsend	Animal Services
Leyla Yoshida	8	Eric Yoshida	DWP
Sierra Hernandez	9	Manny Hernandez	Building and Safety
Ximena Ibarra	9	Sergio Ibarra	Airports
Angelina Rodriguez	9	Ma Del Rosario Renteria	Not Disclosed
Kiara Yoshida	9	Eric Yoshida	DWP
Olivia Cruz	10	Mardoqueo Cruz	Public Works
Joel Duarte	10	Mario Duarte	General Services
Emily Gutierrez	10	Nick Gutierrez	General Services
Destiny Miller	10	Johnny Williams	Public Works
Jael Rayo	10	Juan Carlos Rayo	General Services
Julius Townsend	10	Ansinee Townsend	Animal Services
Alexa Espiritu	11	Jose Espiritu	Public Works
Isabelle Galoostian	11	Raymond Galoostian	Airports
Ryan Martinez	11	Billy Martinez	DWP
Victor Quintanilla	11	Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports
Arianna Roberts	11	Satoru Tanaka	Retiree
Kennady Rowley	12	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Aresha Echols	13	Charles Echols	Retiree
Nadia Gallarzo	13	Georgina Tamayo	Housing
Iman Holmes	13	Edward Holmes	Public Works



**Kennedy & Catalina Townsend, 1, 3**

BIRTHDAY: May 20, March 16  
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Bubble Guppies and Team Umi Zoomie"  
FAVORITE SNACK: Reeses Cups • BEST FRIEND: Each Other  
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE AQUARIUM? They love live shows and sea life!  
PARENT: Samantha Townsend, Police Officer II



**Angie Lindsey, 6**

BIRTHDAY: July 5 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Odd Squad"  
FAVORITE SNACK: Whatchamacallit • BEST FRIEND: Chloe  
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE AQUARIUM? It's going to be fun because looking at the fish and seeing new fish that I've never seen.  
PARENT: Rita Lindsey, PW



**Kayla Hargrove, 9**

BIRTHDAY: July 6 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Heartland"  
FAVORITE SNACK: Cuties • BEST FRIEND: Valerie  
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE AQUARIUM? • To have Fun.  
• PARENT: Ean Hargrove, Instrument Mechanic DWP



**Milana Gatfield, 12**

BIRTHDAY: April 10 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Backstage"  
FAVORITE SNACK: Cup of Noodles • BEST FRIEND: Lizette  
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE AQUARIUM? I love the ocean, sealife, and hoping to see blobfish  
• PARENT: Jason Gatfield, DWP Equipment Operator

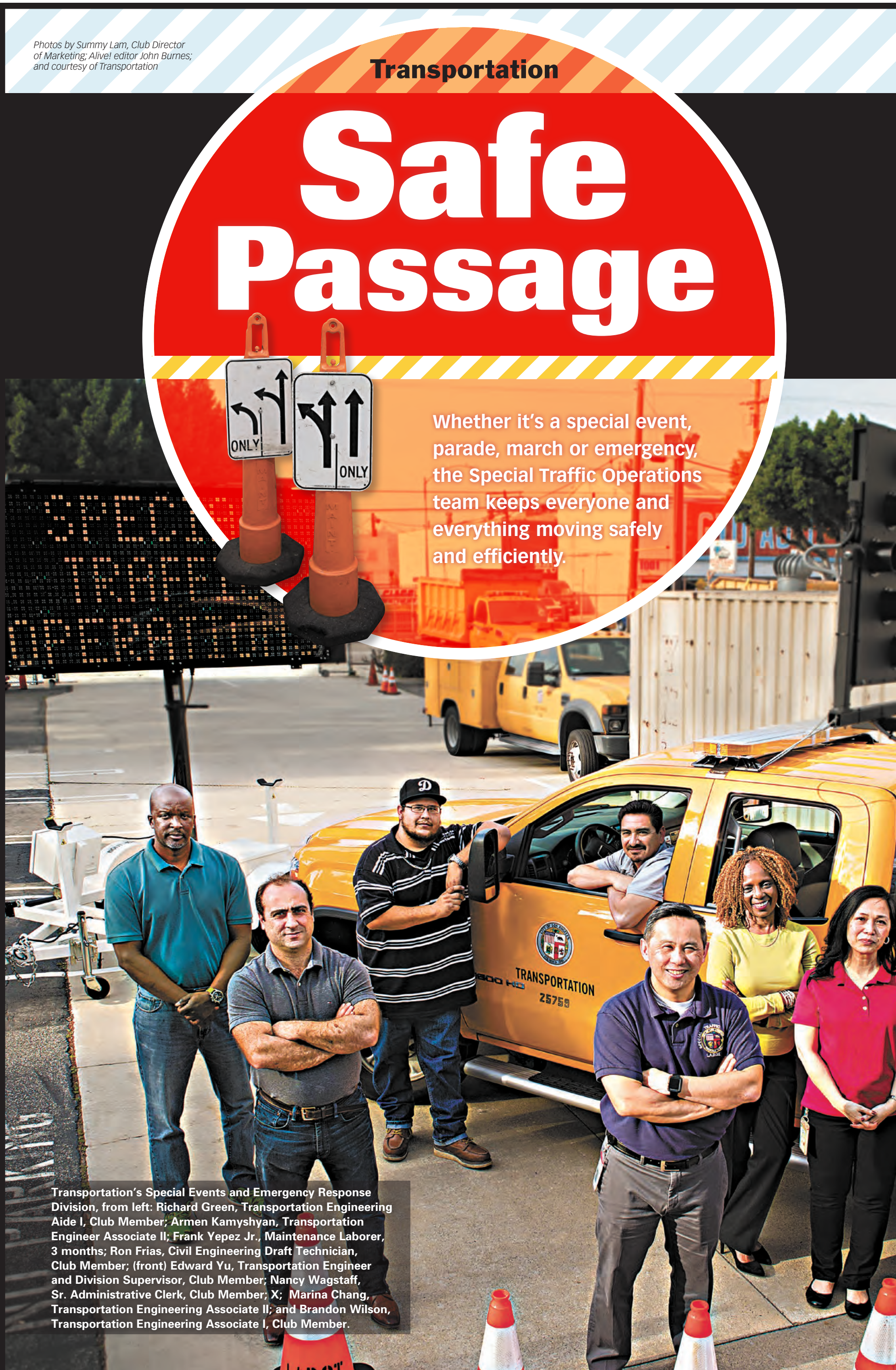
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## Transportation

# Safe Passage

Whether it's a special event, parade, march or emergency, the Special Traffic Operations team keeps everyone and everything moving safely and efficiently.

Transportation's Special Events and Emergency Response Division, from left: Richard Green, Transportation Engineering Aide I, Club Member; Armen Kamyshyan, Transportation Engineer Associate II; Frank Yopez Jr., Maintenance Laborer, 3 months; Ron Frias, Civil Engineering Draft Technician, Club Member; (front) Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Division Supervisor, Club Member; Nancy Wagstaff, Sr. Administrative Clerk, Club Member; X; Marina Chang, Transportation Engineering Associate II; and Brandon Wilson, Transportation Engineering Associate I, Club Member.



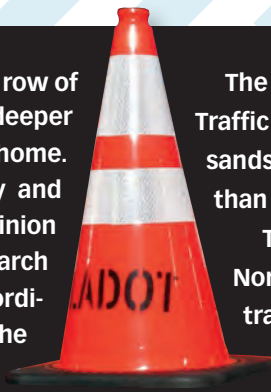


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**W**hen you're looking at a flashing traffic management sign, or a row of barricades and cones, you might not be thinking about the deeper importance of the City's traffic crews. You might just want to get home.

But there are important considerations going on. Your safety and security are critical, of course ... but so is the right to voice an opinion and gather in peaceful assembly. In some situations, that right to march or demonstrate could be in danger from something as simple as ordinary traffic. Solving that conflict, and keeping traffic moving, is the purpose of the Special Traffic Operations (STO). In a very real way, the division helps make history happen.

Of course, most of the time, the stakes are more modest: The division just wants you to enjoy yourself at a Kings or Lakers or Dodgers game, or at a Greek Theatre concert, and drive away easily and safely ... or drive around a flooded street, or keep out of the way during a visit to the City from a VIP or even a space shuttle.



The STO, with seven staffers and support from Engineers and Traffic Officers brought on to help, manages the traffic around thousands of events every year. And, in their own words, they do it better than any other place in the country.

The STO grew largely from a notable emergency, the 1994 Northridge earthquake, when entire areas of the City were closed to traffic due to catastrophic infrastructure loss. From that time over the next 23 years, the value of the STO was truly recognized with political conventions, the Special Olympics, the moving of a Space Shuttle and other events in the City.

In this month's feature, read about the team that designs and implements the traffic plans for special events and emergencies; see them in action; and learn how they do what they do so you can exercise your first amendment right ... or just get home safely. ■



**The *Alive!* Interview**

# 'We Make Things Happen'

*On Feb. 1, Club Chief Operating Officer Robert Larios and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed three from Special Traffic Operations Division (STO): Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Supervisor of the Division, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Nancy Wagstaff, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 30 years, Club Member; and Armen Kamyshyan, Transportation Engineer Associate II, 16 years.*

Thank you all for speaking with us today. It's been a busy couple of weeks for you. You've been very busy with marches and demonstrations.

**Edward Yu:** It's been very challenging. Not only marches, but there's been a lot of storm activity. We helped with the Laurel Canyon mudslide incident. But yes, the marches, we had 250,000 people gather in the downtown area. We shut down downtown for a little while. That's been challenging. There have been multiple marches, actually. It's a big part of what we do, not only the past two weeks, but the whole year.

What does your team do for storm events?

**Edward:** We support the street closures – not only during the event, closing down the street with equipment and managing the traffic, but even after; we've configured Laurel Canyon to one land southbound and a detour for the northbound lane. We put in our changeable message boards and other equipment for an effective traffic management plan.

In dealing with emergency situations or demonstrations or landslides, it's always about keeping people safe.

**Edward:** Absolutely. Safety is our number one goal, and then mobility. And we've also gotten into the security game a little bit, too. So we help manage a lot of different security situations – we develop security plans for different events and emergency operations.

Now let's talk generally about what you do. How would you describe the function of the division?

**Edward:** Sure. Our title is Special Events and Emergency Response, and that basically sums it up in a nutshell. My team responds to any mobility issue in the City that's affected by a special event or an emergency. We plan for events like the Academy Awards, all the Dodger games, all the Staples Center events. We help manage protests. We escort giant space shuttles through the neighborhoods of the City of L.A.

Right, I remember!

**Edward:** When the president visits, we're there, too. When dignitaries visit, we're there. We're a big part of planning the L.A. 2024 Olympics. We do a number of different things. The Department has specialized functions, but we catch everything else around that and help in any way we can.

Are you 24/7?

**Edward:** Unfortunately, we are, Robert! This is a dedicated team. But I want to reemphasize that it's not only this group of people.

We can draw from quite a few other people, from throughout Transportation. We draw other Engineers from the Department. We work with Parking Enforcement to help us do our job. It's not only Engineers – we have Clerk Typists, Management Analysts, Planners, and so forth. It's really about partnerships.

Right. And how many work just for this Division?

**Edward:** Just here, about seven.

What's the split between pre-planned events and emergencies?

**Edward:** We plan at least 2,000 or 3,000 events that happen throughout the year. I'm including Dodgers and Staples events, everything. Even some of the demonstrations are planned in some ways. We develop plans when they take out permits. Emergency responses are often unplanned, but not always.

Two thousand or 3,000 events a year?

**Edward:** Sure. The Staples Center is maybe 400 a year on its own.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** The Coliseum.

**Edward:** We have three to four a week at the Coliseum with the Rams and USC games. And then you have the Greek Theater. You have the Hollywood Bowl. We don't get involved in all of them, but at any time we can be involved in planning or developing any of those things. So we handle about 2,000 or 3,000 events a year, and that's being kind of on the low side.

But to answer your question, I'd say maybe 10 percent are unplanned in

advance, or emergency.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** Ten percent is probably unplanned. Even the protests with a permit might be completely different than what was discussed. They have 24 hours before the event to change their route. And there goes your plan.

**Edward:** Every planned event can easily be unplanned.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** The Women's March a few weeks ago had a planned route, but then it just kept on growing and growing. So those events have a whole dynamic nature. And as Nancy said, we have a team that works well with each other even though not all people are within this office. We're able to adapt to the dynamic nature of the events and address the needs. Our unit is kind of the triage of the project management. We make on-site decisions. Our decisions have to be precise and on time, using the judgments that we have gained through experience working at many of these events.



*From left: John Burnes, Alive! editor; Robert Larios, Club Chief Operating Officer; Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Supervisor of the Division, Club Member; Nancy Wagstaff, Sr. Administrative Clerk, Club Member; and Armen Kamyshyan, Transportation Engineer Associate II.*

— **The *Alive!* Interview,** continued page 28

# Safe Passage

## On the Street, on the Job

While the department creates its traffic, safety and security plans in offices, it executes them on the street.

Here are images from a number of different deployments.

### Staples Center

Wed., Feb. 1  
L.A. Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche

Transportation's Special Traffic Operations (STO) Division works with AEG/Staples Center to manage traffic before and/or after most of the center's nearly 400 annual events.

On this night, Richard Greene, Transportation Engineering Aide I, 21 years of City service, Club Member, organizes the department's efforts to help exiting traffic makes its way home. His efforts on this night are typical for a normal Staples Center event.



The Scene: Staples Center.



Richard Greene (right) works with Bruce Wheeler, Transportation Engineering Associate, 22 years of service, Club Member. Bruce coordinates the efforts before setting up cones, barricades and an arrow truck a block away.



Richard Greene sets up on Chick Hearn Court at L.A. Live Way, putting up cones and barricades around 9 p.m.



With the Kings game now over, the cones, barricades, arrow truck and specially timed signals funnel the traffic from Lot 1 (on Georgia Street) and the West Garage Gate B west toward the 110 Freeway. With the traffic devices in place, Transportation can empty the two parking lots in less than 30 minutes.



With the fans safely on their way home, Richard collects the barricades and calls it a night. Job well done!

### LA Dodgers

Oct. 20, 2016  
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs playoff game

The STO Division provides traffic management before and after all Dodger games, and this playoff game was no different.



Cones are set up so the Dodger Stadium Express bus from Union Station has a clear lane of passage."



No need to drive any farther!



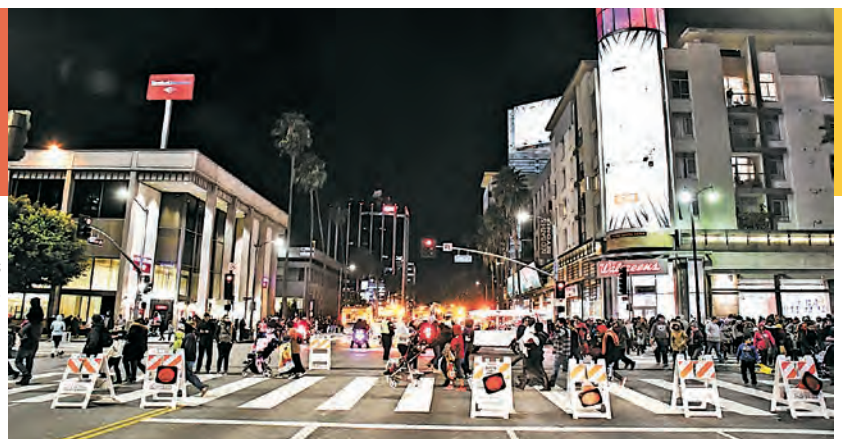
Traffic is heavy but well controlled.

### Hollywood Christmas Parade

Nov. 30, 2016  
Hollywood

The division's traffic barricades clear the traffic at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street to accommodate the parade's tens of thousands of spectators.

The STO Division has been providing traffic and safety services for this parade and other major cultural events for decades.



## CicLAvia

Oct. 16, 2016  
Boyle Heights/Chinatown/Downtown

This very popular bike-riding event would be impossible to operate without tight closed streets and tight traffic control.



The STO Division's work starts in the pre-dawn hours.



Traffic control measures are in place.



CicLAvia goes off without a hitch.

## Space Shuttle

Oct. 12-14, 2012  
From LAX to Exposition Park

The division played a critical role in planning and executing the famous last trip of the Space Shuttle Endeavour, which made its 12-mile journey from LAX through Westchester, Inglewood and South LA on its way to the California Science Center in Exposition Park.



The STO's Armen Kamyshyan (left) and another employee pose by the shuttle that they were helping to move safely and efficiently.



The STO Division paves the way for the Space Shuttle to make its way through Los Angeles.



The STO team admires its hard work as the Space Shuttle arrives at its new home.

## Los Angeles Marathon

Feb. 14, 2016  
Throughout Los Angeles



The STO team lays out the traffic plans.



The STO team leaves for a hard day's work keeping the marathon route safe.



The special events crew starts its street closures around 3 a.m.

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### ● Golden Dragon Parade

Sat., Feb. 4  
Chinatown

The Special Events and Emergency Response Division has been providing traffic and safety services for this major cultural event for decades. The division started closing off major arteries downtown beginning at 8:30 a.m.



Ord Street was closed to traffic between Hill Street and Broadway.



Lanes were closed on Cesar Chavez Avenue at Broadway to protect parade viewers.



Traffic control signboards informed drivers that lanes were closed on Cesar Chavez Avenue.



Engineers and Traffic Officers work together to manage the traffic (from left): Robert Sanchez, Transportation Engineer Associate III, Club Member; Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer, Club Member; Sgt. Patricia Perry, Club Member; Ron Frias, Civil Engineering Draft Tech, Club Member; and Brandon Wilson, Transportation Engineering Associate I, Club Member.



This street closure of Hill Street at Temple Street cleared the traffic around the parade route.



STO Division trucks stand at the ready to reopen the streets.



Coordination with various partners is critical for successful event management. Here, Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Supervisor of the STO team (center), confers with LAPD Sgt. Terrance Keenan.



Cesar Chavez Avenue is safely cleared of vehicles before the parade.

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#### History

What's the history of this Division?

**Nancy Wagstaff:** The earthquake.

**Edward:** Right. I think it started with the Northridge Earthquake, and kind of developed on its own. It used to be two people, I think.

Nancy, how long have you been a part of this team?

**Nancy Wagstaff:** About 11 years. I came over as the Sr. Clerk Typist, and from that, my duties have expanded tremendously. Now I work in the command post as a liaison between the our section and Parking Enforcement, other agencies, Police, Fire, Contractors, MTA, whoever's there to coordinate the event to make sure that traffic is flowing outside of the event and to coordinate and keep everybody safe inside the event.

downtown for the Women's March and closing all of downtown. But that's challenging to do safely.

I was involved in planning the Democratic National Convention, which had a big security aspect to it, and so does the Academy Awards. Those are challenging to do because of potential threats that have to be managed.

9/11 was tough for us, too. I'll say the political ones are the toughest ones in some aspects.

What would life be like without your Division?

**Edward:** Things would be a lot slower! L.A. wouldn't keep on moving. There would be a lot more chaos. We keep things moving, and we take a lot of pride in that.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** It's a controlled chaos. We bring some sense to the chaos that's out there. Here's an example: When



STO team supervisor Edward Yu (left) and Club COO Robert Larios at the teams' headquarters on Mission Road.

So you're on site.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** Exactly. When they work, I work.

How much do you remember of the history?

**Nancy Wagstaff:** I wasn't working with this Division at the time of the earthquake. When the earthquake came it was over the King holiday, so everybody was pretty much off. All I know is, they gathered people from every section of this Department and they pulled them together to go out there to shore it up, to keep the danger areas blocked off. With the two or three people that they had here, they developed this Division.

They also handled the Democratic National Convention.

**Edward:** Yes, the DNC in 2000 was a big part of our beginning.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** When Staples Center first opened. As the duties have grown, so has the Division.

How are your services funded?

**Edward:** There isn't one single method right now. Certain events must get a permit. And with that permit, they reimburse the City for our services. But protests and things like that, the Department's not funded for, because they're First Amendment rights. So the City absorbs those types of applications as well as disasters. Funding comes from all different ways.

Special Olympics occurred here, we were brought in at the 11th hour to help out when the buses weren't picking up folks from LAX. We resolved the issues. We add a tremendous value in the unified command sense, hence why our Division specifically has a great respectability among our partners with Fire and Police. They always consult us when addressing these issues.

#### Tools to Get The Job Done

What tools do you have at your disposal? Closing lanes? Closing roads? Rerouting traffic? Changing the electrical signals?

**Edward:** We have a fleet of vehicles that we bring out with cones and barricades. We can close all downtown with a few trucks if we needed to. We don't do that very often, though.

We have control of all of the signals by bringing in ATSAC [Transportation's Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control system, previously featured in *Alive!*]. We talk with ATSAC so we can control any the signals in the City if we need to.

We can bring in other personnel – field crews, Parking Enforcement, the LAPD and Fire. That's a great tool. We work with contractors. The tool bag can be as deep or as shallow as we want it to be.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** To coin a phrase one of my previous supervisors said, what we do is "a well-choreographed dance."

And is it beautiful when this dance goes exactly according to plan?

**Nancy Wagstaff:** Exactly.

**Edward:** One of the key tools is giving information to the public. We work with Waze [the driving navigation app] where we tell them about street closures, and they can put it on the Waze app. We've reached out to Uber to let them know of conditions. Giving public information is key for us.

We work with the event organizers in communicating the street closures to the public

#### Challenges

Which events are the hardest to do?

**Edward:** Some of the most challenging are those that span the whole City, because they take a lot of resources to do. The L.A. Marathon is one of our most difficult events, because of the amount of planning it involves. We close more than 26 miles of roadway at 2 or 3 in the morning.

Then we have the events when we don't know how many people are going to show up, like having 250,000 people show up

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directly. They put up flyers and signage at the locations. They go door to door. Acting professionally and making sure to work with the public as much as possible is very important.

What kind of reaction do you get from drivers? Are they mostly friendly? Do they appreciate what you do?

**Edward:** Well, I think you could answer that question, Robert! We get a mixed bag of responses.

Do you tweak your plans?

**Armen Kamyshyan:** Constantly, because every time we execute a plan, we see what could be improved upon. At the same time, construction is constantly occurring. We want to be able to revisit our plans and see what has happened in the past and how we could improve on it.

Observers of Real Life

What do you find most interesting about this job?

**Armen Kamyshyan:** The most rewarding part of this job is you get to see the City through a front row point of view. You're a participant, but you're also an observer. We watched the Occupy L.A. movement happening here.

Right.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** It could be dramatic, all the way to when we have marches. A colleague of mine said, "We celebrate with them. We cry with them and we laugh with them, and we see all this happening within our great City, from one event to another." We were able to bridge the gap to bring the Special Olympics athletes from their host visiting cities into their Olympic villages. We had a 45-bus deficit that we had to bridge between 4 a.m. until 8 a.m. It was a tremendous effort from many people to make that happen. And you get this sigh of relief when the end of the day happens – the end of the day is not when everybody chooses to go home, but when the last person is off that bus.

You facilitate fun. You facilitate democracy and culture. You facilitate all sorts of things.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** Absolutely. Even though we stand on the sidelines, we enable people to voice their opinion, to voice their concerns, and do it in a peaceful way. If a march or a riot turns ugly, we try to separate the vehicular traffic from the pedestrians so they can practice their First Amendment rights. We also take great pride in the cultural events that happen throughout our City, from the Thai New Year festival that happens on Hollywood Boulevard, all the way to marches against genocide. We help give voice to a lot of people who sometimes might be forgotten.



In the STO's warehouse, from left: Club COO Robert Larios, Alive! editor John Burnes, and division supervisor Edward Yu."

**Edward:** At every big event that happens in the City – culturally, or First Amendment, or disasters – this Division has been there. We don't get to participate in a lot of these things, but we're there at every one. If the Dodgers get to the World Series, we're there. If the Lakers win the championship, we're there. If the president comes to town, we're there. We're not in the venue. We're not there celebrating. We're not there protesting. But we're there helping

to make it happen. We make things happen in this City.

Making It Happen

What do you wish people knew about what you do?

**Edward:** I think it's good to know that, at every event, at every emergency, somebody is there who's looking out for them. We want the people to know that somebody is planning this stuff. Somebody is making sense of the chaos out there.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** This group works really hard to make everything that goes look so easy. We'll get the job done, and we will get it done right. We make it work. We work so interconnectedly here. It's a bit like a family, and everybody has each other's back. It's amazing how much we can get done with so few of us.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** I will elaborate on what Nancy said. It's just how very few can do great things, and the value that we bring to our great City. Our Division is small in many ways compared to the size of our City. But the few are able to work together as a team, a family.

Also, I see myself as one who's guarding this position for somebody else to take over. I teach as much as I can so that way others can follow through. I've learned from my previous supervisors, they brought me along.

Why do you love what you do?

**Edward:** Being involved with a great team. It's not only coworkers. I spend more time with these people than I do with my family at home.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** Yes.

**Edward:** Working with these people is a pleasure for me. Number two, is being involved in all these great things that are happening in the City; I take pride in that. And three, I gather a lot of pride in looking back at what we've done and making people safe. Making people move. Making, you know, people do whatever they want to do in the City. We work long hours. We work long days, and sometimes we don't even get a thank-you. Sometimes, in fact, we get the opposite. But I know that I'm helping these people. And when we do get that thank-you from a child, from a mother, from a Traffic Officer, from the LAPD, from Fire or from even from this article, that's what drives me to keep on making things happen.

No one in the world can do it like we do it.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** Every day I get up and I say, we get a chance to help the City of L.A. get things done that probably would not have been done. I know the hard work that everybody puts in behind the scenes, and I know that it will be appreciated. And it's a sense of pride that we get every time an event goes off really well.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** I love the fact that you get to take an ownership of a project, see it from the beginning to an end, and to take pride in being not only a citizen of the City, but also being a citizen who helps other citizens. I look at all of the employees here as my friends. They make us shine. They make the most difficult projects come through. Sometimes it doesn't dawn upon you until the project is done, and you're sitting back, saying, "Did we just move the Space Shuttle tank from Marina del Rey to Exposition Park? I was one of the pieces in a big puzzle that enabled that.

Sometimes people say, you have your degree, and now you just toss cones and barricades! But it's the knowledge and planning and implementation that make the difference. You still have to make it happen.

**Edward:** We make history happen.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** Yes, we do.

Great, thanks for your time today.

**Edward:** You're welcome.

**Nancy Wagstaff:** You're welcome.

**Armen Kamyshyan:** Of course. ■

The Warehouse

Transportation's Special Events and Emergency Response Division designs and strategizes its plans at its headquarters, 1016 Mission Rd. And it implements those plans on the streets of the City.

But in between, it uses two large warehouses at its headquarters complex to store the materials and signage it needs to do its job. Here's a peek.



In the back warehouse storage area are (from left) Armen Kamyshyan, Transportation Engineer Associate II, 16 years of City service; Nancy Wagstaff, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 30 years, Club Member; and Frank Yezpe Jr., Maintenance Laborer, 3 months.



Every STO team member who goes out to an event or emergency is issued a two-way radio and a stapler, for attaching temporary traffic signs to whatever's available and appropriate. At the shelf is Nancy Wagstaff, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 30 years of City service, Club Member.



In a sign storage area are (from left) Robert Larios, Club Chief Operating Officer, and Edward Yu, Transportation Engineer and Supervisor of the Division, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



Special events and emergencies mean that the team must be fully mobile. To that end, the team uses bicycles to manage the events. With the bikes are (from left) Ron Frias, Civil Engineering Draft Technician, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Brandon Wilson, Transportation Engineering Associate I, 4 years, Club Member.



Big events and emergencies require a mobile command center. Here it is, named for Timothy F. Crowder, Transportation Engineer, who created the concept that became the Special Traffic Operations Division. Next to the center are (from left) Marina Chang, Transportation Engineering Associate II, and Richard Greene, Transportation Engineering Aide I, 21 years, Club Member.

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

# Angel's Be Alive!



# Creek Park

- La Mirada



Angel Jr. and Aden by Creek Park.

## Creek Park

15101 Cordova Rd. • La Mirada, CA 90638

Cost: Free

Difficulty: Easy

Parking: Small parking lot and street parking available.

Distance: One mile loop.

Hours: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Hello again, everybody!

This month we travel to Creek Park in La Mirada, about 18 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The park is very quiet and peaceful; if you just want to relax and enjoy an amazing afternoon, this is the place for you and your family. I frequent this park, most of the time walking it. If I'm really motivated, I jog the park from one end to the other.

Creek Park has lots of trees, birds, squirrels and of course very friendly people along the way.

### Let's begin!

The park has green grass, a hilly topography and beautiful trees. All this together gives you a sense of peacefulness. Creek Park has the perfect setting for a family picnic or morning jog.

On our visit, we parked at the intersection of Stamy Road and Las Flores Avenue. This parking lot is the closest to the horse arena. It's one of two parking lots the park has to offer.

If you start at the other end of the park, you will be closer to the amphitheater. The trail takes you in a circle around the park with a small creek down the center. The trail is surrounded by green grass and scattered trees offering some shade. The leaves on certain trees are breathtaking – all different colors.

One side of the park has a dirt trail for horses and a mud corral, which holds the horses owned by neighboring citizens (they share it). There is also a gathering stage on the opposite side of the park.

We circled the park a few times. It is the perfect place to walk or jog around and observe nature. Along the path you will see squirrels and birds with plenty of benches along the path just waiting for you to sit and relax.

We saw plenty of joggers and dog-walkers along the way. The park is in a residential area and a true hidden gem. I invite everyone to visit this small but beautiful park. Don't forget your sunscreen and snacks and, most importantly, bring water.

Be safe and "*Be Alive!*"

Angel



Aden and Angel Jr. stand by the steps leading to the bridge across the creek.



Angel Jr. and Aden walk along the path.



At Creek Park.



The Creek Park path.



Our new friend the squirrel.



The intersection of Stamy Road and Las Flores Avenue.



We were lucky to see a beautiful horse.

The park features gorgeous trees and leaves.

**Airports**

Story courtesy Airports. Photos courtesy Qantas



The new Qantas airplane hangar at LAX.

# A Shelter for Big Birds

One of country's biggest hangars opens at LAX.

On Jan. 27, Qantas airlines unveiled its new \$30 million maintenance and engineering facility at LAX. It is one of the largest commercial hangars in North America and the first specifically designed to accommodate the Airbus A380, the world's biggest commercial passenger aircraft.

The 613,543-square-foot hangar facility will be used to carry out maintenance checks on Qantas' A380 and Boeing 747 aircraft during ground time in Los Angeles. It will also have capacity to support Qantas' new B787-9 Dreamliner when it enters service later this year.

With 50 percent more space than the airline's previous hangar at LAX, which was also used to maintain A380s and B747s, the facility has the capacity for four aircraft to be worked on simultaneously. Its higher capacity is expected to cut the time it takes to carry out maintenance tasks by about 20 percent. Its size means Qantas will also have the ability to bid for work on other carriers' aircraft.

The new building has enabled Qantas to consolidate its property footprint in Los Angeles, with 40 corporate employees moving into new offices in the hangar and joining the team of local engineers.

Qantas' previous hangar at LAX was built

at the start of the jet era in 1958. It was demolished to make way for broader improvements to the airport, triggering the construction of the new Midfield Satellite Concourse in addition to the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

"As the airport with the most A380 flights in North America, which includes Qantas' daily A380 nonstops to and from Sydney and Melbourne, we are thrilled that LAX was chosen to be the home of this beautiful new facility," said Airports Chief Executive Officer Deborah Flint.

Features of the new hangar include:

- Two aircraft parking pads with walkways directly connecting the aircraft doors to the workshop mezzanine level;
- A larger spare parts facility that includes two vertical lifts, enabling parts to be delivered to engineers quickly;
- "Mega doors" constructed from a translucent material that lets natural light through when the doors are closed, plus sky lights in the roof;
- Electric vehicle charging stations; and
- Aircraft access docking including an adjustable tail-dock capable of supporting multiple aircraft types.



The new Qantas airplane hangar at LAX.



## Rest Insured

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

### High Limits: Possible vs. Probable

My son recently rear-ended someone. Thankfully, no one was hurt. He was texting while driving. Sheesh! Kids! How many times have I told him? We were glad to hear that no one reported any injuries, and the damage to the car was less than \$15,000.

Two weeks after the accident the other party hired an attorney and claimed neck injuries. When the police report came out showing that my son was texting while driving and solely at fault for the accident, the claim was settled for \$250,000. \$250,000!

Thankfully, we were properly insured and did not have to pay that amount ourselves. But it brings up the age-old question, and I want to make sure that we talk about it again:

#### "How much insurance should I buy?"

Probably one of the reasons that this is such a common question is because there really is no easy answer. It would be great if we could simply look into a "crystal ball" and tell you what is going to happen to you in the future. That way you could make sure that you are prepared for whatever comes your way. Unfortunately, life doesn't work that way.

#### Life is uncertain!

When asked by my friends how high the limits they should buy, I always give them the same answer, "If you rear-end a school bus, then \$10 million won't be enough." While this doesn't really help out, it does help to illustrate the problem. Life is uncertain. You never know what could possibly happen to you. Most people try to live careful, prudent lives, but calamity can strike any of us at any time.

No one would disagree that a 3,000-pound vehicle driving down the road at 60 m.p.h. can cause an enormous amount of damage. But even a "simple" accident backing up in a driveway where children are playing can change the course of someone's life indefinitely.

The important thing is that as a conscientious person you will want to be able to take care of any problem that you might accidentally cause. That is why we buy insurance in the first place: to be able to be financially responsible for any damage that we might inadvertently cause. There are some particularly pertinent insurance concepts to introduce here: maximum possible loss and maximum probable loss. While it is possible that you could rear-end a school bus and require \$15 million or \$20 million worth of insurance, it is probable that you won't. Which do you insure for, the possible or the probable? That really depends on your personality, and what you feel comfortable with.

One thing to keep in mind is the litigious nature of our society. While the average bodily injury auto claim is only \$16,000, the average of the same type of claim that goes to jury is \$281,000! You may not think that you have much at risk, but if your claim goes before a jury you may be unpleasantly surprised.

One rule of thumb has always been to buy enough insurance to protect your assets. With the value of homes in California, many people have significant equity in their home. All of that equity is at risk in the event of one single auto accident. While your bank may require you to carry only minimum limits on your auto insurance, you should keep in mind everything that you stand to lose in a potential claim.

Long story short: Buy as high a limit as you can afford. That is always the safest course of action.



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

#### Have a question?

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



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## Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS,  
Chief Operating Officer  
rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com  
TWITTER: @robertlarioscoo



**Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer, honors these Club member with the coveted Club Retirement Plaque.**



**Monica Smith**, Retired from LACERS with 36 years of City service.






**Luz Morales**, Retired from General Services with 12 years of City service.



**Loretta Arnold**, Retired from Public Works/Sanitation with 35 years of City service.

*Congratulations!*

# CLUB SPORTS

-  Hoops
-  Bowling
-  Softball

## Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for basketball, bowling and softball. Please contact [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com) or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.

Images of past sporting events can be found on the Club Website at <http://photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ClubSports>

### LAFD



The LAFD Swift Water Rescue Team outside the Edelweiss Restaurant in Auburn, near Oroville.

## Help Was on the Way

LAFD's Swift Water Rescue Team answered the call Feb. 12 for assistance in a possible evacuation and rescue operation near the Oroville Dam in Northeastern California.

The dam's damaged spillways were a threat as continued rainstorms pummeled the state, which had been in a years-long drought.

As repair crews looked to have solved the issue of the dam's spillways, the swift water team – personnel and rigs – was released and headed back to Los Angeles.

Thanks for keeping us safe, LAFD Swift Water Rescue Team!



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- 73 bolts fasten together 60 pieces of intricate and detailed metal components.
- Hand built by a team of highly skilled craftsmen.
- Each L.A. City Seal is unique. No two are identical.
- Dimension: 18.5" W x 23.5" H
- Weighs 25lbs (includes all mounting hardware).

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**\$122/Month**

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- The frame is 16 gauge welded steel with 1" polymer glass
- Hand built by a team of highly skilled craftsman.
- Dimension 24" W x 27" H
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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 61 in a series.



# People We See

PEOPLE WE SEE  
**CLASSIC**  
FROM OCT. 2013

in downtown Los Angeles.

## Meet Rebecca Riley.



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

*The Club gave Rebecca a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water. The interview took place Sept. 20, 2013 on the City Hall lawn downtown. Photos by Angel Gomez.*



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

# Finance: We Have Your Polo!

**Club has added Finance to its popular City department polo shirts. Order yours today!**

The Club's hot polo shirts, custom made for City departments, has added Finance to its list of departments available for custom-made polo shirts. Finance is in addition to the long list of City departments that are already available; the list is on page 42.

This Club-exclusive product is for everyone who is proud of his or her department. Now you can show it! And the reviews are in – the polo shirts are excellent. Here's a sample:

*"Thank you so much for my polos – great quality and colors. I am always getting complimented and asked where I got them. I say the Club Store on Second Street! Great prices, too."*

– **Cindy Serrano,**  
**Emergency Management**

And best of all – the Club will come to your workplace to show you samples and organize your order.

**GREAT POLO SHIRTS:** The Club's department polo shirts are first-class all the way. The Club begins with men's and women's premium cotton polo shirts, and then stitches a great City seal patch and the name of your department onto them.

**AWESOME CONVENIENCE:** The Club's Angel Gomez can bring samples to your office so you can see the quality, decide the colors, and so forth. It's even better if your section is having a meeting. Write to the Club, and Angel will take it from there.

**ORDER FORM:** When you're ready, use the convenient order form, included in the ad on page 42.

The Club's new custom-made department polo shirts use premium-quality materials.



## CITY DEPARTMENT Polo Shirts

**Order your department polo shirts today.**

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# 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

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*Your donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.*

Everyday  
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## Traffic Collision in the Valley

On Dec. 14, 2014, three cars (the van, seen here, plus two other vehicles) collided at the intersection of Fulton and Oxnard Streets in Valley Village. Multiple injuries were reported; the status of this person is unknown.



Juan Guerra,  
Photographer

# It's Neck and Neck!

Zoo offers face-to-face feeding of giraffes.



Feed a giraffe at the L.A. Zoo (for a small fee).

What's it like to stand face-to-face with a giraffe? Find out at the Los Angeles Zoo's new interactive Giraffe Feedings at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily, which has officially debuted as part of the Zoo's yearlong 50th anniversary "ZooLABration."

At Giraffe Feedings, guests learn about the world's tallest land mammal from Zoo education specialists, who share facts about the Masai giraffes' daily lives at the Zoo, where they can eat 70 to 80 pounds of up to 100 different species of plants a day and feed for 16 to 20 hours. "Standing 16 to 20 feet tall, giraffes have always been a favorite as they tower over our guests," says Dan Keeffe, Curator of Education. "But now at the L.A. Zoo, guests of all ages can get up close and personal with one of our Masai giraffes, look into her eyes, and even hear her snort. When she extends her 14-inch-long tongue to grab the food right out of your hand, it's an unforgettable experience that fosters a deeper connection to a species that needs our help."

Once classified as being of "least concern" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the conservation status of giraffes moved

one step closer to "endangered" in December. Due to threats such as habitat loss and poaching, giraffe populations in Africa are declining precipitously, leading the IUCN to now classify them as "vulnerable." Not only do the L.A. Zoo and other institutions accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) supply funding for field conservation efforts aimed at protecting threatened animals like the giraffe, AZA institutions are uniquely positioned to provide information and insights on reproductive biology, behavior, nutrition, animal health and genetics that are invaluable to these efforts.

Giraffe Feedings are \$5 per person with paid Zoo admission, which is \$20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$17 for seniors (ages 62+); and \$15 for children (ages 2 to 12) for non-members. Guests can purchase tickets (cash only) for the Giraffe Feedings at the exhibit just prior to start times for the activity, which is subject to weather-related changes, especially on rainy days.

### Anniversary

As *Alive!* shared in November, the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens marks its 50th anniversary with a yearlong "ZooLABration" of its Nov. 28, 1966, opening that spotlights not only its key role as a world-class destination and an important community asset but also its critical successes in conservation, quality of life and premier care for animals. The 50th anniversary coincides with the early planning stages of a new Master Plan for the future.

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



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# Life's Important Moments

## Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or send paper notices and print photos to:  
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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

Karina Alvarado  
 Eilyn Castillo Mora  
 Nancy Cuadras Jimenez  
 Daniel Dennis  
 Shawnte Mayes  
 Mikesha Mingo  
 Julia Mo  
 Manuel Monteverde  
 Alphonso Orozco  
 Franco Padron  
 Filomeno Pumaren  
 Joseph Rogers  
 Cynthia Shumaker  
 Delano Stevenson  
 Eric Talley  
 Shannon Weathersbee

### Animal Services

Geoffrey Smith  
 Ann Strum

### Building and Safety

Jason Boruta  
 Lily Chen  
 Dian Martinez  
 Jimmy Mejia  
 Adel Salah-Eddine  
 Mario Salazar  
 Robert Wallen

### City Attorney

William Larsen  
 Karlina Mottern

### City Clerk

Griselda Perez Quintanilla  
 Sagar Suri  
 Hiram Vahdat

### City Council

Greig Smith

### General Services

Jamie Basurto  
 Elias Becerra  
 Charles Brodock  
 Cesar Chavez Virgen  
 Paul Giraldo  
 Raymond Kwan  
 James Meraz  
 Mark Morman

### Harbor

Timothy Griffin  
 Dereck Jester  
 Gabi Moawad  
 Felix Mosqueda  
 Thomas Patton  
 Joshua Paxton  
 Brenden Russell

### Housing

Scott Matsunaga  
 Aaron Wace

### ITA

Arleen Ancheta

### Library

Florence Jacinto

### LAFD

George Gordon  
 Bryan Petrich  
 George Sevnal  
 Brian Whalen

### LAPD

Nallely Avila  
 Dragos Burecu  
 Kenneth Busier  
 Mayra Chavez  
 Davis Choe  
 Luis Garcia  
 Moises Gomez

Marvin Grande  
 George Harper  
 Talya Higgs  
 Steven Hollowell  
 Yadira Huerta  
 Michele Landeros  
 Robert Leary  
 Sergio Lomeli Jr.  
 Erick Loomis  
 Juliet Manglicmot  
 Joseph Mayorga  
 Saul Moran  
 David Najar  
 Carlos Ornelas  
 Marlon Prodigalidad  
 Amanda Rivera  
 Michael Rose  
 Armando Ruiz  
 Brian Schneider  
 Desiree Speller  
 Kenneth Williams

### Personnel

Trichelle Campbell

### PUBLIC WORKS

### Sanitation

Alexander Anaya  
 Jorge Giron  
 Philip Gomez, Sr.  
 Salvador Gonzalez  
 Danny Graves  
 Ronald Samonte  
 Dennis Taylor  
 Bryan Uhle

### Street Services

Anna Arriola Gutierrez  
 Kevin Barclay  
 Bret Bozarth  
 Antonio De Santos

Thomas Earnest  
 Flemming III Enix  
 Lydia Hernandez  
 Steven Kingsbury  
 George Limon  
 Javier Munoz  
 Miguel Ornelas  
 Manuel Reyes  
 George Rivera Jr.  
 Emanuel Villa

### Rec and Parks

Jose Alamillo  
 Bryan Alvarado  
 Jason Ardoin  
 Jose Avelar  
 Fausto Blas  
 Daniel Calzada Jr.  
 Heidi Castillo  
 Nina Collins  
 Linda Fisher  
 Francisco Haro  
 Melissa Klein  
 Oscar Lopez  
 Marvin Perez  
 Adan Prieto Jr.  
 Yolanda Quintero  
 Rocio Ramirez  
 Jamie Smith  
 LaShield Williams

### Transportation

Silva Abramian-Eltschi  
 Jaime Avila  
 Jeannine Brands

Bryan Carro Tabaco  
 David Lara

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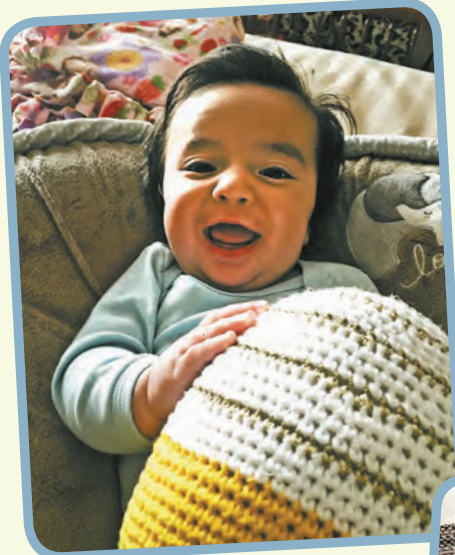
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 Russell Duncan  
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 Cesar Garcia  
 David Glow  
 Charles Goede Jr.  
 Ray Hailey  
 Mark Hughes  
 Edward Jacek  
 Roberta Jones  
 Phillip Leafdale  
 Abdel Lizano  
 Dirk Lockwood  
 Diane Moorman  
 Randall Nimura  
 Edward Perez Jr.  
 Jarret Phillips  
 Garry Piatt  
 Paul Pope  
 James Sherman  
 Glen Smith  
 Ychelle Tillemans  
 Miguel Valdez  
 Gerardo Vargas

Dugan Whisler  
 Jose Zapata

### Other

Joyce Adachi  
 Bruce Alberti  
 Rene Anthony Boyer  
 Jeremy Buckley  
 Donna Chatman  
 Grace Cho  
 Rosevais Corral  
 Bill Dickey  
 Jason Fannan  
 Jason Fischer-Hagan  
 Jason Gath  
 Petros Khachatian  
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 William Shea  
 Darrell Steffen  
 Hakop Toufenkchian  
 Todd Tyloch  
 Bernardo Uribe  
 Rosebill Vargas  
 Gary Wagner  
 Howard Wright

## Births



**Franco Ferrari**, born Sept. 1 to **Paola A. Ferrari, Rec and Parks**, 19 years of City service, and **Mark Ferrari, Building and Safety**, 4 years. Congratulations!



**Nolan Jonathan Sanders**, born Jan. 5 to **Georgie-Ana Dominguez** and **Cody Sanders**. Proud grandparents are **Lisa and George Dominguez, RCTO, Public Works/Sanitation**. Congratulations!

## Club Valentines

### Never Too Late for Love!

Here are two Valentines that unfortunately didn't appear in our special Club Valentines section last month. So we publish them here.



**"Happy Valentine's Day, Sweet Dixie!"**  
 — Norman Floyd, Retired



**"Happy Valentine's Day to Kiara, 9; Tyce, 5; Leyla, 8; and most of all to the love of my life, Makiko. Thank you for making every day full of fun and happiness."**  
 — Eric Yoshida, DWP

## 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		
<b>Active</b>					
Ackerley, Don	Housing	21	Izumi, Shizue	ITA	13
Arendorf, Mary Anne	Library	15	James, Haywood	General Services	11
Bush, Frederick	Rec and Parks	15	Jessup, Samuel	Public Works	23
Gonzales Carranza, Maria	Rec and Parks	8	Jones, Donna Lynn	LAPD	30
Thacker, Stacey	General Services	28	Jones, Leauthrice	Public Works	15
<b>Retired</b>					
Arche, Charles	Transportation	17	Khan, Mohammad	Rec and Parks	11
Barr, Philip	General Services	27	Ledesma, Harvey	Build. & Safety	46
Beach, Donald	Public Works	27	Loudermill, Curtis	Public Works	24
Booth, Kenelm	Airports	15	Lucas, Rodney	Public Works	33
Borello, Vincent	General Services	36	Lyons, John	Public Works	29
Chang, Helen	Airports	4	Mason, Peter	City Attorney	27
Cook, Ennis	Public Works	36	Mathis, Ernest	Public Works	31
Cruz, Rachel	ITA	31	Minor, Richard	Public Works	31
Cullen, James	Personnel	25	Moisa, Joe	Rec and Parks	36
Daniels, Kimmie	Gen. Services	38	Murphy, Ardis	Airports	17
Davis, Audrey	Cultural Affairs	15	Navarro, Lorenzo	LAPD	29
Dean, Karen	Finance	36	Palaszewski, Nonna	LAPD	19
Duardo, Sam	General Services	24	Permison, Miriam	Public Works	30
Fala, Mario	Build. & Safety	18	Rhee, Samuel	Mayor	23
Follett, Rita	Library	14	Rogers, Dale	Build. & Safety	15
Franco, Eduardo	Airports	13	Runnells, Delford	Public Works	24
Godino, Richard	Rec and Parks	38	Silverman, Marione	ITA	20
Gnehm, Walter	Airports	30	Solomon, Bennie	Public Works	9
Hassett, Araceli	Library	34	Standly, Brian	Rec and Parks	10
Hopkins, Larry	LAPD	13	Teeman, Carol	LAPD	36
Irvine, Delbert	Public Works	30	Traylor, Essie	Rec and Parks	26
			Unikel, Erwin	LAPD	14
			Weilein, Richard	CAO	30

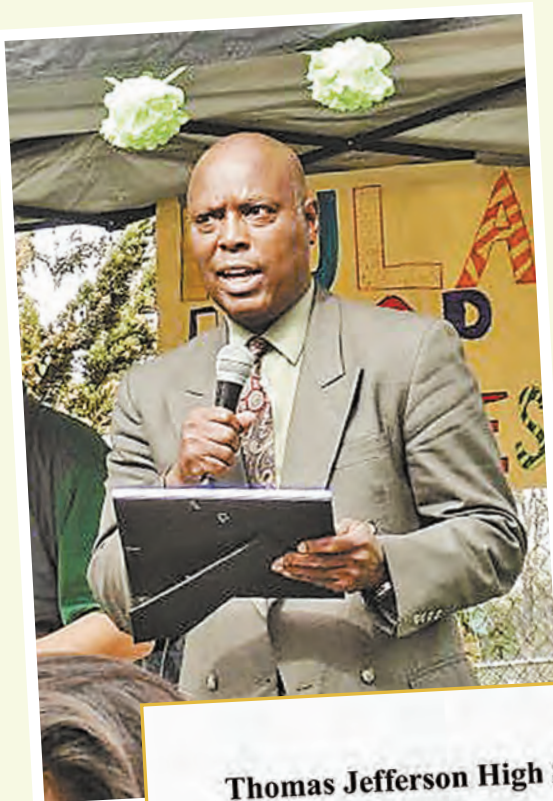
### It's Time to Tell Their Story

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

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

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
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## Special Achievement



### It's Willie Owens Day!

Oct. 28, 2016 was proclaimed Willie Owens Day at Thomas Jefferson High School, which is just south of downtown.

The school honored Willie, Retired, Sr. Detention Officer, LAPD, for donating instruments to the school's music program.

"Supporting public schools is and has always been a deep passion of mine," Willie says. "It highlights and illuminates the importance of giving back to the community. After over 45 years of serving the community anonymously with projects countywide, I have decided for once to eviscerate anonymity in favor of prudent transparency, as well as to elicit support that benefits public schools and other worthwhile organizations and charities. It occurred to me that my very own children did not know this aspect of their father. Therefore, how could I instill and firmly establish this as an example for them if I never allow them to be cognizant and aware."

It's important for Willie to give back. "I have been very fortunate to have received both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in criminal justice," he continues. "And I'm contemplating becoming an attorney in the future. My future objectives provide the highest-octane infusion for my concerns."

"I want to encourage all to support the various programs provided by public schools, whether it involves the arts, sports, academics or any program of choice. Public schools, along with other worthwhile organizations, are in critical need of support. Giving back is a human prerequisite worthy of thoughtful consideration. They could readily use your charitable, generous, magnanimous support and consideration on all levels."

We agree, Willie! Congratulations from the Club!



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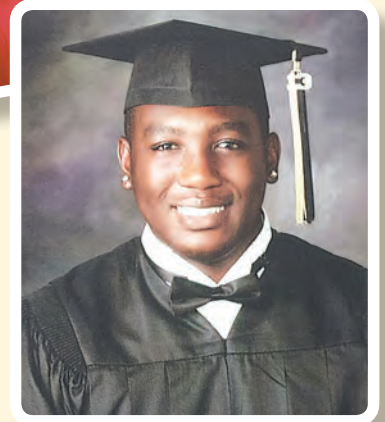
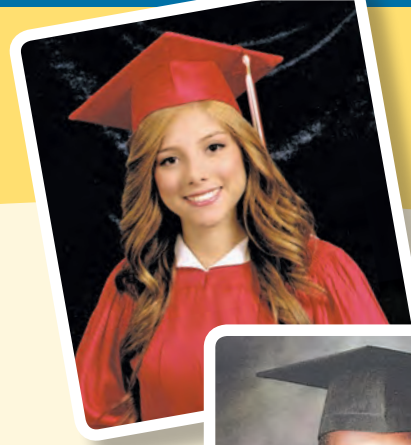
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# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## LAMB STEW

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! This month I offer lamb stew. There are a number of recipes for this stew, with several labeling themselves as traditional dishes. I wish not to verify their claims; instead I say that any lamb stew recipe can be traditional as traditions begin in our own kitchens.

I also wish to share a wonderful recipe from Terry Gray, who offers a spicy shrimp, spinach, and rice dish. Well done, Terry!

*iBuen provecho!*

*Chef Larios*

### Lamb Stew

Makes 4 to 6 Servings

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 whole lamb shanks (other lamb cuts possible)
- Sea salt and pepper
- 1 whole onion
- 1/2 cup sliced leek
- 4 whole carrots
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup of flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 bunches fresh thyme
- 1 whole bay leaf
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 1/4 bunches thyme
- 1/2 bunches parsley
- 3 to 5 cups beef or vegetable broth
- 1 stick unsalted butter (optional)
- 6 whole Russet potatoes (substitution possible)

#### DIRECTIONS:



- 1 Wash and dice the whole onion, leek, carrots, celery, thyme, and parsley.  
On a plate, place flour with salt and pepper – making seasoned flour. Dredge the lamb shanks on both sides with this flour mixture. Place a large pot (or Dutch oven) on the stove over medium heat with the olive oil. Place the seasoned lamb shanks in the pot and let cook until golden brown on each side.



- 2 Remove the lamb shanks from the pot and place on a separate plate. Quickly add the diced vegetables (onion, leek, carrots, celery, half of thyme and half of parsley). Stir the vegetables until they are browned, and add a half-cup of water and beef broth to deglaze the pot. Now add the lamb shanks. Lastly add the rest of the broth. Let stew come to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer on low heat. Let cook for about 1.5 to 2 hours. At about 1 hour into the simmering process, add the potatoes. At the end of the cooking process, add the leek and the rest of the parsley and thyme.

#### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

##### Thyme:

There are several varieties of this mint-family member, a perennial herb native to southern Europe and the Mediterranean. Garden thyme, the most often used variety, is a bush with gray-green leaves giving off a pungent minty, light-lemon aroma. Sub-varieties include the narrow-leafed French thyme and broad-leafed English thyme.

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#### Fun Food Quote:

"Never eat more than you can lift."

– Miss Piggy

- 3 Serve and enjoy!

### A Cooking With the Club Extra

## Terry's Spicy Shrimp, Spinach, and Rice – Terry Gray, General Services

#### INGREDIENTS:

- Approximately 40 medium tiger shrimp
- Spinach
- Rice
- All-purpose flour
- Black pepper
- Cayenne pepper
- Onion powder
- Garlic powder
- Seasoned salt
- Avocado oil/olive oil



#### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 **Shrimp:** Shell and de-vein shrimp. Rinse in colander under cold water. Season lightly with spices, making sure every shrimp gets evenly seasoned. In a medium bowl, pour about 2 cups flour. Combine all seasonings to preferred taste in bowl and mix with a fork so as to get flour and seasoning mixed evenly. In large non-stick skillet, pour 2/3 full of avocado/olive oil. Turn on 3/4 high heat. Before placing shrimp in oil, make sure oil is hot by sprinkling a drop of water in oil (*just one drop!*). When it pops, the oil is hot enough. Toss shrimp in flour mixture, coating each shrimp evenly. Place shrimp in oil carefully for approximately 4 minutes. Do not crowd skillet. Take out and place on paper-towel-covered plate.

- 2 **Spinach:** Rinse spinach under cool water thoroughly and cut off stems. Coarsely chop spinach. Cover bottom of a skillet with avocado/olive oil. Raise to medium heat. Don't overcrowd skillet with spinach, as you will have to stir. Keep adding spinach as it cooks down in the skillet. Cook for approximately 3 minutes. Spinach will still be bright green. Add minced or fresh garlic (if it's fresh, chop finely), seasoned salt and cayenne pepper (not too much). Lightly sprinkle more oil, constantly stirring. Cook for about 3 minutes more.

- 3 **Plating:** Make a large circle on your plate with the spinach. Place cooked rice in center of spinach circle. Place about 7 or 8 shrimp on top of spinach. Enjoy!



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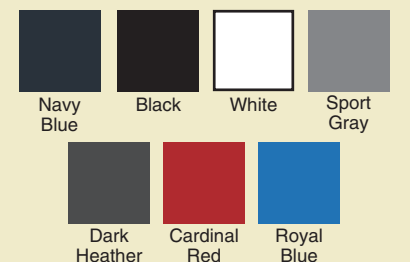
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## Members Marketplace

### New Ads This Month!

**For Sale:** 4 cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. Greenwood Gardens, side by side. Valued at \$12,000, nego. Gregory, (909) 520-8053. 3/17

**For Rent:** House. Atwater Village. 2 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 pkg. spot. Hardwood floor, appliances, window A/C. No pets. \$500/month. John, (619) 207-0939. 3/17



**For sale:** Chevy El Camino. 1982, ruby red. New engine under 8,000 miles. Interior, paint redone. Automatic, A/C, clean. Must sell. \$23,000 OBO. Rudy, (310) 626-0255. 3/17



**For sale:** Pickup truck. GMC Canyon. Metallic green. 2WD. SLT. 3.6L V6. Crew cab, long box. Leather. 3,111 miles. \$30,000 OBO. Alejandro, (562) 665-7127. 3/17



**For sale:** 2008 Harley Rocker FXCWC 3,200 original miles, always garaged, custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 6 speed, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$ 14,000.00 3/17

### Transport



**For sale:** RV trailer. 2007 Thor Tahoe Light Hauler. 19 ft. Cover, TV, \$5,500. Contact Barbara: bebrunt@yahoo.com 1/17

**For sale:** Motorcycle. 2008 Harley-Davidson Rocker, FXCWC. 3,200 miles. 6 speed. Garaged. Custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000. Danny, (323) 605-8405. 1/17



**For Sale:** Delivery truck. Ford Vanette, 1955. Original engine, solid body, new brakes, suspension. Could be your next food truck or rat rod! \$6,500. (951) 532-5766. 12/16



**For Sale:** Motorcycle. 2003 chopper. Black cherry. Special construction 8UP, four visor handlebars, 4 back. 113CC. \$26,000 OBO. Camilo, (310) 708-8525, flow-n-arts@mail.com 11/16



**For Sale:** 1967 Chevy Camaro convertible. Original everything. Perfect project car. Must go, make an offer. \$25,000 OBO. (310) 753-9522. 11/16

**For Sale:** SUV. Range Rover HSE, 2003. Green. Cream leather int. 180,000 miles. Well-maintained family vehicle. \$7,200 OBO. (424) 477-9694, rayproca@gmail.com 9/16



**For Sale:** 2015 CAN-AM Turbo side by side. Like new only 20 hours. Good Condition. Really fast and recently serviced. FOX adjustable suspension. Only \$17,500. Can deliver to serious buyer. Additional pic avail on request. Contact John 661 857 1396. 9/16

**For Sale:** Toyota Corolla, 2010, gray. 22,000 miles. In Montebello. \$10,000 OBO. Delia, (208) 262-8031. 7/16



**For Sale:** Travel trailer, 2008 Forest River, 29 ft., clean, fifth wheel, toy hauler. 4,000 Onan generator, power awning, fuel station, more. \$14,000 OBO. Gilbert, (909) 714-4071. 4/16

**For Sale:** RV trailer. 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 3677B. Onan generator, 12-ft. garage, power hitch, fuel station. AM/FM CD stereo, super slide. \$10,000 OBO. Mike, (661) 557-0975, maddad111@yahoo.com 3/16



**For Sale:** 1980 Cadillac, red, white int., immaculate. New tires, gas tank, fuel pump, stored since 2010. 91,400 miles. \$9,495. (805) 649-1940. 3/16



**For Sale:** Cadillac Brougham, 1989. Leather interior. Very good shape. 77,000 miles. \$4,000 OBO. (626) 797-8328. 12/15

**For Sale:** 1984 F-150 - w/camper shell and carpet kit. As is. \$1100 OBO. Call 310-764-4478 9/15



**For Sale:** 1963 Chevy Corvair, convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext./int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323) 691-0872. 8/15



**For Sale:** Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardier Seadoo, '91 Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 7/15

**For Sale:** Grand piano. Yamaha C3 Conservatory. Like new. Humidifier. Cover. Concert bench. Internal felt dust cover for soundboard. \$17,000 OBO. Victor Vallejo, (323) 356-7595. 8/16



**For Sale:** Armoire. 36inch Wx- 62Hx21D. Wood. 5 deep drawers. Right side hanger could be shelves. \$199. Jeanne, (626) 281-2907. 8/16



**For Sale:** cabinet. Vintage, blond oak. Great condition. Glass shelves, mirror back, interior light. \$450 OBO. (626) 359-0023 5/16

**For Sale:** Furniture. Oak. King size bedroom suite; china cabinet; dining room table, six chairs; more. \$2,000 OBO. Vic, newtvic@gmail.com 3/16



**For Sale:** Bedroom set, 5 piece, cherry wood. Good cond. \$650 OBO. (818)281-1488. 10/15

**For Sale:** Crib, cream colored, designer style. Good cond. \$350 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

**For sale:** Sofa and chair, great condition, leather/upholstered, "reversible" pillows/cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970. 5/15



**Dining table:** w/leaf, 6 chairs, \$300 obo. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 4/15

**Mattress:** Beautyrest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new mattress, \$600 obo. Responsible for own pickup. Dwain, (323)754-8382 or dnrhenry@yahoo.com 4/15

**Ping Pong Table:** 5 x 9, fold-up & roll-away, \$75. Joe @ (310) 323-4940. 2/15



**Baby Crib:** Never used, brand new & in great condition. Delta brand, amber model #6925-204, \$130. John @ (562)755-9462. 2/15



**Cocktail/Coffee Table:** New, modern glass-top. \$300 (El Segundo). Espresso colored base w/ large glass top elevated by grey posts. 43"x 43". Breakdown is easy. Must be able to lift & transport on your own. Javier Gomez @ (310) 529-0543. 12/14

### Homes/Rentals/Land

**For Rent:** 1 bd/1 bath. Inglewood. Upstairs. Kitchen, living room, dining room. 1-car garage. New paint, hardwood, fixtures, double-glazed windows, granite countertop. 82nd/Crenshaw. \$1,350/month. (323) 292-9989. 12/16

**For Sale:** Undeveloped ranch near Victorville. 10 acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. Make offer. (310) 488-6140, or barrysylvan@live.com 12/16

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**For Rent:** Vacation rental. 1 bdrm. suite, WorldMark San Diego Mission Valley. Nov. 26-Dec. 1. 5 nights, \$350. Charles Ella, (818) 212-0198.. 11/16



**For Sale:** Home, 3 bd/2 bath. 1,308 sq. ft. Chatsworth. Cul-de-sac. New A/C. Secure. Recessed lighting. Remodeled. Nearby shopping, restaurants, schools. Tenant pays utilities. No pets. \$2,500/month. (818) 472-6896. 9/16

**For Sale:** Home, Big Pine, Calif. 3 br., 1 3/4 bath. Outdoors activities near. Description, photos avail. \$195,000. bigpineproperty@gmail.com 9/16

**For Rent:** House, 3 bd./2 baths. Near Manchester/Broadway. Garage, laundry room, handicap access. No Section 8. (323) 971-1042. 8/16

**For lease:** House, 2bd./2bath, near 101/110/2/5 fws. Near Gold Line, downtown, Sunset Blvd., Silver Lake, Chinatown, Dodger Stadium, Echo Park, Elysian Park, Pasadena, Burbank, LAPD Academy, Hotchkiss LAFD Training Center. Downtown views. 1 parking space. 1 yr. lease min. No pets. Application process. Doc./credit check req. \$1,500 month, \$1,500 security dep. (323) 919-1163. 2/16

**For Rent:** Studio apt. 1052 W 54th St., 90037. Utilities paid. Deposit req. \$750/month. (323) 915-9300. 3/16

**For Sale:** House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, Bakersfield. Investment property, rented month/month (\$750/month). Large cleared lot, secure. Listed at \$94,000. Sold as-is, seller selects services (title, escrow). tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 11/15

**For Vacation Rent:** Condo, 2 bd./2 bath, beachfront, Puerto Nayarit, Mexico. Private pool on balcony. April 1-8, 2016. \$1,000. Jessie, (323) 893-6570. 11/15

**For Sale:** Timeshare. Pacific Monarch/Diamond Resorts. One full week, two bedrooms. Don't buy direct. \$2,000/obo. Elizabeth, (909) 772-4087. 8/15

**For Sale:** Home/studio apts., three sep. units sold as one package. Bakersfield. Front home: 2 bd., needs work (in progress), flippable. 2nd bedroom rentable. 2 studio apts. in back, rentable. \$110,000 total. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

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**For Sale:** Timeshare, Puerto Vallarta 1+1, 1/2, sleeps 4, beachfront Playa del Sol Costa Sur Resort. Asking \$1,800, extended thru 2030. Jennifer, (818) 517-3675. 8/15

**For Sale:** Cabin, A frame, San Bernardino mtns., secluded, views. 765 sq. ft.; 1BD/1BA; new cabinets; needs work; 30903 Live Oak Dr., Running Springs. Photos on Realtor.com. \$127,000; Dan Teter: (866) 214-8587. 7/15

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**For Sale:** For sale: electric lawn mower. Black and Decker. Like new, works great. \$50. (213) 792-3130. 12/16



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**For Sale:** Oven, Kenmore 30-in. wall unit, electric, self-clean, white. Brand new in package. 30 inch/wide x 29 inch/high x 24.5 inch deep. \$600. (562) 301-2940. 10/15



**For Sale:** TV/entertainment center. Phillips Magnavox 60-inch TV, \$200/obo. All maple entertainment center, 3 piece, glass doors, tall sliding compartment doors, \$800/obo. Martha, (213) 367-4094. 9/15

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### Travel/Timeshare

**Timeshare:** Welks Resort, San Diego, CA. For Sale. \$20K. Cherrmaine @ (661) 547-6707. 1/15

### Wanted

**Wanted:** Baseball teams to join Saturday league. Recreational level. Tony, (310) 764-1792 11/16

**Wanted:** Riders for van pool, Lomita to Lincoln Heights. Leaves Lomita @5:40 a.m., BOA Carson @5:45, JFB @6:10, Main St. @6:15, arrives Artesian St. @6:20. Return to Lomita by 5 p.m. James, (310) 626-7169 or (213) 354-4790. 7/16

**Wanted:** I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal, Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC. Michael @ (626) 592-2929. 11/12

**For Sale:** 2003 Harley "ROAD KING" Davidson (100th anniversary edition) motorcycle, 5087 miles, stage 1 with detachable windshield, passenger back support, hardbags, battery charger, black and chrome, hardly ridden, always garaged, 1 owner only. \$10,000.00 OBO. Please call 818-366-3273 John or text 818-633-4164. 7/15



**For Sale:** Motorcycle, 2007 Kawasaki, like new/15 hours ridden, runs great, must see. \$3,000. Robert, (661) 964-7837 bet. 2-7 p.m. 7/15



**For Sale:** RV trailer/toy-hauler, 2006 Forest River Sierra Sport, 29 foot. Very good cond., new tires, new roof, 4,000 onan generator, low hours. \$15,000 OBO. Call/text John Long, (909) 837-8347. 7/15

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

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



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### Cemetery Plots

**For Sale:** Plot, Inglewood Park Cemetery. Double grave F, Lot 38, Park Terrace. \$8,600. JoAnn, (805) 238-6929. 11/16

**For Sale:** Cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. 4 plots side/side. Lot 858 Memory Lane. Valued at \$18,000. Sell for \$12,000 H. August, (208) 949-9858, 11/16

**For Sale:** Double cemetery plot. Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Section Tenderness, Lot 2127 Space A, B. Valued at \$13,000, asking \$11,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 7/16

**For Sale:** Cemetery plots. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Valued at \$13,000. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 3/16

**For Sale:** Burial plots, 4 (spaces 1, 2, 3, 4), Forest Lawn Cemetery, Cypress. Lot 1187, Constant Love section. \$4,100 each OBO. Michelle, (310) 648-5506. 2/16

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Cemetery plots, 4, side by side on the hill at Greenwood Gardens, Rose Hills/Whittier. Approx. value \$18,000, selling \$12,000, or trade cemetery plot for pickup truck of equal value. Cortez, (323) 382-2405. 2/15

### Furniture

**For Sale:** Bed frame. Antique Cal-king. heavy iron/brass mixture. \$150 OBO. (626) 260-3787. 11/16

Rec and Parks



March 25, 2017

At last year's Wisteria Regale.

# A Banning Mystery!

Banning Museum's annual gala set for March 25.

Friends of Banning Museum has scheduled its annual fundraising event, the Wisteria Regale, for Sat., March 25, from 5 to 9 p.m.

For 2017, the gala returns to the Banning Residence Museum, 401 E. M St., Wilmington.

This year's event is called "Mystery at the Banning Mansion," where guests are taken back to 1867 and are engaged into finding a missing character, thus the mystery.

The cost of the event is \$150 per person. Reservations are required. Please call Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005 for further information or to make a reservation.

Proceeds from the Wisteria Regale will assist Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit

corporation, in its mission to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with the Friends of Banning Museum.

- Silent Auction
- Hosted Bar
- Elegant Dinner
- Music
- Banning High School Scholarship Presentation
- Victorian-era attire admired, not required!



## The Smart Move

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

### Teaching Kids About Money

How old (or young) should children be when you teach them about money and good money habits?

Good money habits should be taught beginning at a young age. The long-term implications of poor money habits can cripple kids long into their adult life as well as their children and their children. Studies show that few parents attempt to teach children how to begin to develop good money habits. A recent survey by TrueCredit.com found that about 20 percent of parents, nearly one in five, had never even spoken with their kids between the ages of 4 and 18 about money basics.

The best way to do that is with an allowance. According to Neale Godfrey, founder of the Children's Financial Network and author of "Money Doesn't Grow on Trees: A Parent's Guide to Raising Financially Responsible Children," allowances serve two purposes: They teach kids to work for money and they can be used to introduce – and enforce – good budgeting habits.

Most experts suggest that parents start as young as three years old. Simple lessons and consistency show the best long-term results. Some experts suggest that parents start the process with a weekly allowance equal to a dollar a week per age. For example you might start a three year old at \$3 per week. Lessons should include how much to save, how much to invest, how much to give to charity and how much to spend. Lori Mackey, author of "Money Mama and the Three Little Pigs," and founder of Prosperity4Kids, uses a 10-10-10-70 system for teaching kids to budget.

She suggests that the 10-10-10-70 system be taught to illustrate the value of saving for something special or an emergency need, investing for long-

term goals, giving to care for others or a favorite cause and how much they could spend of the total for immediate needs and wants. From the first dollar they get they will learn not to spend everything they have and then to live from paycheck to paycheck.

By learning to budget and the reasons for the different budget parts, theory becomes reality and they can see the process in action.

In the 10-10-10-70 plan, the first 10 percent goes to savings. Learning to save for something special adds value to that portion of the budget. It may turn out that the savings portion has to be used for something unforeseen or some emergency. The second 10 percent is invested for long-term goals, something like college or property. Learning to invest consistently and to leave it alone are lessons that lead to confidence and long-term wealth accumulation. The third 10 percent is a valuable lesson in being a good person, putting others' needs before one's own, leading to a lifetime of charity and benevolence. The final portion, the largest, is to spend, however not without some guidance. The spending portion is where the most valuable lessons are learned. At first you should let them spend as they choose. They are going to make mistakes, but small mistakes now will help prevent large mistakes down the road. As they learn the lesson of thinking through their purchases and the disappointments of wrong choices they begin to be more careful with their spending money.

If kids can master these lessons on a small scale with their allowance, then they'll likely have the discipline and money skills to resist the lure of credit and living beyond their means later on as adults.

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Small Popcorn	\$5.50	\$3.00
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Movie Bundle	\$45.00	\$29.50
<i>- Includes 2 Black movie tickets, 2 small drinks, 1 small popcorn</i>		
<b>BRENDEAN THEATRES</b>	\$11.25	\$8.00
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Concessions (Good for one junior popcorn and one small fountain drink)	\$8.00	\$6.00
<b>CINÉPOLIS THEATERS</b>		
Traditional Theaters	\$12.25	\$8.25
Luxury Theaters	\$22.00	\$17.00
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	\$11.00	\$8.00
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	\$12.00	\$7.50
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	\$11.00	\$7.50
<b>LANDMARK THEATERS</b>		
	\$13.00	\$8.00
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Unrestricted Tickets	\$13.00	\$8.00
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	RETAIL	CLUB
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Adult	\$29.95	\$18.95
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Youth (12-17)/ Student (with ID) / Senior (65+)	\$29.95	\$25.46
<b>CATALINA EXPRESS </b>		
Round Trip Fare		
Adult	\$76.50	\$60.00
Child	\$61.00	\$50.50

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	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>DAVEY'S LOCKER </b>		
Whale Watching	Adult \$32.00 Child \$26.00	\$21.00 \$15.75
Sport Fishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$41.50 Child \$34.00	\$31.50 \$25.21
Sport Fishing - 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00 Child \$61.00	\$57.75 \$47.25
Sunset / Evening Cruise	Adult	\$25.00 \$12.61
<b>GOLF N' STUFF</b>		
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband - (Norwalk Location)	\$30.00	\$16.25
All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$20.00	\$15.25
<b>GRAMMY MUSEUM </b>		
General Admission	\$18.95	\$12.00
<b>IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING </b>		
Hollywood - Earn Your Wings Flight Package (Age 3+)	\$59.95	\$39.95
San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages	\$59.95	\$50.96
<b>K1 SPEED RACING</b>		
This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.	\$25.95	\$15.25
<b>MADAME TUSSAUDS WAX ATTRACTION </b>		
<i>All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.</i>		
Hollywood	Adult \$40.00 Child (4 - 12) \$35.00	\$16.00 \$13.00
Las Vegas (eTickets Only)	Adult	\$29.95 \$12.50
<b>MEDIAVAL TIMES </b>		
<i>E-ticket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.</i>		
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50
Child (0 - 12)	\$35.95	\$31.50
<b>MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM </b>		
Adult	\$49.95	\$41.95
Child (3 - 12)	\$29.95	\$24.95
Senior (65+)	\$39.95	\$33.95
<b>MULLIGAN'S FAMILY FUN CENTER </b>		
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$36.99	\$19.25
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<i>- Unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. Valid at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>		
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Adult	\$56.95	\$37.00
Child (3 - 11)	\$37.95	\$28.50
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IOWA COMBO	Adult \$42.95 Youth (12 - 17) \$34.95 Child (6 - 11) \$23.95	\$31.92 \$25.95 \$17.95
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<b>TEATRO MARTINI </b>		
Buena Park, California	\$75.75	\$36.00 to \$42.00
<b>USS IOWA </b>		
SAN PEDRO	Adult \$18.00 Child (6 - 11) \$10.00 Senior (62+) or Military (with ID) \$15.00	\$13.50 \$7.50 \$10.50

**ATTRACTIONS CONT'D**

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

**THEME PARKS**

<b>ADVENTURE CITY </b>		
	Adult/ Child	\$18.95 \$14.50
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<b>CASTLE PARK </b>		
	General Admission (over 36")	\$24.99 \$12.99
<b>GILROY GARDENS  SEASONAL</b>		
	General Admission	\$52.00 \$26.00
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<b>MAGIC MOUNTAIN </b>		
	General Admission	\$76.99 \$49.99
<b>SAN DIEGO ZOO / SAFARI PARK </b>		
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<b>SEAWORLD - SAN DIEGO </b>		
	Adult \$89.00 Child (3 - 9) \$83.00	\$64.25 \$64.25
	Fun Card (valid until 12/31/16)	\$89.00 \$76.50
<b>One-Day park tickets are valid until 12/31/17</b>		
<b>SILVERWOOD THEME PARK (IDAHO) </b>		
	Adult \$48.00 Child (3 - 7) \$25.00	\$39.00 \$20.00

**THEME PARKS CONT'D**

	RETAIL	CLUB
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VALLEJO	General Admission (over 48")	\$66.99 \$40.99
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**Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in January.**

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. *Turbo Twenty-Three: a Stephanie Plum Novel*, Jane Evanovich
4. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance
5. *The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo*, Amy Schumer
6. *The Trespasser*, Tana French
7. *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi
8. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
9. *Cross the Line*, James Patterson
10. *The Hidden Oracle*, Rick Riordan

**DVDs loaned**

1. *Game of Thrones (the Complete Sixth Season)*
2. *Independence Day: Resurgence*
3. *Star Wars, Episode VII: The Force Awakens*
4. *Money Monster*
5. *Central Intelligence*
6. *X-Men: Apocalypse*
7. *Deadpool*
8. *American Crime Story: The People v. O.J. Simpson*
9. *Now You See Me 2*
10. *Warcraft*

**NEWS BRIEF**

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**Dune Restoration**

The Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) Jan. 10 approved a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (SMBRA) to continue habitat maintenance and restoration efforts in a 48-acre northern portion of the LAX Dunes.

The MOU follows the ongoing efforts of both Airports and nonprofit volunteer groups to restore the habitat for plant and wildlife species.

"Airports is excited to work with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority to strengthen and preserve the LAX Dunes ecosystem for future generations," said Airports Chief Executive Officer Deborah Flint. "Together, we are committed to preserving this precious natural habitat, which is home to the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly and many other unique plant and animal species."

The LAX Dunes Preserve is the largest remaining coastal dune area in Southern California. The 308-acre preserve also supports the 203-acre El Segundo Blue Butterfly Habitat Restoration Area, which is south of the MOU-affected area.

*Hero stories from the LAPD files*



**LAPD**  
**Above and Beyond**

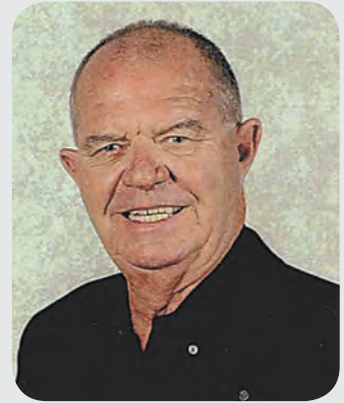
Every fall, the LAPD honors its bravest with the Purple Heart and/or the Medal of Valor. Here's one of those stories.

**Nearby Fight**

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. William Schmidt

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

**Stolen Car Pursuit**



Officer Charles Hallenbeck (deceased)

On the evening of July 26, 1962, Policeman Charles Hallenbeck and his partner were in a patrol car working a plainclothes assignment in 77th Street Division.

While patrolling the area, Hallenbeck witnessed an identified stolen vehicle speeding away from a liquor store robbery, broadcast the license plate number over the radio, and began a pursuit. Hallenbeck and his partner pulled up next to the suspects' vehicle as it dangerously flew down City streets when the driver deliberately swerved his vehicle into the patrol car, forcing it off the road and to jump the curb. The patrol car skidded 70 feet before violently colliding with a utility pole and overturning. The suspects fled, and, tragically, Hallenbeck died at the scene from injuries sustained in the crash. After an exhaustive one-month manhunt, six suspects were arrested and booked for the murder of Policeman Hallenbeck.

**Officer Charles Hallenbeck received the Purple Heart for his actions during this incident.**

**Porch Shootout**

On the night of Feb. 17, 1969, Officer Richard Matthews and his partner were on patrol in 77th Street Division when they received a radio call that a woman was being beaten by a man who was possibly armed with a gun.

Upon arriving at the location, the officers heard arguing and a gunshot that seemed to come from a second-story balcony of the apartment complex. When they reached the upstairs unit, Matthews' position was illuminated by a porch light. As he began to unscrew the light bulb, the suspect inside the apartment fired at him, striking him in his left hand and the right side of his hip. Despite being hit, Matthews and his partner returned fire, striking the suspect and ending the crisis. Matthews was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for the gunshot wound to his hand and had a bullet surgically removed from his hip.

As soon as he recovered, Matthews returned to work and eventually was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Matthews served the LAPD until his retirement in August 1978.



Sgt. Richard Matthews (retired)

**Sgt. Matthews received the Purple Heart for his actions during this incident.**

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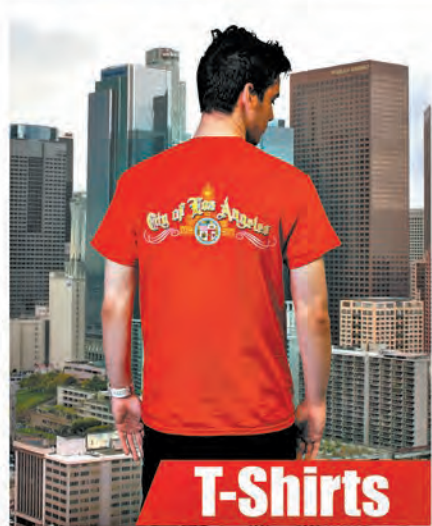
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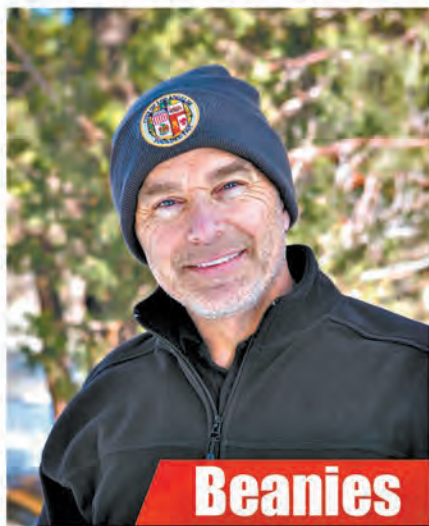
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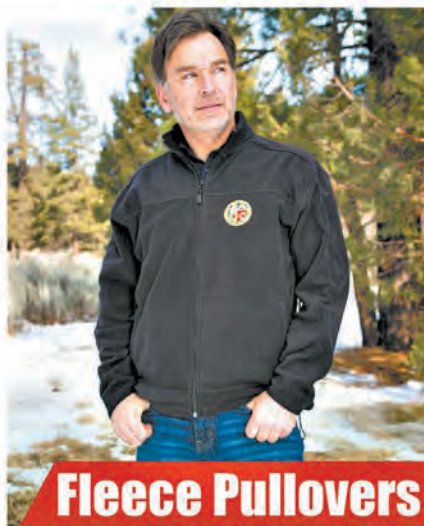
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