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** A Message From the CEO **

So Much About City Is Impressive

by **John Hawkins**
President and CEO, The Club

At *Alive!*, we're thankful for a lot of things (more in a bit on that). One of them is getting a first-hand look at a lot of the things the City does very well. Whether it's Sanitation's trash transfer station (from last month) or the interpretive hiking program or going out at sea with Hyperion's marine biologists ... it seems we're impressed on a monthly basis. And we get to share that with our readers.

But a few weeks ago – now that was impressive! Spending a day with LAFD's Air Operations, seeing the City's really imposing airships and hearing the stories of the pilot heroes, going into huge smoke pillars and not being able to see the way out – well, that's quite an afternoon, even for *Alive!*

I didn't know that the City's fire pilots have to come into the program already licensed. And that means they've spent close to \$100,000 of their own money to make it happen. Did you know that? We didn't.

When we started *Alive!*, we knew there were great stories about City Employees that no one was telling. Here we are, eight years later, and there's no shortage of interesting things to cover and share with our Club Members. So, as Thanksgiving approaches, I'm thankful for the great City Employees who do impressive things every day. (And thanks, too, to **Battalion Chief Joseph Foley, Capts. Wendell Smith and Dan Mattera**, and their crew for hosting us. In a word, guys: *Awesome!*)



Capt. Wendell Smith and Club CEO John Hawkins.

As I'm writing this, we're wrapping up our first three-month Open Enrollment for our Long-Term Care insurance, and it's been a success. We're happy that lots of Club Members heard our message of being smart about protecting their family, and did something about it. (We'll be offering a second Open Enrollment, this time for DWP employees, next year.) My thanks go to the Club staff who worked very hard to bring you this opportunity.

I was saddened to read about the death of **LAPD Officer Joshua Cullins**, who was on active duty in Afghanistan at the time. (I'm relieved that we were able to get it into the paper before press time.) As an Armed Forces veteran myself, I know there are lots of sons, daughters or actual Club Members now serving in harm's way. Don't forget that we have a section called "*Alive!* in the Military," and we are only too happy to run photos and text of them, to pay tribute. So send in those photos so we can all share your pride and support our troops.

And so we have reached another Thanksgiving. The economy is still slow, or worse, and there is much to be worried about. But there's so much more to be truly thankful for. My health; my wife, Kelley, and kids Noah, Isaiah and Hannah; Club insurance; my awesome job here that lets me meet tons of great City Employees; the amazing Club staff, with whom it's a pleasure to work with every day... when you come to think of it, our blessings never stop. There's always another. And since I am especially thankful for you, our Club Members, I wish you the simplest, best and most satisfying Thanksgiving you've ever had. When we stop to count our blessings, being thankful is a piece of cake... or pie! Don't you think?

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

JOHN

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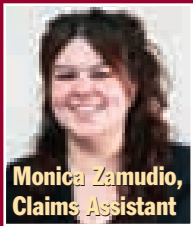
So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. — Ed.

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— Donna Goldfarb, June 2010

The Club's Claims Service is "excellent, because of the Club's sensitivity in response to the loss of our father, retired LADP offi-

cer George A. Koenigshofer, as expressed by the Club's gift of the book, *The Fall Freddie the Leaf*. This was very much appreciated. It was a very sweet and comforting message at time most needed."

— Kenneth Koenigshofer, June 2010

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— Eric Koenigshofer, June 2010

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— John Koenigshofer, June 2010

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Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$1,109,491.00**

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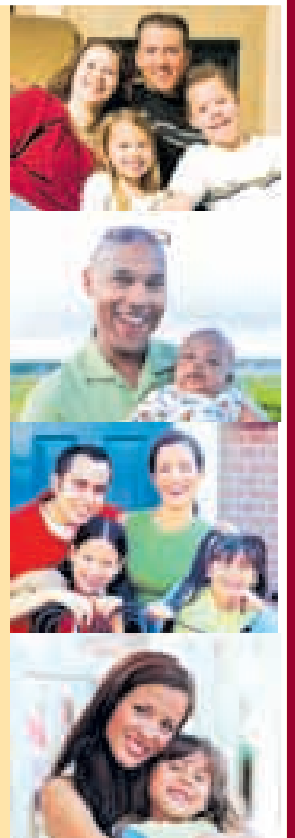
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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Sanitation's Paul LeBel Is A Man of Many Talents

Paul LeBel ["Man vs. Trash," *Alive!* cover story in October] has been employed by the City of Los Angeles for over 20 years. During that time he has worked in Bureau of Street Services operating heavy equipment, Department of General Services as a heavy-duty mechanic, and as an equipment operator in the Bureau of Sanitation. The amazing fact about Paul is that he is an expert in each of these fields. He has been known to diagnose equipment problems when journeyman mechanics have thrown up their arms in bewilderment; he is an expert heavy-duty truck-driving instructor as well as heavy equipment operator instructor. Paul loves all kinds of motorized equipment, and for fun he is an expert builder and tuner of racecars! Paul's aptitude is not limited to the mechanical and automotive areas. Once assigned to the transfer station, he quickly learned City, County, and State regulatory aspects of the job, so he is equally at home in the office, on the tipping floor, or in the garage area. He is a rare individual and a true asset to the Division.



— Paul Blount, Operations Manager, Public Works/Sanitation, Club Member

Hi Paul (Blount), thanks for this commentary about Paul LeBel, the subject of last month's cover story on the City of Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS). It's not often we get co-workers praising another, and we think it's a good idea. —Ed.

I really enjoyed reading the article, "Man vs. Trash" in the October issue of *Alive!* I never knew this kind of job existed. *Alive!* does a great job of showcasing City jobs that normally do not get much attention. Keep up the good work!

— Sophia Tevithick

You're welcome, Sophia. We love covering all of the stories of the City Employees. —Ed.

Club Special Events Are Just the Ticket to New Things

Thank you so very much for the special offer at Medieval Times! I have been enjoying your special offers from time to time on events I wouldn't otherwise have been able to get tickets for. In these difficult times it's nice to know we have a place to get affordable tickets for my family. You are really making a difference! I'm looking forward to seeing "King Robert Larios" (a.k.a. Chef Larios and the Sports Dude) and having a great time!

— Dolores Brown, City Employee

Hi Dolores, you're welcome! Club Special Events are really becoming a big-time hit with Club Members. They allow Club Members and their families to have a great time at an affordable price. We're happy you're taking advantage of them. —Ed.

I can't wait to go to the Medieval Times private party on Nov. 13! I had so much fun the first time, and I wasn't going to miss the second time, either. It is great to cheer for your knight with your own coworkers and their families. Nothing like it in my opinion! I'm also looking forward to seeing Chef Larios, I mean King Larios, in his king gear. Can I take a picture with him?

— Gina Brennen, DWP

Hi Gina, make sure to introduce yourself to King Larios at the event, and ask him. I'm sure it will be no problem — when it comes to the King, someday your prints will come! —Ed.

Finding Great Photos Monthly Is a Snap With Picture Perfect

Can the Picture Perfect photos get any better? Amazing! Mike Aubin's photo of the seals is something out of *National Geographic!* The other one that I'd like to mention is the one that Hector Cardenas took of the Grand Canyon. Without the sun shining onto the canyon, it looks very different, but I think it captures how huge it is there. I can't wait to see next month's photos!

— Norman Knotts, Rec and Parks

Bob Wilkinson, Former Member Of City Council, Will Be Missed

Sorry to hear that former Councilman Bob Wilkinson passed away recently. He was an honest and firm politician. It seems like it was yesterday that he was working on his campaign for election. Those were the days. You are missed, Bob!

— Henry Furguson, City Retiree

QUESTION



of the Month



— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

Rachael at the Club Store asks Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?



"Pumpkin pie with extra whipped cream."
— James Schuyler, LAPD, 7 years of City service



"Stuffing."
— Emmanuel Renteria, DWP, 3 years of City service



"Ham."
— Richard Garcia, Transportation, 25 years of City service



"Pan con chumpe [bread with turkey, Salvadoran]."
— Guadalupe Orellanas, LAPD, 10 years of City service



"Stuffing."
— Claudia Mejia, LAPD, 11 years of City service



"Pumpkin pie."
— Alvaro Reyes, Housing, 4 years of City service



"Honey-Baked Ham."
— Miguel Cornejo, Public Works, 3 years of City service



"Dressing."
— Glendra Perkins, LAPD, 23 years of City service



"Stuffing."
— Victoria Castillo-Garcia, Animal Services, 12 years of City service



"Pumpkin pie."
— Ed Lopez, DWP, 4 years of City service

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LAPD

Police Officer Joshua Cullins

Officer Dies at War

Roadside bomb kills LAPD Officer serving in Afghanistan.

On Monday, Oct. 18, an improvised explosive device (IED) killed Police Officer II Joshua Cullins on active military service in Afghanistan.

Cullins was 28 and joined the Marines immediately after graduating from high school in June 2000. He had served initially on an active-duty basis till August 2007 and then became a reservist in August 2008. He had served two tours of duty in Iraq and was currently serving his second tour of duty as an explosive ordnance disposal technician with the First Marine Logistics Group, First Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 2nd Battalion, and 9th Marine Regiment in Marja in Afghanistan's treacherous Helmand province. Cullins had been decorated with several combat medals and awards for his service in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

With only two days left in the field before a replacement would have relieved him, he was killed by an IED. Complete details of his death have yet to be provided by the United States Department of Defense.

Cullins had recently recovered from injuries he suffered in July when a device he was disarming exploded. To cheer him up, fellow police offi-

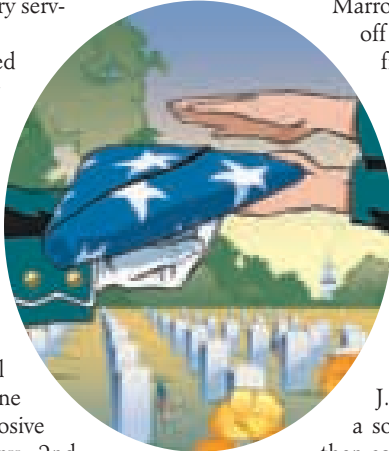
cers created a get-well video to encourage him in his recovery. LAPD Officer David Marroquin, a talented video producer off duty, created two videos. The first one is a high-quality, uplifting video incorporating get-well messages from LAPD personnel and others outside the Department to express their gratitude for Cullins' service. It also includes thoughts and prayers for his quick recovery.

For the second video, Marroquin enlisted the help of an actor-musician friend, J. Hunter Ackerman, who wrote a song with Cullins in mind. Both then collaborated to turn the song into a moving music video entitled "Welcome Home." Both videos were presented during a special tribute to U.S. troops last month at Farmer's Market in Los Angeles and can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=COJEnKrsRHQ.

Cullins joined the LAPD in 2007. Upon graduation from the Police Academy, he was first assigned to patrol duties in the Department's Topanga Area and was currently serving at Central Area. "He was very dedicated and personable," said LAPD Bomb Squad Officer Steve Hennigan, who was a close personal friend of Cullins. "He had the kind of personality that

attracted people to him, and he truly excelled in the Department. He would have been a perfect fit for the Bomb Squad. We were greatly looking forward to having him onboard."

Cullins is survived by his father and stepmother, as well as two younger brothers, ages 12 and 17. Arrangements for memorial services are still pending.



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At the top are Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Sanderson (in helicopter) talking to The Club's Angel Gomez. Below, from left: Capt. Dan Mattera, helitac operations; Battalion Chief Joseph Foley, Commander of Air Operations; Capt. Wendell Smith, Station Commander, FS 114; and John Hawkins, Club CEO.

Alive! Feature**LAFD Air Operations****Air Power**

Through its unique and powerful rescue, air ambulance and firefighting abilities, LAFD's Air Operations safeguards the City.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director; Club staff; and courtesy the LAFD

The LAFD operates its impressive Air Operations Unit at Fire Station 114 adjacent to Van Nuys Airport. The flight line typically has six multi-mission helicopters ready for deployment primarily as an air ambulance, air rescue and a fire suppression resource (water dropper) for brush and grass fires.

The City Fire Department's Air Operations Section has been on duty since 1962. The Section began with a one piston-engine Bell 47 and has grown to a fleet of six jet-turbine-powered helicopters. Four of the six are Bells, and two are state-of-the-art AgustaWestlands (AW 139), designed in Italy and built in Philadelphia.

The most important assets of the Section are the pilots, firefighter/paramedics, helitac (ground support) crewmembers and Department of

General Services helicopter mechanics. There are five pilots assigned to each of three 24-hour shifts. The five pilots consist of:

- Pilot IV, the Lead Pilot, who assumes the role of Helicopter Coordinator (HELCO) when assigned to brush/grass fires. The HELCO pilot is like the "Air Traffic Controller" over a brush/grass fire. He supervises all the aircraft assigned to the incident. (However, the incident commander on the ground remains in control of all firefighting efforts, including those in the air);
- Three Pilot IIIs, who fly the medium aircraft; and
- One crew chief, a pilot trainee (already a licensed helicopter pilot undergoing rigorous additional training for firefighting and air rescue). Currently, Air Operations has two trainees, one on Administrative Detail due to an accelerated program to replace pilots lost to attrition.



Capt. Wendell Smith, Station Commander (right), explains a feature of the Bell 412 to John Hawkins, Club CEO.



Air Operations: Top row, from left: Capt. I Dan Mattera; Battalion Chief Joe Foley; Pilot IV Rick Wheeler; Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Sanderson; Firefighter/Paramedic Al Naeole; Capt. II Wendell Smith; and Pilot II Jorge Arevalo. Front: Pilot I Trainee Chris Justus; Pilot I Trainee Dane Jackson; Pilot III Scot Davison; Pilot III Scott Bowman; and Pilot III Phil Clark.

A Tough Assignment

Pilots

The pilots at Air Operations undergo a rigorous screening and training regimen before they are certified to fly for the Fire Department. The initial training program consists of 200 hours of instruction in basic operations, mountain terrain, heavy load operations, confined-space landing and aircraft emergencies.

"They come in already licensed as pilots," explained Captain II Wendell Smith, Station Commander. "They are already pilots, having spent anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000 of their own money before they can even come to us. A few have previous flight experience with the military. So these are special guys."

"Once they're here, we begin their special flight training, [which is] very different from the civilian world. We teach them to operate in the most extreme environments. Pilots are normally trained to get from point A to point B as directly as possible. But we have to teach them night flying, flying with their water tanks fully loaded (gross weight), flying in smoke and near high tension power lines, etc."

During the initial training phase, the pilots are continually tested through "check rides," which measure their skill and proficiency in all phases of helicopter operations. The success rate for the basic training phase (200 hours) is approximately 60 percent. Once the initial training is completed, the pilot must fly an additional 300 hours to build advanced skills and proficiency. The pilot will eventually transition into the bigger

helicopters (water droppers) as their skill, experience and proficiency increase.

Once certified in all ships, Department pilots are arguably the most proficient and well-trained pilots in public service. The Department's helicopters are staffed 24 hours a day and stand ready to respond to any emergency throughout the City.

Helitac Crews

The helitac crews – mostly ground support, although they can perform some duties while in the air – are stationed at Fire Station 90 across the Van Nuys airport from the Air Operations facility. The helitac crews consist of Captains, Engineers, Apparatus Operators and Firefighters, all trained in helitac duties. Their training takes six to 12 months to complete and encompasses areas including knowledge of helispots, fueling operations, water-filling operations, hoist operations and a thorough knowledge of the use and maintenance of all associated equipment. These crewmembers are vital to the safe and effective operation of the helicopters.

Maintenance

Maintenance of the Department helicopters is performed by General Services mechanics in their new facility next door to FS 114. Many of the mechanics have military background and extensive training and experience as civilian mechanics. Their hard work and attention to detail makes our fleet the best maintained anywhere in the country



Maintenance: General Services maintains the airships for the LAFD. Here, Fire 4 is undergoing maintenance in the General Service hangar at Van Nuys Airport.



Firefighter / Paramedics: Greg Sanderson, Firefighter/Paramedic, displays the medical evacuation equipment aboard the LAFD's Bell 412 helicopters.



Pilots: Jorge Arevalo, Fire Helicopter Pilot, in the pilot seat of a LAFD Air Operations airship.



Helitac Crews: Ground support crews are based at FS 90 across the runways from FS 114 at Van Nuys Airport. Here, Jim Como, Engineer (left), holds onto the hoist, and Jorge Espinosa, Firefighter (right), removes equipment from the tail boom.



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Smoke and Other Challenges

Battalion Chief Joseph Foley talks about his department, LAFD Air Operations, and the tough missions it takes on to keep us safe.

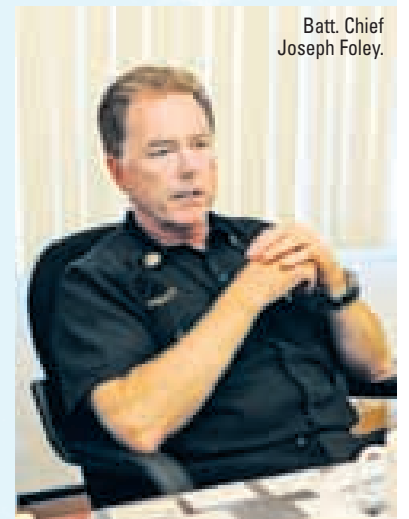
On Oct. 14, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes sat down to talk to Eagle Rock native Battalion Chief Joseph Foley, 33 years of City service, Commander of LAFD Air Operations. The interview took place in his office at Fire Station 114 at the Van Nuys Airport. —Ed.

Alive! Chief Foley, thanks for showing us around today. Was your first job with the City working for the LAFD?

Battalion Chief Joseph Foley: Yes. Prior to joining the LAFD, I worked briefly for the California Department of Forestry as a seasonal firefighter. I drove an ambulance for about eight months, with Professional Ambulance, out in Glendale. I was hired by the City after that.

Of all the things to do in the City, this has got to be a pretty exciting place to work. The way you see it, is it just an everyday kind of an existence by now, or is it still exciting?

Joseph: This is a very exciting position. They call it a special-duty position. Meaning, I'm not on a 24-hour shift. I'm on administrative duty. This is one of the more revered special duty positions to be in. As mentioned, it's not only administrative, but we have a tactical/operational component, too.



Batt. Chief Joseph Foley.

What made you want to apply for this position?

Joseph: [This is] a very sought-after position for special duty. Not only is it challenging administratively but there is a very unique tactical/operational side to it. You are in a helicopter. Primarily, providing aerial command support at brush and grass fires. That was a very motivating factor for me to want to apply for this position. It's not strictly paperwork and reports. This had a combination.

Eye in the Sky

How often do you actually get into the command helicopter [helco] up there during an actual fire? Is it sort of like a quarterback calling the shots?

Joseph: I wouldn't say "calling the shots" or "the quarterback." That always rests with the Incident Commander on the ground at a command post. When I jump into the small helicopter with the helco pilot, I'm more or less his eyes in the sky. We have direct radio communication with the command post and with the Division and Group Supervisors on the ground, and give them an aerial view of what the fire's doing. Where is it going? What's in its way? I may give recommendations on placing companies and recommendations on, maybe, the progression of the fire and the next area of concern for the incident commander. When you're at a command post, sometimes all you see is just a big column of smoke. You don't know what's going on behind that smoke. So when I'm up 500 to 1,000 feet in the air, I get a very good view of what the fire's doing.

To give you an idea, as mentioned, I'm at 500 feet, typically, or 1,000 feet. The water droppers [fly] in and typically drop their water about 50 to 75 feet off the ground. So I also have a very good view of what they're doing and where they're placing their water drops.

What's the longest shift you've ever spent doing that?

Joseph: In 2008, we had a series of fires – the Sayre fire, the Marek fire and the Sesnon fire. Each time, I was here four,

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The Fleet

Here's a rundown of Air Operations' current lineup of equipment. The helicopters are augmented with equipment designed for given operations, whether it be air ambulance, air rescue or fire suppression.

The four Bell helicopters take off, land and are parked on wheeled platforms, which are pulled out (and back in) by specialized tugs. That way, they can be "garaged" under shelter and out of the weather, which significantly reduces wear and tear on the expensive machines. The two newest in the fleet, the AgustaWestlands (AW 139), feature wheeled landing gear and do not need wheeled platforms, although they are towed.

Captain Smith says that each helicopter can reach the air less than five minutes after the pilot enters the cockpit inside the shed. The helicopters can begin their start-up sequence while they are being towed to the departure pad.

The department manages an 18-year airship replacement schedule.

Bell 412

The workhorse veterans of the fleet are three Bell 412s. They are twin-engine helicopters whose primary mission is air ambulance, hoist and water dropping. The twin engines give an added margin of safety during extended hovering operations such as hoist rescues.



Bell 206B-III

The Bell 206B-III Jet Ranger is the smallest ship in the fleet; Air Operations has one of them. Its primary use is training, but it is also used for HELCO, command and control, and observation at incidents. It's also equipped with a 30 million candlepower "night sun" spotlight for illumination of nighttime incidents and searches.

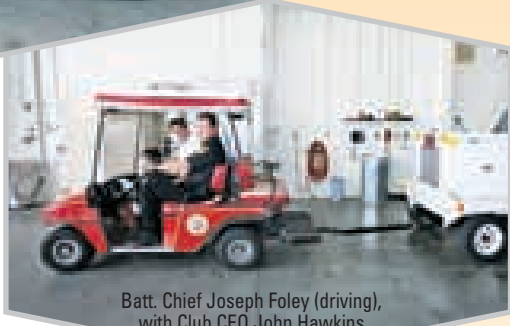


Batt. Chief Joseph Foley with the Bell 206B.



Western SE Cart

This Western SE cart helps Air Operations service and maintain its fleet of airships. Attached to the back of the cart is an APU, or auxiliary power unit, which allows the airships to power up their internal operations without having to start the turbine.



Batt. Chief Joseph Foley (driving), with Club CEO John Hawkins



AgustaWestland 139

The two newest and most impressive in the fleet are AgustaWestland 139s – the LAFD is the only firefighting department in the country employing these state-of-the-art helicopters, according to Capt. II Wendell Smith. Rated at 1,531 horsepower per turbine, each 139 has nearly twice the horsepower of the next in line, the Bell 412s. A third AgustaWestland 139 is on the way to replace a retiring Bell 412s, expected to take place in the first quarter of 2011.

Bell 47

This shell of a Bell 47 is the same model, although not the same craft, as the Department's very first craft, a 1962 Bell 47. This frame – it has no engine or rotors – was originally a DWP aircraft and was saved from the City's salvage yard by the Los Angeles Firefighters Historical Society, repainted and parked at FS 114. Eventually, it will be on display at the Firefighters Historical Museum.



Fire Station 114

LAFD Air Operations operates out of beautiful and spacious (57,000 square feet) Fire Station 114 at Van Nuys Airport. Groundbreaking took place in 2004, and the facility was formally dedicated May 31, 2008.

The new LAFD Air Operations and Airport Fire/Rescue facility, also known as Fire Station 114, replaces cramped and inefficient buildings that were used for more than three decades, and deemed deficient in operational and safety issues affecting Air Operations including; takeoff and landing clearances, helicopter parking and hanger space, clearance between helicopters, parts storage capabilities, emergency response efficiencies, and noise affecting the neighborhood.

The new facility rectifies all those deficiencies. It also incorporates FS 114's Crash and Foam operation, which serves the general firefighting needs of the overall Van Nuys Airport (airfield emergency response).

FS 114 was funded through Proposition F, passed in 2000.

LAFD Air Operations

Air Power



Defibrillator
• inside

(2) Pratt & Whitney Turboshaft Jet Engines
• 1531 hp. each

Five-Rotor Setup
• 45 ft., 3 in. each

Hoist (opposite side)
• 600 lb. lifting capacity

Digital Avionics

Tow Vehicle

Fuel Tank • 414 gallons

LAFD Fire Helicopter Pilot
• Jorge Arevalo

Medic Bay

Sliding Bay Door

Night Sun Searchlight
• 30 million candlepower

Water Tank
• 420 gallons

Retractable Landing Gear

Patient Cage
• stretcher

LAFD Airship 3: AgustaWestland 139

This schematic describes all the extra equipment on an LAFD Air Operations airship.

General characteristics

Length: 145 feet, two inches
Main rotor diameter: 45 feet, three inches each
Width: 10 feet
Height: 12 feet, two inches
Empty weight: 7,985 pounds

Gross weight: 1,4110 pounds, not including water tank
Powerplant: 2 Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6C-67C free turbine turboshaft engines, 1,531 horsepower each

Performance

Maximum speed: 193 mph, empty
Range: 573 miles, empty
Service ceiling: 20,000 feet
Rate of climb: 2,140 feet per minute, maximum

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five, six days in a row. I had to go out for a number of hours in the helicopter, usually six to eight hours. I'd come in for maybe a two-hour break and then, go back out again for six or eight hours. That lasted for four or five days at a time.

Can you give us a brief overview or the stated mission of LAFD's Air Operations?

Joseph: In the most basic sense, we are here to provide the safest, most professional, highest quality emergency helicopter service to the Los Angeles community. Yes, we drop water on brush fires, but probably 80 percent of our emergency responses are in the aeromedical (air ambulance) area.

Really, 80 percent is medical?

Joseph: Yes. The reason being is that, until Oct. 4, just a few days back, there was no pediatric trauma center in the San Fernando Valley. Anytime we had a critically injured or sick child who required transportation to a pediatric center, they either were ground transported or air transported. The criterion is a 30-minute transport time. If that patient could not get there within 30 minutes by ground transport – with the traffic in LA, typically, you can't make it – we would fly. The closest facilities to the Valley we had were the UCLA Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Hollywood. Sometimes we also would transport to [Los Angeles County] USC Medical Center. Now we have the option of taking pediatric patients to the Northridge Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

Who calls you, the LAPD Communications 911 Center?

Joseph: All calls go into 911 with the LAPD first. And then, if it's a medical call, a fire call, or a rescue call, it gets transferred over to [the LAFD] dispatch center. Then we're dispatched out of what we call our Operation Control Division, or OCD, located beneath City Hall East.

And they make the determination whether to send a copter out?

Joseph: Yes. It all depends on established dispatch criteria.

Fire Station 114

Is the Van Nuys location favorable to fight these fires?

Joseph: Oh yes, clearly. I would say probably 90 percent of our brush incidents are in the San Fernando Valley [here]. We do have some activity over in East Los Angeles, Pacific Palisades, and some minor activity down in San Pedro. But typically, 90 per-

Tell us about this new building. And you came on when it was three-quarters built [it opened in 2008 – Ed.]. Tell us about what this building allows the City to do better.

Joseph: Sure. Number one, this is a great facility for maintaining our aircraft for longevity. Before, all the aircraft were kept outdoors, subject to the sun, the rain and the weather. Now, they're all kept indoors. From the aircraft's upholstery, to the avionics, to the paint, and any other affected components, are going to be much more reliable and have a longer lifespan. That's from the aircraft standpoint.

From an administrative standpoint, we have all the administrative offices in one area, which was not the case in the old facility. We were [in different locations]. It wasn't really conducive to a good administrative environment. But here, we have my office and offices for the Command Pilot, the Lead Pilot, the Station Commander (Captain II) and the Crash [and Foam – the Van Nuys Airport's fire service] Captain. We're all one office away from each other. Administratively, it's much more functional and efficient.

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— Batt. Chief Joseph Foley

cent of our brush calls are right here in the Valley. What's great about this facility from the old one is that we have a water valve right at each one of our landing sites out here on our helipad. We can go out to the incident with water in the belly of the aircraft in the tank, as opposed to having to land at a designated helispot, fill the water tank and then go to the fire. That's a big advantage of this new facility.



Batt. Chief Joseph Foley.

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the helicopter. If the patient is at an inaccessible area, we have to do a hoist operation and lower down our paramedics. And then, we either fly them to a landing zone to be transported by a ground resource, or just fly them directly to the hospital.

Do you bill people for those services? How does that work?

Joseph: A helicopter transport is really no different than a transport in a rescue ambulance. There's a charge associated with it, but it's not dramatic like you would think. If you have a private ambulance company provide an air ambulance, it's very expensive – upwards of \$10,000 in a private helicopter. The public agencies like LA City Fire and LA County Fire are not really permitted to make a profit, so we are not obligated to charge those kind of fees. But I know we're looking into programs like a "cost recovery" for the use of the aircraft, which would be a little more of a fee than we're charging now. But again, it basically would be to cover the costs of putting the aircraft in the air and flying to the hospital. That's a program we're looking at but have not implemented.

Who do you partner with? If someone in San Bernardino County, they've got a fire out there, and they call you in, how far will you go in to help?

Joseph: We don't go anywhere past the City boundaries very often. We do have mutual aid with some of the agencies around here, meaning that if Ventura County calls and says, "Hey, I've got a fire out in Thousand Oaks, I need helicopter support," the approval would have to come down from headquarters. [The decision] is based on a lot of things – how many aircraft do we have in the City right now, how many are out of service, what's the weather/are we pre-deployed – a lot of factors. Normally we agree to provide the aircraft, pilot and flight crew, but again, it's not a blanket yes. And for that, there's normally a cost associated to the requesting agency. Same thing for the other contingent cities bordering Los Angeles, we'd almost always provide assistance if we did not feel it would dramatically compromise the service to the community of LA.

History

So Air Operations started in 1962, right?

Joseph: Yes. I think LA County Fire and LA City Fire started right about the same time. We all started just after the Bel Air fire of '61. I think the Bel Air fire was not the actual reason why we bought helicopters. It just so happens that was when one of the LAFD's firefighters - Bud Nelson ... saw that there was a value to having helicopters for not only rescue, but for dropping water on brush fires. Firefighter Nelson was a former military pilot. He's the one who more or less started the whole thing. He got the fire chief on his side, and then went to Council and the mayor, etc. It started through his efforts. I believe the first helicopter arrived here in 1962. It was one of the Bell 47s, and it had a little 90-gallon aluminum tank on the bottom. And I believe history says that the first run was not actually a fire, but a rescue run.

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And a view of the hangar from your office ...

Joseph: Yes, and we have a view of the hangar, right. And it's all climate controlled, which is obviously very nice for the members.

We have our Crash Rescue [airport fire operations] in the same building. Before, they were in a separate facility. Now, they're under the same roof. So there's much more cohesiveness, as mentioned, much more efficiency.

That is a big deal.

Joseph: Yes.

But before, with the aircraft outdoors, you could just start it up and take off. Here you have to tow it outside first.

Joseph: Right.

Has that made much of a difference?

Joseph: No. Even if the aircraft was outdoors, it still takes about five minutes before the pilot can effect a start in the aircraft and get it warmed up before he can get clearance from the tower and lift off. With the aircraft in the hangar, the pilot gets in the aircraft and starts to engage all the switches and buttons to start the aircraft up, we have our ground support pulling the aircraft out. There's no delay at all.

A Big Task

What are the challenges to running Air Operations?

Joseph: Well, like anything else, money. This is a very expensive operation to maintain. Aircraft are very expensive to service. They're very expensive to operate per hour. They're expensive to run. But compared to the service they provide, they're a bargain. One aircraft is worth probably 40 firefighters on the ground pulling hose up a hill at a brush fire. Additionally, we can arrive on scene in remote areas, and start an aggressive attack on the fire well before the ground fire resources arrive. Tactically, that is a tremendous advantage/service in providing fire suppression service to the community. Air Operations makes up a lot in the amount of people down on the ground.

But again, trying to maintain the updated equipment, trying to get new equipment, trying to get more advanced and updated aircraft, trying to maintain our staffing with pilot trainings – all that is very costly. So that's the challenge – to constantly keep this place moving forward with the best equipment and with the staff to replace our pending pilot vacancies. Keeping those mechanisms going is the biggest challenge.

How has the budget crunch affected you?

Joseph: Because we're in such a specialized unit, we get pretty much what we want. So I have to give kudos to our administration and to the City, because they really do watch out for this Section. They know the value we provide to the community with rescues and firefighting. The challenge is working through the process. Also challenging sometimes is getting people outside the Fire Department to understand how important it is to get new pilot candidates in here and start training them to fly our helicopters. It normally takes about four years for one of our candidates to complete his/her pilot training. Filling vacancies in the pilot training program continues to be my biggest challenge. They don't come as fast as I want them to come, but it's the process.

Why are there vacancies?

Joseph: Attrition happens in two ways – either voluntarily through retirement (predictable), or involuntarily, the ones you don't know about. Involuntary retirements occur when the person has a medical condition that precludes them from flying. Those are the tough ones, because you can't see them coming. As mentioned, it takes about four years to get our guys trained to fly in the multi-mission helicopters – the water droppers. I can't just pull a pilot out of my pocket somewhere. It's a challenge to try and identify the known vacancies we're going to have and project them out in the future.

Talk about rescues for a second. I'm noticing that there are more rescues of people who have been doing extreme things outside. Are you noticing more rescues, more people doing things that maybe they shouldn't be doing or they're overtaxing themselves?

Joseph: Not since I've been here. This is a great area for outdoor activities. We've got the great weather and the mountains. So, typically, on the weekends, people are out hiking or mountain biking or rock climbing. But sometimes they get in trouble. And the next thing you know, they're flying over the handlebars. They're hiking up the rocks and they twist an ankle, and they roll down 30 feet, and they break a leg. Those are the kind of things that we do on almost a regular basis on the weekend. We're always flying out into the Santa Monicas, the Palisades area, and performing air ambulance service from a landing site after the ground firefighters have secured the patient and brought them to



Batt. Chief
Joseph Foley.

Tales From the Air

What are some of your favorite stories? What are some of the things that are seared in your memory?

Joseph: Well, most memorable is being out and operating over the fires. The one that really comes to my mind was the Sayre fire, the one that destroyed those 500 mobile homes up in the north San Fernando Valley. I was in the small helicopter; we were doing *helco* [helicopter command] at night, and the Santa Ana winds were coming over the top of the mountain at like 60 or 70 miles an hour. The small helicopter was moving probably ten feet up and down for a couple of hours straight.

The job our guys did at that fire was amazing. The bulk of the fire was at the base of the mountain, above the freeway. The smoke was pitch black, and all you could see was a little red glow underneath this black, black smoke that went 300 feet in the air. I saw our guys diving in through the black smoke, and then I didn't see them anymore. Then I saw them coming out the other side of the black smoke. That was the most amazing [thing] I've ever seen. Additionally, there were high-tension wires that ran along the base of the mountain, so our pilots were coming into the smoke, with 70 mile-per-hour Santa Ana winds, dropping the water and banking out. They probably missed the high-tension wires by no more than 100 feet at a time. We kept asking them, "Are you guys okay?" And we'd hear, "Yeah, we're okay. It's a little hairy, but we're okay." I kept thinking, we're going to lose somebody tonight. That was my thought. I said, "This is not good." But I'm not a pilot, so I leave it up to them to say if they're comfortable doing that or not.

That's the one that sticks in my mind the most, watching the guy disappear into the smoke and coming out the other side, not knowing if they were going to come out or not.

Can the water drops injure people?

Joseph: Absolutely. You've got three to four hundred gallons of water coming at you at 60 miles an hour from 60 feet in the air.

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LAFD Air Operations

Air Power

So they have to be careful about the people as well.

Joseph: Yes, right. We try to never drop on personnel. It can really hurt you.

Sometimes when we're working later in the fire, and it's hot outside, we'll do what we call a cooling drop. We'll get up maybe 100 feet and go a little faster on the airspeed so the water drops as a much more fine particle; it kind of drifts over them like a nice mist.

Dedicated Staff

Talk a little bit about the dedication of your staff.

Joseph: Well, it starts really with the cost factor. Just to get a chance to get into the pilot-training program, our firefighters will spend nearly \$100,000 out of their own pocket between flight lessons, helicopter lessons and fixed-wing lessons and getting their certifications and their ratings. Can you imagine going home to your wife at night and saying, "Hey, honey, I want to be a helicopter pilot for the Fire Department, and by the way, we have to mortgage our house for \$100,000." That's the kind of dedication the guys start with.

Because the program is so difficult, we lose probably 40 or 50 percent of our guys through the training program on the first time through. Most of the guys who are not successful the first time, will go out and fly for another couple of years, either instructing, or getting more helicopter time, to enhance their skills. Again, I can't even tell how much money they would spend doing that, and then come back in to try it again. Most guys who don't make it the first time will make it the second time. So now we're at \$150,000 before you actually get a chance to operate the LAFD helicopter.

Has the department ever thought about their own training program, where they foot the bill?

Joseph: No, not at this time. Whether we'll do that in the future, I don't know, but at this time, no. It's hard enough now; we have only one training aircraft. We used to have two. We have only one, and we're spinning the blades off that thing with our current program. We are normally flight training three or four hours a day out of the daylight hours.

And no reimbursement programs or anything like that.

Joseph: No. So that's the dedication the guys come in with and then every day, they learn something new here every single day. The air rescue world is always evolving with new equipment, new procedures and new techniques. They're always studying and trying to keep sharp. We have a mandated amount of flight hours. They have to fly every single month on all the aircraft, so they're sharp on all the aircraft. We don't want them climbing in an aircraft at two o'clock in the morning and say, "Oh, God, what am I in now? Am I in Fire One, or Fire Four?" It has to be instantaneous. So, that speaks to their dedication of knowing their equipment and keeping their skills sharp.

And then the actual missions they fly – I described the Sayre fire, where I had a bad feeling into my stomach every time they would dip into the smoke. That those guys would go into that type of environment, knowing there is absolutely no room for a single error, speaks volumes to what they do, their professionalism, dedication, and the service they provide the community.

The Future

Right, what are the challenges of the future?

Joseph: Well, the future in the short term is to try and fill my current vacancies.

In the future, I would like to see more aircraft, both in a training model and in the *helco* [command] model. And when things go bad, you can never have too many water droppers. For right now, our complement is five to one, five water droppers and one training command ship. In the not too distant future, I'd like



'That those [pilots] would go into the [Sayre fire] environment speaks volumes to what they do and the service they provide the community.'
 — Batt. Chief Joseph Foley

to increase that to a second small aircraft to keep our guys training around the clock.

One thing we're going to be getting into in the very near future is what they call interfacility transports. An interfacility transport is a medical transport from one hospital to another with a critically sick or injured patient who cannot reasonably go in a rescue ambulance. We've ordered additional high-level medical equipment and medical storage racks and whatnot for the aircraft. We're going to have our firefighter paramedics trained to a higher level to operate that equipment, and we'll be going online with that pretty quickly.

Additionally, the Air Operations Section will be converting/enhancing our helicopters to Night Vision Goggle technology. This is a very exciting and long-overdue program that will increase our

Batt. Chief Joseph Foley (left) is interviewed by Club CEO John Hawkins.

emergency nighttime operations/capabilities, provide a much safer platform for our pilots and crewmembers to work in, and of course, the end result is a higher level of service to the community.

That Queasy Feeling

What do you love about this job?

Joseph: I think just the duplicity of it. Part of me likes the administrative side, because it's a challenge to do. But I really do like the other side because it's something I'd never done before. I've never done this helicopter thing – the operational side of it.

Do you get air sick?

Joseph: No.

Never been a problem.

Joseph: No. Never happened.

You spend six hours ...

Joseph: ... when basically all you're doing in the *helco* [command] ship is just doing a big circle the whole time above the fire. Where it gets a little queasy is when you're doing a circle and you're bouncing up and down ten feet at a time.

I'd be jumping out. Well, anyway, Chief Foley, thanks again for your time.

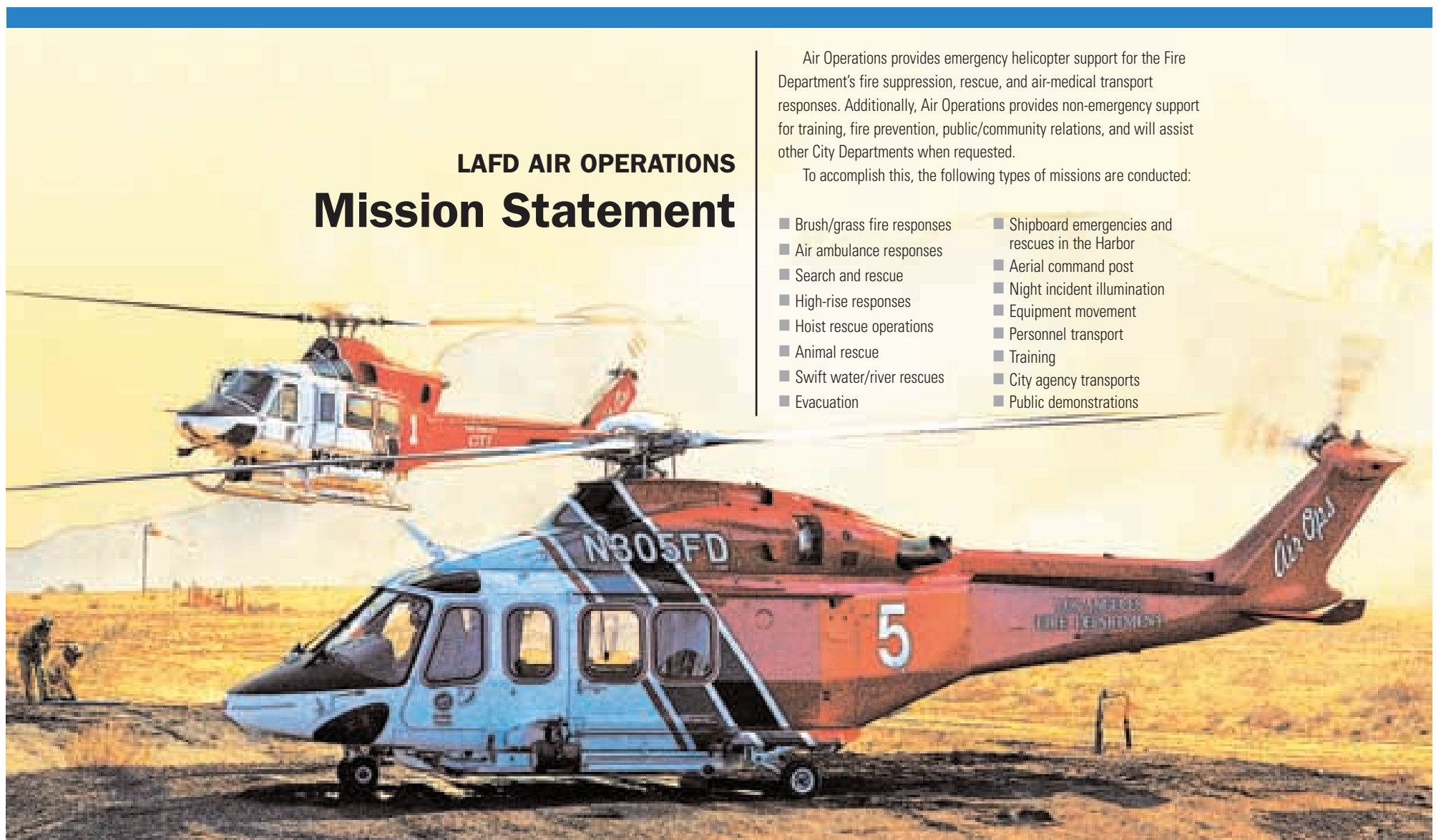
Joseph: You're welcome. My pleasure.

LAFD AIR OPERATIONS Mission Statement

Air Operations provides emergency helicopter support for the Fire Department's fire suppression, rescue, and air-medical transport responses. Additionally, Air Operations provides non-emergency support for training, fire prevention, public/community relations, and will assist other City Departments when requested.

To accomplish this, the following types of missions are conducted:

- Brush/grass fire responses
- Air ambulance responses
- Search and rescue
- High-rise responses
- Hoist rescue operations
- Animal rescue
- Swift water/river rescues
- Evacuation
- Shipboard emergencies and rescues in the Harbor
- Aerial command post
- Night incident illumination
- Equipment movement
- Personnel transport
- Training
- City agency transports
- Public demonstrations



Newsbriefs

LIBRARY BOARD:



Paula Madison

Paula Madison has been appointed to the Board of Library Commissioners, the governing body of the Los Angeles Public Library. Madison was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council.

Also serving on the Board of Library Commissioners are Commission President Dr. Tyree Wieder, Vice President Dr. Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, Carlos Singer and Rita Walters.

Madison is the Executive Vice President of Diversity for NBC Universal and a company officer for General Electric. She is the first senior executive in the history of NBC Universal to have diversity as a sole responsibility. Previously, she worked as a print reporter and television assistant news director and news director. She was also the President and General Manager of KNBC-TV, the NBC-owned station in Los Angeles and the Regional General Manager of the Los Angeles Telemundo stations, KVEA and KWHY.

In recognition of her many accomplishments, Madison has received numerous awards including Peabody, Emmy, Golden Mike and Regional Edward R. Murrow awards. She was also named

one of the "75 Most Powerful African Americans in Corporate America" by Black Enterprise magazine and included in the Hollywood Reporter's "Power 100." Madison is a graduate of Vassar College.

HARBOR MARKETING:

The Port of Los Angeles has appointed Kraig Jondle as its Director of Marketing and Trade Services, a newly created position in the Port's Business Development group. The new position is designed to reinforce the Port's commitment to business and dedication to customer service.

"Kraig's hands-on experience and knowledge of the maritime industry, marketing, sales and business development made him a natural choice for this position," said Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director of Business Development at the Port of Los Angeles. "We look forward to Kraig's leadership and expertise as we develop strategic marketing initiatives that strengthen our competitive position, grow our business, and focus on meeting our customers' needs."

Jondle joins the Port of Los Angeles after serving as the vice president of sales in North America for Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics (WWL), the Port's automobile terminal operator. Jondle spent a decade at WWL both in Port Hueneme and New Jersey, gaining experience in marketing, sales, terminal operations and business development. He has

also worked in container sales and marketing on the U.S. West Coast for Compañía Sud Americana de Vapores (CSAV), a Chilean shipping company.

Jondle started in the transportation and logistics industry at Scanwell Freight Express in Los Angeles, a large China-based freight forwarder/NVOCC involved with ocean, air, trucking and rail movements. With Scanwell, he traveled extensively throughout Asia and moved to Texas as their regional manager and opened offices in Houston and Dallas.

Jondle, a native of Long Beach, has a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Iowa and a Master's degree in transportation and logistics management from the American Military University. He is married and has two daughters.

The Port of Los Angeles Marketing Division, led by Mike DiBernardo, includes a network of overseas offices in trading centers around the world. It provides direct communication with customers,

shipping lines, shippers and others to ensure that facilities are utilized at their highest and best use. Trade Services, led by Jim MacLellan, is responsible for implementing a proactive marketing program designed to increase trade activity in the L.A. region, while attracting and retaining beneficial cargo owners to the Port, particularly in the areas of break-bulk, and dry and liquid bulk shippers, emphasizing on export cargoes.



Kraig Jondle

ZOO CONTEST:

On Oct. 1, the second annual Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest launched at the Los Angeles Zoo. The contest encourages American youths to submit original works of art, writing, photography and video, inspired by firsthand experiences with nature in the outdoors.

The Get to Know Contest invites young people to learn more about neighboring wildlife, leading them to become more connected to nature and more passionate about environmental conservation. According to Wyland, a well-known cetacean illustrator and activist partially sponsored by Disney, the contest helps California youths "fall in love with the beauty of oceans and the world." In celebration of the 2011 International Year of Forests, this year's contest will feature an all-new video category. To enter, young people are encouraged to go outdoors and create videos that convey the theme, "This is My Forest." The theme for the art, writing and photography categories is "Celebrating Biodiversity" in honor of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. The contest is open to U.S. residents 18 or younger. It ends on Nov. 30. Those interested can enter their original work online at www.gettoknow.ca. Winners will have their art published and will enjoy other exciting prizes and events.

Contact the Zoo for more details: lazoo.org



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CLUB STORE

Here Come the Refund Checks!

The Club's Life Insurance refund for 2010 is approximately \$270,000. Are you eligible?

Here come the refund checks ... to your mailbox!

The Board of Directors has approved a Club Life Insurance refund of approximately \$270,000 to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club continues its tradition of rewarding Club Life Insurance policyholders with a return of unused premiums (total premiums collected less paid claims and expenses). The 2010 refund will be the Club's 79th refund in its 82 years of existence.

The refund checks will be distributed via the U.S. Mail. Expect the checks to begin arriving in the first week of December.

"Club Life Insurance is all about being there when our Members are in need," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "That's our first priority. And, when we can, we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed. And we've been able

to do that in all but three years of the Association's existence."

Who is eligible? Anyone who had Life, Spouse Life, Dependent Life, Retiree Life or Retiree Spouse Life Insurance in force for the month of July 2010 is eligible for a refund.

The actual amount Members receive will be determined as a percentage of the total premiums paid by an individual for the period of August 2009 through July 2010. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2010, are not eligible for any refund.

Are you not eligible for a refund check, but would like to be? It's simple. Purchase any Life product from the Club, and you're eligible for next year. Insure your family's future and receive a little reward each year for living!

Talk to your Club Counselor, or call the Club at (800) 464-0452.

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AIRPORTS

Police Picnic

Airport Police hosts its second annual family picnic.



From left: Mechelle Thompson, Officer, 3 years of service; and Cindy Colon, Officer, 3 years of service.



Luis Alexandre, Officer and Director with LA Airport Peace Officers Association, 7 years of service, with his daughter, Isabelle.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

On Oct. 2, the Airport Police Dept. and the Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association held their second annual family picnic.

The picnic was held at Westchester Park near LAX.

The Club thanks Marshall McClain for extending the Club an invitation to the picnic. The Club is honored to have participated and thanks Marshall and the rest of board for their warm reception.



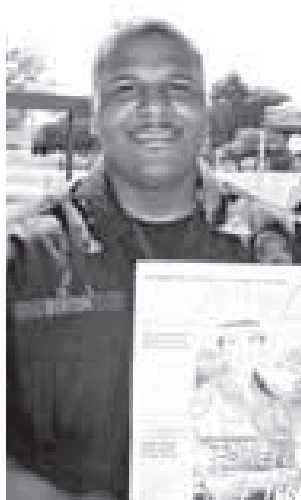
From left: Oscar Gatewood, 20 years of service; and Siwon Lee, 4 years of service.



Officer Waters, 15 years of service.



Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Officer Lauren Peaks, 3 years of service.



Officer Devin Staten, 7 years of service.



Vanessa Roberson, Security Division, Airports, 12 years of City service, and her son, Aaron.



Officer Michael Garzon, 20 years of service.



Canine Officer Rupert Staine barbecuing. He has 11 years of City service.



Councilman Bill Rosendahl presents Officer Shawn Smith with a Certificate of Heroism.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

HOLLY



Holly is a 3-year-old spayed female German shepherd who is a sweet and soulful beauty. She loves to sit with you or lie all over you. She isn't picky. She is ready to go home today!

ID #A1143567: Harbor Animal Care Center

tulip



Tulip is a 2-year-old spayed female Chihuahua. She is adorable, cuddly and certainly a lap dog. She loves other little dogs, too!

ID #A1143637: Harbor Animal Care Center

gracy



Gracy is a 5-year-old spayed female wire-hair Griffon terrier mix. She knows basic commands, loves walks and treats and will roll on her back for a tummy rub.

ID# A1144790: Harbor Animal Care Center

Leo



Leo is a handsome 10-year-old neutered male Lab mix. He is a great companion for long walks and relaxing in the backyard. He has an all-around great personality and is ready to be part of your family!

ID# A1148756: Harbor Animal Care Center

westly



Westly is a 2-year-old neutered male poodle. He is a snowy white fluffball with big brown eyes. He is sweet and endearing and sure to steal your heart!!

ID# A1143602: Harbor Animal Care Center

Meet your New Hope coordinator!



All of this month's animals are available at the Harbor Animal Care Center, 957 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro, CA 90731. The New Hope Coordinator is **Leslie Corea**, (213) 485-0494.

To see more animals available for adoption, please visit www.laanimalservices.org

DWP

Retiring Rick

Rick Hoover retires from the DWP after 25 years of City service.

Truck Equipment Dispatcher Rick Hoover, DWP, retired from the department after 25 years of City service.

The event was held at the DWP's Van Nuys Service Center, 14401 Saticoy Ave.

Rick had some words of parting: "To my friends who have come today: Thank you so much for being here for me on this special day," he started. "I will never forget any of you for one reason or another. The friendship that all of you have shown me is overwhelming."

"Throughout my career I've tried to be honest and productive at all times. Two years ago I suffered a major heart attack and everybody from family, friends, coworkers and the church have all rallied for me. What more could a man ask for? I love you (John, it's just a matter of speech), and thank you for that."

"To my coworkers, thanks for all the extra help during my time of need and doing such a great job at what you all do. I will not forget you, and good luck. The ladies in the office – thanks to all of you. You have always been there for me. Anything that I've ever needed done... someone was always there to help me. I'm going to you – K-LO, the Princess, Wisconsin, Boots, Yvonne, Sandra and, last but not least, Maria."

"My family has been my inspiration for me. My son, Shawn... I'm so proud of you. You and your wife, Angie, have given me two of life's greatest pleasures, my grandkids, Nicholas and Kendall. And to my wife, Kathy... 25 years ago I started this adventure with you, and I hope it lasts for another 25. I love you all!"

Rick's retirement plans include working on his wood projects, playing guitar, riding his bike, writing songs and sleeping until he wants to get up.

Congratulations on your retirement, Rick, from the Club! Enjoy sleeping in.



Rick Hoover retires after 25 years of service. He was a Truck Equipment Dispatcher.



Rick's family attended the retirement luncheon.



From left: Tom Patzlaff, Fleet Manager, 17 years of service; and Rick Hoover, retiree. Tom presented Rick with a plaque for his service with the DWP.



From left: Al Sosa, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 33 years of service; Rick Hoover, retiree; and Karen Lomeli, Principal Clerk Utility, 40 years of service.



From left: Marshall Colvin, PSO, 8 years of service; Rick Hoover, retiree; and Brian Cosner, PSO, 27 years of service.



From left: Mike Featherston, IBEW Local 18, presented Rick with a gold watch.



From left: Rick Hoover, retiree, with son, Shawn Hoover, Sr. Water Utility Worker, 11 years of service.



From left: Ray Algorri, Superintendent, 41 years of service; Rick Hoover, retiree; and Greg Algorri, Sr. Operations Supervisor, 26 years of service.

REMINDER!

City Employee Pollworker (CEP) Application Deadline

Want extra money? Want to try something different for a day? The Office of the City Clerk - Election Division is seeking full-time and part-time City employees, from eligible departments, to serve as Pollworkers for the 2011 Municipal Elections on March 8, and May 17. CEPs get paid for all of the hours they work on Election Day. If applicable, some may earn up to 1.5 times their regular hourly rate. If you are interested in serving as a City Employee Pollworker, apply now as the application deadline is fast approaching: December 10, 2010.



For an application, additional information, or to find out who your Department Coordinator is, please contact the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division CEP Hotline at (213) 978 - 0001 or visit the CEP website at: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/CEPInformation/CEP.pdf>



CLUB INSURANCE:
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Club Life Insurance Makes Sense

Here are six great reasons why you should buy life insurance.

Club Life Insurance is all about building your financial strength to take care of your family in the event you're no longer there to do it yourself. Life insurance should serve as the foundation of your family's financial security, helping to ensure that your loved ones will be all right financially, even if something were to happen to you.

This is a great time to think about all the things that life insurance can do for you and your family. But that can happen only with planning. Schedule an appointment with a Club Counselor, to make sure that you have the right amount and type of insurance to protect the ones you love.

Here are just some of the great benefits of Club Life Insurance:

- It allows time to grieve. Club Life Insurance allows loved ones to focus on their grief by helping to pay for the funeral and other final expenses.

- It can provide a fresh start. Club Life Insurance lets loved ones start fresh by helping to pay off credit card bills, outstanding loans and even the mortgage.

- It provides income. Club Life Insurance helps replace lost income for years to come, so that surviving family members can continue to pay for life's necessities.

- It offers flexibility. Club Life Insurance gives a surviving spouse the chance to take time off from work to reestablish your family's stability.

- It creates opportunities. Club Life Insurance can provide funding to start a business, or pay for schooling so surviving family members can train for a new career.

- It leaves a legacy. Club Life Insurance gives parents the chance to leave future generations with the legacy of long-term financial security.

Club Life Insurance is good for you. It's good for your family.

Club Life Insurance makes dollars – and sense. Contact your Club Counselor today.



REC AND PARKS

Big Award Is No Fish Tale

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium wins coveted zoological award for raising garibaldi.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) received the Association of Zoos and Aquarium's (AZA's) 2010 Edward H. Bean Award for Significant Achievement in raising garibaldi. CMA's Director Mike Schaadt and Research Curator Dr. Kiersten Darrow accepted the award in front of 1,700 attendees at AZA's annual conference in Houston Sept. 16.

"Winning the Bean Award is thrilling and is important recognition for the years of hard work CMA staff and volunteers have invested in raising garibaldi," Schaadt said. "This is a fish with a long, rich history at CMA. The garibaldi project involved many individuals, multiple departments, as well as several separate projects and studies all leading to our ability to share baby garibaldi with other aquariums and zoos."

Under Darrow's supervision, Aquatic Nursery staff developed a system for successfully growing baby garibaldi from eggs, qualifying CMA to apply for and win this prestigious award. This achievement also prevents garibaldi from being taken from their natural ocean habitat.

The Edward H. Bean Award was established in 1956 to recognize the most significant birth or hatching of a species and/or subspecies. Later the award requirements expanded to recognize propagation or management programs as first births/hatchings became less frequent and collection management focused increasingly on long-term programs and commitments. With this evolution in mind, it is now awarded for propagation or management programs that contribute to the reproductive success of one or more species and/or subspecies.

Previous years' winners have included; Chicago's Shedd Aquarium, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, Vancouver Aquarium, Waikiki Aquarium, SeaWorld San Diego, and Disney's Animal Kingdom.



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

AZA is a network of 6,000 committed zoo and aquarium professionals, organizations and suppliers worldwide that accredits only those institutions that have achieved rigorous standards for animal care, education, wildlife conservation and science. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is proud to be a fully accredited member and to have previously won back-to-back AZA Munson Aquatic Conservation Exhibitory Awards for the Aquatic Nursery (2005) and the Exploration Center (2006).

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Free Aquarium and tidepool tours are offered to over 150,000 school children and over 300,000 visitors annually. The Aquarium's staff of scientists, educators, support professionals and volunteers work to increase public awareness, education and concern for the marine environment. Recognized as one of the best teaching aquariums in the world, CMA has a 75-year record of innovation and excellence as an important educational resource for the residents and visitors of Los Angeles.



An exhibit inside Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



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Beware of Fire Season

It's California's least favorite season. No that doesn't mean the holidays. I'm talking about brush fire season. This month's article is about how you can prepare for brush fires.

Brush fires cause damage of more than \$1 billion and destroy thousands of homes every year. The good news is that there are precautionary measures you can take to keep your family and home safe. Please read on to find out what your fire risk is; create safety zones around your home; understand the laws protecting fire survivors; and more.

First: Find out what your fire risk is.

Learn about the history of wildfire in your area. Be aware of recent weather. A long period without rain increases the risk of wildfire. Consider having a professional inspect your property and offer recommendations for reducing the wildfire risk. Determine your community's ability to respond to wildfire. Are roads leading to your property clearly marked? Are the roads wide enough to allow firefighting equipment to get through? Is your house number visible from the roadside?

- Learn and teach safe fire practices.
- Build fires away from nearby trees or bushes.
- Always have a way to extinguish the fire quickly and completely.
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.
- Never leave a fire – even a cigarette – burning unattended.
- Avoid open burning completely, and especially during dry season.
- Always be ready for an emergency evacuation.
- Evacuation may be the only way to protect your family in a wildfire. Know where to go and what to bring with you. You should plan several escape routes in case roads are blocked by a wildfire.

Second: Create safety zones around your house.

All vegetation is fuel for a wildfire, though some trees and shrubs are more flammable than others. To reduce the risk, you will need to modify or eliminate brush, trees and other vegetation near your home. The greater the distance is between your home and the vegetation, the greater the protection.

- Create a 30-foot safety zone around the house.
- Keep the volume of vegetation in this zone to a minimum. If you live on a hill, extend the zone on the downhill side. Fire spreads rapidly uphill. The steeper the slope, the more open space you will need to protect your home. Swimming pools and patios can be a safety zone, and stonewalls can act as heat shields and deflect flames. In this zone, you should also do the following:

- Remove vines from the walls of the house.
- Move shrubs and other landscaping away from the sides of the house.
- Prune branches and shrubs within 15 feet of chimneys and stove pipes.
- Remove tree limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
- Thin a 15-foot space between tree crowns.

Third: Prepare a family disaster plan.

Wildfire and other types of disasters – floods, tornados, earthquakes and hazardous materials spills – can strike quickly and without warning. You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together. Meet with your family to create a disaster plan. To get started:

- Contact your local emergency management office or your local American Red Cross chapter.
- Find out about the hazards in your community.
- Ask how you would be warned.
- Find out how to prepare for each type of disaster.
- Meet with your family.
- Discuss the types of disasters that could occur.
- Explain how to prepare and respond to each type of disaster.
- Discuss where to go and what to bring if advised to evacuate
- Practice what you have discussed.
- Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated by disaster.

Be safe and have fun!

United Agencies is the Club's partner in helping members with their home and auto insurance, and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

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

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Holiday Happenings



CLUB STORE

Donate to the Toy Drive!



The Club's gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store (at 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012) between now and early December. **Please be generous!**



REC AND PARKS

All Aboard for the North Pole

Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park offers its miniature train ride to the North Pole.

For the eighth consecutive year, Travel Town Train Museum's Travel Town Railroad in Griffith Park is hosting a unique holiday event starring Santa Claus and thousands of dancing lights and beautiful music. On weekends from Nov. 27 to Dec. 16, and then nightly through Dec. 23, families will be able to take a miniature train ride to visit Santa at his house at the North Pole.

Once they arrive they will visit with Santa, get a picture with him, if desired, then get back on the train to return home along a decorated and music filled track.

While waiting for Santa the kids and parents can visit with Rudolph and one of Santa's helper elves.

This event is operated by Travel Town Railroad in cooperation with Rec and Parks. It is a wonderful alternative to visits to the mall.

Starting at 5 p.m., families may enter the museum and board the miniature train ride at the decorated station. While waiting to board they will be entertained by a dazzling dancing light show and a special corner of the museum where snowmen live and it snows all the time!

Once aboard, they will travel past the decorated train barn and Santa's Workshop to arrive at the North Pole. There they will disembark and visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Erin the Elf. Digital photographs will be available for \$5. Families may take their own pictures if they wish. After they have finished their visit, guests will re-board the train and travel along the decorated quarter-mile of track back to the station. The Travel Town Museum Gift Shop will be open most evenings.

Travel Town Train Ride to Visit Santa

Dates: Weekends from Nov. 27-Dec. 16; and nightly through Dec. 23 (weather permitting; trains do not operate in the rain)

Times: 5 until about 8 p.m.

Where: Travel Town Transportation Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park

Cost: \$7 per person; infants under 18 months ride free. (Photos with Santa cost \$5 each.) Tickets are available by reservation for specific days and may be bought at the Travel Town ticket booth. Tickets will be sold to walk-ups at the gate until capacity is reached.

Information: (323) 662-9678, griffithparktrainrides.com/content/travel-town-christmas-train



REC AND PARKS

It's Great to Skate

Downtown on Ice returns for its 13th season in Pershing Square.

Celebrating its 13th season spectacular with holiday fun under the sun and stars, Downtown on Ice outdoor skating rink at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, will be open every day from Nov. 18 through Jan. 17.

The tradition continues with LA's largest outdoor rink with the low admission price of \$6. As a favorite holiday destination, the facility boasts a medley of free events, including a holiday concert series, a Winter Holiday Fiesta, championship skating exhibitions, and more.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical land-



Downtown on Ice.

marks, the spacious rink is made possible thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks, and Councilmember and Club Member Jan Perry.

Centrally located in the heart of the City of Angels, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation. For more info and a detailed session schedule go to www.laparks.org and click to Pershing Square or call (213) 847-4970.

Downtown on Ice

Hours: Open every day Nov. 18 through Jan. 17

Mon.-Thurs.: noon to 10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Extended hours: Dec. 17 through Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Thanksgiving Day: 2 to 10 p.m.

Christmas Day: noon to 10 p.m.

New Year's Day: noon to 10 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Cost: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2

Information: www.larparks.org (click on Pershing Square)



DWP

Lights Out for DWP Festival This Year

Construction along Crystal Springs Drive forces cancellation of annual light festival.

Alas, the Park will be dark this Christmas season.

The DWP will not be presenting its popular annual Holiday Light Festival this year, as construction crews are replacing a water main under Crystal Springs Drive – the usual path of traffic for the light festival. The roads are torn up, so the festival is lights out.

With great regret, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, requested that the DWP pass on the 2010 Holiday Light Festival in Griffith Park. Due to the cost and amount of time need to halt a major construction project – the installation of a major water line, the River Supply Conduit – as well as the installation of the new zoo parking lot, it is in the public's best interest to cancel this year's event.

"The light festival has been a great, free, family-friendly event for the residents of Los Angeles, and I'm disappointed that we must cancel it for 2010," said Councilmember LaBonge, whose district includes Griffith Park.

For 14 years, the DWP has mounted a display of holiday lights along a one-mile segment of

Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park. The event has become a holiday tradition that attracts more than half million visitors each year.

In March 2009, the DWP began a major water line installation that connects the North Hollywood Pump Station with the Ivanhoe Reservoir in Silver Lake. The project entails the installation of 11,200 feet of 96-inch diameter welded steel pipe is being installed in Griffith Park. To halt construction for this year's festival would jeopardize the targeted completion date of November 2011 and would likely create cause to cancel next year's festival.

The DWP is undertaking this water line replacement project due to the age of the pipe and low water pressure issues. The project is also needed to comply with federally mandated Water Quality Regulations.

Councilmember LaBonge conferred with officials from the DWP, Rec and Parks and the Zoo and Botanical Garden to find other sites for the event, but with great regret found that it must be cancelled for 2010.



Holiday Happenings



REC AND PARKS

Christmas of A Bygone Era



Banning, Drum Barracks Museums in Wilmington recall the holidays of yesteryear.

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season by traveling back in time at two Rec and Parks museums in the Wilmington – the Banning Residence Museum, and the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure.

■ Banning Museum

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season with the annual and festive Victorian Christmas celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5 at the Banning Museum, 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744. A suggested donation for the event is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Please call the Banning Museum for further information about the event at (310) 548-7777 or www.thebanning-museum.org

Much research has been done to ensure that the Museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a Victorian Christmas. In addition to tours of the Museum, visitors can enjoy free transport on a horse-drawn trolley between the Museum and Drum Barracks

Civil War Museum, as well as specially planned old-fashioned activities. Visit the Stage Coach Barn and enjoy complimentary cookies and hot cider and a visit from jolly St. Nick!

Regular tours of the museum, which will be decorated for the holidays, are also available throughout November and December.

■ Drum Barracks Civil War Museum

You are invited to tour the beautifully decorated museum and experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

"A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a Soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 - 5

Tickets: \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Address: 401 E. M St., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7777 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

Drum Barracks Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 4-5

Regular hours Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.

Closed Christmas Day.

Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

ZOO

Santa-mals

Zoo to feature Santa and holiday decorations on weekends as it prepares to open major Elephants of Asia exhibit.

Santa at the L.A. Zoo

When: Weekends Nov. 27 – Dec. 19

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Free with regular zoo admission; Santa photos may be extra.

Information: www.lazoo.org

Because the Zoo is very busy planning to open its latest great exhibition – Elephants of Asia – in December, it will not be presenting its annual Reindeer Romp. But there's still fun to be had at the Zoo this holiday.

On holiday weekends from Nov. 27 to Dec. 19, the Zoo will host Santa and feature lots of festive holiday decorations. So there will still be a holiday spirit among the animals.

Access to Santa is included with regular admission. Photos with Santa and other attractions may be at an additional price.

The Zoo is closed on Christmas Day.

Project CARE

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COUNCIL

Christmas on Parade

City's holiday parade is back ... and on nationwide television.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, will be held the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be telecast throughout the nation during December both on the Hallmark Channel, the Hallmark Movie Network, and on local TV stations across the country.

The parade, in operation for more than 80 years, had been known by that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die four years ago, the City – notably Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, Club Member – took charge and continued the parade. The name was then

changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back last year.

"Last year's parade was a great success, and the 2010 event should be even better," Garcetti and LaBonge wrote in a statement. "We look forward to your support and participation."

The parade will feature entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units, food and some reserved grandstand seats, which cost \$35. General admission is free.

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



Santa at last year's Hollywood Christmas Parade.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28

Where: Hollywood, starting at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Street. See route, above.

Cost: Free; grandstand reserved seating is available for \$35.

Information:
(866) PARADE-1, or
www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.com

AIRPORTS

Airport Police Names New Assistant Chief

Michael Hyams named Assistant Chief of Operations.

Airport Police has announced the appointment of Michael T. Hyams to Assistant Chief of Operations, overseeing sections responsible for patrol, traffic and security at Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International and Van Nuys (general aviation) airports.

Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno said, "The appointment of Assistant Chief Hyams, with his decades of experience in public safety and law enforcement, illustrates our commitment to maintaining a world-class police organization to further our primary goal of ensuring the safety and security of travelers, visitors and employees who pass through our airports."

Hyams comes to LAWA after serving as executive director of Judicial Support Services for the Orange County Superior Court, a position he held since 2007. In that capacity, he was responsible for all public safety provided by the court's 315 Sheriff's deputies, and leadership of a professional staff of 300.

Hyams' professional experience also includes more than 30 years in municipal policing with the City of Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD), rising to the rank of captain. While with

the NBPD, Hyams served on the executive command staff for 10 years and held senior management and supervisory positions for 21 years. He was responsible for numerous tactical operations and intelligence functions, as well as executive oversight of NBPD's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

As captain, he commanded the Detective, Patrol and Administrative divisions. His assignments also included nine years as the department's legal advisor and supervising its Professional Standards activities.

After leaving NBPD, he worked a short time for the LAPD's Office of the Inspector General.

Hyams earned a law degree from Western State College of Law, Irvine; a doctorate in psychology from U.S. International University, San

Diego; a Master's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University, Malibu; and a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Redlands. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Honor Graduate of Class 2-77 of the Los Angeles Police Academy.

The Club welcomes Michael back to the City family.



Michael T. Hyams

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| Contact: Ray Reynoso (562) 857-9888 or Roberto Larios, LACEA (800) 464-0452 | Contact: Ralph Sanchez (818) 400-0652 or Dave Mills (661) 993-9631 |
| <i>After the ride, we will be going to San Pedro Ports O'Call at 6th & Pacific</i> | |



Bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child age 1-18 to your starting location.

QUESTIONS? ... Call Ray Reynoso (562) 857-9888, Ralph Sanchez (818) 400- 6652 or Dave Mills (661) 993-9631

For information/donations go to

www.Christmastoyrun.com

Something to  Think About

"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."

- John Wooden

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:
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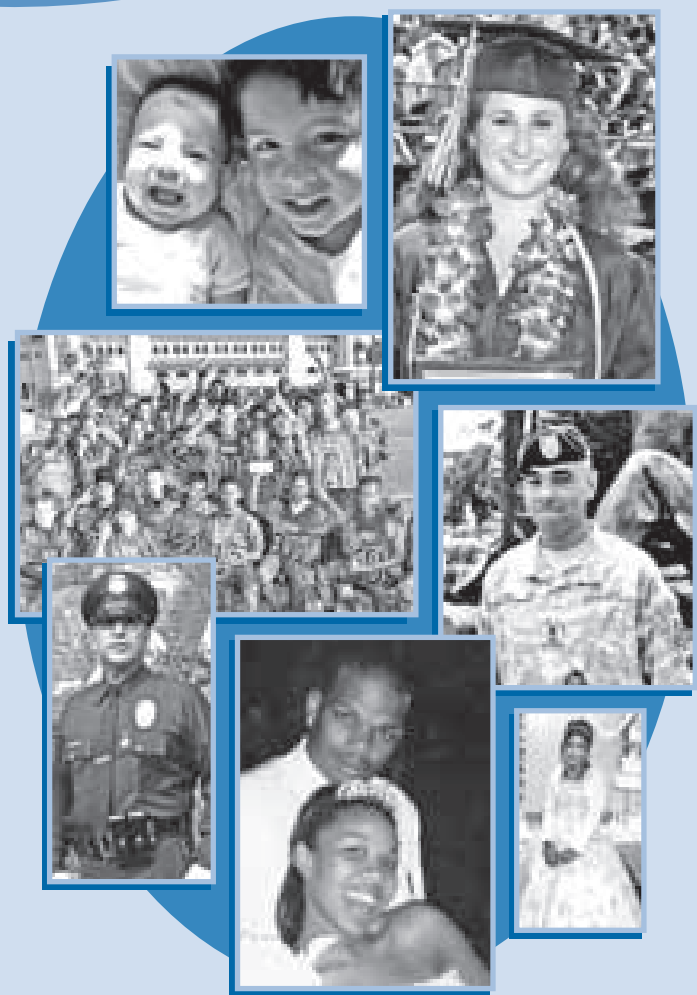
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For Retired Club Members



The Best Years



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

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Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

RLACEI Upcoming Events

Dec. 9: Holiday party, noon, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles.

Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 for reservations.

City Council Considers Serious Pension Reform

President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"It is with a heavy heart that I must report the passing of former Councilman Robert 'Bob' Wilkinson and also the passing of a very good friend and co-worker, Carl Widener.

"Prior to Bob Wilkinson resigning from RLACEI, he was my First Vice President, and we worked together for many years.

"Carl Widener and I worked together in Street Maintenance

Division for many, many years. I was General Superintendent I, assistant to Carl, who was General Superintendent II in charge of Street Maintenance Division during the 1970s.

"In all my 34 years with the City of Los Angeles, being Assistant to Carl was the best job I ever had. I knew that, no matter what I did, Carl was there to back me up. When Carl retired in 1979,

I replaced him in charge of the Street Maintenance Division.

"I report that our October General Meeting, a joint meeting with LACERS, was a great success. We had more than 250 attendees. I also want to remind you to call and make reservations for our Holiday Party on Dec. 9 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge."

Legislative Update: Michael Karsch reports:



Michael Karsch

Council Considers Serious Pension Reform.

"On Oct. 8, two motions were introduced in City Council directing that an ordinance and research be done immediately by the CAO and CLA to address pension reform in LACERS. The motions were referred to the Personnel Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. Committee hearings on the subject are likely in the closing months of the calendar year; final action by the Council could be at any time after the committee hearings.

"The first motion is by Council President Eric Garcetti, seconded by Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and five other Members. This motion calls for the CAO and City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Council review within 10 days to create a new retirement tier for employees covered by LACERS that includes the following reforms:

- Raising the retirement age to at least 60;
- Setting final compensation based on a three-year average;
- Prohibiting double-dipping;
- Lowering the consumer price index cap to 2 percent;
- Eliminating banking of increases over that cap; and
- Requiring a minimum of 2 percent contribution toward retiree health benefits.

"It also asks the CAO and CLA to report to the Council on a pension cap, with a parallel and optional defined contribution plan for higher-earning employees, and to report on options for adjustments to the total allowable formula calculations for salary and health benefits.

"The second motion is by Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and seconded by Council President Garcetti. This calls for a

report by the CAO and CLA to the Council within ten days on various increased pension benefits contribution amounts starting at 10 percent for all existing employees and the impact on the LACERS program, the General Fund and LACERS members of the following elements of reform:

- Setting a retirement age eligibility of 65;
- Reducing the retirement factor from 2.16 to 2.0;
- Setting a maximum retirement allowance at 75 percent;
- Setting a retiree healthcare contribution at 2 percent;
- Allowing the retiree healthcare subsidy for the employee only; and
- Setting final compensation on a three-year average."

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 LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. 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.

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Evelyn with her new friend.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Helen Salgado. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA, and LAFCU.

City Employees Retirement System:
(213) 473-7200

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

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Betting on Vegas for Kids

■ Hal and Evelyn take granddaughter Coco to Vegas for family fun.

Every year we take one of the grandchildren to Las Vegas. This year it was our youngest one, Caroline, better known as Coco. We invite them to take a friend, so Coco, who is almost 10, asked her friend, Nicky, to come along. Over the past years we have found many activities for kids, and each year we try to find new ones.

We drove up on a Sunday and returned home the following Friday. We arrived in the early afternoon, and the kids spent the rest of the afternoon in the swimming pool. One of the big challenges is finding a place to eat that is acceptable to both 10-year-olds and us. A new burger place had opened that Evelyn and I liked, so we took the kids to Smashburger (7541 S. Lake Mead Blvd.), and everyone was happy.

Monday, we decided to go to the Mini Gran Prix (1401 N. Rainbow Blvd.), which is always fun. They have go-karts and sprint karts, and also a number of fun rides including a Dragon Roller Coaster and a pretty neat arcade. You can get a one-hour megaride wristband for \$18 per person, which is a good bargain. The girls spent most of the time driving the go-karts. We ordered a pizza for lunch, and we gave each kid \$10 to play the arcade games. The girls were interested in winning the games to get points to redeem for prizes worth about 50 cents; go figure.

Evelyn belongs to all kinds of Websites that offer discounts to various attractions. She had found one for a place called Flip-n-Out (www.flipnoutfun.com), which has a very large trampoline area. We got there just as they opened at 2 p.m. Evelyn had a coupon for two hours for \$10; the price is normally \$10 per hour. We had two coupons, but the girl at the front let us use one coupon for one hour for each girl. This place is a find; the girls burned off so much energy that they were actually tired. The trampoline is at least 100 feet by 40 feet, with high walls you can bounce off of.

A friend who lives in Las Vegas had told us about a zoo called Roos-n-More (www.roosnmore.com) in Moapa, about 45 minutes north of Las Vegas on I-15. Once a month they have an open house, and we were lucky that it was taking place while we were in Las Vegas. The cost to enter was \$10 per person. Our friends advised us to bring vegetables to feed the animals, so we picked

up corn on the cob, apples, cabbage, carrots and celery. What an amazing place – the animals are up close, and you can hold and pet them. Some of them I had never seen, including a bearcat and a capybara. You can stay as long as you like. There is a tour that takes you into the kangaroo pens. There were also camels, donkeys, goats and pigs. One of the monkeys climbed up on Evelyn

and took an ear of corn and peeled it as it sat on her shoulder. I liked this place so much I would go back without the kids.

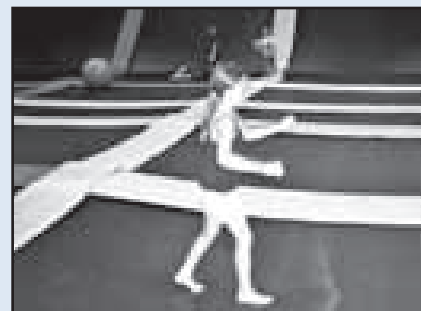
That evening we took the kids to a real restaurant and, because we had our “grand-dog” Rex with us, we picked Grape Street (7501 W. Lake Mead Blvd.), which has an outside patio. Because of the heat we were the only diners on the patio, and both the kids and Rex enjoyed the experience. Grape Street has been around for more than 20 years and is a great Italian restaurant and wine bar.

On Wednesday we wanted to take the kids to Indoor Skydiving (200 Convention Center Dr.), which is always on the list of things to do in Vegas. That evening we wanted to take the kids to a Las Vegas show, so we stopped at the half-price ticket place to see what was appropriate for kids. We picked Criss Angel, a magician at the Luxor. We bought the tickets at a half-price location, and then we had to go to the Luxor to pick up our tickets and get specific seats (the earlier you redeem your reservation the better the seat location). We purchased tickets for a middle location, and when we got to the ticket booth at the Luxor we received front-row seats. With that settled, we headed over to Indoor Skydiving. The cost is \$75 per person, but the Website has a \$10-off coupon. The whole flight time was about 20-minutes, and the kids really loved it.

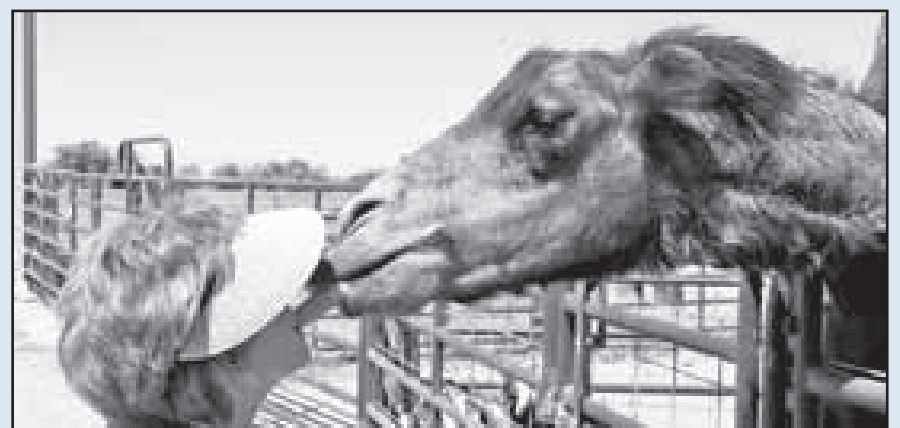
We let the kids spend the rest of the day in the pool.



Coco and Nicky.



Coco at Flip-n-Out.



Evelyn and her really new friend.



We drove to the Luxor and had dinner in the coffee shop, which was good but somewhat pricy. The show was good and the kids seemed to enjoy it. I would rate it as PG-13, but most of the stuff the kids didn't understand.

Thursday we had a reservation to visit the Eldorado Canyon mine in Eldorado Canyon, Nev. Our reservation was for noon, so we took the girls to the Sun Coast Hotel for the breakfast buffet; with a casino card it was \$7 per person. The kids had a great time when they found out ice cream was included in the breakfast buffet, but it filled them up enough for a late lunch.



Coco and Nicky at the Las Vegas sign.

Eldorado Canyon Mine Tours is based in Eldorado Canyon at the Historical Techatticup Mine. It's the oldest, richest and most famous gold mine in Southern Nevada and just 45 minutes outside Las Vegas. The guided mining tour, both above and below ground, took us into the mine and the history of the oldest gold mine in Southern Nevada. The tour started with a history of the area, and then we walked about 200 yards to the old mill site where the ore was brought out of the mine to the stamp mill, then crushed to a powder and mixed in cyanide tanks where the gold and silver were separated. Then we went into the Savage Mine, saw the veins of silver and gold and got a good understanding of the mining conditions. This mine was once owned by Sen. George Hearst and was claim-jumped in 1874, which resulted in numerous murders. The air temperature in the mine is a cool and comfortable 70 degrees year-round. This was our second time on the tour, and I think that it is much improved from our last visit.

We finished the tour around 2 p.m., and the kids wanted to go back to Flip-n-Out on the way home. We used our last coupon, and the kids spent an hour working off breakfast.

Some friends were in town from L.A. and wanted to go to dinner and didn't mind the kids. The place they selected was Sammy's LA Pastrami and Burger (2191 Tropicana Ave.). It's a small place with five tables and a drive-through, but it has good food. The owner, Bryan Hargrave, was very accommodating and let us try a lot of different menu items. I had the LA pastrami and it was good; it's not really a deli, though, and not the same type of food. It's more like a sub shop. It was good enough to go back to, even with the long drive from our house. The portions were large and the atmosphere was fun; it is a joint with local color.

We returned home Friday. The kids had a great time, as did Evelyn and I. Vegas has a lot to offer families, beside the strip. It's fun to be able to do the stuff that the kids do, even if you're an adult, or just young at heart.

LACERS Update: Mary Beetz, LACERS representative, reports:



Mary Beetz

"Open Enrollment Ends Nov. 15. LACERS Open Enrollment began Oct. 15 and will conclude Nov. 15. If you wish to make plan changes, please do so by Nov. 15. If you have not received your Open Enrollment packet, please contact LACERS immediately at (800) 779-8328. Visit the LACERS Website (www.lacers.org) for more information and to find out what's new for Open Enrollment and the 2011 plan year.

"Anthem Announces New Website, Wellness Calendar and Phone Number: Anthem Blue Cross launched its newly redesigned Website (www.anthem.com/ca) in August. Anthem subscribers will find it easier to get answers to everyday questions, securely view health account summary 24/7 days a week, and view their claims history or check the status of a claim. They can also access their health assessments, find support communities, and take advantage of health and wellness discounts. To view this information, subscribers will need to register at www.anthem.com/ca. Those who were previously registered will have to re-register.

"Additionally, Anthem has a 360-degree health wellness calendar that subscribers can now access at <http://wellness-calendar.anthem.com>. Although designed for employers, the calendar has valuable health information that retirees may also find useful. Each month features a different health topic with links relevant to 360-

degree health programs and tools, including wellness flyers, newsletters, and health screening information.

"Effective Jan. 1, the new contact number for Anthem HMO and PPO is (866) 940-8303.

"Traveling and Your LACERS Medical Plan: If you plan to travel, contact your LACERS medical plan to find out what benefits and nearby facilities are available to you before taking your vacation. The contact information for your Member Services health plan's can be found on the back of your medical plan ID card.

"LACERS' medical plans cover *only* emergency, urgently needed, or pre-approved care while you're traveling. You may have to pay for your medical care in advance and be reimbursed by your medical plan carrier later.

"If you are a Kaiser subscriber, Kaiser has a *Travel Guide* that explains where and how to get care in other Kaiser Permanente regions outside your service area.

"Always take your medical ID card and discuss your travel plans with your doctor. If you are on prescription medication, make sure you have enough to last your entire trip. Also, pack your medications in a carry-on so that you will have them in the event your luggage is lost or delayed. Make non-urgent routine medical appointments before or after your trip. For traveling outside the

United States, make sure you have the contact details for the U.S. Embassy and Consulates. They can assist you in finding medical care abroad.

"Contact numbers for LACERS medical plans are:

- Kaiser HMO, (800) 464-4000.
- Kaiser Senior Advantage, (800) 443-0815; (800) 777-1370 TDD.
- Anthem HMO, (800) 227-3771.
- Anthem PPO/Medicare Supplement, (800) 288-2539, (800) 735-2929 TDD. *New number effective Jan. 1: (866) 940-8303.*
- SCAN, (800) 559-3500, (800) 735-2929 TDD.
- SecureHorizons, (888) 867-5548.

"Your Health Matters E-Wellness Newsletter: To save on publishing and mailing costs, LACERS will no longer mail retired members a printed copy of *Your Health Matters* newsletter. However, members can now view the Summer 2010 Your Health Matters wellness newsletter online in the Publications section of LACERS Website (www.lacers.org). Members can also be kept up to date by having an electronic copy of LACERS newsletters delivered to their email address. To subscribe to this service, members simply enter their name, email address, and member status in the *eBulletin Subscription* section, which is located on the LACERS home page."



Here's Ken standing next to Coach Fernandez of the Reseda High School cross-country team.

In Another's Shoes

■ Retiree Ken Kochakji's running club gives away shoes to those who need them.

Every year the New Basin Blues Running Club provides running shoes for under-privileged high school cross-country team members. This year the club gave away new running shoes to the student athletes of Reseda and Monroe High School.

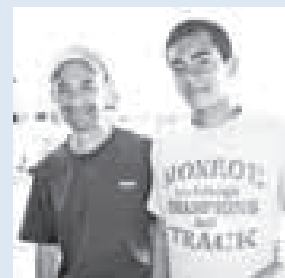
Longstanding member of the running is Club Member Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation. Thanks for sharing the story, Ken!



Quality shoes for our student athletes.



Some of the New Basin Blues Running Club volunteers.



A proud father after his son received his new shoes.



The coach and some of the student athletes of Reseda High cross-country team.



Students of the Monroe High School team wait to be fitted for new running shoes.



Expressions of joy from the kids.



We are The New Basin Blues Running Club, We believe in community service, we are Americas volunteers.

RLACEI HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday,
Dec. 9, 12 noon

Grace E. Simons Lodge
1025 Elysian Park Drive
(near Dodger Stadium)

You're Invited!

The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks),

entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

LAFD

Fire Marshal Awards

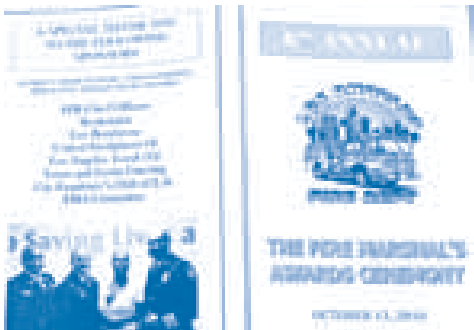
Sixth annual ceremony honors excellence in fire prevention.



From left: Tanzi Cole, Secretary, and Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill.



A happy crew is about to get a plate of food and join the reception area.



The event program.



Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill gives the opening remarks in appreciation of individuals in the Fire Department.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

The sixth annual Fire Marshal's Award ceremony took place Oct. 13 in the Fire Commission Room on the 18th floor in City Hall East. Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill gave opening remarks and comments on the excellent service of the Fire Department in general, and the award recipients specifically.

The awards were given out by the LAFD's Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety.

The 2010 recipients are:

- Inspector II Patrick Killian, Technical Section: The Fire Marshal's Excellence Award
- Capt. II Robert Knight, Industrial & Commercial Section: The Fire Marshal's Excellence Award
- Clerk Typist, Jeannie Porter, Schools, Churches & Institutions Unit: The Fire Marshal's Julie Bennett Award.

Promotions:

- Capt. I: Gary Carpenter
- Capt. I: D'lisa Davies
- Capt. II: Paul Ybarra

Service Pensions:

- Ernie Mistrik, Inspector II, 36 years of City service;
- Michael Ng, Inspector II, 30 years;
- David Calhoun, Inspector II, 34 years;
- Monte Buckner, Inspector II, 30 years;
- Kathy Dade, Management Analyst, 11 years;
- John Quintanar, Battalion Chief, 36 years;
- Beatrice Pelayo, Sr. Clerk Typist, 4 years;
- Zellda Snyder, Management Analyst I, 24 years;
- Judy Ung, Management Analyst II, 4 years;
- Don Donester, Capt. II, 35 years;
- Alan Mosumoto, Inspector I, 33 years;
- Kendall McCarthy, Capt. I, 34 years;
- Robert Jackson, Inspector II, 30 years;
- Frand Cordova, Inspector II, 32 years; and
- Joe Robles, Capt. I, 33 years.

Special thanks to Tanzi Cole for coordinating the event and presenting the City Employees Club with a Certificate of Appreciation that now hangs proudly on our wall.



Award recipients pose for a group photo with Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill.



Inspector II Patrick Killian and family pose with his award for excellence.



Clerk Typist Jeannie Porter and family pose with her Julie Bennett award.



Capt. II Robert Knight and family pose with his award for excellence.



A group photo of those receiving acknowledgement from the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety.



A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to the Stentorian.



Inspectors Fowlks, Girard-Manzo and Owens before entering the reception area



A Certificate of Appreciation was given to the firefighters of Los Angeles.



"Fire Prevention: the Key to Saving Lives and Property."



Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill (top, center) in a group photo.



The reception area was festive and vibrant.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



by Hynda Rudd
City Archivist (Retired)
and Club Member

Paul R. Williams, Architect of Fame

The well-known architect designed nearly 3,000 projects and helped define modern L.A. *Part one of two.*

Photos courtesy the Herald Examiner and Security Pacific Collections, Los Angeles Public Library, Christina Rice, acting photo archive director

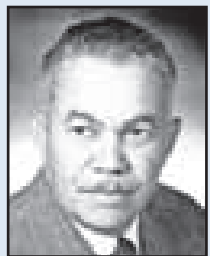
In a 50-year period of close to 3,000 projects, Paul R. Williams became one of the most prolific architects by creating a legacy of construction that defines modern Los Angeles today. He is credited with creating (or co-creating) icons including the Shrine Auditorium, the Superior Court Building downtown, the Beverly Hills Hotel, the Ambassador Hotel, the LAX Theme Building and perhaps hundreds of private homes. As an African American, Paul Williams and much of his success ran parallel with the Jim Crow era, a time in the United States when *after* the Civil War there continued to be unrest in the South between the blacks and whites.

Early Years

Paul Revere Williams was born Feb. 18, 1894, on Santee Street in Los Angeles. He was orphaned at four years old. His father, Chester Stanley, died two years after his birth, and his mother, Lila Wright Williams, passed away two years later. Both parents died from tuberculosis. He grew up in the home of C.D. and Emily Clarkson. Paul graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1912. Known as a competent sketcher in his youth, he studied at the Los Angeles School of Art, the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design, and the engineering school at the University of Southern California.

Emily Clarkson played a major role in his young life. A strong woman, she recognized his early talent. Foster mother, Emily, had a friend who was a builder. He noticed that Paul had a real gift and convinced him that he should consider going into architecture.

As a youth he was usually the only black student in elementary school. But he wasn't set apart because of his color. Instead, he was known as the class artist.



Paul R. Williams in 1951.

He always carried his pencils and sketchbooks. He may have been poor, but he lived a cosmopolitan life.

Paul learned German from newcomer kids in school from Germany. He also picked up Chinese from the neighborhood laundry man. In 1912, after graduating from Polytechnic High School, he ignored his counselor from school and took night-school classes at the Los Angeles School of Art. He then joined the New York-based Beaux Arts Institute of Design. That school had an apprenticeship-style program founded by disciples of the famous French architecture school of the same name. This school is where Paul R. Williams was introduced to European essentials of design.

During this time, at the age of about 18, Paul realized he needed to earn a living. At first, to support himself, he designed, crafted and merchandised monograms for women's purses and watch fobs. But conforming to his eventual profession, he needed to cater to his future, which Williams was astute in doing.



A private residence designed by Paul R. Williams.

By using a telephone book to search out architecture offices in the Los Angeles area, Paul divided the areas geographically. He then listed the architects within those vicinities. He visited them one by one dressed elegantly in a suit and tie, with mustache and hair clipped perfectly. (Paul Williams was known throughout his life as an impeccable dresser.) He received three job offers for an office-boy position. But the one he really wanted to work for was the prominent firm of landscape architect Wilbur D. Cooke Jr., but no salary was offered. Paul really needed money, but he bit the bullet and took the unpaid position. In time Mr. Cooke was so impressed by the lad that he gave him a salary of \$3 a week.

As an office boy by day, he continued his studying at night. At the age of 20 in 1914, Williams won a first prize in a national student competition to design a civic center for Pasadena. His plan emphasized open space, a characteristic that remained part of his architectural work for many decades, which set the central buildings back from the street and placed circles of trees toward the street. Paul won \$200 for that design. Supposedly, this strengthened his belief in himself. Within those early years, he won other student design competitions from Chicago and New York and a prestigious one, the Beaux Arts Medal.

By the time he was 22, he had become a certified architect. But one employer made him aware that architecture was much more than drawing pretty pictures; it was only one aspect of being an architect. He was told he needed to learn physics, mathematics and engineering. In 1916, he began a three-year program on engineering at the University of Southern California (USC), which was in its early years of having a full-fledged architecture program. Williams was one of eight students in USC's architecture school in 1916. Also, the university was in his neighborhood and it accepted blacks. (Paul Williams received USC's Alumni Merit Award in 1966.)

While continuing his studies, Paul worked for a major residential architect Reginald D. Johnson, who gave the young man a glimpse of how the rich and famous lived. Young Williams had never been inside a home of more than \$10,000. His assignment was a home for \$150,000. Williams was dumbfounded but learned about restraint. He soon realized that each room should have a single focal point, otherwise, no matter how much

money was spent, it could look like an expensive junkshop.

In the meantime, Paul Williams married Della Mae Givens on June 27, 1917, at the First AME Church in Los Angeles; he was 23. They had one son and two daughters. The son died at birth. Both girls survived. In 1921, Mr. Williams received his state license, and was the first African American licensed architect west of the Mississippi.

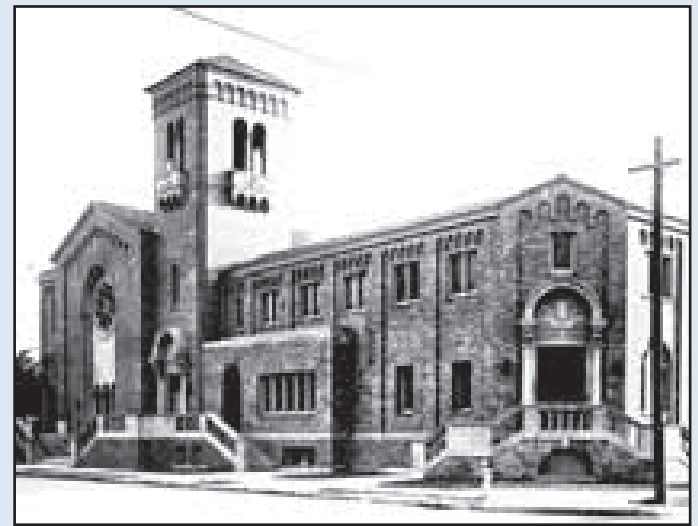
Paul's background in engineering helped him when he went to work for John C. Austin. Williams, now an associate in the firm, assisted in preparing construction drawings for major buildings like the Shrine Auditorium and the First Methodist Church. But an unbelievable gift was coming to Paul Williams.

His Own Company

Williams was still months away from receiving his state license in 1921. But he received an incredible offering from an old classmate from Polytechnic High School, Louis Cass. Cass wanted to build a home in the Flintridge hills. Cass gave his old friend a \$90,000 contract, and encouraged Williams to use the commission and start up his own firm. This opportunity gave Williams the cash and security to start out on his own. He chose a space in the Stock Exchange Building in Los Angeles. He hung a sign out front that read "Paul Williams & Associates." He was 28.

In the early years of his career, prospective homebuilders would visit his office drawn to him because of his reputation without realizing he was black. Sometimes it mattered to patrons, who then left; others remained. Paul Williams had an internal belief that people were intrinsically tolerant, no matter how much prejudice there was in life. His instinct told him that patient and fair-minded individuals would honor his resourcefulness, courage and honest effort. Because of his talents, and his being forthright, he was soon proven correct.

As the prosperous 1920s roared on, the homebuilding industry continued to boom in Southern California. Williams was able, at that time, to score many commissions from wealthy and high-end middle class white patrons. In 1929, he won a contract from a horse breeder Jack P. Atkin. It was for a very large \$500,000 hilltop estate in Pasadena. To date, that was Paul Williams' largest contract. When it sold a few decades later, the home



The Second Baptist Church, designed by Paul R. Williams, was built in 1924.

was almost in the same condition as when built. It was listed for \$8 million.

In 1927, *PRW*, as he would become better known in his more prolific years, moved his office from the Stock Exchange Building to the Wilshire Arts Building, at Wilshire and Manhattan in Los Angeles.

Of interest to our readership, Paul R. Williams was appointed to the first Planning Commission in 1920, where he remained for eight years. Later, Mayor Frank Shaw appointed Paul to the first Los Angeles Housing Commission in 1933, where he also remained for eight years.

This incredible story will be continued in future months.

Note to Readers

Due to a production problem, there was missing text in last month's column, the conclusion of our three-part story on LAPD Chief William Parker and mobster Mickey Cohen, written by excellent guest columnist John Buntin. The last paragraph should have read:

In September 1975, Mickey checked into UCLA Medical Center, complaining of pain from an ulcer. It turned out he had stomach cancer. His doctors informed him that he had only months to live. Mickey used the time to relate his biography to the writer John Peer Nugent. The highly idiosyncratic result was *Mickey Cohen: In My Own Words*. The following summer, Mickey Cohen died at home in his sleep, leaving \$3,000 in cash, which the IRS promptly took. With back taxes, penalties, and interest, he still owed the U.S. government \$496,535.23.



Mickey Cohen and a bulletproof car, 1950.

Alive! apologizes for the error and hopes you enjoyed the story on Parker and Cohen.

—Ed.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Mark Almaraz
John Arrieta
Shaun Carter
Maria Castro
Adam Gonzalez
Alex Hernandez
Kenneth McVey
Ken Phan
Francisco Rivera
Richard Tillman
John Ward
Roger Yin

Building and Safety

Damien Hawitt

City Attorney

Ashley Escobedo
David Scheiman

CDD

Nicole Graves

LAFD

Tyrome Baker
Dennis Barnes
Richard Hernandez
Gary Manning
Alexander Molina
Linda Ullum

General Services

Edwin Butz
Saul Gutierrez
Stefan Mahaley
Theresa Pina
Theresa Torres
Beth Wendt

Harbor

Sean Masero
Christopher Sevilla
Herschell Warlick

LACERS

Betty Smith

Library

Tah-Neka Colbert

Personnel

Joyce Banuelos
Elsa Rodarte

LAPD

Stacy Antonio
Ruben Arellano
Monica Aros
Vincent Balderrama
Florence Broughton
Michelle Broussard-Chavis
Julian Conales
Michael Dixon
Shenita Easter
Marlise Ervin
Gloria Fanning
Maria Guevara
Judy Hao
Jesus Hernandez
Calvin Hill
Michele Howell
Juanita Kepford
Linda Lazar
Ladrina Lee
Eddy Limon
Cheryl Masters
Elizabeth Meza
Hector Morales
John Negrete
Gandyng Ortega
Cesar Plascencia
Jeffrey Sandefur
Doris Torres
Gloria Unterburger
Johnathan Weiler
Michelle Weiler

PUBLIC WORKS

Jacqueline Basuel
Paul Hernandez
Sydne Hunter
Irene Rhyu
Jerry Simpson-Harris

PW-Contract Administration

Jacqueline Basuel
Paul Hernandez
Sydne Hunter
Irene Rhyu
Jerry Simpson-Harris

PW-Sanitation

Brian Anderson
Portia Chappel
Rosario Felix

Paul Harley

Kelli Jones
Fayelease Kenoly
Nady Maechling
James Moore
Rafael Porter

PW-Street Lighting

Tracie Chretien
Jimmy Francis
Lyle Izumigawa
Kenneth Tsai

Rec and Parks

Paige Barnes
Juan Elizalde
Harlan Felix
Zoila Garcia
Anna Garcia
Daniel Hernandez
Leslie Hutchinson
Sharon Roshell
Mark Thornton
Javier Tzoc

Transportation

Martin Bland
Clive Grawe
Maximo Marrufo
Dwight Pierce

DWP

Benjamin Banuelos
Jose Estrada Jr.
Gary Harries
Benjamin Hildenbrand
Javed Khan

Zoo

Lowell Taylor

Retired

Gladys Cole

Other

Oscar Arrieta
William Fallis
Bertha Holloway
Alberto Valencia
Mildred Vasquez



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.

Active

Anderson, Tommie, General Services, 8
Brown, Edgar, Airports, 21
Rodriguez, Adriana, LAPD, 23
Sanchez, Josefina, Rec and Parks, 6
Vasquez, Marco, Airports, 7
Williams, Anthony, Aging, 13

Retired

Abrenica, Epitacio, Rec and Parks, 30
Acquisto, Paul, DWP, 22
Acuna, Emma, DWP, 34
Adams, Harold, DWP, 35
Aguirre, Adalberto, Rec and Parks, 26
Bishin, Evelyn, Library, 15
Boyce, Garth, DWP, 30
Buchanan, Norman, Airports, 34
Butler, Walter, Rec and Parks, 16
Campbell, Ronald, DWP, 26
Cortinas, John, Public Works, 22
Fairman, George, DWP, 26
Fischer, John, Library, 17
Fukaye, Edward, General Services, 33
Grisco, Gloria, Airports, 23
Hawkins, Willie, Animal Services, 26
Howard, Janice, LAPD, 24
Jacks, Gordon, DWP, 33
Kamachi, Tomoji, DWP, 22
Leatherman, George, DWP, 34
Lindgard, Harold, Harbor, 28
Logan, Elmer, Harbor, 21

Lott, Michael, Airports, 24
Loughran, Dorothy, LAPD, 12
Martin, Victor, Public Works, 22
Matthews, Gertrude, LAPD, 22
McGlorie, Flora, Rec and Parks, 15
Melnick, Thelma, DWP, 23
Montoya, Floyd, Airports, 5
Mosley, Samuel, Rec and Parks, 25
Nicholson, Dennis, Public Works, 25
Niemans, Leo, General Services, 13
Nunn, William, DWP, 28
Ogawa, Haru, DWP, 33
Olivas, Nicolas, DWP, 33
Pedroza, Cynthia, LAPD, 37
Samuels, Rubynell, LAPD, 37
Sievren, James, DWP, 30
Simpson, Ollie, DWP, 19
Stacy, Shirley, DWP, 25
Takemoto, Teruo, General Services, 35
Thompson, Harold, Harbor, 22
Truedson, Anna, DWP, 22
Walker, Vivian, City Clerk, 14
Wallace Langlois, Bernard, Transportation, 4
Washington, Willie, Rec and Parks, 25
Watler, Wallace, DWP, 6
Weber, Irving, Building and Safety, 27
Wilkinson, Robert, Council, 24
Williams, Odell, DWP, 32
Winn, Dolores, Airports, 18

Peace of Mind

Insuring Your Dependents

BY TIFFANY SY

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



This Thanksgiving, and every minute of our lives, we have many joys to be thankful for. As parents, our joys are our children and the ability to provide for them. (That's in addition to finding your lifetime partner, of course.)

If you have life insurance with the Club, you have made the right choice of providing your dependents with financial security. If you have not, you may call us for a quote anytime. Did you know that we also provide dependent life insurance for your children? Dependents are covered for \$10,000 per child as a rider on your life insurance as long as they remain a full-time student, beyond the age of 19 up to the age of 24 for simply

\$1.20 per pay period. If your dependent is disabled or handicapped, they may be able to continue as your dependent if qualified. An attending physician must verify the disability within 30 days of turning 19 years of age.

A lot of you have asked me, when they are no longer a full-time student and beyond the age of 19, what happens to their coverage? You have the option to convert your dependent's coverage to whole life insurance once they reach the age where they are no longer eligible as dependents. The conversion is simple, and no medical exam or underwriting is required!

If you would like a quote for the conversion to whole life

insurance, please contact Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager, with your name and child's date of birth; contact her at aherrero@cityemployeesclub.com, or call us and ask for Arlene.

Do you know if you have enough coverage to protect your loved ones who depend on your income? Contact me or your Member Services Counselor, and we would be more than happy to assess your needs and prepare a quote.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com





Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Dionisio A. Garza graduated from U.S. Army (Infantry) basic training and Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Ga., in November 2009. He is stationed in Italy and is deployed in Afghanistan with the 173rd Airborne Division. His father, Dionisio L. Garza, is a firefighter with the LAFD.



Special Achievements



Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Linda Soriano, daughter of Isis and Roberto Soriano, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD, has been busy! She is in her second year of medical school at the American University of Antigua. While in Antigua she was part of Phi Delta Epison a medical fraternity that focuses on community service and raised more than \$2,000 for the Children's Miracle Network. At the same time she's been working on an MBA through Plymouth State University, and she expects to receive that degree in May. Linda, holding a white coat, is pictured with her uncles and parents Isis and Roberto Soriano. Nice going, Linda!



Quinceañera

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



Graduations

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Weddings

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Births

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Retirements

| NAME | TITLE | DEPT | YEARS | NAME | TITLE | DEPT | YEARS | NAME | TITLE | DEPT | YEARS |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Adams, Horance | Motor Sweeper Operator | Public Works | 40 | Javier, Remberto | Civil Eng. Assoc. IV | Public Works | 23 | Riley, Dwight | Wastewater Trmt. Oper. III | Public Works | 39 |
| Abrams, Tommy | Wastewater Coll. Worker II | Public Works | 31 | Jeff, William | Sr. Electrician | Harbor | 20 | Rivera, Jesus | Tree Surg. Supv. IV | Public Works | 42 |
| Aliviado, Raymond | Harbor Engr. II | Harbor | 35 | Jones, Allan | Equine Keeper | LAPD | 21 | Roberts, David | Build. Mech. Inspector | Building and Safety | 14 |
| Allen, Jack | Special Prog. Asst. II | Rec and Parks | 4 | Kausteklis, Peter | Env. Compliance Insp. | Public Works | 24 | Rodriguez, Francine | Messenger Clerk | Library | 12 |
| Amador, Jaime | Pr. Detention Officer | LAPD | 31 | Kennedy, John | Sr. Build. Mech. Inspector | Building and Safety | 34 | Rodriguez, Manuel | Maint. Laborer | Airports | 33 |
| Ancheta, Alfredo | Field Engr. Aide | Harbor | 12 | Kidd, Clarence | Storekeeper II | Building and Safety | 39 | Rosas, Homer | Tax Auditor | Finance | 20 |
| Anderson, Kim | Sr. Equip. Mechanic | General Services | 34 | Klein, Mary | Recreation Asst. | Rec and Parks | 1 | Rubner, Michael | Survey Supervisor | Public Works | 35 |
| Aragon, Elvia | Secretary | Public Works | 36 | Klein, Patricia | Clerk Typist | Building and Safety | 9 | Ruiz, Luis | Equip. Mechanic | General Services | 24 |
| Berkow, Michael | Police Deputy Chief II | LAPD | 18 | Kui, John | Electrical Engr. Assoc. IV | Public Works | 34 | Salama, Maher | Accounting Clerk II | CDD | 27 |
| Bibas, Helene | City Planner | City Planning | 22 | Kwan, Paul | Mgmt. Analyst III | Housing | 12 | Santiesteban, Jorge | Resources Manager II | Public Works | 35 |
| Blaisdell, Ernest | Heavy Duty Truck Operator | Public Works | 22 | Lauro, Tony | Field Engr. Aide | Harbor | 53 | Sharp, Warren | Equip. Mechanic | General Services | 13 |
| Blanco, Victoriano | Build. Operating Egr. | Airports | 27 | Liao, Kao | Sanitary Engineer | Public Works | 31 | Singhal, Dharam | Off. Engr. Tec III | Public Works | 32 |
| Borders, Sandra | Librarian III | Library | 32 | Livingston, Debra | Sr. Clerk Typist | Cultural Affairs | 24 | Skubik, Jerry | Wastewater Coll. Worker II | Public Works | 9 |
| Branch, Sandra | Custodian | Airports | 17 | Logsdon, Barbara | Mgmt. Analyst II | Public Works | 28 | Smith, Alonzo | Sr. Rec. Director II | Rec and Parks | 44 |
| Brown, Donna | Pre-Press Operator II | General Services | 10 | Lopez, Carlos | Mgmt. Analyst II | Public Works | 36 | Smith, Charlene | Detention Officer | LAPD | 27 |
| Casillas, William | Build. Mech. Inspector | Building and Safety | 26 | Lopez, Edward | Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II | Public Works | 35 | Snyder, Stanley | Build. Repairer Supv. | Convention Center | 22 |
| Chu, Charles | Arch. Assoc. IV | Public Works | 35 | Lopez, Gilbert | Gardener Caretaker | Rec and Parks | 21 | Sommers, Deborah | Police Service Rep | LAPD | 11 |
| Chu, Huey | Civil Engr. Assoc. IV | Public Works | 22 | Lopez, Margarita | Exec. Admin. Asst. III | Housing | 39 | Spencer, Melba | Sr. Clerk Typist | Airports | 38 |
| Clayborne, Roy | Not disclosed | Airports | 30 | Magro, Jack | Elec. Pump Plt. Oper. | Public Works | 32 | Spillman, Lawrence | Wastewater Trmt. Elec. II | Public Works | 31 |
| Code, Ronald | Management Analyst II | LAPD | 20 | Maloco, Agustin | Build. Mech. Inspector | Building and Safety | 20 | St. George, Matthew | Dep. City Attorney IV | City Attorney | 24 |
| Combs, James | Asst. General Manager | Rec and Parks | 23 | Manning, Lynnette | Real Estate Assoc. II | Airports | 32 | Stern, Howard | Electrical Inspector | Building and Safety | 23 |
| Corral, Manuel | Build. Mech. Inspector | Building and Safety | 8 | Martin, Octavio | Tree Surgeon Sup. IV | Public Works | 30 | Stevens, Dale | Truck Operator/One Man | Public Works | 21 |
| Cutler, Larry | Sr. Systems Analyst II | Housing | 25 | Maruoka, Richard | Supervising Criminalist | LAPD | 30 | Stickney, Laura | Art Instructor III | Cultural Affairs | 30 |
| Cuza, Cynthia | City Planning Assoc. | City Planning | 11 | McCord, Mary | Exec. Admin. Asst. III | Public Works | 34 | Stringfield, David | Traffic Officer II | Transportation | 30 |
| Dahle, Alan | Asst. City Attorney | City Attorney | 36 | McLaughlin, Donald | Sr. Systems Analyst II | Transportation | 40 | Taylor, Jesse | Equip. Operator | Public Works | 33 |
| De la Cruz, Carlos | Reprographic Oper. II | Public Works | 28 | Miles, Nannette | Data Control Asst. II | CDD | 31 | Teongnoi, Torsak | Parking Attendant II | General Services | 19 |
| Diego, Vincent | Sr. Accountant II | Public Works | 23 | Minatiskan, Yerchanik | Engr. Assoc. IV | Public Works | 27 | Thomas, Josalyn | Vocational Worker II | Airports | 5 |
| Dooley, Algertha | Clerk Typist | LAPD | 14 | Moeller, Robert | Truck Operator/One Man | Public Works | 27 | Thomas, Mark | Council Member | Council | 11 |
| Dowe, Hanlon | Garage Attendant | General Services | 27 | Montes, Vincente | Security Officer | Airports | 10 | Thornton, Angeline | Airport Guide II | Airports | 1 |
| Duque, Gil | Electrical Engr. IV | Building and Safety | 29 | Moorhead, Judy | Pr. Librarian II | Library | 34 | Tokatlian, Karnik | Airport Guide II | Airports | 6 |
| Eder, Lois | Child Care Assoc. II | Rec and Parks | 18 | Morgan, Arthur | Motor Sweeper Operator | Zoo | 35 | Tonnu, Nhuy | Fiscal Systems Spec. II | ITA | 29 |
| Escobosa, Carlos | Animal Control Off. II | Animal Services | 35 | Morris, Billy | Ref. Coll. Truck Opr. II | Public Works | 31 | Uyeno, Michael | Sr. Transport Engineer | Transportation | 30 |
| Esmaili, Hamid | Structural Engineer | Public Works | 6 | Moso, Maliko | Clerk Typist | LAPD | 23 | Valdez, Jose | Gardener Caretaker | Rec and Parks | 16 |
| Espiritu, Catalino | Sanitary Engineer | Public Works | 33 | Mungaray, Marcel | Tree Surg. Supv. IV | Public Works | 39 | Valencia, Sergio | Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II | Public Works | 33 |
| Evangelista, Mariano | Accounting Clerk II | Convention Center | 30 | Munz, Paul | Plumbing Heat Tec. Advr. | Public Works | 39 | Valente, Karen | Correctional Nurse III | Personnel | 19 |
| Ewald, Russell | Management Analyst II | Rec and Parks | 14 | Murillo, Maria | Crossing Guard | Transportation | 8 | Valentin, Doris | Airport Guide II | Airports | 13 |
| Fajardo, Rufino | Sr. Construction Estimator | Public Works | 24 | Nettles, Edward | Build. Elec. Engr. II | Public Works | 46 | Vasquez, Leticia | Event Attendant III | Convention Center | 8 |
| Feldman, Lawrence | Management Analyst II | CDD | 35 | Nguyen, Huong | Geographic Info. Spec. | Public Works | 26 | Velasquez, Genevieve | Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II | LAPD | 25 |
| Florendo, Teodora | Chief Accountant IV | Fire/Police Pensions | 32 | Noble, Glodine | Child Care Associate | Rec and Parks | 3 | Vorwerk, Vernon | Transp. Eng. Assoc. IV | Transportation | 38 |
| Fong, John | Supv. Transp. Planner II | Transportation | 42 | O'Bard James | Wastewater Treat. Oper. III | Public Works | 37 | Wagoner, Janie | Sr. Clerk Typist | Public Works | 33 |
| Frausto, Paul | Sr. Building Inspector | Building and Safety | 41 | Ong, Jimmy | Field Engr. Aide | Harbor | 34 | Wainwright, Albert | Sr. Traffic Supv. III | Transportation | 30 |
| Friolot, Joseph | Management Analyst II | Public Works | 5 | Oneal, Harry | Trucker Operator | Public Works | 39 | Wellnitz, Thomas | Auto Electrician | General Services | 23 |
| Gandara, Robert | Truck Operator/One Man | Public Works | 33 | Oppenheimer, Susan | Librarian III | Library | 34 | Westbrook, Samuel | Garage Attendant | General Services | 43 |
| Gilbert, Henry | Safety Engr. Elevators | Building and Safety | 31 | Owens, Mildred | Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II | Public Works | 32 | Whately, Lindsay | Traffic Officer II | Transportation | 29 |
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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

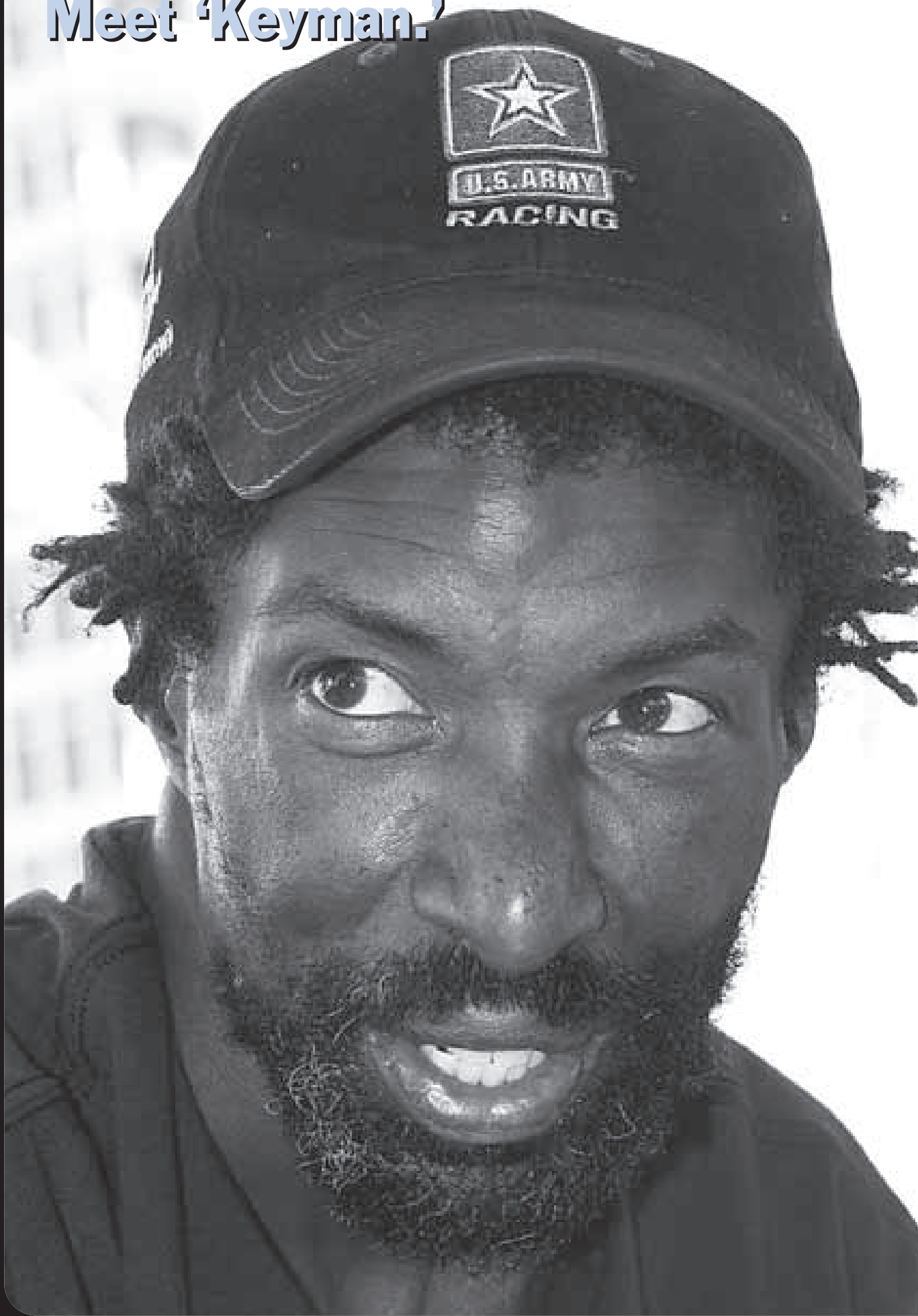
No. 33 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet 'Keyman.'

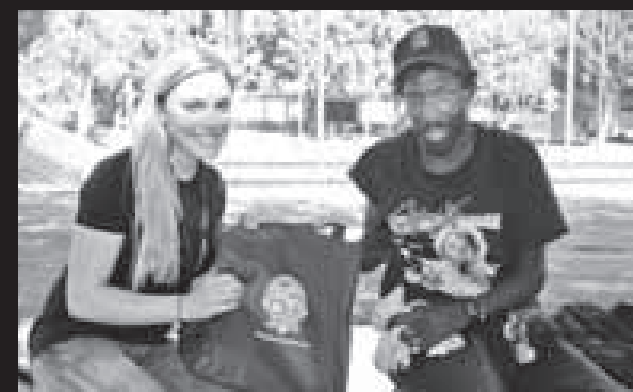
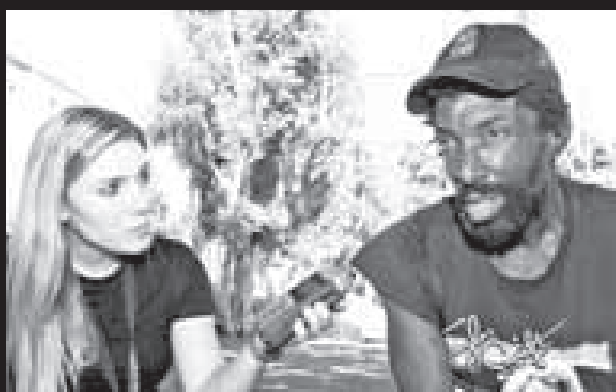


AGE: "I'm 51."
BIRTHPLACE: "I was born in Ohio."
MARITAL STATUS: "I am single, never married."
FAMILY: "I am the oldest of two girls and four boys."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "For the money. I moved here with my mom."
EDUCATION: "I made it to 10th grade. I went to Garfield Heights High School in Ohio."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I can't remember."
RELIGION: "I believe in the Man Above and my mother in heaven."
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "No."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I move around ... but mainly at 622 Wall St."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Back in Vegas, I was a dishwasher and a security guard."
FAVORITE SPORT: "I love NASCAR."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*The Fantastic Four, Spiderman, Batman.*"
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Hawaii 5-0.*"
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Don't have one."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Nope, no favorite, either."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "I love jazz."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers!"
FAVORITE FOOD: "Chinese."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "I'm dyslexic, I don't read much."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "No advice, sorry."
LAST THING EATEN: "Nothing today, had some Oreos yesterday."
WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "No one really has been."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To get off the streets and [have] a roof over my head."
ARE YOU ON ANY MEDICATION? "I'm supposed to have an inhaler, but I don't have the money."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I'd put it in my wallet!"
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "Reduce the living costs here in L.A."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS? "You can only ask God that one. I really can't say."
NOTE: "Keyman" asked us to not use his real name.



Garfield Heights High School, Ohio

The Club gave "Keyman" shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and some bottled water.
 The interview took place Oct. 18 at Hill and Temple Streets (Flag Park) downtown and was conducted by Club staffer Noelle Kauffman.
 Photos by Angel Gomez



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez and New Project Coordinator Noelle Kaufman, 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. }

Be a Part of a
Club Holiday Tradition

It's Party Pix Time

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



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

Take the photos yourself:

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

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



We'll take your holiday photos for you:

Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer. Please note: There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Club Rep (Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Brent Urban or Eboné Moses) or email Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.

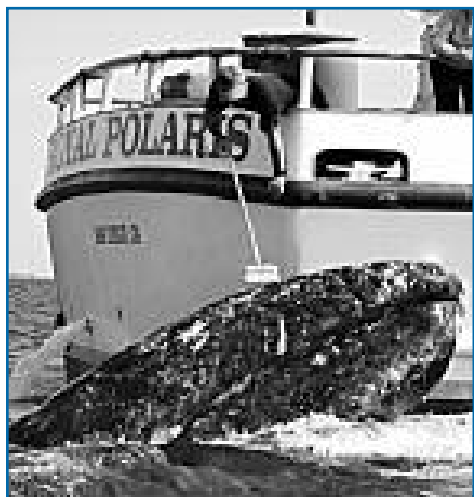
See you at the party!

Newsbriefs

CABRILLO WHALE ADVENTURE:

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium announces the dates and rates of its upcoming "Meet the Friendly Whales of Baja" adventure trip.

Join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) March 6-14, 2011, for a trip that truly is the journey of a lifetime! Pacific gray whales return to San Ignacio Lagoon each year to mate and give birth. During this nine-day excursion we will spend three exciting days anchored in San Ignacio Lagoon, where friendly gray whales and their curious calves swim within arm's length of the skiffs.



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

The Mexican government severely limits the number of visitors allowed to enter into San Ignacio Lagoon during this time. This annual Cabrillo trip has rare access.

Each passenger will receive an illustrated natural history guide containing information about animals sighted and locations visited. CMA's

experienced naturalists, including experts on gray whales and other marine mammals, birds, native island plants, and marine biology, will lead hikes and give shipboard presentations to add the educational aspect of the trip.

The 113-foot *Royal Polaris* out of San Diego will provide comfortable accommodations, a roomy galley/lounge and a friendly crew that furnishes hardy, flavorful meals. This trip is priceless, but the cost per person is \$2,425 plus \$150 gratuity. For more information visit our Website www.cabrillosmarineaquarium.org and click on the link under News Splash titled Meet the Friendly Whales of Baja.

Information: Larry Fukuhara, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium: (310) 548-7562, ext. 223.

ENGINEERING HONORED:

Public Works/Engineering (BOE) was honored Oct. 7 with five out of eight American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)—Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch awards at a ceremony at City Hall.

The Bureau was recognized for: Outstanding Sustainability Project (Central Avenue Constituent Center/Council District 9 Neighborhood City Hall); Outstanding Architectural Engineering Project (Hollenbeck Area Police Station Replacement Project); Outstanding Civil Engineer in Legislative Activities (Julia Moye); Outstanding Civil Engineer in Government (Marlon Calderon, P.E.); and Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer (Gary Lam, P.E.). BOE has received close to 20 industry awards this year.

"I couldn't be more proud of the Bureau of Engineering for this strong showing. We have dedicated, innovative people who are highly respected by industry leaders and the various communities we serve," said Gary Lee Moore, P.E. "I feel honored and privileged to work with people who are making a difference for the residents of Los Angeles and who are praised by their peers for their excellence."

Founded in 1997, the Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (MLAB) is dedicated to serving its more than 3,000 members through its cooperation with the Los Angeles Section and the national organization of ASCE. MLAB's membership is the largest in the country with a strong focus on mentoring young aspiring engineers through its five Branch universities.

The Bureau of Engineering has a workforce of more than 900 engineers, architects, surveyors and support staff and an annual operating budget of \$166 million, with 467 active projects totaling \$2.8 billion. The Bureau of Engineering is responsible for the design and construction of all public facilities including fire stations, libraries, police stations, animal care facilities and the Los Angeles Zoo. In addition, the Bureau oversees projects involving parks, streets, wastewater treatment plants, sewers and storm drains and the regulation of private development affecting the public right-of-way.

GRIFFITH WRITING CONTEST:

Griffith Observatory, in the interest of stimulating the flow of information between scientists, science writers, and the public, proudly announces the sponsorship by Boeing of an annual offering of awards for the best articles in astronomy, astrophysics, and space science.

Awards will be made on March 15, 2011, for the articles that best communicate to the average reader, material of current or historical interest in astronomy, astrophysics, and space science.

Articles must be 3,500 to 5,000 words in length, typewritten, in English, double-spaced, and accompanied by a brief biographical sketch of the author. Text should be in Microsoft Word "doc" format, with normal paragraphing format (indent first sentence, don't skip a line between paragraphs). Images must not be embedded in the Word document. At least two camera-ready illustrations must be included. Images must be in TIFF or JPG format at sufficient resolution. Print resolution is 300 pixels per inch, and an image intended to be printed at four inches should be at

least 1200 pixels wide. Permissions, if necessary, must be supplied. The author's name should appear only on a cover sheet and not on the pages of the article itself.

Electronic mail submissions with the subject line "Boeing Writing Contest Submission" are preferred. Postal mail submissions are also accepted, but a disk containing the articles and images must be provided.

The cash amounts of the awards are:

- First prize: \$1,000
- Second prize: \$350
- Third prize: \$200
- Fourth prize: \$150
- Honorable mention: \$50

All articles must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2010. The contest is open to all interested persons (Griffith Observatory employees excepted). All winning articles become property of Griffith Observatory. The winning articles will be published in the Griffith Observer. Previously published articles will not be accepted.

Any number of articles may be submitted to the contest by one person, but only one prize will be awarded to a winning author. Judging will be done by Griffith Observatory, and the decision of the judges is final. Each entry is judged anonymously so that the author's identity is unknown to all of the judges.

Address all articles to:

Awards Committee
Griffith Observatory
2800 East Observatory Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
(213) 473-0824
christina.iwata@lacity.org

Awards are made on the basis of clear and interesting style, accuracy, reader interest in the subject, correct grammar and syntax, originality in presentation and content, and neatness. Failure to meet the requirements on length, appearance, and illustrations may disqualify an entry from consideration.

CLUB SPORTS



News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • November 2010



Club Softball League 2010 STATS

Team Standings (as of October 6, 2010)

| | GAMES PLAYED | WINS | LOSSES | TIES | FORFEITS | TOTAL POINTS |
|-------------------------|--------------|------|--------|------|------------------|--------------|
| West Division | | | | | | |
| LAX JETS* | 8 | 6 | 2 | | | 11 |
| I'd Hit It* | 8 | 5 | 3 | | | 10 |
| Guzzlers | 8 | 5 | 3 | | | 6 |
| Shockers* | 7 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 7 |
| Bravo Tango** | - | - | - | | | - |
| | | | | | * Game Postponed | |
| | | | | | ** Withdrew | |
| Central Division | | | | | | |
| Warriors | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| Sluggers | 8 | 7 | 1 | | | 14 |
| Transformers | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Smooth Operators | 8 | 3 | 6 | | 0 | 6 |
| DOT-GERS | 9 | 1 | 8 | | 0 | 2 |
| East Division | | | | | | |
| Enforcers | 8 | 8 | 0 | | 0 | 16 |
| Hitmen | 9 | 7 | 2 | | 0 | 14 |
| Blue Dragons* | 8 | 3 | 5 | | 0 | 6 |
| Reservoir Dogs* | 8 | 2 | 6 | | 0 | 4 |
| Head First | 9 | 1 | 8 | | 4 | -2 |
| | | | | | * Game Postponed | |

Game Scores

September 22, 2010

| HOME TEAM | AWAY TEAM | LOCATION |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Shockers-W | Bravo Tango | Yosemite |
| Sluggers-12 | Transformers-11 | Yosemite |
| Blue Dragons-9 | Hitmen-12 | Downey |
| Operators-5 | Warriors-10 | Downey |
| LAX Jets-18 | Guzzlers-4 | Shatto |
| Enforcers-6 | Head First-1 | Shatto |

* Postponed.

BYES: I'd Hit It, DOT-GERS and Reservoir Dogs

September 29, 2010

| HOME TEAM | AWAY TEAM | LOCATION |
|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Operators-1 | Transformers-8 | Yosemite |
| DOT-GERS-2 | Warriors-9 | Yosemite |
| Shockers-0 | Guzzlers-7 | Downey |
| Blue Dragons-7 | Head First-0 | Downey |
| I'd Hit It-W | Bravo Tango | Shatto |
| Reservoir Dogs-3 | Hitmen-16 | Shatto |

BYES: LAX Jets, Sluggers and Enforcers

October 6, 2010

| HOME TEAM | AWAY TEAM | LOCATION |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|
| ALL GAMES RAINED OUT | | |

BYES: Warriors and Hitmen

Club Softball Looks Toward the Playoffs

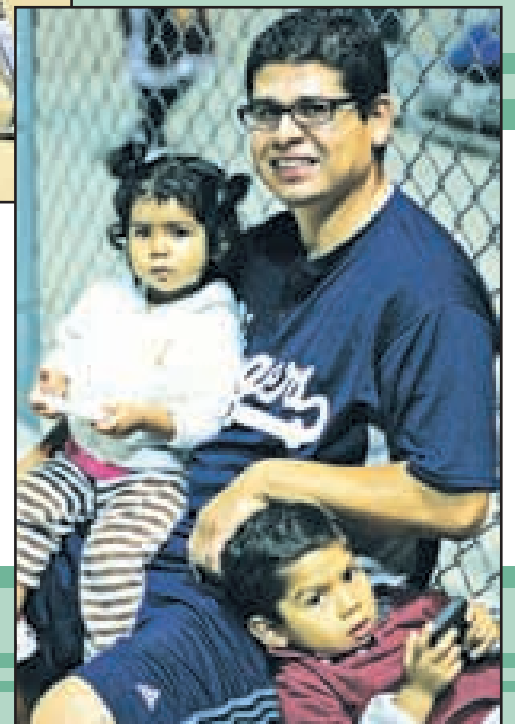
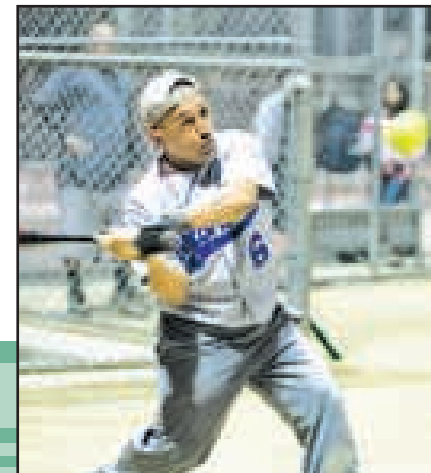
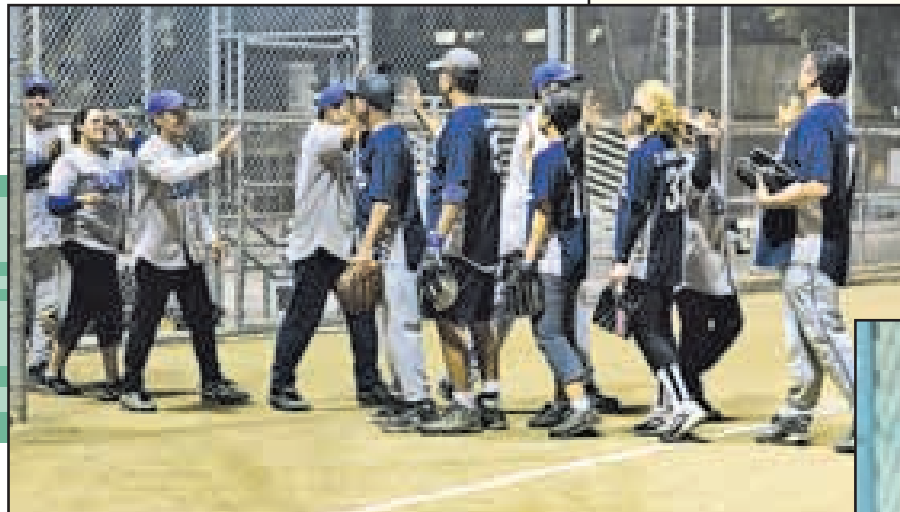
Photos by Sammy Lam and Robert Larios, Club staff; and Tom Hawkins, Club photographer

The second season of the Club Softball League is going great guns, with the teams hurdling toward the playoffs in another couple of weeks.

While teams are experiencing the challenges accompanied with scoring and winning games, Mother Nature has been involved in the games as well. The league experienced its first rainout Oct. 6. These games will be replayed later in the season.

The Enforcers seem to be pulling away in their division, and things are heating up between the top teams in the Central with the Warriors and the Sluggers clashing to take the number-one spot.

Come out on a Wednesday night to cheer your team on, or just enjoy some great Club Sports League action!



Game Locations



Downey Recreation Center
1772 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90031

Shatto Recreation Center
3191 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90020

Yosemite Recreation Center
1840 Yosemite Drive
Los Angeles, CA. 90041

Club's 2nd Season Of Hoops Tips Off



Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club photographer



Due to popular demand, the Club has begun its second season of great City Employee basketball!

The Sports Dude, Robert Larios, opened up the second Club basketball season Oct. 7. The reigning champions – DOT Outlaws – look strong out of the gates even with a hotly contested match with rivals Rec and Park Hoopers.

The Club Basketball League welcomes new teams this season, with the Smashers and 105 West. And last season's Rice & Beans changed its name to Poi Dawgs.

Come on out and watch some great Club basketball on Thursday nights!

The games take place at:
Expo Center north and south gyms
3980 S. Menlo Ave., Los Angeles 90037



CLUB SPORTS



MORE SPORTS COMING YOUR WAY!

The Club's Sports Dept. is expanding ... and that's great news for City Employees and Club Members. Here's what's coming up. Interested? Contact the Club's Sports Dude at (213) 620-0388 or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com. Information is also available at the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com, under the Sports pulldown).

Call today!

VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball for men and women. Sign up today!

RUNNING



A Club Running Group. The Club's Sports Dept. is putting together a Club Running Group. Contact the Club Sports Dept. and meet up with other Club Members who are runners.

CYCLING



A Club Cycling Group. The Club's Sports Dept. is putting together a Club Cycling Group. Contact the Club Sports Dept. and meet up with other Club Members who are cyclists (bicycles).

Club Basketball League 2010

STATS

Team Standings

(as of October 20, 2010)

| | GAMES PLAYED | WINS | LOSSES | TIES | FORFEITS | TOTAL POINTS |
|---------------------|--------------|------|--------|------|----------|--------------|
| Traffic Jam | | 2 | 0 | | | 4 |
| DOT Outlaws | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Ones & Zeros | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Smashers | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Rec & Parks Hoopers | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| 105 West | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| LAX Ballers | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Hydropower | | 0 | | | | 0 |
| Poi Dawgs | | 0 | | | | 0 |

Game Scores

October 7, 2010

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 7pm Start - North Gym | SCORE |
| LAX Ballers | 32 |
| Smashers | 58 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 7pm Start - South Gym | SCORE |
| 105 West | 33 |
| Ones & Zeros | 44 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 8pm Start - North Gym | SCORE |
| Poi Dawgs | 36 |
| Outlaws | 52 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 8pm Start - South Gym | SCORE |
| Traffic Jam | 51 |
| Hydro Power | 33 |

October 14, 2010

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 7pm Start - North Gym | SCORE |
| Ones & Zeros | 30 |
| Traffic Jam | 52 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 7pm Start - South Gym | SCORE |
| Hydro Power | 37 |
| 105 West | 54 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 8pm Start - North Gym | SCORE |
| Outlaws | 57 |
| Hoopers | 58 |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 8pm Start - South Gym | SCORE |
| Poi Dawgs | 39 |
| LAX Ballers | 47 |

CLUB SPORTS



For all the latest scores and schedules, go to:
www.eteamz.com/cityemployeesclubbasketballleague/

Crystal Cove State Park

— Laguna Beach, CA

Hello again!

This month, we travel south just past Newport Beach to the beautiful Crystal Cove State Park. The backcountry and wilderness areas of Crystal Cove State Park offer 17 miles of hiking trails that wind through 2,400 acres of native wilderness – mostly the endangered coastal sage scrub plant community.

For energetic backpackers, there are three environmental campgrounds: one in a canyon and two at the higher elevations. The higher trails offer beautiful vistas of the mountainous backcountry, geological formations and the blue Pacific Ocean. Exploring the lower trails offers hiking through riparian woodlands with oak and sycamore trees along the seasonal Moro Creek. Whether you explore the high trails, the low trails or both, you will find ample evidence of native plants and animals, and a sense of escaping from civilization into the beautiful solitude of natural history.

Let's begin!

We took the "red" route:

- Distance: 5.5 miles
- Elevation: 50 – 872 feet
- Approximate time: 2.25 hours
- Difficulty: Moderate.

We started at the Ranger Station; go left down the hill and take the first left turn. Continue on this path until you come to the first trail crossing on the right. Hikers have named this the BFI – Big Fat Incline, which I agree is an appropriate name for this trail. The distance from this point to the Ranger Station is seventh-tenths of a mile. Next, take the BFI until you reach the top of Morro Ridge. Don't forget to enjoy the splendid views of the ocean as you climb. You will have hiked 2.7 miles and an altitude of 842 feet by the time come to the East Cut Across, which will take you down off Moro Ridge. The East Cut Across is a pleasant down-slope with excellent views into the interior of the park.

Fact: In 1998, this path was washed out by the El Niño floods. When you reach the end of the East Cut Across, turn toward the ocean – left – and continue along the Lower Moro Trail back to the Ranger Station.

The Trail: The State Park features three miles of Pacific coastline, wooded canyons, open bluffs and offshore waters designated as an underwater park. Crystal Cove is used not just by people who enjoy water-related activities, including swimming, surfing, sunbathing, scuba and skin diving, but also people who like to fish, mountain bike and hike.

The great expanse upland, north and east of the Pacific Coast Highway is for hikers who can follow hillside and canyon trails to campsites that allow visitors to feel they are "away from it all," despite being near one of the greatest population centers in the United States.

My family and I loved the hike so much that we plan to go back and try to improve our own hike time, which averaged to be about two-and-a-half hours (remember we have 9- and 7-year-olds with us). We took the red route, which is said to be moderate. It felt a little more like a difficult level to me. This trail stays in the backcountry section of the park so we could see the beach only from the uphill section at the beginning of our hike.

This is very important: You will need a hat, cap or umbrella because there is almost no shade along the path. Sunscreen is a must; bring plenty of water, too.

The hike was enjoyable and challenging for all of us. I love the outdoors and really enjoy the tranquility of a nice, quiet hike.

My youngest son, Aden, loves to run and be outdoors, but this hike was a bit more challenging for him.

Starting at Morro Ridge, you will have a steady incline going upward. If you travel this direction first, you

will have the entire coastline and breeze to keep you company, but once you reach the "I think I can" section, you will make a left and start going inland.

The hike began to get hot very quickly once the beach wind started to die down. Since this was our first time on the trail, we had to continue. Next time, however, I think it would be wiser to begin our hike at El Morro Canyon instead so we get the coastline as a final treat.

Before you leave, stop by the Ranger Station to see all the cool information there on plant and animal life in the immediate area.

If you happen to take on this trail, I ask you to please swing by the very inviting looking beach area of the State Park. My family was out of breath by the time we completed the hike, so going any further was out of the question. Don't forget to take pictures of the hike/beach area and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

**As always,
be safe and *Be Alive!*,
Angel**



Aden and I at the Crystal Cove State Park Sign.



Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services



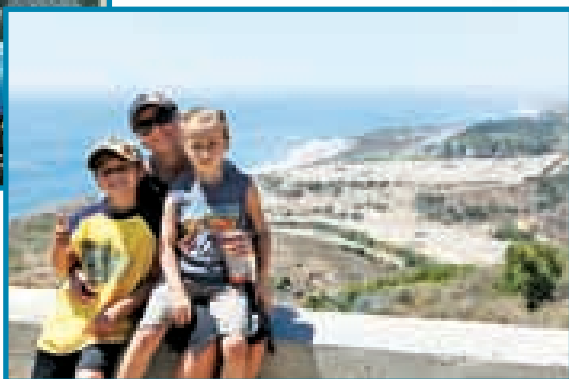
Keep on smiling!

BELOW: The Ranger Station entrance.



Ranger's Information Center.

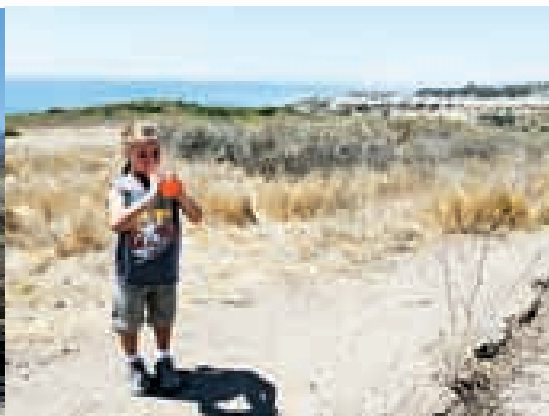
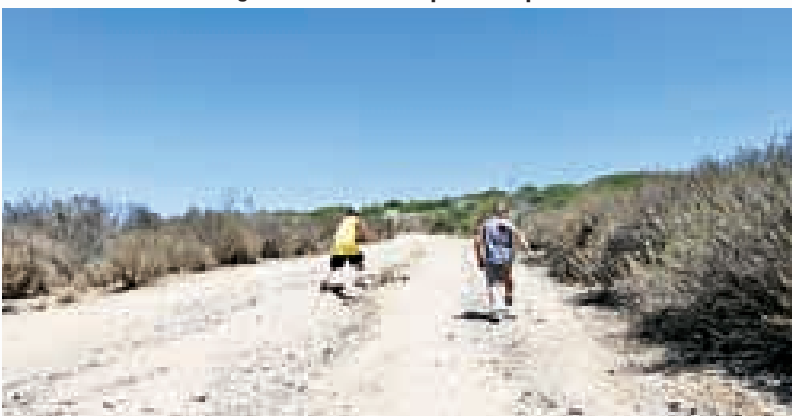
Angel, Kathy and Aden taking a short break.



Aden drinks his Gatorade with a view of the coastline behind him.

Angel Jr. gives a peace sign on the coastline.

Angel and Aden hike up the steep trail.



Crystal Cove State Park

8471 Pacific Coast Highway
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
(949) 494-3539



Red Route hiking trail marked in red.

Hiking Trail:

Red Route
DISTANCE: 5.5 MILES
ELEVATION: 50'-872'
APPROXIMATE TIME: 2.25 hrs.
(Depending on your pace)
DIFFICULTY: Moderate

Parking Fees:

An all-day parking pass costs \$15 (or you can park at the Morro Elementary School and just walk up the hill to beginning of the trail). You save \$15!

Directions: *Directions from downtown.*

OPTION 1: Take the 5 Freeway south to the CA-55 south (Newport Beach), then take exit 5A toward State Route 73 South toward San Diego. Then take exit 11 to merge onto Newport Coast Drive. Take a slight left to stay on Newport Coast Drive. Turn left at CA-1/El Camino Real (look for the elementary school; save \$15).

OPTION 2: Take the I-405 south toward Long Beach, then take exit 5A toward State Route 73 south toward San Diego. Then take exit 11 to merge onto Newport Coast Drive. Take a slight left to stay on Newport Coast Drive. Turn left at CA-1/El Camino Real (Look for the elementary school; save \$15).



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN \$25 Target Card
 NEXT DEADLINE: November 15
 Happy Snapping!



A submission from Lih Tsau.

John's comments: Lih, this is a wicked photo – I'm guessing you did a time exposure on this one. The colors are so rich I can taste them!



"I was taking a picture of the little bird when this happened. Fear not; the little bird is okay."

– Karen Kishita

John's comments: I can only imagine what the little guy was thinking when he saw this bird coming in for him. Seriously this is one in a million, Karen. Nice work!



"My favorite: duck out of hell."

– Hector Cardenas

John's comments: Hector, what a shot! Just like Karen's picture, this is one in a million. You caught the motion so well it almost looks like watching a video of the duck flying.



"I saw the attached on my screensaver and thought it might contend for your *Alive!* contest. It's from a recent trip to visit my wife's folks in Toronto, where we took a day trip to Niagara Falls. The Falls are really worth seeing – very awesome!"

– Karl Guder, General Services

John's comments: Hey Karl, this is an intense shot. The avalanching water, the exploding skies matched with the gracefully flying bird ... wow!

RUNNERS-UP:

- Herman Wong, DWP, with a very nice shot of the Shanghai skyline;
- Mike Aubin, with a great shot of a sea plant and jellyfish; and
- Luis Ortega, with a wonderful picture of Lake Sabrina near Bishop, Calif.

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.
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 Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*,
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles,
 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
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- 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.

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



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Holiday Rice Pilaf in a Pumpkin Bowl

DIRECTIONS:



Take the small pumpkin and cut clear across the top end of it, removing the seeds along with all other stringy pumpkin material. Let stand for several hours to dry.



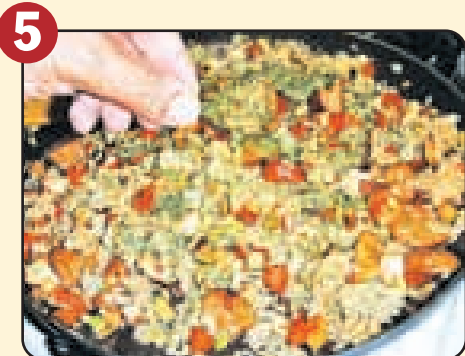
Wash, peel and gather your vegetable ingredients as well as your almonds. Dice and cube them.



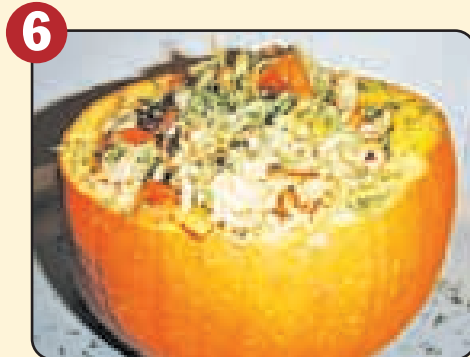
Place the ingredients in a large skillet on medium heat. Add the sea salt and pepper. Let cook until golden brown – this takes about 5 to 10 minutes.



Dice and cube the andouille sausage as well as the turkey breast. Add the sausage and turkey to the vegetables that are sautéing in the large skillet.



Boil the brown rice in water until fully cooked; remove water and place the rice in the large skillet with the other ingredients. Lightly mix together. Let cook for another 5 minutes and add the parsley at the end. Turn off heat and let sit.



Add the rice mix in the hallowed pumpkin.

Turkey, sweet potatoes and pumpkins are all part of the great American tradition of the Thanksgiving feast. This month's recipe calls for these ingredients, but I have added a few additional ingredients – brown rice, andouille sausage and almonds, of all things.

The pumpkin in this recipe is not so much an ingredient but more of a decorative piece as it will form a bowl to hold the pilaf – very much like a sourdough bread bowl with chili or clam chowder. You are free to use other types of squash or other sizes of pumpkin as well to serve as your decorative bowl.

The addition of the almonds adds a crunchy texture to the pilaf – I prefer to use slices of almonds, which can be bought at most stores.

It is hard to find meals that will add to a mouth-watering experience while adding to ambiance of the holiday. But this one surely does, and it will clearly be the talk at the Thanksgiving table.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



Holiday Rice Pilaf in a Pumpkin Bowl

Makes 4 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 shallot, diced
- 1/2 cup sweet potato, diced and cubed
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup carrots, diced
- 1/2 cup celery, diced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 1 small pumpkin
- 2 fully and previously cooked andouille sausages, cubed and diced
- 1/2 cup previously cooked turkey breast, diced and cubed
- 1 cup brown rice
- 1/4 cup parsley



Cooking TIDBIT: *If you have a large gathering for dinner, feel free to use a larger pumpkin and more of the ingredients to accommodate the group. You may substitute the andouille sausage for other types of sausage – it's your choice.*



Plate, throw in a little dried parsley and enjoy!

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Pumpkin:

When the colonists landed in North America, they found the Indians growing and using pumpkins. This large, ungainly fruit was enthusiastically embraced by the new Americans and subsequently, pumpkin pie became a national Thanksgiving tradition. It was so loved that one early Connecticut colony delayed Thanksgiving because the molasses needed to make this popular pie wasn't readily available. Large, round and orange, the pumpkin is a member of the gourd family, which also includes Muskmelon, watermelon and squash.

– From the *The New Food Lover's Companion*, Sharon Tyler Herbst, 1995, Barron's Educational Series.

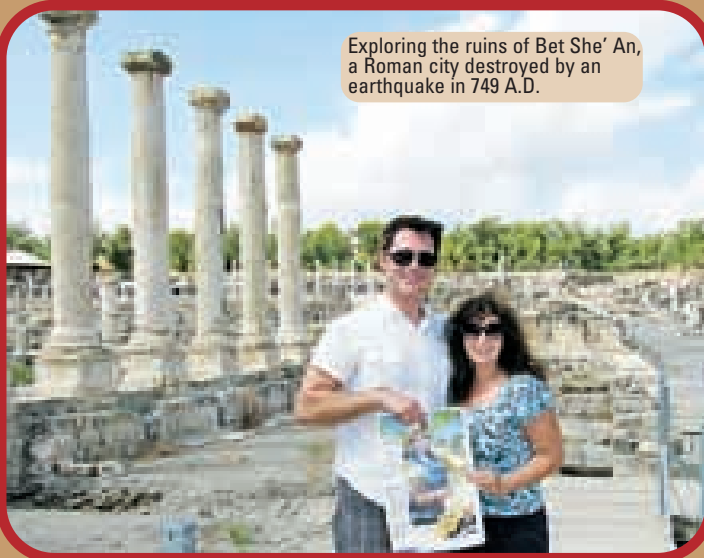


Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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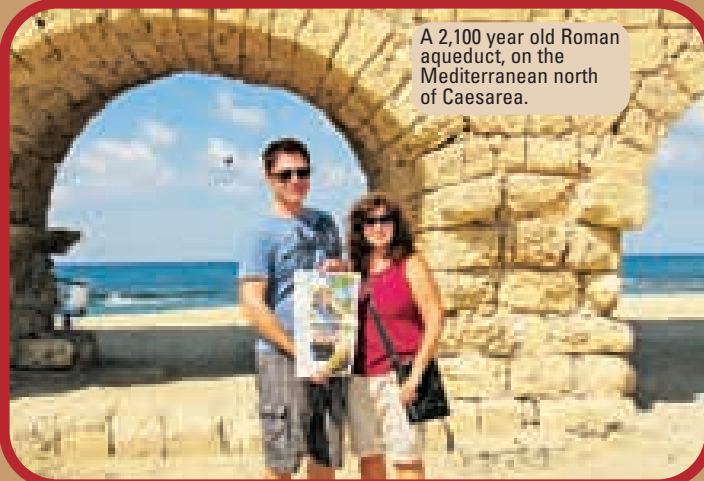
Israel



Exploring the ruins of Bet She' An, a Roman city destroyed by an earthquake in 749 A.D.

"Marie and I spent two weeks absorbing the culture, long history, and biblical significance of Israel. From modern cities and resorts to ancient sites, Israel is a once-in-lifetime must see."

- David & Marie Jamgotchian, Part of the *Alive!* design team at JJLA Associates



A 2,100 year old Roman aqueduct, on the Mediterranean north of Caesarea.



The Mediterranean Sea at Tel Aviv.

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Nicaragua



"This is me visiting the Perdomo Cigar Factory and the Plasencia Cigar Factory, two of the seven cigar factories [we] visited in Estelli, Nicaragua. [The town is] one of the largest cigar suppliers in the world."

- Alex Lopez, DWP



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

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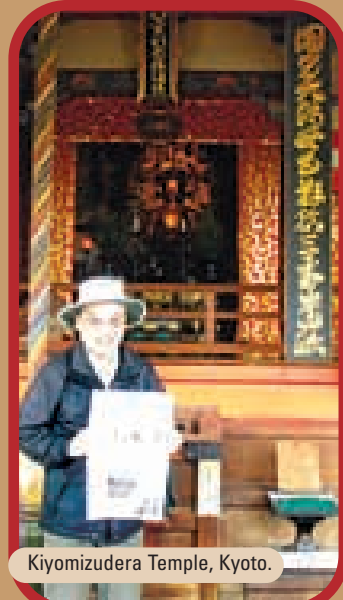
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Japan



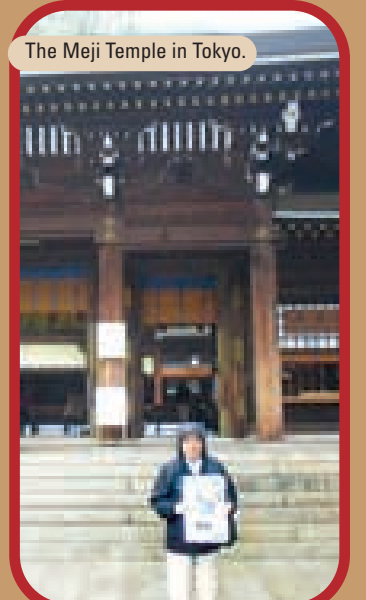
Near the summit of Mt. Fuji, southwest of Tokyo.



Kiyomizudera Temple, Kyoto.



On the bullet train from Kyoto to Osaka.



The Meiji Temple in Tokyo.

Here are some photos from a trip to Japan by **Jackson Jang, LAPD**.

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Alive! Members Marketplace

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MGA 20" girl's bike: custom seat, grips, bell & light. Like new. \$85 OBO. Info @ (310) 408-6431, any time. 11/10

For Rent: 2BD/1BA (3 Units), hardwood flrs, laundry, in Pico/Fairfax community. Lovely neighborhood centrally located. Public transportation, shopping & restaurants nearby. Info @ (310) 980-9415. 11/10

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

Motorcycle: 2005 Yamaha YZ250T1 off road bike. Seldom used, in great condition & runs perfectly. Stored inside & continually maintained. \$2,800 OBO. Gary @ (818) 522-5531. 10/10

2003 Chevy Pick Up truck : 1 ton 4 dr duramax diesel duelly allison trans 5,500 miles w/2004 lance 11 1/2 ft camper w/slideout dinette. Delia @ (562) 698-3928. 10/10

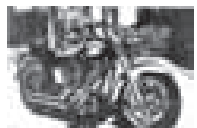


1950 Chevy Fleetline: 2 door, solid floors, straight body, no motor or transmission. All patch panels have been done. Includes seats & inner window moldings. \$2200 OBO. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 9/10

1989 Mercedes: New tires, moon roof, \$2,300 OBO. Mr. K @ (310) 637-3949. 9/10

1966 Chevrolet C10: shortbed fleetside, wood bed floor, 235 engine, 6cyl. 4 speed on column. Rebuilt eng. w/2,000 mil. new battery. No dents, chrome rims, needs paint. \$6,000. Hugo @ (818) 361-6150. 9/10

1971 Ford Torino: good project car, needs some minor body work, in running condition, has a rebuilt 351. \$4000 OBO. Fernando @ (323) 346-7821 or (323) 222-3886. 9/10

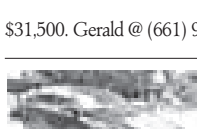


2005 Custom Harley "Fatboy": 4,300 miles, custom paint, 95 inch w/power commander, Vance & Hines Headers, Lost of chrome & Accessories, \$15,995. Pete @ (626) 646-7285. 9/10

2006 Forest River 37' Toy Hauler: 2 pop-outs, dual AC, generator, much more, excellent cond. \$31,500. Gerald @ (661) 948-1962. 9/10



2008 Mercedes R350. 18K miles. Like NEW, excellent condition, under warranty. Harman Kardon sound, dual-rear dvd system, moon roof, parking sensors, extras. \$36,000. Shelley @ (213) 688-3232. 9/10



Two Go Peds, 2 stroke engine w/rebuilt carbs & new platforms. \$125 each or both for \$200. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com 8/10

2-seat Wave Runner & Trailer: 1992 Kawasaki wave runner; org price \$4,199. (used 3 times!) Zieman trailer to carry 2 wave runners - org price \$1,050. Sell both for \$1,800. Call (323) 401-1547 or jaort73@sbcglobal.net 7/10

For Rent: \$695, furnished Redondo Beach bedroom in 3BD/2BA townhouse; shared bath. 1.2 mile walk to beach. Available now for a female in female household. Full house privileges, low utilities, street parking, free wifi & laundry. \$695 security deposit, 6 mo. lease. Peggy @ (310) 617-7436, for photos. 11/10

2 Cemetery plots: Rose Hills, Whittier, CA. Located in Garden of Affection. One for \$3,500 or both for \$6,000. Moved out of the area. Grace @ (661) 718-2809. 7/10

Cemetery Plots: 2 plots Lupine Lawn, Rose Hills. Lot 2388, Sites 1 and 2. Retail \$9,075, selling \$8,000, including transfer fee. (928) 541-9366 or leebkableone.net. 5/10

Electronics/Computers

Polaroid 7" LCD TV widescreen, under cabinet w/ DVD-CD player AM/FM radio & remote. \$125. Regina @ (323) 754-8382. 2/10

Canon Pixma IP 4300 Printer in box with disk/instruction & ink. Like new, asking \$60. Contact Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 8/10

Furniture

Bombay Chests: 3 excellent condition Bombay Chests. Beautiful decorative designs w/3 to 5 drawers. Each \$350. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10

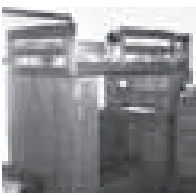
Curio Cabinet: Excellent condition oak 2-piece curio cabinet w/glass doors, decorative w/curved legs. Has original key for locking. Great for displaying collectibles! 48" W x 18" D x 6" H. \$350 OBO. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10



Nordtrack CX938 Elliptical: Work out at home while you watch TV or listen to your favorite music! Excellent condition. \$450 OBO. Alicia @ (626) 215-1462. 9/10

Weslo Cadence C42 treadmill: 2 years old. Great condition. \$65. Judy @ (909) 800-0414. 9/10

Hammond Organ: dual-key board, antique. FREE to good home. Mickey Miner @ (310) 833-9997 or David Miner @ (310) 519-8113. 8/10



Handmade oak Loft Bed with Desk and Bookcase: 43" wide x 81" long. Same size as twin bed set, great for smaller rooms. Birch drawers are dovetailed with sliders. Must see to appreciate. \$1000 OBO. Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 8/10

Redwood Swing Set: Originally \$3000. Now \$600. Good condition. Can text you pictures! You take apart and move. Call (562) 413-4990. 7/10

Hospital bed mattress & pad: New, including bathroom accessories. \$1,200 obo. Norma or Leo @ (818) 994-6695. 5/10

Dining Room Set: Mission style, excell. condition, table w/ 2 leafs, 8 chairs. Still have plastic covering. \$695. Lisa @ (818) 406-1047. 5/10

Homes/Rentals/Land

4 Cemetery plots: Reduced!!! Rose Hills, \$14,000 for 4 plots. Willing to trade for pickup truck of equal value. (323) 382-2405. 9/10

For Rent: Condo in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. 7-Day Getaway for only \$895. Has full kitchen, is a couple of blocks from town & on the beach. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10



For Rent: 1 BD apt. near First/Alvarado, 10 min. from downtown, close to schools, parks, markets, stores, St. Vincent Hospital. Newly cleaned, painted & repaired, one-car garage. No pets; 1-yr. lease. \$750/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/10

For Sale: 2-story home w/hillside views, Eagle Rock. Hrdwd floors, 2-car attached garage. Upstairs: 2 BD/2 BA, living room w/fireplace, formal dining w/balcony, kitchen w/ nook. Downstairs: 2 private entrances, 2 BD/1 BA, den w/fireplace, kitchen & spacious porch. Flat front & rear yards. 2224 sq ft; 6 miles from JFB. MLS#10-473669. Susan @ (323) 344-9489. 10/10



For Rent: studio apt. in Highland Park. 5-10 mins. from Police Academy, off Pasadena Fwy. Near markets, stores, MTA and Gold Line. Courtyard. Hardwood floors, much new. Street parking. No pets; 1-yr. lease. \$700/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/10



For Rent: Condo in Palm Springs- for rent weekly or week-ends. Gated community, 8 swim pools, tennis court, near shopping, restaurants & Spa Casino Resort. Rates @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10

For Rent: In Montrose- 1 BD/1 BA house, good schools, nice & quiet neighborhood. walk to Montrose shopping park. \$1,200 monthly. Info @ (818) 248-7758. 10/10

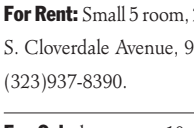
For Sale: Luxurious 1 BD timeshare in the heart of the Las Vegas strip, in Polo Towers Villas. Several amenities: full kitchen, sleeps 4 comfortably, DVD/VCR & private balcony. Best offer! Angela @ (626) 233-5259. 10/10

For Rent: Spacious Townhouse in Ontario. 3 BD, 2.5 BA, dining & laundry room, & attached garage. Large enclosed outdoor patio. \$1400. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 10/10

For Rent: Lovely apartment in LA(5-units). 1 BD/1 BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit, new paint, carpet, windows & fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr., close to public transportation. Details @ (310) 365-1868. 9/10

For Rent: Small 5 room, 2 BD Rear House, 2924 S. Cloverdale Avenue, 90016. \$950 per month, (323)937-8390. 8/10

For Sale by owner: 10 acres in Acton, graded, water & power. Ready to build \$249K OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 8/10



Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 8/10

Room for rent: Furnished w/kitchenette, \$450/mo. No pets, no smoking, utilities included. Commute to work w/city employee. Call Marta @ (562) 863-4545. 8/10

For Rent: 2 BD/1 BA back house, 1 car garage, hrdwd flrs, Indry hkups, some utilities paid. San Pedro. \$1300. Raymond @ (310) 293-5407. 8/10

Room for Rent: Whittier, extra large bedroom furnished in 3 bd home, share full bathroom w/other male. Bedroom: comfortable amenities - satellite, wall speakers, custom closet, etc. Near 605 & 60 Fwy in CA Country Club, quiet community surrounded by law enforcement neighbors. Firefighter owned home with 17 yo son. Male preferred, background check fee, plus references required. \$600 mo. & share in house cleaning. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com 8/10

For Rent: Charming Sunland Home. 10417 Eldora Avenue, Sunland. 2BD/1BA, kitchen comes w/fridge & stove, W/D in back. Fenced in front yard, private parking. Location off Sunland Blvd. Close to transpo, school, park w/ recreational facilities, etc. \$1395 per mo. Security deposit \$1995. Small pets welcome w/owner's approval. Contact @ (818) 352-8731. 8/10

Household Items

Craftsman 10" Table Saw: 1 H.P. Motor, safety switch. 120V A/C mounted on heavy-duty steel cart w/casters. Delivery available, from Thousand Oaks to Northridge. Kurt Kaufman @ (805) 300-2147. 10/10

Leather Jacket: Brand new, 2XL, men's official #8 Team Dale Jr. Earnhardt Inc. New w/tags, retail \$300. Made by Wilson's Leather, Chase Authentics; sponsors stitched on, Budweiser, Bass Pro Shops, Gillette. \$150 OBO. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10

Kenmore Dryer: Super capacity, like new, hardly used \$150. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10

Outside Water Heater Enclosure in orig. box unopened. \$90. Contact Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 8/10

H20 Mop w/extra covers & instructions \$50. Contact Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 8/10



Beautiful engagement ring. Center Stone: Princess Cut, 1.72 ct, VS2, F color, GIA certificate included. Wedding called off. \$14,000 OBO. Contact: Marlon.santacruz@sbcglobal.net for pictures. 6/10

Autumn haze **mink stole.** \$400 OBO. Mary @ (626) 794-9066. 4/10

Platinum Ring w/band: all diamonds VS1, color F center Mosenit 3 cts, imported from Italy. One of a kind, appraised at \$9200. Call for details @ (909) 837-8235. 4/10

Miscellaneous

Ballroom Dancing: Beginners, intermediate & advanced. Wednesday's- 7:00pm - 9:00pm The Gallery, 122 N. Market Street, Inglewood 90301. Group workshops too! Contact: Dance instructor/coordinator Erick Weaver @ (310) 351-5303. 10/10

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Timeshare: Cancun, Mexico. Fiesta Americana, 2 BR, Silver Package. Earns 3500 pts annually. Feet from the sand, 5 minutes walk to town. Serious buyers contact (562) 447-3189. 4/10

Escondido Timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 Bdrm; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; overlooks 18 hole golf course. \$3,000. Brad @ (626) 297- 2924. 11/09

Collectibles

Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg @ (951) 235-3815. 5/09

NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards - 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 5 3/8" Tall. (805) 338-1990.

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Wanted



I purchase: Coins, Stamps, WWII Items, Hunting/ Pocket Knives, Trains, vintage tools, Fishing reels & lures, Almost anything old! Collections or single items. Michael @ (909) 592-4332 1/10

Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 7/09

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Cheryl @ (818) 771-4835.

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Mike @ (818)-831-0846.

REC AND PARKS

New Skate Park Opens

Rec and Parks opens state-of-the-art skate plaza.



Cutting the ribbon at the Charmette Bonpua Safe Spot Skate Spot.

On Sept. 16, Rec and Parks opened a new skate park at the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex in the West Adams area of Los Angeles. The skate park, named the Charmette Bonpua Safe Spot Skate Spot, is named after the late chief of staff of Councilmember Herb Wesson.

Attending the event were Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks; skateboarder Rob Dyrdek; and Councilmember Wesson, among others.

This public/private partnership came to fruition after the Rob Dyrdek Foundation provided \$50,000 to design and assist in construction and Councilmember Wesson and Rec and Parks worked together to secure an additional \$250,000 in funds to complete the construction and landscaping improvements for the new skate plaza. The result is a 15,000-square-foot skate plaza that will surely be known as one of the nation's premier public skating venues.

"I am thrilled to be dedicating another 'Safe Spot Skate Spot' in partnership with Rob Dyrdek and Councilman Herb Wesson," Mukri said. "Rob's partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks and, his commitment to helping us provide safe, friendly, and easily accessible skate plazas throughout the City of Los Angeles has been simply amazing. These skate plazas incorporate street skate style themes and design features, which satisfy the needs of today's urban youth street skaters.

"The 'Safe Spot Skate Spot' at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex takes on even more of a special meaning as it is being named in memory of Charmette Bonpua, a dedicated City employee, community advocate, and former Chief Deputy to Councilman Herb Wesson. This skate plaza will stand as a testament to Charmette's commitment to improving recreational opportunities for this community, and at the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. Without the dedication of Charmette, and Councilman Wesson, we would not have a

new skate plaza, tennis courts, and soon new soccer fields for the community to use and enjoy at this park. Thank you to all involved, including our own Recreation and Parks staff and the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for helping make this project possible," he said.

"Our kids love skateboarding. Unfortunately, there are so few places in our community where they can safely skateboard," Wesson said. "This new state-of-the-art facility is going to make a tremendous difference for our kids."

"Charmette loved kids and understood the need for this facility. Her inspired leadership helped create this facility. I am also pleased that this is the first recreation facility in Los Angeles named after a Filipino American."



From left: Rob Dyrdek and Councilman Herb Wesson.



At the skate park dedication.



At the skate park dedication.



A feature of the new skate park.



A feature of the new skate park.



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ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS



The Town

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie, starring Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall, Blake Lively, Jon Hamm and Jeremy Renner, was directed and co-written by Affleck. It was full of action, suspense, drama and romance – never a dull moment. Another cops and robbers story but with a twist. I hated to see it end. I didn't want the bad guys to lose.

– Pat Saucier

The Town

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Ben Affleck both directs and stars in this thriller about a bank robber in Boston who falls in love with a bank manager connected to one of his earlier heists. While he decides to do just one more bank job, he is being hunted by the FBI.

The Town has a wonderful cast (Jeremy Renner, Jon Hamm, Pete Postlethwaite and others), tons of well-orchestrated action and violence, but lacks a certain heart that makes you want to root for someone. Affleck's character just seems to rob banks because that is what he is supposed to do.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Park



The Switch

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The Switch is a comedy with a surprise. It's supposed to be the "cute" story of a 40-year-old woman (Jennifer Aniston) who decides to have a baby through artificial insemination instead of a husband.

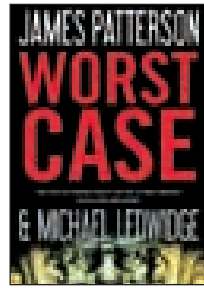
Her best friend (Jason Bateman) ends up as the inseminator/baby-daddy.

And the surprise? Jason Bateman can act! He turns a ho-hum storyline into something much more satisfying, and I'm grateful for having seen it. Aniston is eye candy, but Bateman is well worth the price of admission. Maybe the real "switch" is that this is not really a comedy, but a story with real substance and depth.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Book Reviews



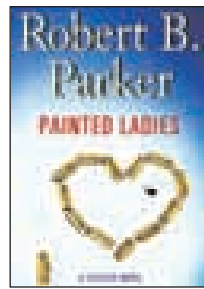
Worst Case

James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge
Mystery, 356 pages
Grand Central
Publishing

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Patterson cranks out another Mike Bennett mystery, and this time Bennett is teamed with a pretty FBI agent to track a kidnapper of children with affluent parents. And it's not money the kidnapper is after, but the desire for them all to recognize the evils of their selfish ways. The suspect is cunning and manipulative, and sends Bennett and Agent Parker chasing across New York. As they race from one kidnap site to the next, professional respect and admiration for one another blossoms into a romantic attraction. But will his 10 kids, cat, nanny and grandfather support this new partnership? *Worst Case* is a great read and humanizes this capable detective as well as the culprit.

– Carmen Y. Steward, Fire and Police Pensions



Painted Ladies

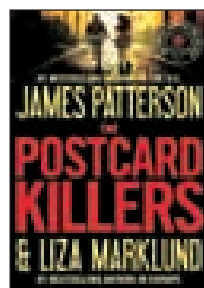
Robert B. Parker
Crime fiction, 304 pages
Penguin

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This book is the brilliant new Spenser novel from the beloved *New York Times*-bestselling author Robert B. Parker. Called upon by The Hammond Museum and renowned art scholar Dr. Ashton Prince, Spenser accepts his latest case: to provide protection during a ransom money exchange for a stolen painting. The case becomes personal when Spenser fails to protect his client and the valuable painting remains stolen. Convinced that Ashton Prince played a bigger role than just ransom delivery boy, Spenser enters into a daring game of cat-and-mouse with the thieves. But this is a game he might not come out of alive.

This novel was completed a year before Parker's passing earlier this year. Robert B. Parker was one of the greatest crime thriller novelists, and he will truly be missed.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel



The Postcard Killers

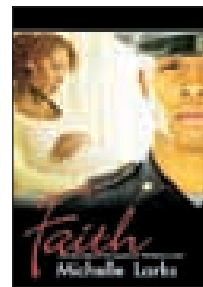
James Patterson and Liza Marklund
Crime fiction, 432 pages
Little Brown & Co.

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

NYPD detective Jack Kanon is on a tour of Europe's most gorgeous cities. But the sights aren't what draw him – he sees each museum, each cathedral, and each restaurant through a killer's eyes.

Kanon's daughter, Kimmy, and her boyfriend were murdered while on vacation in Rome. Since then, young couples in Paris, Copenhagen, Frankfurt and Stockholm have become victims of the same sadistic killers. Now Kanon teams up with the Swedish reporter, Dessie Larsson. Every killing is preceded by a postcard sent to the local newspaper, and Kanon and Larsson think they know where the next victims will be. With relentless logic and unstoppable action, *The Postcard Killers* may be James Patterson's most vivid and compelling thriller yet.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel



Faith

Michelle Larks
Christian fiction,
292 pages
Urban Trade Paper

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Monet and Marcus have been married for 20 years but never conceived a child. Maybe this morning's lovemaking session was the time. Then Monet is sexually assaulted that night leaving work. Two months later she learns she is pregnant, but whose child is it – her husband's or the attacker's? All her life Monet has had conversations with and visions from God, but Marcus refuses to believe the child is his, even if God did tell Monet that it was so. Marcus is a police officer and focuses his attention on finding his wife's attacker instead of giving her the love and support a high-risk pregnant wife needs. Monet's faith and loyalty to her beliefs help her overcome their struggles and accept the outcome of this situation. *Faith* was a fascinating read. Enjoy.

– Carmen Y. Steward, Fire & Police Pensions

Theatre Reviews



Leap of Faith

Musical
Ahmanson Theatre
Closed Oct. 24

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

If this musical comes around again or plays at another local theatre, "Rise Up" and go see it. Although the story is familiar and predictable, the music is very uplifting and enjoyable. There are also some very good dance numbers.

The male lead, Raul Esparza, was excellent (as well as gorgeous), and the female lead, Brooke Shields, really did a great job. Nicholas Barasch, who plays Brooke's young son, has one of the most amazing voices I have ever heard. I am sure we will see him for many, many years to come.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP

DVD Reviews



Objectified

Documentary, Unrated
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

You don't get to see too many well-intentioned documentaries on industrial design, and why the things you consume are designed the way they are. Come to think of it, it's probably the only documentary I've ever seen on the subject, well-intended or otherwise.

Too bad it's not better. It's an adequate look at modern designers and how they came to their conclusions, but it's not great. Of the interviews, the best one is probably Jonathan Ive, well known for his groundbreaking work with Apple. And there's Naeto Fukasawa and others who say some good things. But the film in general doesn't go anywhere, and never provides any a-ha moments. Still, it beats *Jacksass 3D* or whatever number they are on.

– John Burnes, Editor, *Alive!*



Bolt

Animated, Rated G
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Disney had a computer-animated project in its pipeline when the Pixar folks took over creative control of Disney Animation after Disney bought them out. That project was *Bolt*, and because of its lineage – a project neither side was quite committed to anymore – I expected it to be woebegone.

Not at all. *Bolt* is a delight, a simple, straightforward adventure comedy about a Hollywood dog (voiced by John Travolta) who thinks he really has the superpowers that he does in his TV show. When he's lost on the outside world, he finds out quickly enough that he doesn't. He has to use all the powers that he really does have – the superbark being my favorite – to find his way back to his owner (Miley Cyrus). There's much to like, especially a beautiful across-the-nation train trip sequence that still makes me smile.

Everyone does a nice job here, and the story is quite satisfying. I might even like it more than the more-praised but cerebral *Wall-E* and *Up*, but don't tell anyone.

– John Burnes, editor, *Alive!*



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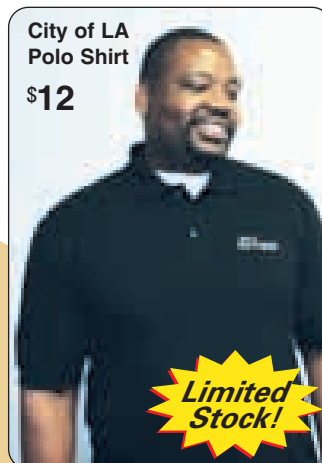
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