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## A New Leash on Life

The Animal Protection Unit works with the City Attorney and the LAPD to investigate cases of cruelty and to bring justice and hope for mistreated animals.

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The Animal Protection Unit, from left: Officer II Verna Riparip, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Barbara Hatley, 28 years, Club Member; Officer I Glen Julian, 10 years; Capt. Lorna Esparza, Club Member; Officer Kristi Navarro, 17 years, Club Member; Officer Gaby Lera, 18 years, Club Member; and Lt. Jose Gonzalez, 17 years, Club Member. With them is Kevin, a pit bull turned in as a stray a year ago and available for adoption at the North Central Animal Shelter.

### Animal Protection Unit

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**A Message From the CEO**

# When Victims Can't Speak Up

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

A few months ago, while we were in the middle of the final details in bringing you the awesome deals powered by Entertainment (I hope you're using them and saving money!), I got a call from Animal Control Officer II and good Club Member **Armando Navarrete**, who wanted to tell me about a powerful new team in the department.

He told me about the Animal Protection Unit. Frankly, it's the kind of thing you don't want to ever have to think about, but you're glad somebody does. The Animal Protection Unit, a special group within Animal Services, liaises with the City Attorney's Office to help gather evidence possibly leading to prosecution of some pretty bad people – the people who abuse or neglect animals. These are some pretty tough people, and I'm glad the City of LA has developed this effective team of City Employees.

The story is pretty complete, so I hope you read it. We can all be more aware of what might be happening in our own neighborhoods. I know it educated me.

Speaking of education – that leads to something else that's important to explain. Some of the photos we chose to publish this month are hard to look at, but we determined they are important to see. Pretty much every month we include photos of animals, especially from the Zoo, so that the whole family can enjoy *Alive!* We know that families like our animal photos. Initially for this story, we didn't intend to show the "before" photos of the specific cases, but we changed our mind, within taste and reason. **Capt. Lorna Esparza**, the head of the team, was a little disappointed when we told her we didn't intend to run them. She said it's a matter of education. We thought about it, we talked about it, and we changed our mind. She's right. It's just too important to show how these defenseless animals can be abused, and why the task and responsibility of the APU are so critically necessary. So if the photos are a little strong, please know that we are sensitive to it, and we thought it was important to illustrate a truth.

I thought about that when I hang out with our own family dog, **Isabella**. I know how much she contributes to our family, and I say, more power to the Animal Protection Unit that speaks for victims that cannot speak for themselves.



Capt. Lorna Esparza, head of the Animal Protection Unit, with Club COO Robert Larios – and Kevin, the pit bull available for adoption.

And one other note about this story – when we started, Lorna Esparza, the head of the APU, was a Lieutenant. When we finished, she was a Captain. We hope that's not because she had to work with us! Anyway, congratulations, Capt. Lorna Esparza. Well deserved. And special thanks to **Ashley Rodriguez**, with whom we first started working at the Zoo. And now she's at Animal Services.

Now onto happier news – have you checked out the annual *Alive!* tradition of Mother's Day greetings? Tremendous response! It never ceases to delight me seeing all the love in the world! Oh, and thanks, **Mom** and **Kelley**, for being the best moms I know! Happy Mother's Day to all the great moms out there. (Don't forget to send in those Father's Day greetings, too, for next month.)



John Hawkins and family dog Isabella.

Are you getting ready for summer? Don't forget about the great Club deals on water parks and theme parks. **Lupe Lira** at the Club Store has all the details, or check out the specials at the Club Webstore online.

Happy spring everybody. We'll talk again next month, when we will bring another awesome feature coming your way – the folks behind the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement project.

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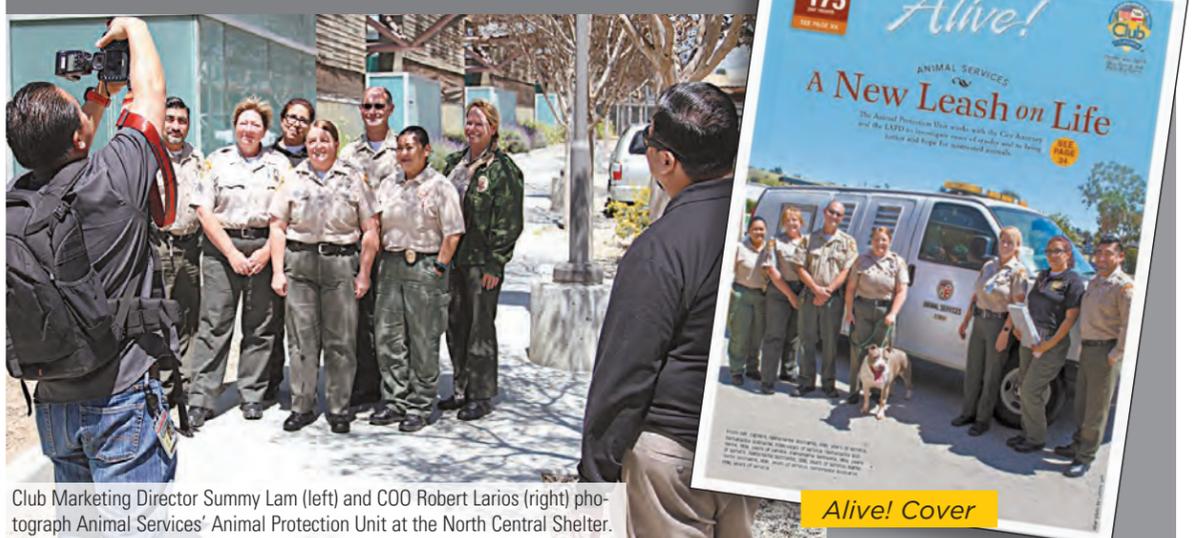
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Club Marketing Director Summy Lam (left) and COO Robert Larios (right) photograph Animal Services' Animal Protection Unit at the North Central Shelter.

*Alive!* Cover

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— Mike Upton, February 2018



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Joannie Mukai.

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Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. **Deadline is noon, July 31, 2018.**

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club's scholarship program is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai.

The 2018 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is now accepting applications.

Continuing in 2018: Club Scholarship applications have been simplified, for greater ease in filling them out.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, July 31, 2018.

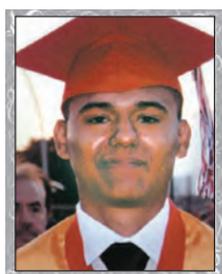
The Club expects to give each recipient a stipend of \$500.



Kandyce Leger received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2018.

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their



Hector Castaneda received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "It's amazing how smart and talented our Club family is.

"The Club celebrates the lives of municipal employees, and this is one of the most important ways we do that

every year. We're all about giving back, and the Club Scholarship reflects that."

The Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship program is part of the Club's Club Angels outreach, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at:

[www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp)

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."

#### Eligibility requirements:

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- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon July 31, 2018. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
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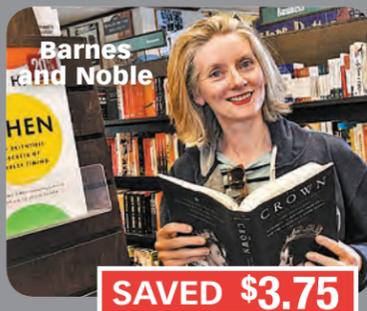
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## Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

### For Isaias, Lupe Saves the Day!

Dear Lupe, oh my God! You are a godsend. Thank you so much for taking my call. Your extra effort beyond the call of duty is what all of the customer service industry should aspire to.



Guadalupe "Lupe" Lira  
Club Store Manager

Thanks to you, my son, my wife, and I will be on our way to Universal Studios tomorrow morning to enjoy a family vacation.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

— Isaias Cantu

*Hi Isaias, thanks for writing and letting us know about how Guadalupe Lira, Club Store Manager, helped you access your account overnight April 4 and got you all set for your family's fun day at Universal. We take customer service very seriously; how could we celebrate your life if we didn't? Anyway, we're grateful for Lupe, and for all Club Members like you. Glad it worked out! – Ed.*

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— Joe Dominguez, General Services



Hi Kelly, yes, we do have talented artists in the City ... and the Club! We run the grownup coloring contest every February. We look forward to seeing your entry next year! – Ed.

### For Henry, Digital Alive! Is Definitely Way to Go

I have been retired from the City for more than 10 years already. I am "old school" in that I don't like much change, but I have to say that I have enjoyed reading *Alive!* on my iPad. Yes indeed, I have an iPad, and I know how to use it. Pretty simple. My mailbox is not so stuffed, either, and I am in a small way helping the environment. Thanks for making this option available. This old dog got the hang of it.

— Henry Nielson, Retired

### Grownup Coloring Contest Shows Excellent Club Member Talent

After looking through the pages of *Alive!* online, I noticed the wonderful artistry of the grownup coloring contest on page 15 of the April edition. These are amazing! Theodore Garcia's winning entry was beautifully done. I also liked the others from George Ortega, Graciela Gonzalez, Janelle Adeloga A. Parra and Cherlyn Clark. Who knew we had such talented employees in the City? I am very impressed and so are my coworkers.

— Kelly Johnson, LAFD

### Uh Oh, Better Pile Up The Dodger Dogs for Tim

Whoa! The Dodgers tickets offered at the Employees Club are some of the best seats at the most affordable prices. Field MVP Seats at \$49.95 per seat and All You Can Eat games! I have worked in the private industry before working at the DWP, and I have never seen this kind of savings. It pays to be an employee of the City and a Member of the Employees Club. I am a believer. My wife and kids are, too!

— Tim Kellog, 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 comes to mind about the year you were hired in the City?



"Electric cars like Teslas were not around."

Madeleine "Maddy" Long, Retired, DWP

"The Internet was not used in any office back then."

Jaime Medina, Retired, DWP



"Disneyland closed the 'America Sings' attraction that year."

Betty E. Reed, Retired, DWP



"Traffic and the smog were not as bad as they are today."

Sallie O. Dominguez, Retired, DWP



"We just started hearing about a new company called Google."

Ralph D. Mendoza, Retired, Public Works/Street Services.



"Mike Tyson became the new heavyweight champion."

Gregory Carter, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation



"Jimmy Carter became president of the United States."

Kristy M. Maloof, Retired, LAPD



"The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl."

Bonaventure Butts, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation



"The TV drama 'T.J. Hooker' premiered!"

Dolores Lillard, Retired, DWP



**PUBLIC WORKS**

# More Open Houses Coming Up!

Sanitation's incredibly popular open houses continue.

LA Sanitation's slate of popular open houses at local district refuse yards continues. Hang out with the dynamic duo "Mr. Recycle" and sidekick "Robo Blue" as they jump into action to serve family fun, food and prizes for kids.

Below is a list of Sanitation's remaining 2018 open houses (the East Valley Yard's open house was scheduled to take place April 28):

Sanitation holds six "Discover Recycling" free open houses every year, one in each district. The open house program showcases Sanitation's residential curbside collection programs with an emphasis on proper recycling practices and bulky item collection while strengthening partnerships with City residents. The open houses will feature trash trucks and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments.

Last year, more than 6,000 residents attended the open house events with more than 230 City employees who volunteered their time to give back to the neighborhoods they serve throughout the year. There is no charge for admission, and all ages are welcome. Pets will not be allowed.

Sanitation will also partner with City Plants

to provide shade trees for adoption by City residents, on a first-come-served basis at each yard, while supplies last. (City residents must present valid identification with their city address or a current DWP bill to adopt a tree. Note: The limit is one tree per property address.) Used tires from City residents will be collected, which is provided by a grant from CalRecycle. (City residents must present valid identification and a current DWP bill. Note: A maximum of nine passenger and/or light truck tires will be accepted, but tires on rims and tires from businesses will not be accepted.)

Sanitation launched its first open house in 2003 at the West Los Angeles yard. The goal of the program was to reconnect the refuse collection truck operators, on a voluntary basis, with City residents after the implementation of the automated collection program in 1993. In the following years, the program grew to also promote recycling and proper disposal practices as well as to improve access to Sanitation services. The program expanded in 2005 to add the East Valley, West Valley, North Central, and South Los Angeles yards. In 2006, the Harbor district yard was added to provide Citywide coverage.



## Saturday's, 9:00am to 1:30pm

<p><b>West Valley Yard</b></p> <p><b>May 19, 2018</b></p> <p>8840 Vanalden Ave. Northridge</p>	<p><b>North Central Yard</b></p> <p><b>June 2, 2018</b></p> <p>452 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles</p>	<p><b>South LA Yard (Expo Center)</b></p> <p><b>June 9, 2018</b></p> <p>Expo Center 3990 Menlo Ave Los Angeles</p>	<p><b>Harbor District Yard</b></p> <p><b>June 23, 2018</b></p> <p>1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro</p>	<p><b>West LA Yard</b></p> <p><b>June 30, 2018</b></p> <p>2027 Stoner Ave. Los Angeles</p>
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# Send in your Father's Day tributes!

**City Employees: Pay tribute this Father's Day... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in Alive!**

In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two-or-three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or high resolution digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

**So:** Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad).

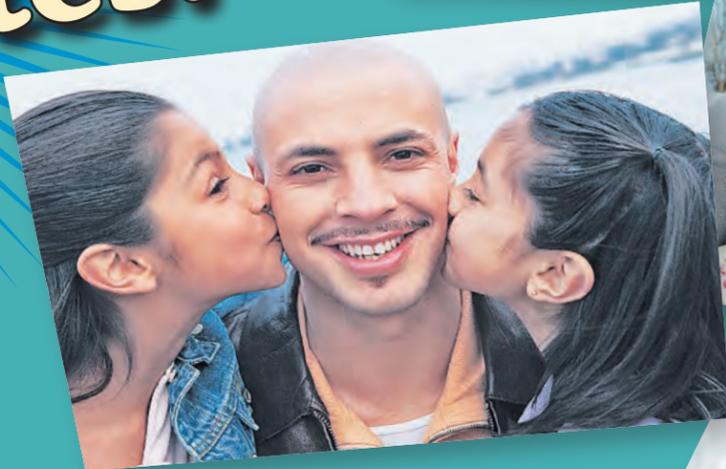
Send digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Send print photos to: Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles 90012

Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences).



**Deadline: May 21**





## Featured Club Businesses

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**LAPD**

# Thanks, Dispatchers!

**LAPD hosts local celebration of National Dispatchers Week.**

The LAPD celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – popularly known as National Dispatchers Week – April 13-15, honoring its dispatchers with ceremonies, honors and open houses.

In 1992, President George H. Bush established National Dispatchers' Week to honor police dispatchers for providing vital emergency services to their community nationwide. The LAPD has been celebrating it ever since.

Thanks, Dispatchers, for all you do to keep us safe!

Photos courtesy Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor, and Mariana Guevara, Club Director of Tickets and Retail Operations



Rosanna Kim, PSR II, with Chief Charlie Beck. Rosanna was honored as Employee of the Year.



Mary Newton PSR II, with Chief Charlie Beck. Mary was named Administrative Employee of the Year.



From left: Andrea Esquivel, PSR II; Penny Dubai-Guzman, PSR III; and Marisol Vielma Harden PSR III.



LAPD's Metro Communications Center was ready to welcome the public for National Dispatchers Week.



Mary Vega PSR III, with "Criminal Minds" actor Joe Mantegna.



Andrea Esquivel, PSR II, with former Dodger great Manny Mota.



Middle: Robin Van Ness, PSR II.



From left: Quincy Mirage PSR II, with former Dodger pitcher Dennis Powell



From left: Guadalupe De La Cruz, PSR III; Sara Ponce, PSR II; and Susana Robinson, PSR III.



LAPD's Communications Division ended National Dispatchers Week with a retirement celebration for Monica Lara, PSR III, 37 years of City service. She's pictured here with Capt. Dave Storaker.



**Celebrating National Dispatchers Week.**



Fernando Molina PSR II, with "Criminal Minds" actor Joe Mantegna.

Angel Gomez, the Club's Mobile Man

# Angel's



# Be Alive! May 2018



## Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve - La Jolla



Angel Jr. smiles while on top of Flat Rock.

### Hello everybody!

This month we travel south to La Jolla in San Diego to visit Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. The state park is between Del Mar to the north and Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course to the south, which are visible from the park cliffs along the trails. There are more than eight miles of trails within the park. The state park has beach areas, hiking areas and a visitor center, too. So if you like what you are reading I would recommend you take this short road trip south to Torrey Pines State Park, and if you're into wildlife, the park has that, too. I really love to be outdoors and exploring is my passion, so Torrey Pines is just the place.

Trail is about a mile and is the easiest. The trail provides amazing scenery from Peñasquitos Marsh to breathtaking views of the city of La Jolla. The Razor Point Trail is a 1.4-mile loop that provides hikers with a view of the ravines and badlands, while overlooking the ocean. If you're very lucky, you may see a migrating whale, too.

The Beach Trail is less than a mile walk that leads you down to the Torrey Pines State Beach. Although it is the least scenic trail, it is very popular taking hikers straight to the wide-open beach. Once you're walking along the beach you will see Flat Rock in the distance; get to that point and there is an entrance from the beach that leads you back up to the hiking trails and then the visitor center. There are many other trails at the park – to name a few, they are the Parry Grove Trail, Yucca Point Trail, High Point Trail, Broken Hill Trail, and Discovery Trail. When you pay for parking you should get a trail area guide, providing you more information on the other trails in detail.

I recommend picking a weekend and starting out early; the drive from Los Angeles is about two hours. Check out the trails, stop by the visitor center and enjoy the views. The south end of the beach also has a large rock that projects into the ocean; it's called Flat Rock. If you're crazy like me or brave enough, leap on to the rock and enjoy the coastal views. But be careful, of course.

Remember, bring sunscreen, snacks and lots of water.

Until next time, *be safe and Be Alive!*

### Let's begin.

**History:** The reserve was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1977, and the state park has 2,000 acres of coastal beauty. The park has many miles of trails and many wildlife residents, including foxes, raccoons, rabbits, skunks and bobcats, to mention just a few.

**Trails:** There are many trails along this beautiful state park, but the most popular trails are Guy Fleming Trail, Razor Point Trail, and the beach trail. The Guy Fleming



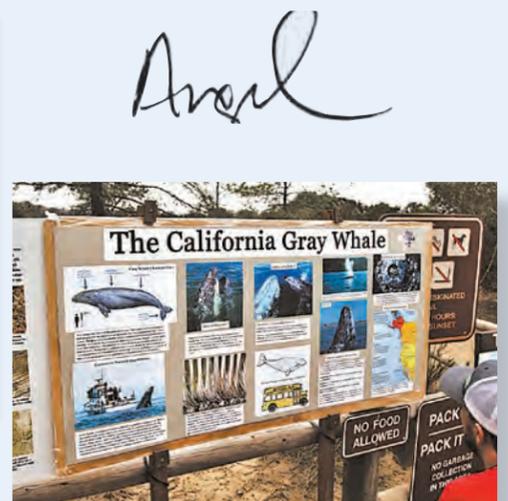
Stairs go up to the Torrey Pines trails and visitor center.



There are lots of signs leading to the beach; be careful of rattlesnakes.



Reptiles of Torrey Pines.



Gray whale information.

*Angel*



An ocean view from top of Red Butte.

## INFO

**Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve**  
12600 Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, CA 92037

**Activities:** Hiking, wildlife spotting, visitor center

**Parking:** \$10 per car, or you can buy an annual state park pass

**Special note:** During whale migration season, if you're lucky you can sometimes see whales from the cliffs.



# Two Discount Giants, One Big Saver: You!

SEE PAGE 33

## AIRPORTS

### Welcome, New Officers

Airport Police graduates four from LAPD Academy.

On April 13, Airport Police Chief David L. Maggard Jr., swore-in four new officers in a ceremony held at the LAPD Academy in Elysian Park. The four new Airport Police Officers and their 34 classmates from Airport Police, Port Police and LAPD made up Academy Class 10B-17.

Academy graduates Officer Stephanie Berrios, a California native with a degree in criminal justice; Alejandro Garcia, a mixed martial arts enthusiast; Julio Ramos, a fire science major at Long Beach City College; and Antonio Ruedas Jr., a former graphic designer from the Valley, and their families received words of wisdom from Chief Maggard before being sworn in. Chief Maggard welcomed them to the Airport Police family and said, "You are entering a noble and rewarding career at an exciting time. I congratulate you on the first step in your journey."

The four new officers 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, Officers Berrios, Garcia, Ruedas and Ramos!**

Airport Police Chief David Maggard (center) welcomes the new Officers (from left): Stephanie Berrios; Alejandro Garcia; Julio Ramos; and Antonio Ruedas.



## ZOO

Photos courtesy Jamie Pham, Zoo

### Spring Babies

LA Zoo welcomes an abundance of spring baby animals.

The Los Angeles Zoo welcomes an abundance of unique and endangered babies to the Zoo this spring. Guests can now observe two Sichuan takin calves and two Chacoan peccary piglets out in their habitats while an Eastern bongo calf, two ocelot kittens, and seven Peninsular pronghorn fawns remain behind the scenes bonding with their mothers for a few more weeks.

The Zoo recently welcomed seven Peninsular pronghorn fawns, born between March 4 and April 8. In 2002, the Zoo joined the Peninsular Pronghorn Recovery Project in the Vizcaino Desert Biosphere Reserve of Baja California Sur, Mexico because the species' numbers were dwindling in the wild due to hunting, habitat destruction, and cattle ranching.

On April 4, the L.A. Zoo celebrated the birth of two endangered Chacoan peccary piglets. These medium-sized animals are found primarily in Paraguay and Bolivia, and they have a strong resemblance to pigs. Chacoan peccaries are social animals that live in small herds of up to 10 individuals, and they are known for their tough snouts and rooting abilities.

The L.A. Zoo welcomed two male Sichuan takin calves, born on March 6 and 9. Takin (pronounced "TAH-kin") are stocky goat-antelopes native to China's remote mountain forests with short legs, large hooves with two toes, and a

well-developed spur that makes them sure-footed on steep terrain and rocky cliffs. Although they are considered national treasures in China and are protected by law, this vulnerable species continues to be threatened by overhunting, habitat loss, and fragmentation.

On March 13, two female ocelot kittens were born to first-time parents paired together through an SSP breeding program. The birth of these kittens is a wonderful start to helping secure the future of this species of cat.

On April 6, the L.A. Zoo welcomed a female Eastern bongo calf, a large antelope found in Kenya. Over the last few years, the Zoo has made breeding this species a priority because of its dwindling numbers in the wild due to logging and poaching.

While the L.A. Zoo welcomes animal babies of many species each spring, it is important to remember that babies grow into adults and contribute an important role in their species. "Babies are cute, and we all love watching them discover the world through their perspective," Schaefer said. "But these babies are so much more than just cute. They represent the future of their species, and we're proud to be able to share their journey with Angelenos and help educate our guests about the incredible biodiversity in our world."



Peccary piglets.

Peninsular pronghorn.

A takin calf.

## Catching Up With The Club Mobile Team

The Club's Mobile Team - Angel Gomez, Dylan Noel and a Counselor or two - are having a great time visiting yards and offices, meeting Club Members and City Employees, bringing insurance advice and loads of great customized Club merchandise with them.

Scenes from recent Club Mobile Team visits:



**General Services Supply Div., 24th Street Yard**

**April 16**

"The Mobile Team is happy to bring Club insurance Counselor Cheryl Martin into the field. We're always happy to bring City merchandise right to Club Members, and now insurance, too!"

- Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man



**Public Works/Sanitation North Central Yard**

**April 19**

"The Mobile Team keeps getting better and better, bringing City merchandise and insurance advice to City Employees and Club Members. Thank you, Cheryl Martin, Club Counselor, for coming along to check Member benefits!"

- Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man

## Can't get to the Club Store? The Club Store will come to you!



**Public Works/Sanitation Terminal Island**

**April 10**

"We were here until 1 p.m. We already had a midday rush! Club merchandise very popular!"

- Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man



**Rec and Parks Chevy Chase Yard**

**March 28**

"We were at the Chevy Chase location until about 1:30 p.m. Thank you, guys, for always making us feel so welcome!"

- Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man



**Rec and Parks Orcutt Ranch**

**April 12**

"We were in the Valley this morning and visited our friends at Orcutt Ranch. Thank you, guys, for always making us feel at home."

- Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man

### Schedule a Visit!

Do you want the Club Mobile Team to visit your yard, dept. or unit? Here's how to get the ball rolling:

- Contact **Angel Gomez**, the Club's Mobile Man, at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com), or via cell: (213) 448-4979.

- Let him know your yard, dept. or unit, and approximately how many City employees are at your location.

- Angel will need to get it arranged through your supervisor, so please provide contact information.

Please note that, if approved by your supervisor, it might take several weeks or more for the Club Mobile Team to visit your location.

### Find Their Locations

Where will they be next? Follow the Mobile Team on social media:



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For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years

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## CITY RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS

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Ed Harding, RLACEI President  
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#### Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Michael A. Perez, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145, x705.

#### Have News About Yourself?

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

### Three Retirees Groups Hold Events; Make Sure You're at the Right One

#### RESERVATION LINES:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701

DWP events: (949) 388-1206 (Dolores Foley)

LARFPA events: (888) 288-5063

**JUNE 6:** LARFPA annual barbecue and board meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge.

**AUG. 9:** RLACEI corporate meeting and picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons

**JUNE 7:** RLACEI annual golf tournament

**DEC. 6:** RLACEI annual holiday party, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge.

#### RLACEI Website

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

#### Contact the LA City Employees' Retirement System

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

#### DWP Retirees Association



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## Slate of Directors Filled; Golf Tourney Teeing Up

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

### President's Report

By Edward J. Harding  
President, RLACEI

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) started the New Year with three director vacancies, as those who have read my monthly *Alive!* messages know. I've requested Retirees to apply to fill these vacancies.

Well, this month I am happy to inform you that those positions have been filled! More information is forthcoming after they have been sworn in. Thanks to Neil Ricci, Nominating Chairman, and

his committee in recruiting Retirees and getting the word out at LACERS functions.

At our meeting April 9, Tom Stemmok said that plans for our 40th annual golf tournament is coming along as expected; donations are still coming in and golf shirts will be ordered. If you have not turned in your application to Tom Stemmok at 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, 91604 please do so. Deadline is June 1. If by chance you are unable to obtain the reservation form, you can use the form that is printed in *Alive!* There is nothing more one could ask for – spending time with friends, competition, good food and great prizes.

See you there! ■

## LACERS: High Marks Against Similar Funds



Michael R. Wilkinson

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

LACERS regularly provides reports to the Board on how the investments are performing overall and also as compared to a benchmark of investments of the same type.

The Board also gets reports every few years from an outside firm to determine how we are doing, not only against a passive index of the same style of investments, but also to compare us to other retirement plans of a similar size.

CEM Benchmarking recently reported on LACERS performance for the five-year period ending Dec. 31, 2016. Spoiler alert! LACERS did very well over the period.

The total fund return was 9.1 percent (per year), which topped the median pension fund return of 8.3 percent and the 9.0 percent return of similar-sized funds. Most of the return is determined by the asset allocation set by the Board (deciding which investment types to use and how much to

invest in each), which produces what is called the "investment policy or policy return." LACERS' five-year policy return was 8.3 percent, above the U.S. median return of 8.2 percent and close to the peer median of 8.4 percent.

While the return on investment after adjusting for risk is the most important consideration, investment cost also matters. Over time, the profits from investing can be whittled down by high investment fees. LACERS staff and the board finds cost effective investment managers and negotiates for lower fees whenever possible. Our 2016 investment costs were 0.465 percent (just less than one half percentage point) of assets invested, compared to 0.569 percent for the median fund. While that may look like a small difference, LACERS paid nearly \$15 million less in fees, per year, than the median fund for the same fund size.

Finally, leaving the CEM report, here is the overall fund performance to the end of 2017 from LACERS staff: 1 year, 17.37 percent; 3 years, 8.07 percent; 5 years, 9.65 percent; and 10 years, 5.82 percent. ■

## Thankful Our Pension Includes Dental Care



Michael Karsch

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

According to Kaiser Health News, Medicare does not pay for dental care. About one in five people 65 and older have untreated tooth decay. Fewer than half of elderly people see a dentist even once a year because of the cost. The Santa Fe Group, a nonprofit think group is working for an expansion of Medicare to cover dental care. Johns Hopkins University estimated that 12 percent of Americans over 65 have dental insurance. Untreated dental problems can exacerbate health problems such as diabetes and heart disease.

And now let's take a look at pension issues (mostly a dismal prospect) around the country. The Illinois News Network reports that Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner, struggling with immense budgetary problems in his state, has suggested that the

state's teacher pensions should be moved to local school districts because it is the schools that set the pay and benefits, but it is a state pension fund that the state must pay for. So Rauner wants to put the responsibility to pay on the districts, he says to "give schools the incentive to insist on sustainable benefits for employees."

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, also fighting budget deficits in his state, said in his first budget presentation March 13 that the pension crisis has been decades in the making, and its failure falls on both political parties. He says there is no magic solution, but New Jersey must "ramp up" payments to the pension funding to \$3.2 billion, an all-time high. He wants to "divest of hedge funds and reinvest money that would have been lost in exorbitant fees," which can run 20 percent of the investment.

New Jersey's cost is just \$3.2 billion compared to Puerto Rico, which is facing \$50 billion in

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## Thankful Our Pension Includes Dental Care (continued)

liabilities, according to Forbes. Gov. Ricardo Rosello refused the demands by the federal oversight control board watching the budget crisis in the U.S. territory. The board recommends more austerity cuts like labor reform and 10 percent cut in the pension benefits.

A study by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College looked at reform patterns for more than 200 major state and local plans between 2009 and 2014. There were changes to employee contributions, COLAs, benefit factors, the period of time

used to calculate final average salary, retirement age and tenure provisions and plan type (defined benefit, which LACERS is, and defined contribution). It was also noted that the majority of plans reduced benefits only for new employees, while one quarter also cut benefits for current employees. The most common benefit reductions for current employees are increases to their pension contributions and reductions to the COLA. ■

### RLACEI

## Medicare and Social Security Benefits



Mike A. Perez

### RLACEI Membership Update By Mike A. Perez, Membership Chairman

On March 20, I attended the Medicare Workshop hosted by LACERS. The event was held at the California Endowment next to Union Station in Downtown LA.

This was a great workshop – we were provided easy-to-understand information on a variety of Social Security and Medicare issues that will impact many of us as we reach the age to getting Social Security retirement benefits.

In addition to speakers from our retirement system,

there was also a representative from Social Security, who presented information on the ways that a Social Security payment is impacted by our public pensions, how the Social Security pension is calculated, and the variety of information that is provided on the Social Security Website.

I walked away with a much better understanding of what kind of pension I can expect with Social Security covered employment, as well as, how my health subsidy will be impacted when I turn 65.

I also enjoyed an excellent breakfast that came along with this free very informative workshop!

LACERS will be hosting another Medicare workshop Aug. 15 at the California Endowment, 1000 Alameda St. There is plenty of free parking. ■

## 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.
- 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.

If you are a Retiree and have interesting news or updates about yourself, your family or other retirees, or would like to connect with coworkers, send information to [mbeetz@4841@aol.com](mailto:mbeetz@4841@aol.com), or mail to **Mary Beetz**: 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801

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

## For Retired Club Members

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

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- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
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## Show Us Your Grandkids!

Here's the adorable Ella Khougaz, granddaughter of Connie Lee, Retired. "Ella is celebrating her seven-month birthday," Connie writes. "She smiles and laughs when you sing to her. I watch her every day."

# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members

# Muscat and Jewish Mumbai

Hal and Evelyn embark on a five-week cruise. Part 3.



2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

From Nov. 2 to Dec. 10, Hal and his wife, Evelyn, enjoyed a six-week cruise from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to Cape Town, South Africa. They began by flying to Dubai via New York City and London. They spent three nights in Dubai before boarding Oceana's Nautica for a 30-day cruise to Cape Town, where they spent three nights before flying home.

As the trip continued Nov. 9, we're steaming toward Oman, which is situated on the eastern part of the Arabian Peninsula. Muscat is the capital, with a population of approximately 1 million. We had been to the port area before and decided to use the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus this trip. The HOHO bus provided a good orientation of Muscat and the surrounding area.

The bus picked us up at the ship. We drove 50 feet before we had to get out of the bus to clear immigration. Then we got back on the bus for the short ride to the Mutrah Suq (Souk), an old marketplace in the port. That was the starting point for the bus tour, which took two hours to complete.

Oman is ruled by Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said. He has transformed Oman from an underdeveloped country to a 20th century state with modern hospitals, roads, higher education and sports complexes. Oil is still its chief source of revenue and it is a concern because of low oil prices and dwindling oil reserves, so they are investigating new ways of generating revenue. Muscat boasts of world-class hotels, beaches and sunset vistas. It attracts vacationers from Europe. The port area is referred to as Old Muscat, with white or beige low-rise buildings, tourist cafes and shops. The general area is hilly with valleys and passes through low mountains. Through one of these passes the HOHO bus arrived in New Muscat. Well-maintained wide roads, new modern buildings and beautiful hotels and cafes abounded. Some were at the beach, and others were perched high above. There was even a Starbucks, but unfortunately we were unable to stop.

The HOHO bus ended back at the Souk. We spent about 45 minutes walking around it. Most (all) shops were owned by foreigners, from mostly India, Pakistan, the Philippines and Bangladesh. Evelyn bargained for a pashmina and walked away twice before there was an agreed-upon price. We caught the shuttle back to the ship. The weather was sunny and the temperature was in the mid-80s.

We decided to do laundry back aboard the ship. There was a laundry room with six sets of washers and dryers. Each wash/dry took two tokens, which cost \$2. We got lucky and two machines were available, so we didn't have to wait. The wash cycle took 25 minutes, during which we had lunch, and then the dry-cycle took 45 minutes, during which we had dessert. We met some nice people while we were waiting. We saved more than \$60 by doing the wash ourselves over the price of the ship's valet laundry.

That night's dinner was in the Polo Grill, the other specialty restaurant. The portion sizes were not large, but if you wanted more, you could just ask. That helped keep diners from over-eating. The food and service were very good. After dinner we sat in the Martini Lounge and listened to the onboard piano player.

The next day, Nov. 10, was the first of two sea days as we sailed toward Mumbai, our first port in India. With the time change (we gained an hour), we slept in that morning.

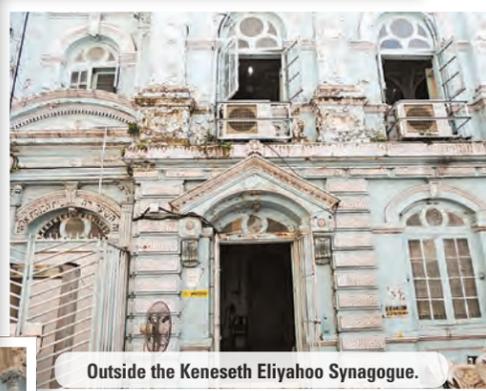
There were a number of actives on the daily schedule printed in the "Currents" newspaper, which was delivered to



Evelyn with our ship.



Walking in Mumbai.



Outside the Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue.



Inside the Magen David Synagogue.



Old Muscat port.

our cabin each night. There was a lecturer, Hanne Sampson, on board with a program on the Middle East. The ship also offered bingo, Mahjong, trivia and other standard cruise activities. The bridge instructor was Cassandra Mani. She gave bridge lessons, both beginning and intermediate for an hour each, and then ran duplicate and social bridge in the afternoon.

The Internet coverage was very good throughout the ship. The cruise included free unlimited Internet connectivity, and we both shared one account. It was nice not to have to worry about the cost. Our phones also had service – calls cost almost \$3 per minute. Receiving texts cost only 5 cents, but texts outgoing cost 50 cents. Who are we going to call? When it's midnight in LA it's one in the afternoon for us.

I was lying in a lounge chair by the pool waiting to go to the bridge lesson. The pool staff offered glasses of ice water if I wanted one. It dawned on me that the Oceania cruise line is at least a step up from Princess. I began to reconsider the size of the bathroom. I'm not sure I would be happy until I found something to complain about. The weather was warm, but with the breeze it was very pleasant, and the seas were calm.

We sat with a couple from England for lunch in the buffet. We have now sat with couples speaking the King's English with three different accents. I had freshly-made pasta with a great veal Bolognese sauce. I may gain weight on this trip.

We wanted to play social bridge but there were not enough couples, and duplicate was already full, so we planned to stick to duplicate the next day. Instead we attended the lecture on Oman, which was very interesting.

That night's Sabbath service had about 20 attendees and was led by a retired lawyer from Miami. The ship provided wine – both white and red – and challah, an egg bread. I felt it was one of the better services; we all participated in the reading. Sadly my ability to read Hebrew has declined since my bar

mitzvah 64 years ago.

After dinner we saw the flautist perform her second show. We have entered the Indian time zone, so we moved the clock forward another 30 minutes.

The routine the next day (Nov. 11) would be the same as the day before, but we would play bridge that afternoon. Evelyn met the Mahjong group that morning before the bridge lesson. There was also a cooking demonstration, but that was the same time as the bridge lesson.

After breakfast we attended the bridge lesson and then had lunch with a couple from New York City; Evelyn had met the wife at Mahjong. He is a judge. Nice couple.

We played duplicate bridge and the level of play must not be too high as we came in first E/W. Will miracles never stop? We finished up a little after 4 p.m. We were playing in the Polo Grill, so the staff had to get the room ready for the dinner service.

At 7 p.m. we went to the buffet for dinner. The menu was the same as the main dining room, but diners could be more selective. The next day we were set to dock in Mumbai for two nights, where a lot of passengers were to leave the ship to go to the Taj Mahal, so the ship would be quiet.

Mumbai, once known as Bombay, is the capital of the Indian state of Maharashtra. Mumbai is the commercial and entertainment center of India with a population of 22 million. Mumbai is comprised of seven islands, and a great deal of land has also been reclaimed. This is one reason why Mumbai is subject to flooding during serious monsoons – it has very little high ground.

The next day, Nov. 12, we docked in the Mumbai Trust Port at 8 a.m. Before the trip we had obtained visas for India, which allowed multiple entries as we would be stopping at four ports. A couple of days ago we received landing cards for each port, which we were to use to get on and off the ship.

Today's tour was "Jewish Chronicles of India." We

rode in a small tour bus because we had only eight passengers, which was nice. Our first stop after a 30-minute drive was the Shaar-ha-Rahamin Synagogue, the oldest (1790) in India. We had to walk about 20 minutes from where the bus stopped, not counting going in a circle because our guide, who was very knowledgeable about Judaism in India, missed a turn. We finally got to the synagogue and the caretaker let us in. Most religious sites and all synagogues here have armed police guarding the site. The caretaker had each of us light a lamp and he opened the ark for us. We did have to pay a \$1 to take pictures. Our next stops were at the Magen David Synagogue, the Tifereth Israel Synagogue and the Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue. All are orthodox, with men and women praying separately. The Jewish history starts here around the second century when a Jewish merchant ship was shipwrecked on the coast near Mumbai. More came in 1492 from Spain and Portugal. Prior to the State of Israel, there were 20,000 Jews in India. There are now about 5,000, with 4,500 in Mumbai. They have moved in significant numbers to Israel. We were told that since there were so few Jews, the synagogues take turns hosting the holidays.

Our guide told us that the Indian Jews today followed many of the Indian traditions, such as arranged marriages, and that they dress like all Indians. You cannot tell an Orthodox man or woman by their attire.

We didn't get back to the ship until 1:30 p.m. and hurried to the buffet to get a bite to eat. After a nap and shower, we had a drink at Martini's Lounge and then had a light dinner in the buffet. That night's entertainment was the movie "Baby Driver," so we decided to go to bed early as our call for the next day's tour of "Old Mumbai" would begin at 7:30 a.m. and would take seven hours and include lunch.

Next month we continue our adventure. ■

# 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
Allen, Osborne M.	Pr. Property Officer	LAPD	32	Gordon, Neale	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Reneker, Steven P.	General Manager	ITA	7
Anthony, Patrick K.	Civilian Mngmt. Analyst	LAPD	18	Hidalgo, Christophe	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Romero, Alan	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D
Aviles, Maurilia	Civilian Admin. Clerk	LAPD	32	Hiovich, David M.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	20	Ruiz, Marco	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D
Bailey-Gray, Natalie L.	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	33	Holmes, Donald	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	30	Russo, Anna	Customer Services	DWP	N/D
Basset, Brad	Power Transfer	DWP	N/D	Holzman, Louise R.	Recreation Assistant	Rec and Parks	3	Ruvalcaba, Benjamin	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	31
Bayan, Lilia M.	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	20	Jackson, Larrietta	Legal Assistant	City Attorney	40	Saldana, Carlos	ITS	DWP	N/D
Beltran, Rafael	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Gen. Services	20	Klapproth, Richard A.	Wastewater Treat. Ele. Super.	Public Works	26	Sanderson, Kirk	Power Transfer	DWP	N/D
Bergado, Augusto	Chemical Lab	DWP	N/D	La Dou, Jeffrey W.	Management Analyst	Public Works	32	Schulz, Karen M.	Airport Police Lt.	Airports	37
Berling, Charles	Power Transfer	DWP	N/D	Larsen, William G.	Irrigation Specialist	Rec and Parks	21	Selder, Jan A.	Director, Field Op.	Animal Services	21
Blechert, Paul H.	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	28	Leyva, Steven	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Sena, Manuel F.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	13
Bonstrom, Gregory A.	Airport Police Officer	Airports	14	Long, Madeleine	Metering Services	DWP	N/D	Shepherd, Ronald	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D
Bravo, Rafael	ITS	DWP	N/D	Maize, Bradford	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Shirakawa, Susan	—	DWP	N/D
Burnett, James	Systems Programmer	Airports	26	Maldonado, Robert	—	DWP	N/D	Sims, Jon Earl	Civilian Crime/Intel. Analyst	LAPD	30
Byrd, Duane N.	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	26	Maloof, Kristy	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	40	Smith-Chatman, Yvette	Customer Services	DWP	N/D
Carpenter, John	Field Support	DWP	N/D	Martin, Stephen C.	Assist. General Mgr.	Airports	8	Steiner, John	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D
Chan, Michael	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Martinov, Vladimir	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Suarez, Luis P.	Special Prog. Assist.	Rec & Parks	4
Chin, James	Lieutenant	Airports	43	McFrazier, Lawayne	Airport Police Officer	Airports	44	Sun, Yi Bing	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	27
Chiong, Sue Lee	Sr. Legal Clerk	City Attorney	18	Medina, Jaime	Power System	DWP	N/D	Tan, Violeta	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	17
Cohen, Ronald	Commercial	DWP	N/D	Metcalf, Aletha	Airport Police Officer	Airport	36	Traylor, Eleanor J.	Airport Police Officer	Airports	42
Cordova, Debbie	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Metoyer, Deborah	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	30	Ulatowski, Joshua M.	Airport Safety Officer	Airports	31
Crane, Jeffrey W.	Sr. Carpenter	Public Works	34	Mix Lee, Carolyn L.	Cust. Service Spec.	Finance	32	Valdez, David E.	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	14
Cruz, Rafael	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	30	Monsisvais, Antonio	Electrical Inspector	Bldg. & Safety	16	Verdesoto, Nora	Billing	DWP	N/D
Dailey, Thomas	Power Transfer	DWP	N/D	Moore, Glenn G.	Garage Attendant	Gen. Services	25	Verdi, Christopher	Chemical Lab	DWP	N/D
Dang, Xuyen	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D	Morehead, Daniel J.	Civilian Audio Visual Tech	LAPD	17	Villegas, Martin	Chemical Lab	DWP	N/D
Edson, James W.	Heavy Duty Truck Op.	Public Works	22	Moxley, Robin	Water Operations	DWP	N/D	Whitmore, Donald	Management Analyst	Aging	36
Elvert, Gregory	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Navarro Adea, Esterliza	Systems Analyst	Public Works	28	Wichmann, Thomas D.	Signal Syst. Electr.	Transportation	38
Fortenberry, Robert A.	Airport Safety Officer	Airports	32	Neuman, Paul	Council Aide	Council	16	Wilkinson, Steven	Power Transfer	DWP	N/D
Fowler, Paul G.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	30	Patterson, Larry	Customer Services	DWP	N/D	Wright, Anitra	Customer Services	DWP	N/D
Ginsberg, David	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Perez, Arturo	Sr. Hearing Officer	City Attorney	20	Wright, Kathleen	ITS	DWP	N/D
Gluck, Howard B.	Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney	37	Perry, Ruth B.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	LACERS	29	Yee, Philip	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Gordon, Anthony T.	Facility Director	Rec and Parks	17	Phillips, Ruth Ann	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	37	Young, Melvin	Power Transfer	DWP	N/D

\*N/D - Not disclosed

## Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association



### Annual Barbecue

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM

### GRACE E. SIMONS LODGE

1025 Elysian Park Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90012

The General Membership Meeting begins at 10:00AM

Barbecue to immediately follow.

Please call the Association office at (888) 288-5073 if you have any questions.

Sorry, no telephone reservations will be accepted.

**The deadline for reservations is May 25, 2018**

Please return the bottom portion with your reservation payment to:



Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association

9521 Las Tunas Drive Suite 4, Temple City, CA 91780

All Members and their families are welcome to attend!

\*\*\*Tickets are \$5.00 Per Person\*\*\*

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# The Best Years

For Retired Club Members



### Monthly Griffith Park Hike:

- With Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz and LACERS Well
- Time and location vary per season
  - 1st Friday of every month
  - 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
  - Contact: Tara Miller, LACERSWell@LACERS.org

### Monthly Bike Ride in Griffith Park

- 3rd Saturday or Sunday of the month
- 10 a.m.
- Contact Ron Skarin for location updates and to RSVP at ronskarin@sbcglobal.net



## Seniors: Get Active This Spring!

The LACERS Well program sponsors walking/social events that are perfect for helping you keep in shape and take care of your health. And they're open to all fitness levels.

For outside walks and events, make sure to bring comfortable shoes, sunblock, sunglasses and water.

Questions? Contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or [lacers.services@lacers.org](mailto:lacers.services@lacers.org)

#### Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Medical Facility Walk and Fitness

- Every Thursday
- 11 a.m.
- Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas, [avisridleythomas@me.com](mailto:avisridleythomas@me.com)

#### West Covina Mall Walk

- Every Wednesday
- 8:30-10 a.m.
- Contact Pablo and Vivian Cortez at [pabprt6@aol.com](mailto:pabprt6@aol.com)

#### Lakewood Center Mall Walk

- Every Monday
- 6 a.m.
- Contact Beverly Anderson at [the.andersons@verizon.net](mailto:the.andersons@verizon.net)

#### Madrugada Trail Hike, Chino Hills

- Every Sunday
- 4 — 5:30 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at [firstfeatures@mail.com](mailto:firstfeatures@mail.com)

#### Buddy Walk for Life

- Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park
- 1st Friday of the month
- 8 — 10 a.m.
- Contact Mariam Galang at [mariam-galang@gmail.com](mailto:mariam-galang@gmail.com)

#### Playa del Rey Beach Walk

- Every Friday
- 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Frankie Gallagher at [Frankiequeenofhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:Frankiequeenofhearts@yahoo.com)

#### Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park Walk

- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
- 9 a.m.
- Contact Debby Rolland at [debbylr22@gmail.com](mailto:debbylr22@gmail.com)

#### El Cariso Park Walk, Sylmar

- Every Monday
- 8:00 a.m.
- Contact Irene Galvan at [ronnie20dav@gmail.com](mailto:ronnie20dav@gmail.com)

## 40th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 7, 2018



The 40th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on **Thursday, June 7, 2018** at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. 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 Club members. All others are \$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 **June 1st**, to Tom Sternock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Sternock at (818) 487-6789.

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Luncheon Only: \$25

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

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# Happy Mother's Day

From the Club!

"To one tuff mom, Happy Mother's Day."  
 - Bernabe Contreras, General Services



"Happy Mother's Day to the world's best mom! We are so blessed to have you! We love you so much!"  
 -- The Deach family



"One dinner, two mothers, three generations equals unlimited love! Happy Mother's Day, Mom-mom!"  
 (From left: Christal Chacon, Marlene Williams and Jensen Anka)  
 - Christal Chacon, LAFD



"LOVE ~ patient, kind, unconditional, gentle, trusting, protecting, forgiving, caring, nurturing, loving and honest. These are just a few words to describe my mother and the things I love about her. She is my BFF, and most of all, my blessing from God and heaven up above. I love you dearly."  
 - Cheryl L. Gibbs, ITA



"Clo Banks, miss u and love u forever."  
 - Derwin Banks, Public Works/Sanitation



"Feliz Dia de Las Madres! No hay palabras para describir la motivación que has tenido en nosotros. Jorge, Jessica, Samantha."  
 - Jorge Trejo, LAPD



"Happy Mother's Day, Vanessa Bustamante and Cecilia Orozco, from your kids and grandkids - Arianna, Marissa and Alyssa."  
 - Capt. II Chris Bustamante, LAFD



"Happy Mother's Day to the sweetest mom in the world. Thank you for being such a wonderful mom who teaches us right from wrong, takes care of our boo-boos, and makes every day full of fun!"  
 - Kiara, Leyla and Tyce (submitted by Eric Yoshida, DWP)



"Feliz Dia de las Madres a la mejor madre del mundo! I love you!"  
 - Genesis Martinez, Club Customer Service Rep.



"When mom passed these women took over to help raise me - hard workers in every way possible and great examples of women. Gracias por estar en mi vida! Las amo!"  
 - Erika Guerra, Airports



"My mother is loving and kind. Who to me is more than any other; she's the idol of my mind."

- Corleto Manuel, Building and Safety, for Amelia Lloyd, General Services



"Happy Mother's Day to the amazing mother of my children since 1993!"  
 - Jeff Steinbock, DWP



"Happy Mother's Day to the sweetest most understanding mom in the world! I love you with all my heart. Lil's and Randy."  
 - Lillian Hernandez, Office of General Counsel, State of California



"Mom, I love you so much, words can't express how grateful I am to have a mother like you. Your sacrifices and selflessness have shaped me as the wonderful black woman and mother I am today."  
 - Jalysa Wright, DWP



"The two most influential women in my life."  
 - Gabriela Melchor, Rec and Parks



"To our earth angel, we love you beyond words can explain. Thank you for being the most supportive and brilliant mother that you are. You are our best friend and inspiration. Love, your spawns (Sav, Jade, and Parker)."  
 - Jade Cabrera, for Sophia Garcia



"Blessed with the bestest mom ever!"  
 - Leonard Gallegos, Harbor



"Happy Mother's Day. Love, Randy, Lil's, Keith and Kylie."  
 - Lillian Hernandez, Office of the General Counsel, State of California



"Wishing my beautiful mom, Hermelinda, a Happy Mother's Day."  
 - Sandra Barraza, LAPD





"Happy Mother's Day, Kim Fogg (DWP). You are the glue that keeps our family together, and we love you."

- **Craig Fogg**



"I love my mommy. She is the best!"

- **Maliga Noodchaya, Animal Services**



"With my granddaughter, Cadence."

- **Lourdes Leyden, Retired**



"I thank God for you. In her 97th year, I can still say: Mam, Happy Mother's Day! And Happy Mother's Day to my daughter."

- **Hector Garcia, DWP**



"A very Happy Mother's Day to my beautiful daughter, Ruth Montijo. Love you bunches, Mija. Love, Mom."

- **Noemi Garcia, LAPD**



"My mom ... my mother will always be my best friend. [I'm grateful for the] opportunity to have shown my love and thankfulness to her. Miss you every day, Mom. Happy Mother's Day in heaven."

- **Priscilla Lopez, LAFD**



"When I left Seattle to go to LA for a weekend of fun and decided to just stay, all she said was, 'You always have a home to come back to!' That was 17 years ago. My mom has always been my biggest supporter."

- **Lisa Allen, Transportation**



"Happy Mother's Day, my love! Thank you for being a wonderful mother to our boys, Nathan and Cristian."

- **Marcel Zuniga, Public Works/ Sanitation**



"Happy Mother's Day to my hero! It's a blessing having you around! We love you. Three generations."

- **Maritza Portillo, Housing**



"Love you, Mom!" (Pictured: Marvin Grande, mom Maria, and niece Mia.)

- **Marvin Grande, LAPD**



"Happy Mother's Day, Maribel! From all of your family!"

- **Musa Khan, City Clerk**



"My first mentor and my hero. Happy Mother's Day. We love you."

- **Alicia Sanchez, Housing**



"Happy Mother's Day, my love. You are awesome."

- **Miguel Lozano, Airport Police**



"My mother, Irma, is a beautiful soul, a strong woman of conviction and the best mother in my world. Having raised four children to be responsible adults on her own, she is my and my siblings' beacon and driving force to life's adventures. Our family is blessed and fortunate to have Irma Mendoza as our mum."

- **Sandra Mendoza, City Clerk**



"Happy Mother's Day. Love you."

- **Monica Tombar, LAPD**



"Our great, loving and caring Mama Sandra was just promoted to Grandma. Thanks for all your love and support. Love you! Here is Baby Ezekiel Alexander and Grandma."

- **Sandra Platero, LAPD**



"Happy Mother's Day!"

- **Robert Melvin, DWP**



"Love U, Mom, Queen Mary style!"

- **Elizabeth Carlin, City Council**



"I find myself blessed to have a mother as devoted, loving, caring and beautiful as you! I love you beyond words."

- **Suzanna Kazarian, LAPD**



"Happy Mother's Day, dear Elsie. We only went on three dates ... and have been married 45 beautiful years."

- **George Ivcevic, Harbor**



"Every day is Mom's Day, like my mom says. You're my greatest role model, and I'm honored to call you my mom. Love you always."

- **Patty Cornejo, Personnel**



"To the smartest, kindest, loving mother I know. My only wish is to be half as good as a mother and grandmother as you. We love you!"

- **Tanya Rodrick, Animal Services**



"I love you, Mom! You are a strong woman! You are my hero!"

- **Martha Maldonado, Public Works/Street Lighting**





"Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you and wish you were still with us. You will always be in my heart."  
 - Vincent Ramos, Rec and Parks



"You are the sweetest thing I have ever known. I love you to the moon and back. Team Us."  
 - Blessing Williams and Kinshasa Davis, Transportation



"This woman makes me understand and appreciate the lyrics to 'The Wind Beneath My Wings.' She's a powerhouse who came to the United States with not one penny in her pockets, and through hard work, determination, faith and kindness raised a family of eight! Ya done great, and love you, Mom!"  
 - Lan Nguyen, Transportation



"Mom, you are the queen of our hearts and we love you dearly!  
 Happy Mother's Day, Beloved!"  
 - Valerie Nettles, Housing



"To Kelley, the most awesome mother in the world!  
 Vous serez pour toujours dans mon coeur et celui de nos enfants."  
 -- John Hawkins, Club CEO



"Happiness is being a mom to two amazing men and a mother-in-law to a daughter I always dreamed of. Blessed beyond belief!"  
 - Debra DiPrimio, Retired, Public Works



"Happy Mother's Day to our awesome mom, Tiffany. With lots of love, your boys Vinh, Aidan and Ashton."  
 - Vinh Do, LAPD



"Happy Mother's Day, my love; you are a beautiful mom and a lovely wife. You are amazing as a mother and we love you to the stars and back. You are our number one mom."  
 - Samuel Bacon, Airports



"Mom, every day should be Mother's Day! You taught all seven of your children to do the best they can, no matter what the job or status, and to treat people just as we would want to be treated. Thank you, Mom; you are my hero!"  
 - John Hawkins, President and CEO of the Club



"Happy Mother's Day to my wonderful mother, Marianne Angeles. Thank you for being such a strong woman and great role model for your three kids. We love you, Mama."  
 - Jessica Lee, Public Works



"My daughter, Jovana Dorsey, knows how to keep me grounded. She should win Mother of the Year every year. Love you, baby."  
 - Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation



"My daughter, Jovana Dorsey, knows how to keep me grounded. She should win Mother of the Year every year. Love you, baby."  
 - Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation



"Three generations of tiger strong: myself (Lily); my daughter (Jessica); and my mom. We were all born in the Chinese Year of the Tiger."  
 - Lily Wu



"Thank you for always being an amazing mom. I am truly blessed. Also, happy birthday!"  
 - David Gavino, Rec and Parks



"Mom - you are amazing. Happy Mother's Day."  
 - Kathy Kutsch, Airports



"To Jeanette Dorsey, a fantastic mom who has been holding it down and keeping her family together. I just love her. Happy Mother's Day."  
 - Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation



"My mom, the love of my life, she is the sweetest person ever!"  
 - Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation



"I love my mother very much and I would not be where I am today without her love and support."  
 - Sarah Richardson, LAPD



"She walks with the universe on her shoulders and makes it look like a pair of wings. Love you, Maggs!"  
 - Suzy Vasquez, Public Works, to her Aunt Madeline Contreras, LAPD



"Missing our mom."  
 - Renee Ramirez, LAFD



"Happy Mother's Day, Grandma May! We love you so much and have so much fun with you. - Grandkids Kiara, Tyce, and Leyla."  
 - Submitted by Eric Yoshida, DWP

# Happy Mother's Day From the Club!



"Happy Mother's Day!"  
– **Adrianna Munoz, Public Works/Sanitation**



"To my wonderful grandma, Aurora Barba-Gateb, forever in my heart and mind. Thank you for everything. I love you and miss you very much."  
– **Annette Edralin, ITA**



"I have a great mom, and I love her more and more every day!"  
– **Judy Ramirez, Finance**



"Happy Mother's Day, Mom! Thank you for everything you have done for us on a regular basis and supporting us on everything we do in life. Mahal na mahal kanamin, and we are so blessed to have you as our mom."  
– **Irish Bambao, DWP**



"I would like to wish my mom, Adelita, a happy birthday and happy Mother's Day."  
– **Edgar E. Lorenzo, DWP**



"If mothers were flowers, I'd pick you. Happy Mother's Day to the most amazing mom in the world. My life wouldn't be the same without you. I love you always. – Your favorite child."  
– **Citlali Bon, Club staff**



"We love you so much, Mommy! Happy Mother's Day! Love, Casey and Karson."  
– **From Kevin Foster, DWP**



"Feliz Dia, Mama. Gracias por todo tu amor, te amo con todo mi corazón."  
– **Guadalupe Lira, Club Store Manager**



"These three mothers (from left) Debbie Delfine, Kathy Franchini and my wife, Jenny Graab, are great at being mothers to their children. We love you guys. Happy Mother's Day."  
– **Lance Graab, Harbor**



"Happy Mother's Day to our beautiful mother, Dolores ... we love you, Thank you for always being there for us."  
– **From (left) Claudia Montes, LAPD/Communications; and (far right) Erika Delgadillo, LAPD/Communications**



"Gracias Mamá por ofrecerme cada día su apoyo y amor incondicional. Feliz Día de Las Madres!"  
– **Roberto Larios, Club COO**



"Happy Mother's Day to a fun-loving lady I'm glad to call my mom."  
– **Chermaine Fontenette, Public Works/Sanitation**



"Thank you, Mom, for all the encouraging words, support and laughter! You are the best and not to mention the prettiest! Love you."  
– **Joeleen Davis, Airports**



"Thanks for bringing me into this world and always seeing the best in me. Love you more!"  
– **Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development**

## Send in your Father's Day Tributes!

**Deadline: May 21**

**Pay tribute this Father's Day... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in *Alive!***

In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two-or-three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or high resolution digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

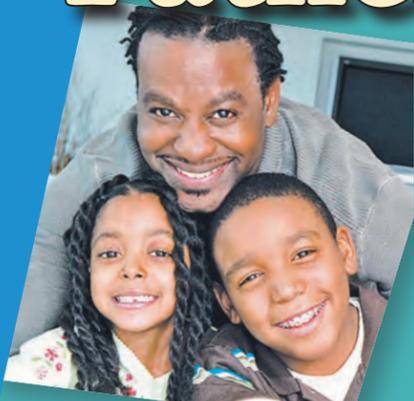
**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad).

Send digital photos to:  
talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Send print photos to:  
Club Store and Service Center,  
120 West 2nd Street,  
Los Angeles 90012

Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences).





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**PUBLIC WORKS**

## Ed Eases Into Retirement

**Ed Ebrahimian retires from Street Lighting.**

Ed Ebrahimian retired from the City in January as director of Street Lighting. He requested that there be no party; however, the City Council honored Ed's service with a resolution and ceremony in Council Chambers Jan. 12.

Ed served the City for more than 31 years. As Director, he implemented the world's largest LED street light conversion program (as chronicled in *Alive!* in June 2014). He also

helped pioneer the use of streetlights as host locations for smart city applications, such as telecom infrastructure and EV charging (as chronicled in *Alive!* in February 2017).

He was the first Armenian-American to head a City agency.

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced Nov. 17 that Ed and Street Services Director Nazario Saucedo would be retiring after more than 60 combined years of service to the City.

Ed helped the Club tell the Street Lighting story many times. We thank him for his assistance, congratulate him on his strong City career, and wish him all the best in retirement.



Ed Ebrahimian



*At Ed's congratulatory ceremony Jan. 12 in City Council Chambers.*



**THIS MONTH AT THE**  
**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium**  
 A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

**Endangered Species Day**  
**Sat., May 19**  
 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Celebrate Endangered Species Day! Learn about marine animals that have been designated by the United States as endangered and how they are fairing today.

Stop by the Aquatic Nursery where you can see live, endangered white abalone that are part of a special program to increase their numbers in the ocean. Join in a scavenger hunt, listen to a special story time in our library, take a guided beach walk and more!

**Free!**  
 (Parking: \$1/hour)

**Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!**  
 Consider joining the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.  
 Call (310) 548-7562 or go to [cabrillomarineaquarium.org/support.asp](http://cabrillomarineaquarium.org/support.asp)

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 The Water and Power Toastmasters Club  
**Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m.**  
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 (last Wednesdays in room 1471)  
**QUESTIONS:**  
 Eric Yoshida (213) 367-3962

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**Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.**  
 1149 S. Broadway 6th Floor Conference, Room 6004  
**QUESTIONS:**  
 Ivan Gerson (213) 485-1169 or  
 Dominic Buenaventura (213) 847-0593

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 The LAPD Code One Toastmasters Club  
**Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
 LAPD Communications Bldg. 100 N. Los Angeles St., third floor media room  
**QUESTIONS:**  
 (818) 389-0803

**TOASTMASTERS**

..... **Guests welcome!** .....



# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN A \$25 AMAZON E-GIFT CARD



"We were out at the camping grounds on Good Friday this year, at Bonelli Park in San Dimas. What an amazing view it was for the sunset. Sometimes my iPhone cooperates with me."

— **Tonja Bellard, Economic/Workforce Development**

**John's comment:** Tonja, this is incredible. I love the panorama feature on the iPhones, but it's the subject matter – and how you framed it – that make the difference. You chose the perfect time of the day, and your hand was steady. The full moon on the right is an important detail – it's a feature of nearly every Good Friday (Easter is always on the first full moon after the spring equinox). Thanks for sharing!

"Here's my daughter, Sophie, with a polar bear at the San Diego Zoo. I got my discount tickets at the City Employees Club. And I took Amtrak – no parking to worry about!"

— **Mike Aubin, DWP**

**John's comment:** Whoa! I love that Sophie is mimicking the pose of the polar bear (statue, I presume ... and hope!). All creatures great and small occupy the same planet, and that's why this makes me smile. (And it's awesome that you got your tickets through the Club Store, Mike ... it's there for all Members to save money!)



"Rest in Pieces – Treasure Island Hotel and Casino is still a very vibrant and booming business, but it seems only fitting to place its giant fiberglass skull replica among the other casino signs that have long gone out of business over the decades. The outdoor Neon Boneyard in downtown Las Vegas is the final resting place for such giant signs from the Stardust, Sahara, Moulin Rouge... and many more."

— **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

**John's comment:** There must be several neon boneyards in Vegas, as I've seen them in movies and TV shows. But even with professional cameramen they haven't captured them like you have here. The compressed perspective, the incredible lighting, the absurdity of the elements joined together ... you've done it again, Dominique!



"I know you like shots from the front of a home. Here's one as I left for work."

— **Michael Barnes, Harbor**

**John's comment:** It's funny that you say it was taken in the morning, as I thought it could have been coming home from work in early evening (although there isn't much traffic). This feels like home to me, Michael – it has a warm glow and calmness (and the white picket fences!) that make me proud of the work I do and the family I have. All of that in one shot! Thanks for reminding me to be grateful.

"Taken in South Los Angeles."

— **Harrison Sutherland, Public Works/Sanitation**

**John's comment:** Harrison, from the beginning of *Alive!*, we've featured some pretty cool pictures of Sanitation vehicles ... but I'm jealous that I've never taken one as cool as this. I love how the palm trees line up to take your eye right into the truck, and the sense of moving forward is real. Another day, another City service on duty to help us lead our lives. Thanks!



"Veterans Memorial Cross in Taos Plaza, Taos, New Mexico."

— **Horacio Moran, DWP**

**John's comment:** Horacio, you've found a perfect setting for this cross – stark, simple, without leaves (and, mostly, color), and the jagged branches making a great visual background for the precise lines of the statue. It all adds up to evoking the simple power and dignity of the subject matter. Thanks for this excellent and powerful image.

## 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!*, Employees Club of California, 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.



Animals that needed care. (These cases are illustrative and were not related to L.A. Animal Services.)

ANIMAL SERVICES

# A New Leash on Life

**The Animal Protection Unit works with the City Attorney and the LAPD to investigate cases of cruelty and bring justice and hope for mistreated animals.**

*Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; John Burnes, Alive! editor; and courtesy Animal Services*



Less than two years ago, Animal Services developed a new effort to combat animal cruelty, neglect and abuse, and speak for the victims of these possible crimes that cannot speak for themselves.

In 2016, Animal Services developed the Animal Protection Unit (APU). The APU works directly with the City Attorney's Office to investigate cases of animal mistreatment, rescue animals in distress, and gather evidence toward possible legal action. The goal of the APU is to make the cases legally as strong as possible so the animals can be protected, and those perpetrating the crimes can be prosecuted and prevented from ever owning animals again.

The APU evolved to its current status of enforcement and rescue from earlier efforts through the hard work of its supervisor, Lt. Lorna Esparza.

Ultimately, the Animal Protection Unit promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of all animals and people in the City.

In this feature, learn about the rationale and the outcomes of the APU's work, and read about some success stories. ■



The Animal Protection Unit, from left: Officer II Verna Riparip, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Barbara Hatley, 28 years, Club Member; Officer I Glen Julian, 10 years; Capt. Lorna Esparza, Club Member; Officer Kristi Navarro, 17 years, Club Member; Officer Gaby Lera, 18 years, Club Member; and Lt. Jose González, 17 years, Club Member. With them is Kevin, a pit bull turned in as a stray a year ago and available for adoption at the North Central Animal Shelter.

# Rescue Stories



**Animal Services' Animal Protection Unit Officers** have responsibilities that are additional to those of regular Animal Control Officers – they are trained to gather evidence toward potential City Attorney cases against those suspected of criminal neglect or cruelty.

Below are some cases where the APU was deeply involved to produce a positive outcome; in some instances the cases proceeded to trial, and in other cases successful resolution was achieved without using legal action.

It's the goal of Animal Services and the Animal Protection Unit to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of all animals and people in the City of Los Angeles.

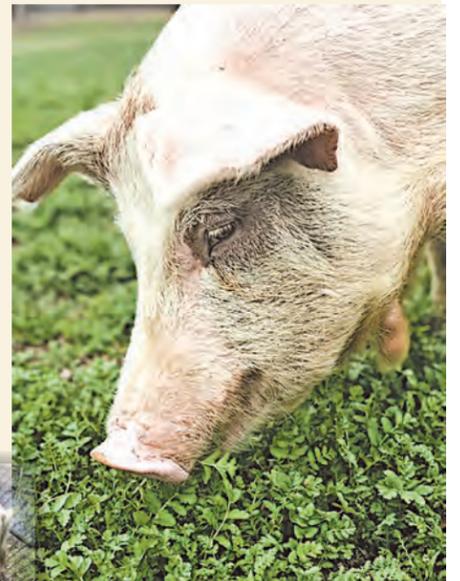
## RESCUED Hoarding

The Animal Protection Unit responds to animal hoarding situations across the City. The cat in the photo provided was rescued from a single-family home that housed 128 dogs and cats. The APU rescued all 128 of the animals from the terrible conditions. The owners were prosecuted and convicted of animal cruelty. They are no longer allowed to own or maintain animals.



## RESCUED Farm Animals

The Animal Protection Unit found several sheep, goats and a pig living in a muddy junkyard, full of trash, construction materials and broken-down cars. Both this pig and one of the sheep were injured from the dangerous debris that was at their home. With the exception of one sheep that was severely injured due to the living conditions, all the rescued animals received appropriate veterinary care through Animal Services and found happy new homes.



## RESCUED Sophie

Sophie was kept in an entirely enclosed plywood box for most of her life. She received no sunlight, got no fresh air, was emaciated and suffered from a painful skin condition. The Animal Protection Unit rescued her from the bleak conditions, and shelter staff treated her skin and gave her the proper nutrition she needed to gain a healthy weight. She now lives in a happy, comfortable home with a family that adores her.



Animal Control Officers (from left) Gaby Lera and Barbara Hatley. Both are part of the Animal Protection Unit and Club Members.

# A New Leash on Life

Animal Services: **Animal Protection Unit**

RESCUED

## Arabian Mare

For years, Animal Services Animal Control Officers worked with the owner of a chestnut Arabian mare that was maintained in a backyard. The horse was not kept in a sanitary environment, did not have proper shelter and was not fed enough food to maintain good health or weight. The Animal Protection Unit attempted to educate the owner on proper horse care, but he would not comply. Eventually, this horse deteriorated



to such an extent that the APU had to intervene and take the horse out of the deplorable conditions. With the action of the APU and the care from Animal Services veterinarians, this beautiful chestnut mare made a remarkable recovery, and Animal Services found her a happy new home.



RESCUED

## Daphne

The Animal Protection Unit received a phone call from a neighbor who noticed a woman was “walking a skeleton” along the street. Animal Protection Unit Officers investigated the situation to find a young, female Miniature Pinscher that was being starved in an apartment by her owner. The Animal Protection Unit confiscated the dog and took her to one of the Animal Services shelters where she received a medical examination. Staff named the dog Daphne and found that she had no underlying medical problems; the owner had failed to feed her. Daphne is now healthy and of good weight, and lives by the beach in a loving home.



# The *Alive!* Interview

## To Help, to Heal

*On March 27, Club COO Robert Larios interviewed three Officers who are part of Animal Services' Animal Protection Unit: Officer I Glen Julian, 10 years of City service; Officer II Verna Riparip, 22 years; and Field Supervisor Lt. Jose Gonzalez, 17 years. The interview took place at Animal Services' headquarters downtown.*



Field Supervisor  
Lt. Jose Gonzalez



Officer II Verna Riparip



Officer I Glen Julian

**Thanks for talking to us today about the Animal Protection Unit, which is fairly new in Animal Services. This is a cross-departmental unit, right?**

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** Yes, within the City – we work with the City Attorney's Office.

**There are City attorneys who work with you as part of the same unit?**

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** Right.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** We train with them. We try to have monthly trainings so that the City Attorneys can explain how they want the cases written and organized. That way we can work within what they need to prosecute cases.

**Got it – to gather up the evidence or what they need to close cases.**

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** When we present our cases we review specific aspects that the City Attorneys are looking for.

**Right. But I'm jumping ahead. Let's get to the basics: What does the Animal Protection Unit do?**



Clockwise, from bottom: Officer I Glen Julian; Officer II Verna Riparip; Lt. Jose Gonzalez; and Club COO Robert Larios.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Capt. Lorna Esparza heads the unit, which is comprised of Officer Riparip and by several officers who are at various districts – Officer Glen Julian is at the West Valley Shelter. Officer Riparip is at North Central.

The others in the unit are Animal Control Officers Kristi Navarro, Gaby Lera and Barbara Hatley.

This whole unit was created to make the cases of possible animal cruelty that we encounter 100 percent prosecutable. We want to manage everything that the case needs so it can lead to a straight-up conviction. The problem in the past has been that the cases took a very long time. This new unit has streamlined that process. If a complaint of animal cruelty or animal neglect comes in and we know it's going to be a straight-up criminal case – all factors are present where we're going to wind up seizing animals to protect the animals' life – the APU steps in to work with the Officers that initiated the case. The officer that responded initially will work with one of these Officers in the APU. Our Officers know what they need to gather as evidence.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** As liaisons we help train and assist the officers with their investigation. We also guide them in writing and preparing their cases. The officers know how to investigate, but with regards to filing a criminal case there are specific factors that we look for in order to file. Investigations are a lot more labor-intensive when filing a criminal case.

## History

**How did the Animal Protection Unit get started?**

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** Capt. Esparza started it. She saw that sometimes these cases were not being pushed to their fullest extent because of lack of training and direction for both the officers, ACTs and medical staff. She started working with Officers whom she felt would be interested in this. She began to work more closely with the City Attorney's office and was able to file more cases. As more cases were coming in and being investigated with newfound skills, the Department noticed that these cases were good, and that we were getting convictions. The APU wasn't so much started as it evolved and grew.

**How long has this been isolated into a task?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** The City has had a taskforce with Animal Services and the LAPD for many years now. But this unit has been evolving and growing for the past few years.

## The *Alive!* Interview

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### Getting the Call

**So take us through a typical day. You have regular duties in addition to the extra responsibilities of the APU, right?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Right. I'm a Field Supervisor at the East Valley Shelter, so I supervise 11 Officers. That's day to day. It's not every day that we pick up a special case. But when we do, that's when the work begins. The regular day-to-day functions of the field range from anything from animal pickups, calls about a vicious animal on the loose, other complaints that are municipal code violations, or dangerous animal cases. In terms of criminal cases for animal neglect and cruelty, the timing all depends. We may pick up one or two a week sometimes and sometimes it may not be for another three weeks or more that we pick up a strong case to work.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** The APU isn't our sole job. Most of what we do is what every other Animal Control Officer in the City does. We go out and we do humane investigations, dangerous animal investigations, pick up injured animals, and so forth. This is on top of that.

**How do the calls come in? Are they citizen reported? Do they come from the City Attorney? Other Officers?**

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** Often other Officers or staff. The other day a dog came in as a stray, but the kennel staff felt that there was something funny going on. The dog was in very poor shape, so they came and got me. I investigated and found out that the person who had turned the dog in as a stray was the actual owner. This case is going to work its way through as a criminal case because the suspect tried to dump his neglected dog as a stray. Thanks to the kennel staff we will be able to prosecute this person.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** Sometimes we file cruelty cases that are generated from telephonic humane complaints. An animal may require medical attention or is not being provided food, water and shelter. The complaint initiates an investigation to determine if a violation exists and if a criminal filing is warranted. Sometimes investigations are generated due to an animal being brought into the shelter.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** We receive telephone complaints. Sometimes they want to remain anonymous, and that's okay. Our biggest hurdle with these cases is that you have a victim that doesn't talk and can't tell you what happened. And as in all criminal cases, finding witnesses is hard. That's why this unit was created – there's a lot to do in a proper investigation because your victim doesn't talk. We have to get our veterinarians involved to be able to determine animal cruelty or neglect. What did the vet have to do to bring the animal back to health? If the animal is dead then we have to do a necropsy, the animal version of an autopsy. In that case the vet will determine the cause of death, and then we apply the charge to our investigation.

A lot of people are involved in these investigations. It's not just us. It's the Officers and the medical staff ... finding corroborating witnesses ... putting together a big picture so when it lands in the courtroom it's a slam-dunk.

The calls come sporadically. And when you get those cases



Field Supervisor Lt. Jose Gonzalez



Officer I Glen Julian



Officer II Verna Riparip

where you look at your victim and you have to tell yourself, "Oh my God, somebody did this to a poor defenseless animal." That's when the work begins.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** People don't realize how much it takes to write up a case, and every case goes through Capt. Esparza.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** It's very labor-intensive.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** And we're employed by the City, so another thing this unit does is make sure that the City isn't liable for something. Dogs are considered property in the state of California. We're seizing that property. So the Fourth Amendment element comes in and we have to keep in mind – are we making legal entry? Can we make legal entry? Do we need a warrant because we're seizing property?

### Difficult but Rewarding

**What kind of conviction rate do you have?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** From the statistics that we had last year from all the cases that were filed criminally, we have a 100 percent conviction rate.

**One hundred percent?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** One hundred percent.

**That's amazing. How does that make you feel?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Great. We're making a difference. If the

*'The calls come sporadically. When you get those cases that you look at your victim and you have to tell yourself, "Oh my God, somebody did this to a poor, defenseless animal" ... that's when the work begins.'*

– Lt. Jose Gonzalez

community finds out that someone got convicted for animal neglect or cruelty because the dog was tethered on a chain and we seized that dog because he almost strangled himself because of the chain, then word in the neighborhoods spreads like wildfire: "Hey, you know the neighbor over there got convicted for animal neglect because the dog almost strangled itself." So, it's part of the education process.

**This must be very hard work but rewarding.**

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** Yes.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** It is hard work, but when you see what the animals looked like when they came in, when we picked them up, or when we seized them, then look at them when they leave the shelter, the difference can be so striking and amazing. It's a wonderful feeling to know we made such a difference.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Very.

**Why did you choose to do this line of work?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** I started with the City and the department when I was 21. As the years went by the job grew on me, and I felt like it was a really good, satisfying work – not only are we helping an animal victim, we're also helping the community get the resources it needs.

**Of course. But, specifically, in terms of the APU.**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** The law has always been something that satisfies me in a sense, where I have a good understanding of interpreting the law. Shy of being a lawyer, this is good enough for me. And that's why I do it. It's satisfying work to know that you've done something successfully and you've helped out an animal victim. Because, like Officer Julian said, when you see these animals come in in a particular condition, and we can prove to the court this is before and this is what the dog looks like now, it's satisfying. I've seen cases where I had a dog in a motorhome living in filth, and then we nursed the dog back to health and now it's living in a beautiful home out in the hills somewhere. Sometime people send us pictures to show us how happy the dog is now. The dog has just integrated itself with this new family and it's no longer living in a filthy motorhome under hazardous conditions.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** The department has always been very good about getting animals out of bad situations. When Officers find a bad situation, they will get the animal out of it. But by prosecuting the people we can ensure that the owners don't go and get another animal and the cycle doesn't start again, whether it's in a hoarding case or a case of neglect. People often don't see that they're neglecting the animals. To us, it's obvious. You can see the pictures. But the people themselves don't understand it. So we have to prosecute them so that we can ensure they can't have animals again.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** It's also educational for the individuals that we file cases on. We get a rewarding feeling when we're able to get justice for the victims that can't speak. It's a feeling I really can't describe in words. It's huge.

**Have you been threatened at doors?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Sure.

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The specialized Animal Protection Unit at the North Center Animal Shelter, front row, from left: Officer Barbara Hatley, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Capt. Lorna Esparza, Club Member; and Officer II Verna Riparip, 22 years, Club Member. Back: Field Supervisor Lt. Jose Gonzalez, 17 years, Club Member; Officer Gaby Lera, 18 years; Club Member; Officer I Glen Julian, 10 years; and Officer Kristi Navarro, 17 years, Club Member.

# ALIVE! FEATURE A New Leash on Life

## Animal Services: Animal Protection Unit

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I've had phone calls to my office in a threatening manner because we've seized animals from people. We're law enforcement. Not everyone is going to be happy, and especially not your suspect. Suspects do anything and everything to try to get out of what they're getting into or what they're being charged with. It's our job to make sure we do it legally. And we're not strong-arming anyone. Arrests are very rare with us. We submit cases to the City Attorney for prosecution after our investigation is complete. It's very rare when we make an arrest.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** We sometimes have trouble in the field. When that happens we call the LAPD and they come out and assist us.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Yes.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** When needed, the LAPD will come out and assist us, or if we're executing a search warrant we ask the LAPD to be present.

### Guidelines and Training

**There must be specific legal guidelines that people have to follow when they have an animal.**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Right. In California our penal code sections for animals start with 597. So Penal Code 597 starts all of the animal laws for the state of California. We apply the penal code more than any other code in the state of California. We also have our municipal codes, but those are complaints based on infractions or misdemeanors.

**You must've had some special legal training because you deal with City Attorneys.**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** As long as I've been here the department has provided training. We've trained with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). And we've gone to other locations with the Humane Society of the United States. We've gone through courtroom demeanor training – putting someone on the stand, because being on the stand can be grueling. Defense attorneys love to pick you apart.

Everybody has a special niche. Officer Julian is very good at our horse investigations. I like to consider myself a liability person – looking at the aspects of legal entry and whether or not the City can get sued for our actions. Lorna is the guru of this whole operation with our department. She's well rehearsed in the law and applying it. And so everybody has their qualities and special abilities. What I might not know about horses Glen knows. What I may not know about hamsters, well, Verna may know about hamsters.

Every animal requires different care. For example, yesterday we received a complaint about an emu. An emu, they're an Australian bird. This person said that the emu didn't have shelter. We came to find out that, under the law, an emu does not require shelter unless it's constantly under 30 degrees. Here in Southern California we're not going to get that cold. Some people are not satisfied with that.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** It can get frustrating when you go out to a humane complaint for a dog that is allegedly being kept in poor living conditions, but then you get out there and you see that the dog is being provided well beyond what is required. On those occasions I think to myself, "I'm going to come hang out with the dog and enjoy this, too!"

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** You never know what you're going to see when you go to a property. You have no idea.

**I'm stunned that the legal code would accommodate for an emu and the temperature that an emu at which it needs to be sheltered. It really gets that specific?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Yes. Different animals require different types of care.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** Capt. Esparza got a conviction for somebody trapping pigeons and letting them die in a trap on a roof. It's not just dogs and cats. We deal with all kinds of animals.

**Horses have to be expensive to keep. Do you run into situations where people had grander ideas of what they could take care of than they could?**

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** Yes. We do get starved, neglected or abandoned horses. People don't always know how to take care of them, or they can't financially afford to take care of them. Veterinary care, food and boarding are all expensive. If the horse is old or sick it even costs a lot to euthanize and have it hauled away. So some people just let them sit and starve. These poor horses are standing there slowly dying and the people don't help them because they don't know how, they won't or they can't. A neighbor will call, and then we'll go out and investi-

gate to determine what is going on and help the animal in the best way we can.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** Educating the public and pet owners is very important. Over the course of the years that I've been with the department, there's been a huge push as far as public outreach and assistance. We provide education and information for help. Some of the less egregious cases that we've filed could have been averted if the owners had simply reached out sooner and any required medical attention or assistance could have been provided. If it's not something that our department can assist with, we have different groups that can help them. There's so much outreach and help out there.

**Education is part of your mission, too.**

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** Absolutely.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** Our education is also internal – it helps the other Officers understand what it requires to further the investigation. We pass this knowledge on to the other officers.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** We go back to our districts and share the information we gain from training with the City Attorneys.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** We try to meet with the City Attorneys once a month. They'll look at the cases we've been submitting and say, "This is what we need to do, or this is what we need to know."

Memorable Cases

**What is a memorable case situation for each one of you that you can't get out of your mind, or one that really speaks to the heart of what it is that you do?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** It was a case with a dog tethered on top of a barrel in the rain; it couldn't escape. This particular case always circles back in my mind because of the photograph – like an SPCA commercial where you see the dog on the chain in the snow and he's just sitting there freezing and he's emaciated. This dog was emaciated with sores and open wounds all over his body. Those are the types of situations we come across sometimes. They stick to your brain because you can't believe some of the things that people do.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** For me, it's a recent event that we all took part in. Two geriatric dogs were living in deplorable conditions – they had crusty bloody skin, they were sick and were flea- and tick-infested. The garage was beyond disgusting, with cobwebs and rats.

They were in this dark, nasty, dirty garage huddled under wooden shelves, dejected and depressed, and not even wanting to get up and move. Over the course of time that they were in our care their condition continued to improve. I went to the facility where they were housed to take updated photos, check progress and see how they were recovering. Their skin was clearing up. They didn't have the horrible sores on them anymore and they were healing. All of the ticks were off of them. To see their cleaned faces, weight gain, wagging their tails and coming up to me was just – well, I was crying while I was taking the photos. I don't want it to come across like I cry over everything!

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** She's actually really tough.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** It was like night and day to see their behavior from when we first went in and rescued them.

If that's not miracle enough, this woman in San Pedro adopted both of these older dogs together. It's a good feeling.

There were some unweaned puppies involved in the same case, brand-newborn puppies that were tick-infested. One had some plastic mesh that was basically choking it. Glen was videoing and I was taking photos and while holding the puppy to get different angles the poor thing was just screaming in pain – not from us holding it but because it was so entangled in the plastic mesh.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** And would have died.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** And would've died. On top of having ticks all over it.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** Last year we convicted a woman of ani-



Alive! editor John Burnes interviews Officer Barbara Hatley.

mal hoarding. She had between 40 and 50 dogs in a single-family home; they were in very poor condition. We got a conviction, which was great. Less than a year later we received a tip that she had animals again, so I was sent out and I took photographs and audio and I went back to court and I played it for the judge. The woman then had to do jail time for breaking her probation. I guess she couldn't stop herself. It's not my job to figure out the reason. My job is to make sure she doesn't do it again and protect the animals.

### A Passion

**Why do you love what you do?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Because of the satisfaction that it brings me to know that this person has been convicted of doing such a heinous crime to an animal. The FBI has linked it to serial killers. Sometimes they start with animals and then graduate to people. The satisfying part is knowing that this person who allowed or subjected this dog to needless suffering, whether by injuring it or just allowing it to sit in the rain emaciated on a tether with injuries all over its body, has been brought to justice. I've seen situations where just the photographs alone are horrendous. What's satisfying to me is to be able to bring cases to a courtroom and teach people that they've done something wrong, and it's not okay. These situations can stretch out to even child neglect, if there are children present.

We've been talking about doing more education. That's important.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** At the end of my day, if I go home at least knowing that I've at least been able to make a difference in one animal's life, I had good day. Even if it's just helping to educate somebody on what they're doing wrong or what more they could do to better enhance and improve their animal's life.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Maybe 50 percent of our situations involve us being out there with the public and finding solutions for them. There are often good solutions and everybody's happy.

**Ofcr. Glen Julian:** My satisfaction is when I take those "after" photos, when I take the hold off the animal so that it can be adopted and find a new home. So for every case that we work on we take the "before" photos, the photos from the property, the photos from the veterinarian. And then we always take "after" photos. And you see the difference in the animal. When I take the hold off the animal, and this dog is now available for adoption to a new home, that's a great feeling. And I know that the previous owner can't go and do it again.

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** Believe it or not, in most of our animal cruelty cases where we've seized animals, even in large numbers, they're still very highly adoptable. People want to help and know that they are part of the solution to save that animal. It may have a story behind it, a bad story, but the new owner is the animal's a new leash on life.

**Ofcr. Verna Riparip:** It's a team effort to get the animal to a point from the time you bring them in from a horrible situation and your initial photos are just heartbreaking to the point that they're healed and healthy and you can remove the evidence hold and it can be adopted. When you look and compare those photos, you just think, oh my God that's the same dog? There's no way.

### How to Report

**What's the best way for people to report questionable behavior?**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** The public can report to our 888-number to the department of animal services any animal cruelty or neglect. Or they can just call 911. And 911 will go ahead and notify us. Or through the Website: LAanimalservices.com.

**Thank you for telling us about the important work that you for the community and the City's animals.**

**Lt. Jose Gonzalez:** You're welcome. ■



Capt. Lorna Esparza with Club COO Robert Larios (and pit bull Kevin, who's available for adoption).



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PUBLIC WORKS

## Ambassador Chermaine

Sanitation's Chermaine Fontenette, Club Member, is first woman in dept.'s Ambassador program.

Chermaine Fontenette, longtime Public Works/Sanitation Refuse Collection Truck Operator (RCTO) and Superstar Club Member, has a new gig – she's the first female to be added to Sanitation's Ambassadors program, which promotes smart sanitation choices

through public outreach and customer service. The Ambassadors program began in January 2007. Congratulations, Chermaine! And good luck getting the word out about smart ways to keep LA clean.



Chermaine Fontenette telling the good news of Clean LA with Sanitation dept. mascots Tommy the TV and Freddie the Fridge.

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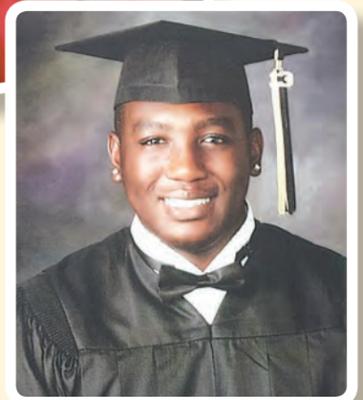
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## The Smart Move

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

## Home Equity as Retirement Income

Even with a pension you may come up short on income to survive and thrive in retirement. Too many public employees rely on their pension alone to get them through their retirement years. However, you may well need a boost to your retirement income to survive and thrive. The ability to access home equity can save a retiree from running short of money. There are a few ways you can use your home equity to improve your cash flow in retirement, especially for people relying on a pension that comes up short of needed living expenses.

### Sell Your Home and Downsize

If you don't need that big family home anymore, retirement is a good time to put the old house up for sale and replace it with one that's more affordable. Making the right move means you could cut these bills:

- Utilities
- Taxes
- Insurance
- Maintenance

The cash you clear on the deal likely will escape income tax. Uncle Sam lets single homeowners exclude the first \$250,000 of profit from capital gains taxes (\$500,000 for a married couple filing jointly). That's a major benefit of homeownership.

### Rent Your Spare Bedroom

Citing U.S. Census Bureau data, Finder.com estimates that there are 33.6 million spare bedrooms in the United States. At \$100 per week in rent — cheap in many areas of the country — an entrepreneurial retiree with unused space could gross \$5,200 in annual additional income. "Whether you are the 'Golden Girls' or the 'Odd Couple,' sharing your home could help reduce costs and improve enjoyment of life," says Catherine Collinson, president of the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies. "I see this as a really nice opportunity." With rents so high for regular apartments and even studios, co-living arrangements are becoming more common. Be sure to do your homework before allowing a boarder into your home.

### Sale/Lease Back

In this cozy arrangement, parents sell property to an adult child or to a specially designed trust for the long-term benefit of the younger generation and then lease the property back. The parents get:

- Tax-free cash or out from under the mortgage.
- A place to live.

The purchasers get rental income that, for tax purposes, is generally offset by related business expenses.

### Reverse Mortgage

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## PUBLIC WORKS



Norma Isahakian.

# Norma Becomes New Exec. Director

**Norma Isahakian becomes new head of Street Lighting.**

On Dec. 29, Mayor Eric Garcetti promoted Norma Isahakian as the permanent Executive Director of Street Lighting. She replaces Ed Ebrahimi, who retired after 31 years of City service.

Norma Isahakian has been working in the City for 29 years, with the majority of that time in the Bureau of Street Lighting. Twelve of those years she has been the Assistant Director, managing all programs and activities including design and construction, maintenance and repairs, administration and all budgetary duties.

The City has the second largest municipal street lighting system in the nation, with more than 215,000 streetlights. Norma has been responsible to deliver the Bureau's largest programs, ensure the City's street lighting system is operational and oversee the Bureau's Assessment Fund and annual budget of more than \$65 million.

She grew up in East Los Angeles and graduated from Loyola Marymount University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. She has a Professional Engineering License in the state of California.

Congratulations, Norma!



Norma Isahakian (left) signs in as the Executive Director of the Bureau of Street Lighting by City Clerk Holly Wolcott.



At the signing-in ceremony of the new Executive Director of the Bureau of Street Lighting, Norma Isahakian (center).



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# Rest Insured

BY JEFF GELINEAU  
Retired Vice President of United Agencies,  
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## Are You Insuring a Boat?

One question I've heard before is, "How big a boat do I need to own before I should bother to insure it?"

Of course, I recommend that you insure most everything. Like any decision that you make, the answer often varies based on how much it costs.

Most homeowners policies provide limited coverage for property damage for small boats such as canoes and small sail boats. Coverage is very limited (usually \$1,000), and generally includes the boat, motor and trailer combined. Liability coverage is typically not included, but it can be added as an endorsement to a homeowners policy. You should want to consider purchasing a personal watercraft policy to protect yourself and your water vehicle in the event of an accident.

Larger and faster boats, yachts and personal watercraft such as Jet Skis and Wave Runners require a separate boat insurance policy. The size, type and value of the craft and the water in which you use it factor into how much you will pay for insurance coverage.

What does a Personal Watercraft Policy cover?

- Bodily injury: For any injuries that you might cause to another person
- Property Damage: For any physical damage that you might cause to someone else's property
- Guest Passenger Liability: For any legal expenses incurred by someone using your boat with your permission
- Medical Payments: For any injuries to yourself or any other passengers
- Theft: If anyone steals your boat or watercraft, whether on the trailer or not

Typical policies include deductibles of \$250 for property damage, \$500 for theft and \$1,000 for medical payments. Liability limits start as low as \$25,000 and can be increased to \$1 million.

Boat owners should also inquire about special equipment kept on the boat, such as fishing gear, to make sure it is covered and verify that towing coverage is included in the policy. You can save money on your boat insurance by inquiring about the following discounts:

- Diesel-powered craft, which are less hazardous than gasoline powered boats as they are less likely to explode
- Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers
- Ship-to-shore radios
- Two years of claims-free experience
- Multiple policies with the same insurer, such as auto, home or umbrella policy
- Safety education courses, such as those offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Jet Skis and Wave Runners are growing in both popularity and power. And with that growth, the risks associated with them have increased as well. Many people don't think that they need to buy a separate policy for their Wave Runner. This is far from the truth. These machines are very powerful, and can cause severe injuries and property damage. You are just as liable for damage you cause on the water as you are for damage you cause on the highway.

When buying any type of personal watercraft policy, be sure to read the exclusions. Some common exclusions include:

- Striking a submerged object is a typical exclusion and a quite common cause of damage.
- Engine overheating due to an accidental cause is often excluded under some policies.
- Some policies have limits on theft or only provide coverage only when the Jet Ski is in a locked enclosure.
- Some programs have a catastrophe deductible, which applies whenever the watercraft is damaged in a windstorm, hurricane or other natural disaster.



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ZOO

## Wild for the Planet

Zoo continues its month-long Earth Day event.

**April 21 – May 18**

### Wild for the Planet

**WHAT:** month-long event highlighting sustainability

**When:** Daily through May 18, with special programming on Saturdays and Sundays

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Los Angeles Zoo's annual Wild for the Planet Earth Day celebration continues through Endangered Species Day on Friday, May 18. On weekends, the event features animal feedings, keeper talks and demonstrations; a conservation-themed aerialist show, puppet shows and other activities, fun and information focusing on the importance of protecting the environment and its creatures. In honor of international Year of the Bird, this year's Wild for the Planet spotlights native plants and other plant species that support local birds and highlights the Zoo's bird conservation achievements with five bird gardens throughout the grounds. All activities are free with paid Zoo admission. The full Wild for the Planet schedule is available at [www.lazoo.org/wildfortheplanet](http://www.lazoo.org/wildfortheplanet)

Among Wild for the Planet's weekend activities are special animal feedings/keeper talks and enrichment demonstrations at 1 and 2 p.m., featuring gorillas and pronghorn (May 5), Chacoan peccaries and Komodo dragons (May 6); bear and zebras (May 12) and tigers and condor (May 13).

New this year is a spectacular aerialist show about bird conservation (11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.). Children and families can also learn how to make a positive impact on the environment during an interactive puppet show, presented by Swazzle, inspired by the L.A. Zoo's own conservation efforts (11:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.).

On Saturday, May 12, when the Audubon network in the greater Los Angeles area holds "Bird L.A. Day" celebrating the biodiversity of the City's birds, Wild for the Planet presents an education station introducing guests to birding as an important and tried-and-true form of citizen science. This activity emphasizes the Zoo's mission to encourage people to care about the natural world around them by connecting them with animals in a personal and direct way.

A Conservation Expo with vendors on the weekends of May 5 and 6 and May 12 and 13 emphasizes local conservation efforts for the planet and animals.

Among daily activities during Wild for the Planet are the Zoo's close-up "Animals & You" encounters as well as special feedings, intriguing talks and guided experiences. Visitors receive a Wild for the Planet "Activity Guide" that includes a map to the bird gardens, bird-themed activities, and other conservation information. Guests can also participate in the L.A. Zoo's electronic device recycling program by donating an unwanted cell phone, smartphone, iPod, iPad, tablet or MP3 player at the green ECO-CELL bin in the Zoo's Entry Plaza. Each contribution directly benefits animal conservation programs and reduces the demand for mineral mining that threatens the natural habitats of endangered animals such as the western lowland gorilla.

*Programming is subject to change.*

*Zoo admission is \$21 for general admission and \$16 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.*

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*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. For additional information, contact (323) 644-4200 or visit [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)*



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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

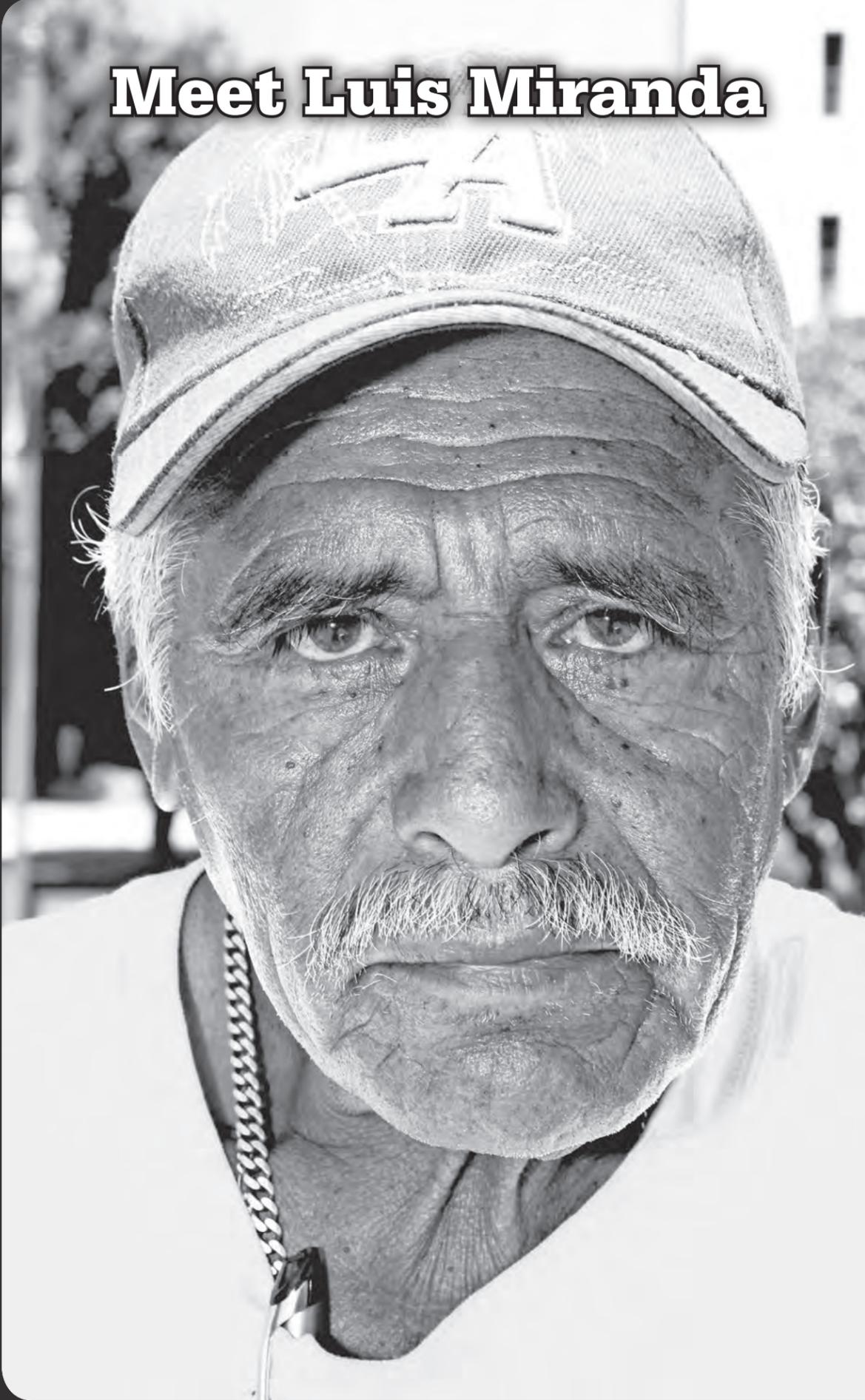
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in a series.

# People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.



## Meet Luis Miranda



**BIRTHPLACE:** Morelia, Mexico.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Widowed."  
**FAMILY:** "I have two brothers."  
**EDUCATION:** "Up to the seventh grade."  
**MILITARY SERVICE:** "Yes, in Mexico, in the mechanic's unit."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "In the street, and sometimes I head over to North Hollywood."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "The beaches, like Long Beach."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "In 1999."  
**WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "For an adventure."  
**RELIGION:** "Catholic."  
**MEDICATIONS:** "Glucosamine."  
**SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL?** "I played soccer."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Rodolfo Acosta."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "None that I can think of."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Not a single movie, but musicals."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "El Chavo del Ocho."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Calabaza en Techa."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Whatever comes my way."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Mexican, from the old days."  
**LAST BOOK READ:** "The Bible."  
**LAST JOB:** "A body shop employee."  
**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?** "No."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "Just being a child with no worries."  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "A bread roll."  
**MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION:** "None."  
**POSSESSIONS:** "A sleeping bag, a blanket and a radio."  
**FAVORITE POSSESSION:** "Pliers."  
**IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SOLUTION?** "I'd investigate who really needed help and who was just looking to get a free handout."  
**WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION:** "I'd help the people I talk to, and build a business to survive."  
**MAKE A WISH:** "For all my family to be well and that they know that I am okay."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Don't depend on the government for help. Take care of your job and think about the future."  
**ADVICE FOR PARENTS:** "It's simple. Keep an eye on your kids. Alcohol and drugs are the downfall. Alcohol was the killer for me. It made me do stupid things that I regret."  
**WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS?** "Back in Mexico."

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

*The interview, conducted in Spanish by Angel Gomez, took place July 23 at Temple and Main Streets downtown. Photos by Robert Larios.*



{ 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. }

**PUBLIC WORKS**

# Three Retire From Sanitation

Recently, three long-time veterans have retired from Public Works/Sanitation. They are:



**Cynthia Perez**

A gathering was held Dec. 5 for Cynthia Perez on her retirement from Sanitation. Thank you for your dedicated service!

**Mark Starr**

On March 6, Sanitation congratulated Mark Starr, Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant Manager, on his pending retirement after 34 years of City service. Congratulations, Mark!



**Pamela Boddie**

On Dec. 19, Sanitation honored Graphic Designer, Pamela Boddie, for her 28 years of City service. Her beautiful work can be seen at Sanitation's Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion Treatment Plant, and throughout Sanitation's offices. Congratulations on your retirement!

# Family Fun

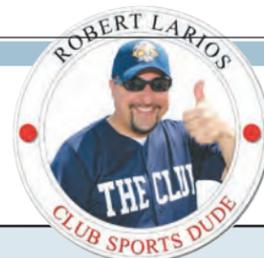
**comes first with Club deals to Great Wolf Lodge!**

– Go to the **Club Webstore** for details:

[cityemployeesclub.com](http://cityemployeesclub.com)

# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • May 2018



## JOIN A SPORT:

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.

Hoops, Bowling, Softball:  
**Club Sports on the Horizon**



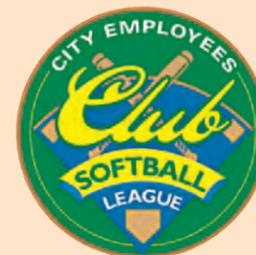
**Basketball**

The 2018 Club basketball season is scheduled to begin later this year with registration open now (eight teams are needed to get the season started).



**Bowling**

The season for bowling can begin at any time when there is enough player interest and participation.



**Softball**

The 2018 Club softball season will begin later this year with registration open now.

**WHO CAN JOIN?**

All players **must be Club Members** and agree to all regular Club membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join and become members and must be City, State or County employees. Club Membership fees are \$6 per pay period for City and DWP employees, and \$4 per month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club Members over 18 years of age.

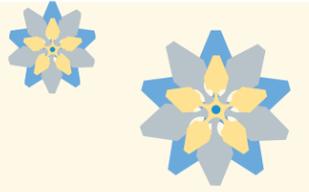


# Join the New Era of Club Savings!

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# Life's Important Moments



## Share Your Life's Important Moments



**Everyone reads Life's Important Moments in *Alive!***

Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

**Send digital photos to:**  
(as high a resolution as you can send)  
[talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

OR send paper photos to:  
**Life's Moments – *Alive!***  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
*Please don't send the only one you have!*

## Tell Their Story



*Paula Marie Pfeifle*  
**1950-2018**  
**LAPD**

**P**aula M. "Paws" Pfeifle, 67, of Newbury Park, passed away March 8 while in hospice care at Los Robles Hospital, Thousand Oaks, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a Reserve Officer and then a 911 Dispatcher in the 1970s and '80s.

Born Paula Rogers in Ponca City, Okla. Dec. 31, 1950, she was Native American Cherokee Indian. Her father died unexpectedly at an early age. Paula and her mother moved to North Hollywood.

Paula loved music. She played piano and studied music throughout school and then abroad at the Schiller University, Heidelberg, Germany. Her dream was to become the first female conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra. She went to cosmetology school and obtained her state license as a certified beautician.

When a career in law enforcement called, Paula joined the Los Angeles Police Dept. She completed the Academy training and became a Reserve Officer at the North Hollywood station during the 1970s. She then completed the training to become an emergency 911 Dispatcher in the 1980s. She married her husband, Greg, a sworn officer at the LAPD, and they were together for 35 years. Paula left the LAPD after being injured.

Her love of children led her to obtain a state license to run a Child Daycare facility from the home in Newbury Park for nearly 20 years. In addition, Paula also shared her love of children by volunteering countless hours with the Starlight Children's Foundation and the Make-a-Wish Foundation, groups that grant wishes to hospitalized, critically or terminally ill children.

Paula had a special devotion to animals, especially dogs, and became a rescuer in her spare time. She was well known throughout the rescue community. Her last daycare child, Lily Cohen, gave her the nickname "Paws." When Paula moved to Newbury Park, she brought the neighbors together, creating a community, and was affectionately called "the Mayor." In her healthier days, Paula liked to power-walk the neighborhood, often going 11 miles per walk.

Paula will not be remembered for her death but for her incredible spirit, kindness and generosity. She made a difference in the lives of many. Paula is survived by her husband, Greg; her stepson, Ryan (whom she raised); her stepdaughter, Carrie; her mother, Joyce; her aunt, Javene (and partner Walter); and three step-grandchildren, Michael, Conner and Dylan. The family would like to thank Dr. Shahryar Ashouri and all the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at the cancer facilities of UCLA and USC.

A life celebration was scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, April 22 at Conejo Mountain Cemetery, Chapel on the Hill, 2052 Howard Rd., Camarillo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation at UCLA, or Rescue Me, Inc.

– Submitted by Greg Pfeifle, Retired, LAPD

## 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>			
Bentley, Larry	Public Works 4	Givens, Edward	Public Works 22
Blackmon, Larry	General Services 11	Hake, Richard	DWP 30
Brooks, Harold	Rec and Parks 23	Harris, Preston	DWP 17
Casas, Camilo	Rec and Parks 33	Head, Richard	DWP 30
Dionisio, Danilo	Finance 11	Hines, Thomas	Public Works 23
Dudley, Joi	DWP 3	Hoffman, Caren	DWP 12
Harrell, Milton	General Services 29	Jones, Robert	DWP 30
Ray, Darren	LAPD 3	Keith, Jon	DWP 29
Senar, Reynante	DWP 13	Kendricks, Willie	Public Works 19
<b>Retired</b>			
Barela, Lovelle	DWP 21	Kloss, Judy	Public Works 17
Barnes, Robert	Zoo 44	Korta, Edward	DWP 18
Barnum, Sylvia	DWP 19	Lemelle, Clayton	DWP 28
Becker, David	Public Works 30	Lindsay, David	ITA 12
Beecroft, Paul	General Services 30	Lyles, Freddie	Public Works 16
Brady, James	Airports 30	Miles, James	DWP 27
Brogan, Charles	Public Works 34	Miranda, Rudolph	DWP 21
Brown, Clyde	Airports 25	Moore, Raymond	CDD 16
Brown, Mavis	General Services 25	Muraoka, Harold	General Services 30
Brown, Otis	General Services 6	Nagai, Saburo	DWP 29
Brown, Robert	DWP 39	Paez, David	Rec and Parks 38
Butler, Ann	Public Works 21	Parks, Rudeen	Harbor 2
Cacnio, Belen	Finance 14	Peck, Harlow	Harbor 11
Caldwell, Andrew	Rec and Parks 31	Petrich, Stephen	Public Works 41
Calimag, Emma	Public Works 33	Pfeifle, Paula	LAPD 10
Calloway, Dorothea	DWP 17	Phillips, Eugene	Airports 28
Calove, Manuel	LAFD 17	Piggee, Barbara	Housing 20
Camacho, Honorio	Rec and Parks 24	Prada, Alfredo	Harbor 9
Canada, Earl Sr.	DWP 29	Quercio, Bellardino	DWP 30
Cazares, Gloria	LAFD 36	Reed, Leonard	DWP 27
Cohenour, William Jr.	DWP 32	Rice, William	General Services 31
Cooper, Ennis	Transportation 21	Richardson, Stephen	DWP 32
Courtney, Robert	DWP 27	Salas, Steven	DWP 39
De Jesus, Emily	DWP 46	San Marco, John Jr.	DWP 17
Delifus, Norman	Public Works 34	Schindler, Lillian	Transportation 4
Duddy, Neil	DWP 27	Scoggins, Azell	Airports 32
Dunn, William	Airports 22	Sibley, Donald	General Services 31
Eckerson, Cornelis	ITA 25	Skelton, William	DWP 24
Elizarraraz, Michael	General Services 8	Smuland, Kenneth	General Services 33
Ellison, Dale	Public Works 38	Starr, Frank	DWP 30
Engberg, Mary	Library 43	Talbert, Johnny	Public Works 34
Flick, Mildred	DWP 30	Tamayo, Antonio	DWP 12
Forbes, Johnnie	Rec and Parks 40	Thayer, Richard	General Services 15
Foster, Herbert	DWP 36	Thomas, Ambrose	Transportation 7
Friedman, Herbert	Personnel 21	Toussant, Ivery	Public Works 29
Gilbert, Leo Sr.	Public Works 25	Uribe, Harvey	DWP 43
Glenn, Ann	DWP 26	Vinson, Carl	DWP 18
Guenther, Kurt	ITA 12	Watson, Debra	LAPD 24
		Wilson, Willis	DWP 26

## Tell Their Story

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

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

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



## New Members

# Welcome New Members!

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

### Airports

Stevenson Agdeppa  
Yesenia Alcalá  
James H. Anderson  
Joeleen Davis  
Leon Dillihunt  
Lanie Espiritu  
Jerome Evans  
Anthony Evans  
Michael Gonzales  
Victor Guirguis  
Saheed Inawo  
David Lee  
Jonathan Maldonado  
Jorge Mares  
Patrick McPherson  
William Miranda  
Elario Monteiro  
Frank Nguyen  
Alberto Perez  
Richard Plourde  
Marcos Ramirez  
Patrice Ray  
Cynthia Rodriguez  
Rachel Roman  
Hortencia Rowland  
Vincent Smith  
Glenn Taylor  
Mike Vega  
Alston Verner  
Dannie Vick  
De Aaron Williams  
Sadra Williams

### Animal Services

Sofia Davila  
Samantha Day  
Curtis Harper  
Angelica Meza  
Michael Treadway

### Building and Safety

John Corbin  
Elisa Princess Valdez

### City Clerk

Daisy Mejia

### Department on Disability

Claudia Natera

### General Services

Nery Acevedo  
Michelle Arguello  
Michael Baker  
Jaime Flores  
Jacob Gaytan  
Jorge Gomez  
Julio Hernandez  
Samuel Mejin  
Laton Phillips  
Jaime Pinon  
Leodegario Polintan III  
Rudy Rancharan  
Jesus Rincon  
Ronaldo Rodriguez  
Dario Salazar  
Tavern Sanchez  
Jose Serratos  
Juan Tellez Jr.  
Carlos Vega

### Harbor

Michael Lartundo  
Todd McElhanev  
Jae Yoon

### ITA

Clarissa Ocampo

### Library

Kroscheska Arias

### LAFD

Dale Drummond

Ulysses Gomez

### LAPD

Danny Balmaceda  
John Catalano  
Christina Cuevas  
Breanne Cundiff  
Michael Cuniff  
Bryan Diaz  
Breahna Fox  
Jessie Garcia  
Crystal Hayes  
Diana Huezo  
Kaniece Jones  
Cameron Kim  
Tiffany La Beaud  
Roma Valerie Locsin  
Reginald McCool  
Gia Narvaez  
Gary Newton  
Samuel Orozco  
Rene Piedra  
Jesus Puente  
Argelia Quezada  
Gerardo Ruiz  
Max Shibata  
Victoria Uy  
Anthony Valdez  
Drew Votroubek  
Stacy Theurer

### Mayor's Office

Suzi Emmerling

### Planning

Hani Baker  
Matt Gamboa  
James Howe  
Anacany Hurtado  
Hakeem Parke-Davis  
Kyle Winston Danai Zaire

### PUBLIC WORKS

### Engineering

David Archer

### Sanitation

Carlos Aristizabal  
Nicholas Cacho  
Edward Diaz  
Robert Gonzales  
Arin Hatoomian  
Burnell Jones  
Issac Lopez  
Jennifer Ramos  
Louie Serrano  
Fredrick Thomas

### Street Services

Constancio Abracia Jr.  
Kimberly Golden  
Elvis Haro  
William Mullins  
Frank Torres

### Rec and Parks

Jessica Ambriz  
Carla Arrue  
James Bautista  
Christian Benavides  
Aryelle Carter  
Erick Cervantes  
Sharon Dooley  
Deogracias Herrera  
Adul Kostelny  
Marcus Raiford  
Vincent Ramos  
John Reich  
Ruben Rodriguez  
Ricardo Romero  
Fernando Saucedo  
Clinton Stevenson  
Jose Tapia  
Anthony Veljacio  
Timothy Vila

Sidney Wimbish

Sonya Young Jimenez

### Transportation

Jessica Hall  
Christopher Hardy-Taylor  
Allen Lanuza  
Paul Weinberg  
Robert Mendez  
Ezequiel Morales  
Wuilber Namboo  
Nikolas Osbourne  
Jose Romero Jr

### DWP

Luis Aguilar  
Frank Amador III  
Ryan Andrews  
Rommel Balandra  
Irish Bambao  
Charlena Briggs  
Eunique Bryant  
Darryl Burton  
Vanessa Calderon  
Jorge Camps  
Robert Canady  
Lorraine Castaneda  
Guillermo De La Torre  
Derek Dinh  
Ernest Florence II  
Donna Flowers  
Ernest Garcia  
Steven Garcia  
Chad Grossman  
Kisha Harris  
Eric Hulsey  
Patrick Jougler  
Steven Kirk  
Chandra Lollis  
Ashley Lyday  
Alberto Martinez  
Blanca Perez  
Claudio Sanchez  
Stacey Stanford  
Jennifer Tang  
Christophe Thelia  
Robert Valdez

### Other

Stacy Baker  
Gus Baldwin  
Guillermo Barillas  
Lon Berger  
Andrew Betancourt  
Shem Bostick  
Marlene Brown  
Brittany Brown  
Alejandro Castro  
Althea Chavis-Cotton  
David Cooper II  
Joel Coronado  
Olga Coumparoules  
Gillisha Cox  
Lucia Diaz  
Jennifer Diaz  
Bradley Ditzel  
London Gagnier  
Brian Gatlin  
James Hanner  
Steven Hanson  
Kelly Hanson  
Jennifer Huerta  
Sharon Kendrick  
Natassja Lawrence  
Francisco Leon  
Michael Loaiza  
Florian Loyola  
Reginald McCoy  
Odette Moshola  
Lawrence O'Neill  
Adrian Ortega  
Mirza Pinzon  
Stephanie Rose  
Sabrina Sibley  
Barry Thomas  
Rhoel Valdez  
Ellen Valdez

## Births



**Isaiah Anthony Grimes**, born March 21 to Adriana and Jason Grimes. Isaiah is the **grandson of Sgt. Alden Marsh, Transportation.**



**Samuel Seiichi Robin**, born March 28 to Kevin and Emma Robin. Samuel is the first **grandchild for John, LAFD, and Nancy Hicks.**

## Graduations



**Jesse Mathew Alvarado Jr.** is graduating from Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic High School in Montebello. He has enjoyed participating in football, swimming and drama. He plans to attend Mt. St. Antonio College, anticipating a career in the medical field.



**Samantha Elena Alvarado** is graduating from St. Benedict Catholic High School in Montebello, with honors. She plans to attend Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School, where she plans to participate in the biomed program, the basketball team and the swim team.

**Jesse and Samantha are the children of Jesus Alvarado, Carpenter, Harbor.**



**Hannah Elise Ilagan** graduated from William S. Hart High School in Santa Clarita. She plans to attend UC Irvine in the fall, majoring in criminal justice, and pursuing a law degree. She's the **daughter of Joan Ilagan, DWP.**



**Jasmine Kaitlyn Adriano Parra** graduated from kindergarten at the South Hills Academy and is looking forward to "promoting to the first grade." She's the **daughter of Janelle Adeloga Adriano Parra, Economic/Workforce Development.**



# Over 75,000 Member Discounts!

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



THE CLUB

# City Polos for Most Depts.!

Popular Club polos are now available for most City Departments.

The Club's polo shirts are now available for most City and DWP departments. Show your City pride!

The current department list is on page 18. What are you waiting for?

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 17.



**CITY DEPARTMENT**

# Polo Shirts

*Do you have your polo shirt yet?  
Order yours today!*

Order form: When you're ready, use the convenient order form, included in the ad on page 17.



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United Agencies

## Raffle!

During May and June, United Agencies will give a raffle ticket for everyone who gets an insurance quote ... and two if the policy is purchased. Winner will be drawn June 28. Get your quote today!

When it comes to their auto Insurance, United Agencies has been serving hundreds of Club Members for years. We provide a high level of personal service, with some of the lowest rates in California. Come experience the difference in service you get when you say, "I'm with the Club!"

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	COMPANY	(91105 Zip Code)
California Automobile Insurance Premium Survey	Farmers	\$1,482
	State Farm	\$1,339
	Allstate	\$1,329
	Geico	\$1,311
	Auto Club	\$929
	<b>United Agencies</b>	<b>\$876</b>

These insurance products are brought to you by the Club's Partner, United Agencies, Inc. CA Lic. # 0252636 United Agencies represents Mercury Insurance Group, as well as Chubb Insurance, Hartford, Fireman's Fund, Progressive, Civil Service Employees Insurance, Allied, Safeco, Travelers, Unigard and Encompass.

# NEW CLUB BENEFIT!

## Club Deals

Powered by Entertainment®



Club COO Robert Larios saved \$10 (off a minimum purchase of \$40; some restrictions apply) at the Black Angus restaurant in Santa Ana.

**Are you taking full advantage of your Club Membership by using deals powered by Entertainment®? SIGN UP!**

The Club has teamed up with national discount service **Entertainment®** to bring you the best discount package in the state, at no additional cost. It's all part of your Club membership.

Entertainment® offers a wide array of food, travel, shopping and other great deals – in addition to the hundreds of deals the Club already offers.



**It's easy to sign up:**

- > Login to the Club Website
  - > Click on [Deals](#)
  - > Follow the links to Powered by Entertainment®.
  - > Register for the Entertainment® membership
- ... you're good to go.

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### Reasons to Use Discounts Powered by Entertainment

- If you're a Club Member, it's part of your membership; you already have this perk!
- Once registered, saving money is quick and easy: Simply enter your zip code and the Website automatically tailors the coupons to the businesses closest to you. You can browse by category—dining, shopping, travel, and more—or search by keyword or the name of a specific vendor. Plus, if you find a coupon you know you'll use, you can click "Save for later" and it goes into a special folder that makes it easy to access.
- You can save on popular chain restaurants and stores and when making purchases online.
- Discounts are included for local merchants, too! There are numerous coffee shops, restaurants, hair salons, exercise facilities and car service stations to choose from.
- And finally ... **You can save a lot of money!**



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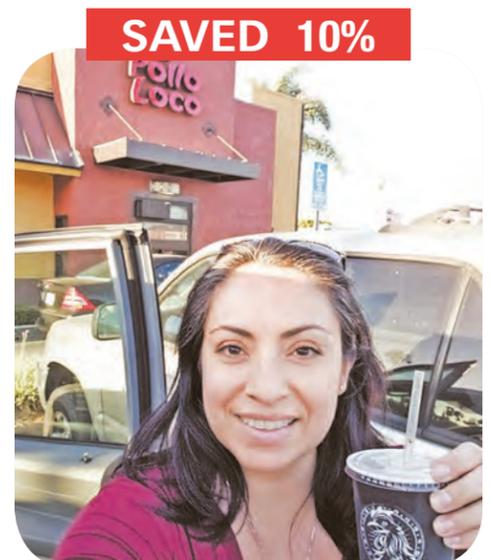
See the ad on page 33 for instructions on how to sign up, and then save!



The Club's IT department saved \$10 on their purchase of \$40 or more at Pestolini downtown.



Club Social Media Manager Dearbhla McNulty saved about \$13.50 (buy-one, get-one free on entrees) at the Good Pizza location in Marina del Rey. Great for Airports and LAPD Pacific Area employees!



Club Members Elena and John Sousa saved 10 percent on their order at El Pollo Loco on Gaffey Street in San Pedro.



Club Director of Product Development Arlene Herrero saved 10 percent at Mixers Ice Cream and Boba in Las Vegas.



Club Director of Marketing Summy Lam saved 10 percent off his shoe repair (more than \$25), saving \$5.50, at Arcadia Shoe Repair.



Club Mobile Man Angel Gomez saved \$25 at Big 5 Sporting Goods in Cerritos.



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THIS MONTH AT THE

## Griffith Observatory

### Sunset Walk

Wednesday, May 23

7:40 - 8:40 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.

**FREE!**

**Information:**

[griffithobservatory.org/programs/programs.html#walktalk](http://griffithobservatory.org/programs/programs.html#walktalk)

**Support the Griffith Observatory!**

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## Larios In the City

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



### Congratulations!

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



**Dolores Lillard**  
Retired from the DWP, with 36 years of City service.



**Chandra L. Flemister Arceneaux**  
Retired from Airports, with 31 years of City service.



**Madeleine "Maddy" Long**  
Retired from the DWP, with 21 years of City service.



**Jaime Medina**  
Retired from the DWP, with 35 years of City service.



**Betty E. Reed**  
Retired from the DWP, with 30 years of City service.



**Sallie O. Dominguez**  
Retired from the DWP, with 34 years of City service.



**Ralph D. Mendoza**  
Retired from Public Works/ Street Services, with 20 years of City service.



**Gregory Carter**  
Retired from Public Works/ Sanitation, with 32 years of City service.



**Kristy M. Maloof**  
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# Cooking with the Club

Photos: Patty M. Larios



with Chef Robert Larios



## Steak and Charred Vegetables With Basil and Lemon

This month I am trying an all-organic dish that includes an organic rib-eye steak. The dish is full of flavor. What was a hit in the Larios kitchen was the scallion oil and the side dish of charred

vegetables, basil and lemon. The scallion oil is very simple to make, and I would encourage you to experiment, trying it on other dishes as well, including fish and chicken.

*iBuen provecho!*

*Chef Larios*

### Steak and Charred Vegetables With Basil and Lemon

Serves 2

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 organic scallions
- 1 organic zucchini or other summer squash
- 1 organic lemon
- 4 or 5 sprigs organic fresh basil
- 5 ounces organic grape or cherry tomatoes
- 3 ounces organic baby kale or other leafy greens such as spinach
- 4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

#### Steak options:

- 2 top sirloin steaks (about 6 ounces each)
- 1 organic rib-eye steak (about 14 ounces; 1 steak serves 2)

#### Cooking TIDBIT

*Adding a little sugar and salt to season scallion oil is customary in Vietnamese cooking, but if you're watching your sugar intake, just use salt.*

#### [ Food Lover's Dictionary: ]



#### Scallion [SKAL-yuhn]

The name "scallion" is applied to several members of the onion family, including a distinct variety called scallion, immature onions (commonly called green onion), young leeks and sometimes the tops of young shallots. They can also be chopped and used in salads, soups and a multitude of other dishes for flavor.

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### Food Quote

"The only time to eat diet food is while you are waiting for the steak to cook."

– Julia Child  
(1912-2004)

#### DIRECTIONS:

**1**

#### Make the scallion oil.

Trim the root ends from the scallions; then thinly slice them. In a small heatproof bowl, stir together the scallions, one-half teaspoon salt, and one-half teaspoon sugar, if using. In a large frying pan over medium-high heat, warm 2 to 3 tablespoons (3 to 4 TBL) olive oil until hot but not smoking. Carefully pour the oil over the scallions (they should sizzle) and stir to combine. Let stand while you prepare the steak and vegetables. Do not clean the pan.



**2**

#### Prep and cook the steak.

Pat the steak dry with a paper towel; season generously with salt and pepper. Transfer to a plate and tent loosely with foil to keep warm. Add some of the scallion oil on both sides of the steak. Grill at 130°-135°F internal temperature of steaks for medium rare and 140°-145°F for medium. While the steak cooks and rests, prepare the vegetables.



**3**

#### Prep and cook the vegetables.

Trim the ends from the zucchini; cut the zucchini in half lengthwise, then crosswise into one-quarter-inch-thick half-moons.

Zest and juice the lemon, keeping the zest and juice separate. (Zest and juice 1 lemon; save the remaining lemon.)

Strip the basil leaves from the stems; coarsely chop the leaves.

In the same pan used for the steak, warm 1 tablespoon (2 TBL) olive oil over medium-high



heat until hot but not smoking. Add the zucchini, season with salt, and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned and starting to soften, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until starting to char and soften, 3 to 4 minutes. Working in batches if needed, stir in the baby kale and cook until just wilted, 1 to 2 minutes.

Remove from the heat and stir in the basil, lemon zest, 1 tablespoon (2 TBL) lemon juice, and 1 tablespoon (2 TBL) scallion oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

**4**

#### Serve and enjoy!

Transfer the steak and vegetables to individual plates. Drizzle the remaining scallion oil over the steak and serve.



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GENERAL SERVICES

### Good Going, Dave!



David Jimenez, third quarter MVP.

David Jimenez was named third quarter MVP for General Services' Supply Services Division, Distribution Center Group for the third quarter.

"Dave has done a terrific job picking up on warehouse work in addition to his Delivery Driver duties," said Karl Guder, Stores Supervisor, General Services, and Club Member. "Thanks, Dave, and keep up the great work!"

## Library's TOP 10

Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in March.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central library downtown and 73 branches combined.

### Top 10 Books

1. *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House*, Michael Wolff
2. *Two Kinds of Truth*, Michael Connelly
3. *The Midnight Line: A Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
4. *The Late Show*, Michael Connelly
5. *The Wanted*, Robert Crais
6. *Fifty Fifty*, James Patterson
7. *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
8. *Night Moves: An Alex Delaware Novel*, Jonathan Kellerman
9. *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah
10. *Y is for Yesterday*, Sue Grafton

### Top 10 E-Books

1. *Little Fires Everywhere*, Celeste Ng
2. *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House*, Michael Wolff
3. *Origin: A Novel*, Dan Brown
4. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
5. *Artemis: A Novel*, Andy Weir
6. *Manhattan Beach: A Novel*, Jennifer Egan
7. *Turtles All the Way Down*, John Green
8. *Two Kinds of Truth: Harry Bosch Series, Book 22*, Michael Connelly
9. *The Woman in the Window: A Novel*, A.J. Finn
10. *The Princess Diarist*, Carrie Fisher

### Top 10 DVDs

1. *Atomic Blonde*
2. *Dunkirk*
3. *It*
4. *Kingsmen: The Golden Circle*
5. *Wonder Woman*
6. *Blade Runner 2049*
7. *Despicable Me 3*
8. *Baby Driver*
9. *Coco*
10. *The Hitman's Bodyguard*

### Top 10 Songs Downloaded via Freegal\*

1. "Havana," Camila Cabello feat. Young Thug
2. "No Excuses," Meghan Trainor
3. "Say Something," Justin Timberlake feat. Chris Stapleton
4. "Never Be the Same," Camila Cabello
5. "Love Lies," Khalid & Normani
6. "No Roots," Alice Merton
7. "Him & I," G-Eazy & Halsey
8. "Zombie," Bad Wolves
9. "Lights Down Low," MAX
10. "Top Off," DJ Khaled feat. Jay Z, Future & Beyoncé

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## Members Marketplace

### New Ads This Month!

**For Sale:** real estate plots. First plot: 10 acres near El Mirage, Calif. Appraised at \$16,000. Second plot: 160 acres (half-mile by half-mile) near Phelan, appraised at \$160,000. Make offer. (818) 787-3787. 5/18

**For Sale:** cemetery plots. 3, side by side. Forest Lawn, Glendale, section Resurrection slope, lot 2619. Valued at \$15,000, sell for \$12,000. Buyer pays \$250 transfer fee. Myrna, (323) 493-2224. 5/18

**For Sale:** cemetery plots. 3, side by side. Forest Lawn, Glendale, section Resurrection slope, lot 2619. Valued at \$15,000, sell for \$12,000. Buyer pays \$250 transfer fee. Myrna, (323) 493-2224. 5/18

**For sale:** San Diego Timeshare for rent for 7 days July 17-24 for \$1,100, Max Occ. 4. No Smoking and no Pets. Queen in Mstr, 1 Ba., full sleeper in Lr. Microwave, Dishwasher, ref, and 2 Burner stove top. Valet pckg \$30 per night, Adj pckg \$20 or limited street parking. Public Bus to Conv Ctr for Comic Con. Call Terry (818) 769-3382. 5/18

**For Sale:** washer/dryer. Whirlpool electric, less than eight months old, like new. Includes manual and instructions. \$600; buyer must pick up. ilpebbly14@gmail.com 5/18

**For Sale:** pickup truck. 1994 GMC SLE. 210,000 miles, runs great. 5.7 TBI, the best motor and truck Chevy ever built. Great daily driver. \$3,400. Rob, (626) 827-4386. 5/18

**For Rent:** Condo. Big Island, Hawaii. Ocean view, vacation ready. 2 bd/2 bath. Heated pool, hot tub, barbecues. Ocean access across the street. Sleeps 5. Starting \$160/night. Jeff, (661) 510-6101. 4/18

### Transport

**For Sale:** Ford Thunderbird. 1964. Runs, needs work. Dog not included. \$5,000 OBO. Charlotte, (310) 957-1274, charluv2011@gmail.com 3/18

**For Sale:** motorcycle. Harley-Davidson FLTRX Road Glide, fewer than 500 miles. Like new. \$20,000 OBO. Dexter, (323) 778-2843. (Dog not included.) 1/18

**For Sale:** Ford Thunderbird. 1964. Runs, needs work. Dog not included. \$5,000 OBO. Charlotte, (310) 957-1274, charluv2011@gmail.com 1/18

**For Sale:** 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Beautiful, classic, 2-door. Platinum gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM/CD, air. 35,394 miles. \$25,000 OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274. 12/17

**For Sale:** Car. 1967 Volkswagen Beetle, good cond. New 1776cc engine. Freeway Flyer trans., front tires, upholstery, much more. Asking \$4,500. mcp794@hotmail.com, or text Mark, (626) 534-2004. 10/17

**For Sale:** Beautiful classical 2-door 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Platinum Gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM radio, CD player air, 36,000 miles. Asking. \$20K OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274. 9/17

**For Sale:** Motorcycle. Harley-Davidson, 2006. Road King Classic. 10,000 miles. Black/chrome. Windshield, cover, saddlebags, exclnt. cond. Rarely used. \$10,000 OBO. Tony, (562) 274-6251. 8/17

**For Sale:** Car. 1993 Toyota Camry LE, approx. 250,000 miles. Passed emissions Aug. 2016. Cat. converter replaced. New tires, radiator, water pump. New front lower left and right control arms included in trunk. Asking \$1,000. Valerie Brown-McCain, (323) 377-6241. 7/17

**For Sale:** 1939 Hudson Utility Coupe. Only '39 known! \$33,333 OBO. Paul Thomas (909) 233-4420. 8/17

**For Sale:** 2005 Harley-Davidson Screaming Eagle Fatboy. 23,000 miles. Exclnt. cond. Vance and Hines exhaust. Windshield, cover, travel bags. \$9,500 OBO. Text/call John Long, (909) 837-8347. 8/17

**For Sale:** Pickup truck. Ford F-250 XLT. 2003. Very good cond. V10. 111,000 miles. Good tires. \$10,500 OBO. Text/call John Long, (909) 837-8347. 8/17

**For Sale:** ATVs (2). 2013 125cc Coolster; 2003 ex 400 Honda. \$2,000 for the set. Roy Ponce, rewroy.rp@gmail.com 8/17

**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:** 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. 3/17

**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:** 1967 Chevy Camaro convertible. Original everything. Perfect project car. Must 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:** Toyota Corolla, 2010, gray. 22,000 miles. In Montebello. \$10,000 OBO. Delia, (208) 262-8031. 7/16

**For Sale:** RV trailer. 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 367TB. 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 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:** 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

### Cemetery Plots

**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 OBO, or trade cemetery plot for pickup truck of equal value. Cortez, (323) 382-2405. 2/18R

**For Sale:** Cemetery plots. 2 @ Eternal Valley Newhall. Highly desirable near entrance, Garden of Peace. Side by side. \$7,500 (total). Jim, (661) 713-6353. 9/17

**For Sale:** Cemetery plots. 2, side/side, on hill. Rose Hills Whittier, Garden of Comfort lot 1844, graves 3/4. Approx. value \$12,000. Asking \$3,000 each/OBO. Jackie, jmccul@pacbell.net 8/17

**For Sale:** cemetery plot. 1 single. Rose Hill, Garden of Benevolence. Asking \$3,000. Carrie B. Wilson, (323) 751-3498. 7/17

**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 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

### Furniture

**For Sale:** Mattress. Tempur-Pedic. Top mattress, queen size. \$100. Serious inquiries only. Sylvia, spfour@yahoo.com 3/18

**For Sale:** book case. Double walnut. Good quality. One side shelves only; other side has shelves on top. Middle area opens into mini office; double doors below that can open for storage. Best offer. (323) 750-8461. 12/17

**For Sale:** couch/cover. French Provincial style, w/ matching chair cover. Champagne brocade fabric. Best offer. (323) 750-8461. 12/17

**For Sale:** bed. Twin rollaway. New, clean. Exclnt. cond. \$40. (323) 578-6312. 11/17

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

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

### Homes/Rentals/Land

**For Rent:** House. Morongo Valley. 2,200 sq. ft., 1 acre+ lot. View from all rooms. 3 bd./2 bath, 10 guests. Parking for trailers, RVs, etc. Many more details; email for more info. Maria, quintabigjohn@gmail.com 3/18

**For Sale:** Land. Ranch near Victorville. Ten acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. All reasonable offers considered. (818) 787-3787. 3/18

**For Rent:** Cabin, Lake Tahoe. 4 bd/3 bath. Laundry room, 2 sat. TVs. WiFi available. Nicely furnished. In woods, close to beach, bike paths, horseback riding, boat rentals. Jess, (626) 797-5992. 2/18

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**For Sale:** real estate. Full ocean view oversized lot. Undeveloped. Puerto Nuevo, Mexico. Exclnt. location, near Lobster Village. Electricity ready. \$60,000. Alan, (714) 348-1255. 11/17

**For Rent:** Lovely Remodeled 2 bedroom/1 bath apartment located on on Don Tomaso Dr in Los Angeles/Baldwin Hills area(5-units). kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Hardwood floors and laundry facilities on site. Very quiet. Close to public transportation, parks, hiking trails and 15 mins from most major freeways and locations. Appliances included (stove and refrigerator - \$2100/month without appliances); Call for more details (310) 459-5881. 11/17

**For Rent:** House. 3 bd/1.5 bath. Inglewood. Remodeled bath, kitchen, lvg. room, dng. room, laundry. Central air/heat. 2-car garage. Encl. backyard. Near Inglewood Shopping Center, Forum, future home of Rams, LAX. \$2,400/month. Gwen, (323) 750-8461. 10/17

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**For Sale:** Aviation space. Adelanto Residential Airpark. Zoned for hanger/house. \$30,000 each. Jimmy Dunn, (562) 318-4313. 9/17

**For Rent:** Timeshare. Cancun Sunset Club. 7 days Sat.-Sat. Studio w/kitchen. Sleeps 4. \$500. Gina, (818) 395-3552. 8/17

**For Rent:** Big Bear Lake 3 bedroom, 2 bath house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, California. Fully furnished located near the lake. Contact John Long at 909-837-8347 8/17

**For Sale:** Farmland. Rural, upstate New York. 118 acres. Assessed at \$150,000, make offer. Ray, (310) 710-9871, ray1269@gmail.com 5/17

**For sale:** home. Bishop, Calif. Single family, 5 bd/3 bath. 2,900+sq. ft. Creek in backyard, view of Sierras. 2 garages. \$590,000. Patty, (661) 965-9457. 3/17

**For Rent:** condo, Las Vegas. Vacation rental. 1 bd. Tahiti Village Resort, Bora Bora room. 3-, 4- or 7-nt. stay, starting \$150/night. Days avail. May-Dec 2017. Javier, (323) 547-5449, call or text. 4/17

**For Rent:** home. Covina. 3 bd/1 bath. New paint. Laundry inside. Front/backyards. Patio, carport, 1-car garage avail. Photos. \$2,000/month. (626) 482-0460. 4/17

### Household Items

**For Sale:** kitchen equipment. Oven, Whirlpool, 24-inch stainless steel, electric, double wall. 6.2 cubic feet. AccuBake, dual lighting, digital display, self cleaning, warm setting, Sabbath mode, more. (fire extinguisher not incl.) \$500. Kurt: kaufmankd@gmail.com 11/17

**For Sale:** Lamps. 2. Tiffany style. 1 12-inch wide, 1 24-inch wide. Both are green. \$30, \$60. (626) 664-2172. 8/17

**For Sale:** stovetop/oven. GE, 1950s. Pink. Hood. Great condition. \$200 OBO. (818) 865-8104, leave msg. 5/17

**For Sale:** vacuum cleaner. Kirby. Works xlcnt. \$200. Margaret, (909) 460-9092. 5/17

**For sale:** audio speakers. Pair. Sanyo. 28x19x11, good condition. \$45. (323) 754-8926. 1/17

**For Sale:** exercise equipment. Chair Gym, w/ mat, twister, ball, instructions. Open box, never used. \$150. (818) 242-8644. 5/16

**For Sale:** Exercise equipment. Ab-Doer Twist Ex. Abdominal workout machine. DVD. Exclnt. cond. \$125. (818) 242-8644. 5/16

### Miscellaneous

**For Giveaway:** Photos. PublicWorks/Engineering staff photos, 1888, 1995. Free. Jill, jweiszma@gmail.com 4/18

**For Giveaway:** cat litter. 7-lb. bags, Trader Joe's premium pine. 100% natural pine pellets. Make pickup appt. w/Gary, (818) 269-7427. 4/18

**For Sale:** For sale: gift card. Firestone tires, products. \$500 value, sell for \$400 OBO. Cash only. Cathy, catden65@gmail.com 3/18

**For Sale:** portable patio/carport. Frame, white tarp, weights. Exclnt weather protection. \$50, cash. d\_a385@yahoo.com 12/17

**For Sale:** photo darkroom equipment. Enlargers, printers, easels, trays, timers, chemicals. \$5-\$150. John, (818) 846-5602. 12/17

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**For Sale:** 4 rims. Pacer chrome. 24-inch, universal holes. With 305/35R/24 tires. Were on Chevy Avalanche. \$1,550 OBO. Katrina, kfrink05@hotmail.com 8/17

**For Sale:** Collectibles. Lighthouses, including 1 16-inch alabaster lighthouse. Pigs, owls, salt/pepper shakers. Beverly, (562) 943-0930. 8/17

### Travel/Timeshare

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

### Wanted

**Wanted:** room to rent. Senior man (75) looking to rent sleeping room only. Prefer Glendale, Montrose, Pasadena areas. Donald McAdams, (818) 445-6180. 12/17

**Wanted:** Salt and pepper shakers from Bob's Big Boy, circa 1950s/60s. Neil, (818) 304-3133. 10/17

**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

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Small Popcorn	\$6.50	\$4.50
Small Drink	\$5.50	\$4.00
Movie Bundle	\$47.00	\$33.00
<i>- Includes 2 Black movie tickets, 2 small drinks, 1 small popcorn</i>		
<b>CINEMARK THEATERS e</b>		
Concessions (Good for one junior popcorn and one small fountain drink)	\$12.75	\$8.25
Cinemark Gift Pack (Contain 2 Unrestricted tickets & (1) one Concession Voucher good towards 1 Junior Popcorn and 1 Small Soft Drink)	\$8.00	\$6.00
	\$33.50	\$23.00
<b>CINÉPOLIS THEATERS</b>		
Premium Theaters	\$15.25	\$10.00
Luxury Theaters	\$24.00	\$17.50
<b>GALAXY THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time		
	\$11.00	\$8.00
<b>HARKINS MOVIE THEATERS</b>		
Restricted	\$11.00	\$7.00
Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$8.00
Small Popcorn	\$5.60	\$4.60
Small Drink	\$5.00	\$4.00
Harkins Movie Pack (Contains 2 Unrestricted tickets, 2 Small Soda Vouchers and 1 Small Popcorn Voucher)	\$38.60	\$28.50
<b>KRIKORIAN THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time		
Buena Park & San Clemente Only	\$12.00	\$7.50
<b>LAEMMLE THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time		
	\$11.00	\$7.50
<b>LANDMARK THEATERS</b>		
	\$15.00	\$9.00
<b>METROPOLITAN THEATERS</b>		
Unrestricted Tickets	\$13.00	\$8.00
Restricted Tickets	\$10.50	\$6.75
<b>READING CINEMAS</b> - Restricted		
	\$12.50	\$7.50
<b>REGAL/ EDWARDS/ UNITED ARTIST</b>		
Good Any Time e	\$14.75	\$8.50
Movie Pack	\$30.00	\$26.00
<i>- Includes 2 Good Any Time movie tickets and a \$10 concession gift card</i>		
<b>REGENCY THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time		
	\$11.50	\$7.50
<b>STUDIO MOVIE GRILL</b> - Good Any Time		
	\$13.00	\$6.25
<b>ULTRASTAR THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time		
	\$11.25	\$6.00

**ATTRACTIONS**

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>AQUARIUM OF THE BAY e</b> SAN FRANCISCO		
Adult	\$26.95	\$21.56
Child (4 - 12)	\$16.95	\$13.56
<b>AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC e</b>		
Adult	\$29.95	\$18.95
Child (3 - 11)	\$17.95	\$13.95
<b>BOOMER'S FUN CENTERS e</b> SELECT CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS		
4 Hour Pass	\$54.99	\$26.99
<b>CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE e</b>		
Adult	\$35.95	\$33.96
Child (4 - 11)	\$25.95	\$25.46
Youth (12-17)/ Student (with ID) / Senior (65+)	\$30.95	\$29.71

**ATTRACTIONS CONT'D**

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>CATALINA EXPRESS e</b> Round Trip Fare		
Adult	\$76.50	\$61.00
Child	\$61.00	\$51.50
<b>DAVEY'S LOCKER e</b> Whale Watching		
Adult	\$32.00	\$21.00
Child	\$26.00	\$15.75
Sport Fishing - 1/2 Day	\$41.50	\$31.50
Child	\$34.00	\$25.21
Sport Fishing - 3/4 Day	\$71.00	\$57.75
Child	\$61.00	\$47.25
Sunset / Evening Cruise	\$25.00	\$12.61
<b>GOLF N' STUFF</b> 3 Hour Unlimited Wristband - (Norwalk Location) e		
	\$30.00	\$16.25
All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$20.00	\$15.25
<b>GOLFLAND</b> Discount prices vary depending on location		
<b>GRAMMY MUSEUM e</b> General Admission		
	\$18.95	\$12.00
<b>IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING e</b> San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages		
	\$59.95	\$50.96
<b>K1 SPEED RACING e</b> This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.		
	\$32.95	\$17.00
<b>MADAME TUSSAUDS WAX ATTRACTION e</b> All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.		
Hollywood	Adult \$30.99	\$17.00
	Child (4 - 12) \$25.99	\$15.00
Las Vegas (eTickets Only)	General Admission \$29.95	\$14.98
<b>MEDIAVAL TIMES e</b> eTicket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.		
Adult	\$61.95	\$43.50
Child (0 - 12)	\$36.95	\$31.50
<b>MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM e</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 e		
Adult/Child	\$36.99	\$16.50
All Day Pass (Hard Stock at Club Store)	\$36.99	\$19.25
<i>- Unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. Valid at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>		
<b>PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE e</b>		
Adult	\$56.95	\$37.00
Child (3 - 11)	\$37.95	\$28.50
<b>QUEEN MARY / BATTLESHIP e</b> IOWA COMBO		
Adult	\$42.95	\$31.92
Youth (12 - 17)	\$34.95	\$25.95
Child (6 - 11)	\$23.95	\$17.95
<b>RACERS EDGE INDOOR KARTING</b> Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race		
	\$23.00	\$18.00
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	\$15.00
<b>SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK e SEASONAL</b> Unlimited Ride Wristband		
	\$48.95	\$44.95
<b>SANTA MONICA PIER &amp; PACIFIC PARK e</b> Unlimited Ride Wristband		
	\$32.95	\$20.00
Family 4 Pack	\$172.80	\$119.00
<i>(Includes 4 All Day Unlimited Ride Wristbands, 4 Meal Cards)</i>		

**ATTRACTIONS CONT'D**

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>SKYSPACE LOS ANGELES</b>		
Adult	\$25.00	\$17.00
Child (5-12)	\$19.00	\$15.00
Slide Combo	Adult \$33.00	\$23.00
	Child (5-12) \$27.00	\$21.00
<b>SPEEDZONE e</b> 3 Hour Unlimited Pass on Rides and Mini-Golf		
	\$49.99	\$28.00
<b>TEATRO MARTINI e</b> Buena Park, California		
	\$75.75	\$36.00 to \$42.00
<b>USS IOWA e</b> SAN PEDRO		
Adult	\$18.00	\$13.50
Child (6 - 11)	\$10.00	\$7.50
Senior (62+) or Military (with ID)	\$15.00	\$10.50
<b>USS MIDWAY e</b> SAN DIEGO		
Adult	\$23.00	\$15.00
Child (6 - 11)	\$10.00	\$7.00
Senior (62+)	\$20.00	\$14.00
<b>WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE</b>		
Adult	\$37.00	\$25.00
Child (6 - 12)	\$20.00	\$15.00

**THEME PARKS**

<b>ADVENTURE CITY e</b>		
Adult/ Child	\$19.95	\$15.50
<b>CALIFORNIA'S GREAT AMERICA e SEASONAL</b> General Admission (Age 3+)		
	\$71.00	\$39.99
<b>CASTLE PARK e</b> General Admission (over 36")		
	\$24.99	\$12.99
<b>GILROY GARDENS e SEASONAL</b> General Admission		
	\$58.00	\$30.00
<b>KNOTT'S BERRY FARM - SEASON 2</b> (Tickets Valid 3/17 - 9/03)		
General Admission (Age 3+) eTickets e	\$79.00	\$42.00
General Admission (Age 3+) Paper Tickets	\$79.00	\$43.00
<b>LOS ANGELES ZOO e</b>		
Adult	\$21.00	\$17.00
Child (2-12)	\$16.00	\$13.00
<b>LEGOLAND e</b> 1 - Day , 1- Park		
Adult	\$99.00	\$79.00
Child (3 - 11)	\$93.00	\$74.00
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult \$123.00	\$84.00
(Valid to Legoland, Water Park, and Sea Life Aquarium)	Child (3 - 11) \$117.00	\$80.00
<b>Includes 2nd Day FREE (expire 12/30/18)</b>		
<b>SAN DIEGO ZOO / SAFARI PARK ▲</b>		
Adult	\$54.00	\$44.28
Child (3 - 11)	\$44.00	\$36.08

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**THEME PARKS CONT'D**

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>SEAWORLD - SAN DIEGO ▲</b>		
Adult	\$89.99	\$61.60
Child (3 - 9)	\$84.99	\$61.60
Weekday Ticket (Child/Adult)	\$89.99	\$52.80
2 Day (Child/Adult)	\$89.99	\$70.40
Fun Card - Adult (valid until 12/30/18)	\$89.99	\$79.20
Fun Card - Child (valid until 12/30/18)	\$88.99	\$74.80
<b>SILVERWOOD THEME PARK (IDAHO) e</b>		
Adult	\$48.00	\$39.00
Child (3 - 7)	\$25.00	\$20.00
<b>SIX FLAGS - MAGIC MOUNTAIN e</b> General Admission		
	\$85.99	\$52.99
<i>Discount Tickets are also available at Six Flags parks in NY, IL, GA, TX &amp; DC.</i>		
<b>SIX FLAGS DISCOVERY KINGDOM e</b> VALLEJO		
General Admission (over 48")	\$69.99	\$42.99
<b>UNIVERSAL STUDIOS e</b>		
Adult / Child (under 48")	\$120.00	\$95.00 & UP
Season Pass	N/A	\$119.00

**GIFT CERTIFICATES**

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>HONEYBAKED HAM</b>		
\$25 Gift Card	\$25.00	\$22.50
<b>CEES CANDIES</b>		

**SPORTING EVENTS**

<b>LOS ANGELES DODGERS</b> ▲	Games available online
<b>ANGELS OF ANAHEIM</b> ▲	Games available online
<b>LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS</b> e	Games available online
<b>LOS ANGELES KINGS</b> e	Games available online
<b>SACRAMENTO KINGS</b> e	Games available online
<b>OAKLAND A'S</b> ▲	Games available online
<b>SAN JOSE SHARKS</b> e	Games available online
<b>SAN JOSE BARRACUDAS</b> e	Games available online

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- HOTEL STORM** Up to 60% OFF hotel bookings
- OMAHA STEAKS** Extra 10% OFF online orders
- ORLANDO DISCOUNTS** Up to 35% OFF Vacation Packages
- SKECHERS SHOES** 30% OFF select styles
- TARGET STORES** Discount varies by month
- ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNTS** See Club website for more info
- ZEBIT** Payroll deducted merchandise purchases

**MORE DISCOUNTS ONLINE!**

**WATER PARKS**

	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>WET N WILD e</b>		
Adult	\$39.99	\$23.00
Child	\$26.99	\$23.00

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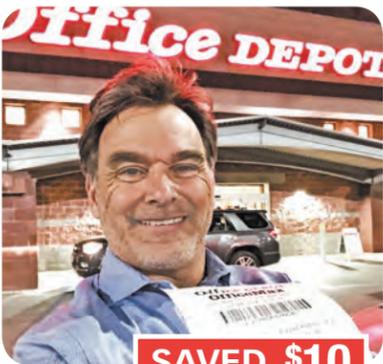
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Story and photos courtesy Luis Aguilar, LAPD

### LAPD

## Congrats, Lillian!

Lillian Woodfin-Parker honored with prestigious national award.



Sr. Property Officer Lillian Woodfin-Parker (right) with Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Club Member.

On March 24, Sr. Property Officer Lillian Woodfin-Parker, Club Member, received the prestigious Homer L. Garrott Award, presented every year by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), which sponsors the annual Homer L. Garrott Community Service Award for notable law enforcement officers who are committed

to the communities they serve. Homer L. Garrott was the first African American California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer. He served for 22 years with the department. While serving as a highway patrolman, he attended law school and later became a Los Angeles municipal judge. Lillian has been part of the LAPD and the City Employees Club for more than 20 years. Congratulations Lillian!



Sr. Property Officer Lillian Woodfin-Parker (left) with Chief Michael Moore.



Sr. Property Officer Lillian Woodfin-Parker (right), holding a certificate of recognition, with LAPD Capt. Chris Waters.



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**CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNT TICKETS**

	Tuesday May 8 @ 7:10 PM Collector's Card Set 80's	<b>MEMBER \$79<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$127</b>		Saturday May 12 @ 6:10 PM 60th Anniversary Cap	<b>MEMBER \$109<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$140</b>	
	Sunday May 13 @ 1:10 PM Mother's Day Cosmetic Bag	<b>MEMBER \$99<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$155</b>		Monday May 21 @ 7:10PM	<b>MEMBER \$49<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$127</b>	
<b>SOLD OUT</b>		Wednesday May 23 @ 7:10 PM	<b>MEMBER \$49<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$127</b>		Saturday May 26 @ 7:10 PM Player T-Shirt	<b>MEMBER \$109<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$140</b>
	Monday May 28 @ 5:10PM Memorial Day Apron	<b>MEMBER \$99<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$155</b>		Wednesday May 30 @ 7:10PM Chris Taylor Bobblehead	<b>MEMBER \$99<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$155</b>	
	Saturday June 9 @ 6:10PM Manny Mota Bobblehead	<b>MEMBER \$119<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$170</b>		Tuesday June 12 @ 7:10PM Collectors Card Set 1990's	<b>MEMBER \$79<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$127</b>	
	Sunday June 17 @ 1:10PM Viva Los Dodgers	<b>MEMBER \$119<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$170</b>		Tuesday June 26 @ 7:10PM Kike Hernandez Bobblehead	<b>MEMBER \$129<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$170</b>	
	Thursday June 28 @ 12:10PM	<b>MEMBER \$49<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$127</b>		Saturday June 30 @ 4:15PM Piggy Bank	<b>MEMBER \$109<sup>95</sup></b>	<b>GATE \$155</b>	

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