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Long-Term Care Insurance Has Rare Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Long-Term Care insurance is coming this August.

THE CLUB — Everyone should have Long-Term Care insurance. And coming up Aug. 1 through Oct. 31, the Club will host an Open Enrollment period for Club Members to sign up! (DWP Club Members will have a Long-Term Care Open Enrollment next year.)

An open-enrollment period means that most of those who apply for this affordable product will be accepted. Don't miss the chance – the Club hasn't had an Open-Enrollment period for Long-Term Care insurance since 1999. Be sure to take advantage!

What is Long-Term Care Insurance? It's insurance that pays you \$1,000 to \$5,000 per month, depending on which plan you apply for. The policies pay you for up to four years (facility) or eight years (if the one covered is at home). Best of all, the policies pay you, unlike most reimbursement models.

The Club's Open-Enrollment Period for Long-Term Care insurance will take place Aug. 1-Oct. 31 for City employees; DWP Club Members will have their Open Enrollment next year. The Club will hold its first seminar about Long-Term Care this month.

See the story on page 29, and talk to your Club Counselor. Don't miss this chance!

Finance Honors 6 For Outstanding Service to City

Finance honors top workers plus six individuals.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

FINANCE — On June 10, the Office of Finance celebrated its eighth annual Outstanding Service Awards. Antoinette Christovale, Director of Finance, presented awards to six employees for their exceptional performance and dedication to the job, saying, "This year, four of our recipients have less than five years' experience with the Department. It gives me great pleasure to recognize the new talents among the veteran employees for their contribution and their ability to excel in a highly specialized field of City service."

The following six honorees were recognized for their service during fiscal year 2009-10 at levels above and beyond the normal duties of their jobs: Andrea Angeles, Personnel Analyst II; Mark Choi, Sr. Systems Analyst I; Bea Suga, Finance Collection Investigator II; Jovita Salazar, Tax Auditor II; Warren Sibille, Tax Compliance Officer II; and Elizabeth Salumbides, Tax Compliance Officer III.

The Club congratulates all the winners. To read their stories, go to page 40.



Prints of the City

The Latent Print Unit collects, analyzes and identifies thousands of fingerprints every year, helping keep the City safe. Read how they do it, starting on page 7.

[LAPD Latent Print Unit]

Denise Williams, Principal Forensic Print Specialist and Officer in Charge of the Latent Print Unit, in the unit's space in Parker Center.



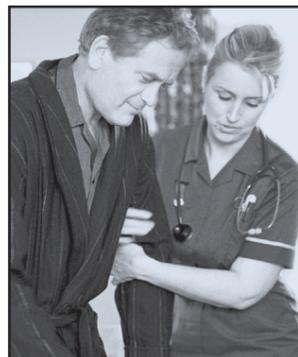
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* A Message From the CEO *

No Getting Past What You Leave Behind

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

I guess I hadn't really thought much about how often I touch stuff, until I toured the LAPD's Latent Print Unit with **Melissa Popovic**. After that, I couldn't stop thinking about it. What have I touched? Turns out, a whole bunch of stuff.

Now, you might dismiss all those smudges. But **Denise Williams** and all the great people of the Latent Print Unit dedicate their professional lives to those smudges. And that dedication to the tiniest of details helps keep our streets safe.

I was fingerprinted during my stint in the Navy, and my kids were, too, over the past decade. But other than that, there hasn't been a lot of awareness of all the stuff that I touch every day. But there is now. To all the important people in my life, I make this promise: From now on, I'll try to be ... cleaner!



John Hawkins and Forensic Print Specialist Larklyn Watts in the LAPD Latent Print Unit's Chemical Processing Lab.

Open Enrollment: There's a great opportunity coming up for Club Members to take care of themselves, their families and others, by purchasing Long-Term Care Insurance during the Club's upcoming Open Enrollment Period. Have you thought about your long-term care should something catastrophic happen to you? That's why the Club is here, to think about such things. And to make sure you have the insurance you need to lead the kind of life you want to lead. You shouldn't be a burden on your loved ones as you get older. Long-Term Care insurance takes most of that burden away. And the Club's Open Enrollment coming up makes that so much easier. Read all about it on page 29. And thanks to **Arlene Herrero**, the Club's Products Manager, for putting everything in place. Take advantage! And make it easier on your loved ones. (DWP Club Members can apply during their special Open Enrollment next year.)

Finance Awards: We congratulate all the winners in the Office of Finance's Career Service Awards, and we thank Club Member and *Alive!* contributor **Yvonne Liu** for producing the story. During the recent budget crisis, due to tightening budgets, not all City awards programs have been sustained. But Finance's annual program has, and that's great to see. The City still has plenty of great stories to tell and terrific employees to recognize, and here at *Alive!*, we're happy to see the Service Awards continuing on strongly.

Club Sports: It's almost softball time again! By the time you read this, many of the players in the Club's Softball League might have begun their second season. (And we're just finishing our inaugural basketball league season.) It's hard to believe that it was a whole year ago when we first got the call to see if we were interested in sponsoring some City Employee teams. Were we ever, and now we've got two sports going, and we're heading into our second season of summer Club softball. **The Sports Dude** is keeping everything moving forward and expanding.

Finally, as we get into the heart of the summer months, I wish you all a very celebratory Fourth of July, as we are privileged to live in the greatest country in the world. And I suggest you get busy with any of the great summer activities Rec and Parks makes available, from pools to golf to hiking to camping to outdoor sports to ... well, check it out for yourself. It's an awesome time of year, so take advantage.

JOHN

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Great Service, When You're in Need



**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. 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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The Club's claims service "is excellent. When I talked to Cecilia Talbot about my claim, she sent me at once the disability claim package. I am very satisfied with your prompt action on my claim. After I submitted the disability package to your office, it didn't take too long for me to receive the disability benefits."

— Ven B. Diche, February 2010

The Club was "very helpful. When questions arose, all I did was call, and the answers to my questions were answered promptly and

in understandable words, even if I asked the same questions again. [Staff was] always polite and understanding. I have been off work on a medical leave and applied a claim for disability. [It was a] lengthy process, but the staff helped make it better."

— Don Lee Gaudino, February 2010

"From a scale of one to ten, ten being the best, I would give you a ten. Cecelia, you helped me with everything in a timely and very friendly manner, and I thank you for your assistance. I've let other family members

read the book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*], and we have enjoyed it."

— Aaron Mitchell, February 2010

The Club's service was "excellent. The claims manager, Cecilia Talbot, was caring, efficient and pro-active in helping me resolve issues of life insurance related to my aunt's death. She returned calls promptly and really tried to assist me in concluding this business. I so appreciate her help."

— Leslee Christensen, February 2010

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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

'People We See' Is Angel Jr.'s First Stop in Reading *Alive!*



I just wanted to share with you. [My son] Angel Jr. went straight for the "People We See" feature and skipped my "Be Alive!" Then he turned the page and looked at the "Question of the Month."

— Angel Gomez, the Club's Director of Member Services and "Be Alive!" columnist

Hi Angel, we suggest that you sit down with your son, Angel Jr., and have a very frank discussion – congratulating him on his interest in

deep things! Seriously, though, "People

We See" is a great way to teach kids about the realities of the world around us, and about compassion (you knew that already, of course). And then he can dig into his dad's column and be proud of your outdoorsy abilities. —Ed.

Michael Leighton Took Serious Interest in Printing City Journal

The tribute to Michael Leighton was thoughtful and appropriate. I had known Michael since he arrived at the Printing Bureau, and from the beginning he took a serious interest in making sure the *Griffith Observer* got published on time each month and was printed with dependability and quality. I was very surprised and saddened to learn of his early passing, and I was grateful to see him recognized so fittingly in your pages.

— Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory

What a wonderful tribute and story to Michael Leighton in *Alive!* The photos were touching and gave a great look into his life. I am glad to see that there are still newspapers out there that talk about the good things of a person's life instead of how they passed. Well done, *Alive!*

— George Simpson, Retired

Club Counselor Brent Urban Was Anything But Retiring

I would like to send congrats to Brent Urban on a great retirement article he wrote for the Transportation Retirement party at El Torito March 30. He did a great job mingling and getting to know the officers, friends and family. By the way, great photos! Thank you.

— Lori Griner, Transportation/Valley

'Alive! Around World' Is Proof Of People Enjoying Their Lives

Such amazing photos in "Alive! Around the World" -- from Helen Olivares in Thailand, Baron Greenhouse in China, to Maria Elias in Frankfurt, Germany. It's great to see City Employees travel around the world enjoying life. This is what life is all about. Thanks for sharing, and thanks to *Alive!* for printing them for all of us to see!

— Jason Kimmel, General Services

Other Areas Might Have Zip, But Catalina Has the Zip Line

Catalina Island is one of my favorite places in the world, and the story Angel Gomez did for his "Be Alive!" column really shows what it is like to be there. The Zip Line Eco Tour looks like a blast and a bit scary! You can't go wrong with a Monte Cristo sandwich -- that is looking delicious! This island is certainly a gem of California. We live in a wonderful area where you can have snow in the mountains, deserts, valleys, beaches and islands.

— Gina Moreno, LAFD

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 way to celebrate the Fourth of July?



"Seeing the look of wonder in my nephews' eyes as they watch the fireworks."
— Mary Frances Sandoval, DWP, 4 years of City service



"The barbecuing."
— Carlos Chaidez, EED, 2 years of City service



"Celebrating our veterans."
— Jaime Ramirez, LAPD, 8 years of City service



"Being with family and enjoying fireworks."
— Priscilla Perteet, Rec and Parks, 9 years of City service



"Having the day off."
— Jose Alvarez, General Services, 15 years of City service



"It represents the freedom that we have living in the United States ... and the barbecuing."
— Anna Sanchez, LAPD, 10 years of City service



"Barbequing with family."
— Thomas Mendibles, Rec and Parks, 20 years of City service



"Spending time with family."
— Ozzie Lopez, CDD, 18 years of City service



"Celebrating our country's independence."
— Joseph Connolly, General Services, 1 year of City service



"Having the day off."
— Daniel Chavira, Public Works, 20 years of City service

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Note: The Club Store will be closed Monday, July 5, for the Independence Day holiday.

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Hog Wild

Zoo announces birth of 3 Red River hogs.

Photo by Tad Motoyama, Zoo photographer

Three red river hogs were born here at the Zoo on April 22. This litter, one male and two females, marks the fourth litter for these parents. The piglets and their parents are currently exploring their exhibit, located in the Zoo's Africa section.

"The piglets are being well taken care of by their parents," said Curator of Mammals Jeff Holland. "The father is very attentive to the piglets and will escort them around the enclosure and watch over them until mom is ready to feed them."

At birth, Red River hogs weigh about two pounds. When full grown, they'll weigh between 120 and 264 pounds and reach three to five feet in length. Males grow to be slightly larger than females and males have a large bony protuberance on each side of their snout.

One of the smallest species of pigs, Red River hogs hail from sub-Saharan Africa. These hogs are often described as the prettiest of the "wild swine," with red hair, a black and white face mask and a white mane reaching from neck to tail. Until about three months of age, piglets are brown with yellowish stripes. This coloring serves as effective camouflage.

From roots, to farm grown crops, to wild fruit and vegetables, these hogs don't have a discerning pallet. The ultimate opportunistic eaters, they'll seize the chance to feast on small birds, mammals and even amphibians. They'll also consume carion, regardless of its state of decomposition.

Red River hogs are predominately nocturnal. However, they will come out during the day when they are afforded protection from their enemies; among which are humans, leopards, lions, hyenas, eagles and rock pythons.

Red River hogs are good swimmers and fast runners. They wallow in mud and are highly vocal animals that communicate incessantly with squeaks, squeals and grunts.

The L.A. Zoo has a large collection of wild swine including the Visayan warty pig and babirusa. The Zoo is also home to the pigs' cousin, the Chacoan peccary. Although peccaries look similar to pigs, they belong to a different taxonomic group than the true pigs of the Old World. In peccaries, the tusks point downward as opposed to upward. They have 38 teeth instead of either 34 or 44 like swine.



Red River hogs and piglets.

ZOO

More Hogs ... and Goats

Baby babirusa and a markhor make their debuts.

Photo by Tad Motoyama, Zoo photographer

On May 10, two babirusas, a species of the pig family, were born. One of the piglets needed special care and is being hand reared in the nursery. The other is with its parents.

Hailing from the moist, swampy forests and thickets of tropical rain forests on the Sulawesi, Togian and Baru Islands of Indonesia, babirusas are swift runners and good swimmers. Preferring to live near bodies of water, they've been known to swim across rivers and seas to reach small islands.

The natives say that the tusks are like the antlers of a deer, hence the name babirusa, which means "hog-deer" in Malay. The males' lower tusks are used to fight rivals for females and territory. The upper tusks appear to have little use as weapons, but instead serve as protection for their eyes by deflecting the blows of the opponent.

Unlike other wild pigs, the babirusas' litter size is small. Measuring six to eight inches at birth, the piglets are a solid gray or brown gray, not striped like most wild pigs when they're born. Hunting, habitat loss and commercial logging have posed a threat to this vulnerable species.

On May 24, the first Tadjik markhors, a male and female, were born at the zoo. Less than a week later, on May 29, a second pair of markhors, also a brother and sister, were born. Visitors can see these boisterous markhors, an endangered species of wild goat native to Asia, alongside their parents in the markhor exhibit.

The most distinct characteristic of the Tadjik markhor is their horns. The male's tightly curled, corkscrew-like horns may reach up to 57 inches. Females' horns twist in the same manner, though they are thinner and flatter and only reach eight to 10 inches in length.

Living at elevations of 1,900 to 12,000 feet, markhors are adept rock climbers from the start. Boasting stocky legs, robust forequarters and broad hooves that provide traction, these wild goats are built for the rocky terrain they inhabit.

Native to the arid Himalaya Mountains of northern Afghanistan and southern Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, this species is critically endangered. Markhors are threatened because of habitat loss resulting from competition with humans, degradation of habitat by livestock and aggressive hunting.



Markhor mom with twins.

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Delonda Lewis, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member, during the Manual Comparison process.

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Finding the Bad Guys

The Police Dept.'s Latent Print Unit seeks to identify the telltale smudges that criminals leave behind.



Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, and Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

Criminals like to use their bare hands. But when they do, they're doomed.

That's the goal of the LAPD's Latent Print Unit, part of the Scientific Investigation Division. The unit is tasked with collecting, analyzing, identifying, verifying and testifying to fingerprints left behind at crime scenes.

Identifying fingerprints is a highly developed science. The Latent Print Unit conducts latent (hidden) fingerprint investigations for all types of crime scenes, from burglaries and stolen vehicles to bank robberies, rapes and murders. There are 78 Forensic Print Specialists with various levels of expertise who are assigned to this unit. Field responsibilities include processing crime scenes for latent prints, fingerprinting dead bodies involved in homicides, and taking plaster casts of shoeprints and tire tracks.

Analysis of the latent prints is conducted in the office. The latent prints are run through the Los Angeles Automated Fingerprint Identification System (LAFIS) to obtain possible matches, and Forensic Print Specialists manually compare suspect and victim finger and palm prints to crime scene prints. In some cases, crime scene evidence is chemically processed using sophisticated techniques to develop otherwise impossible-to-see latent prints.

All employees in the Latent Print Unit testify in court as to their findings.

The employees of the Latent Print Unit are dedicated servants of the City and they fully respect, support and assist its citizens and agencies. The Latent Print Unit is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and operates out of Parker Center, Van Nuys Community Police Station, and the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center in Westchester.

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The Alive! Interview

The Latent Print Unit: A Unique Science

An Interview with Denise Williams, Principal Forensic Print Specialist

On April 13, Alive! editor John Burnes sat down with Denise Williams, Principal Forensic Print Specialist and the Officer in Charge of the LAPD's Latent Print Unit. The interview took place in her office on the second floor of the original Parker Center, which has largely been abandoned except for a few other functions, as most of the administration has moved to the new Police Building. —Ed.

Alive!: Hi Denise, and thanks for sitting down with us today. We know you're busy. So, how did you get here?

Denise Williams: I've been in the field of fingerprints for more than 21 years. I was first introduced to fingerprints when I was in high school, actually.

How did that happen?

Denise: Remember the Regional Occupational Programs, called ROP, classes? They were classes geared to preparing students toward career opportunities. They offered Fingerprint Classification as one of the courses, so I took it. Every Saturday morning, for a full semester, I would come to the Los Angeles Police Department, Parker Center, where I'm currently working now, and learn about fingerprints. It was a great class and I loved classifying fingerprints, and I was good at it. It has been almost 30 years since, but I still remember my instructor's name: Mr. Howard Speaks. Mr. Speaks loved the science of fingerprints and loved teaching it. He would pick me and other students up from home so that our parents would not have to drive us downtown every Saturday morning. He passed away several

■ Identifying fingerprints involves meticulous methodology based upon the fact that no two fingerprints are exactly alike.

years ago, but he is the reason why so many of us choose this as a career. However, in high school I was not thinking about working at the time, so it wasn't until I saw the course offered at the City College that I was attending, that I took it more seriously and chose it as a career path.

How does this career affect you? Do you ever look at fingerprints that somebody leaves on your counter at home?



Denise Williams, Principal Forensic Print Specialist and the Officer in Charge of the LAPD's Latent Print Unit

Denise: All the time, and now that I have kids, I can see why they're not so easy to wipe off. When I used to go to tow yards to print vehicles, I would think, wow, these kids really put their fingerprints all over the car; how can the parents see out of the car? Now that's my car. I have three kids.

I'm constantly looking at fingerprints. When I go to stores and I pick up objects, I try not to leave my fingerprints on items because it can ultimately identify you. We touch and pick up items subconsciously at times and there's no way that you can remember when, where and why your fingerprints are found on a particular surface, location, and item.

Do you ever see something on a window and say, ooh that's a really interesting print, that's very unusual with the swirl or the way that it's formed or anything like that?

Denise: Yes, but most commonly I tell people how easy it would be to identify them because they have such good ridge detail.

A Meticulous Process

Can you give us a brief overview of the Latent Print Unit?

Denise: Okay. The first element of our job is field investigations. We receive requests from officers investigating scenes. For example, a victim calls 911 to report a crime (burglary, robbery, homicide), when the Investigating Officer (I/O) arrives at the scene, he/she assess the scene in order to ascertain if there are any surfaces or areas that may have been touched by the suspect. The I/O will then notify our unit to respond. After receiving the request, a field unit is dispatched within the first 24 hours.

The Department has 21 area divisions, so it's fairly large. We have three offices that we respond to crime scenes from.

Each field unit is equipped with a print kit. The kit consists of various latent print powders, brushes, lifting cards, and tape. Specialists apply the various print powders to non-porous surfaces in order to make visible any friction ridge detail, left

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Collecting Fingerprints

Here's how the Latent Print Unit collects and analyzes fingerprints.

STEP 1:

The Field Unit

When there's been a crime, the officers or detectives on the scene call the Latent Print Unit to come and collect evidence. That's when the Latent Print Unit kicks into gear.

Latent Print Unit personnel assigned to field detail respond to crime scene investigations from three locations: Parker Center (Downtown L.A.), West Los Angeles (near the airport), and the San Fernando Valley. This detail operates 24 hours, 7 days a week, conducting crime scene investigations on crimes ranging from burglary and motor vehicles to homicides and rapes. Forensic Print Specialists (FPSs) utilize specialized fingerprint powders and brushes to develop and recover latent (hidden) finger and palm print evidence left at crime scenes. The field detail responds to approximately 25,000 field investigations annually.



1 *Alive!* editor John Burnes leaves his prints at the scene of the "crime" - actually, just the LAPD's Piper Tech Print Shed training area, for demonstration purposes.



2 Forensic Print Specialist III Jerome Friez prepares his field kit before going to a "crime scene."



3 Jerome Friez prepares to collect evidence at the scene.



4 Dusting the area.



5 Highlighting, for better visual identification.



6 Removing the print tape and lifting the fingerprint evidence, slowly and carefully.



7 Placing the evidence on an index card.



8 Annotating the evidence card with important details of the discovery.

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Latent Print Unit: The Team

LAFIS (Los Angeles Automated Fingerprint Identification System) Section



FROM LEFT: Alex Reutita, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member; Tonica Houston, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member; Jennifer Keir, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member; Arthur Gerio, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member; and Ren Capati, Forensic Print Specialist III.

Manual Comparison Section



FRONT, FROM LEFT: Bobby Salonga, Acting Sr. Forensic Print Specialist; Delonda Lewis, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member; and Yolanda Reyes, Forensic Print Specialist II. BACK: David Velarde, Forensic Print Specialist III; Tony Ortiz, Forensic Print Specialist III; and Jeff Deacon, Forensic Print Specialist III.

Latent Print Unit Administrative Section



FROM LEFT: Bobby Salonga, Acting Sr. Forensic Print Specialist; Gina Cronin, Sr. Forensic Print Specialist, Club Member; Christine Tucker, Forensic Print Specialist IV; Denise Williams, Officer in Charge; and Michellé Harvey, Acting Sr. Forensic Print Specialist.

Chemical Processing Detail



FROM LEFT: Melissa Popovic, Sr. Forensic Print Specialist/Supervisor; Larklyn Watts, Forensic Print Specialist III, Club Member; and Allan Villacorte, Forensic Print Specialist.

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STEP 2:

Analyzing With Eyes and Computers

Once the latent print evidence card is received at the lab, the evidence is processed through LAFIS (see below) – a countywide fingerprint database – by scanning the image into the database and plotting the individual characteristics (minutia) of the finger and or palm print impression. The computer system uses this arrangement and position of the various minutia to search the records within the database. Upon the completion of the search, the system provides a list of possible candidates whom minutia arrangement is in close proximity to that of the latent print evidence. A Forensic Print Specialist (FPS) is responsible for examining the candidate list for possible matches. If a possible match is determined, the FPS forwards this information to the Manual Comparison Detail, to conduct a side-by-side comparison of the latent print (the evidence, or unknown source) to the arrest record identified through LAFIS (a known source in the database).

The Los Angeles Automated Fingerprint Identification System (LAFIS) is a shared database within Los Angeles County that houses all Los Angeles County booking arrestee's fingers and palm print cards. The database houses over 12 million finger and palm print records. The Los Angeles Police Department's Latent Print Unit utilizes LAFIS, to conduct searches of latent print evidence retrieved from crime scenes to criminal arrest records within the database. Last year the latent print unit conducted over 17,000 latent fingerprint and palm print searches.



ABOVE: Forensic Print Specialist III Caron Moritz (seated) identifies minutia (unique characteristics) in a fingerprint she has scanned from an evidence card. Officer in Charge Denise Williams looks on.



RIGHT: The evidence with marked minutia (left side of computer monitor) has been run through the LAFIS database (by Forensic Print Specialist III Caron Moritz, seated), and the database returns a possible positive identification (right side of computer monitor). Officer in Charge Denise Williams and Alive! editor John Burnes look on.

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behind. If friction ridge develops, the specialist will then recover the latent print evidence by placing the lifting tape over the developed ridge detail, extracting it from its surface, and apply the tape onto the evidence card. Now you have physical evidence that can be transferred back to the office for further analysis. On the back of the evidence card, specialists must document the location, where the evidence was obtained from, a drawing of the item or surface the evidence was retrieved from, date and time of processing, along with victim/s name, etc. This information is necessary when testifying in court. Once all documentation and investigation reports have been completed, the package is then brought down to the main office here at Parker Center. All Latent Print Unit evidence is retained by the unit and is not checked into a property room facility.

How many field investigations do you perform?
Denise: Just more than 200 hundred calls a month, 25,000 field investigations annually.

Wow.
Denise: The LAPD is very big, so it keeps us busy.

Twenty-four seven?
Denise: Yes, we're a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week operation here at the main lab, but the two satellite locations operate daily between the hours of 0700 to 1100 hours. Field requests after that time are handled by the unit's a.m. watch personnel here at the main office. Typically callouts during this shift are officers standing by crime scenes.

Before evidence is processed to identify persons of interest who may have committed the crime, the evidence is first compared against the victim's fingers and palm print to eliminate those lift cards from further processing. A lot of times, [we find] prints belonging to the victims because they touch these same items every day. Once the victim's prints have been eliminated, the remaining lifts are processed through the Los Angeles Automated Fingerprint Identification System (LAFIS). LAFIS is a computer database that contains all Los Angeles County booking arrests. Whenever someone is arrested and booked, their prints and photos are taken and uploaded into the system. It is a criminal database. So when we run the prints that we recover from a field investigation through the database, we're running it through a criminal database.

And that's the county.
Denise: The county's database, yes. Los Angeles County. Once we scan that evidence into the computer, we mark the characteristics of the print – the ending ridges and bifurcations.

The unique ...
Denise: ... the unique things in a fingerprint that we use to make our identification. We're marking them because we're telling the computer that we want it to search this print with these characteristics, located in this position.

Got it.
Denise: Then the computer searches the database for potential matches. An examiner then reviews the candidate list [produced by the computer] and can tell, looking at the evidence, which prints are similar and need to be analyzed further. Then that case is given to our analysts who work the manual comparison detail. The analyst who's assigned to the manual comparison detail will obtain the case evidence package along with the possible LAFIS candidate booking finger- and palm prints, and conduct a side-by-side manual comparison. If the analyst finds that the two prints match, two additional analysts will conduct an individual analysis to verify the findings.

I see.
Denise: It is the Latent Print Unit's policy that all identifications be confirmed by three analysts. A report is generated and signed by all the analysts and forwarded to a supervisor/lead to conduct an administrative review. The completed, signed report is mailed to the assigned investigating officers.

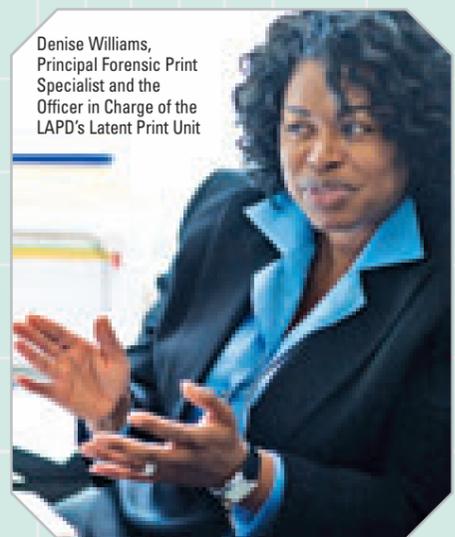
How long does that take?
Denise: I make it sound like it's a smooth transition. But that process can take anywhere from a few days to several weeks, depending on the complexity of the latent print evidence.

And then, after you verify it, there's an administrative review?
Denise: Yes. The identification report is generated, but before it's mailed out to a detective, it is reviewed. We have an administrative review, making sure that everything is complete and accurate. Doing the administrative review is making sure that all the paperwork and all the numbers are correct and everyone signs where they are supposed to sign, before we mail it off to the detective.

That document that you mail off is a pretty important document.

Denise: Yes. This is the document that will be referred to in court and will be given to the defense side as well.

Scrutinized and questioned and poked and prodded to make sure that it stands up.
Denise: Exactly.



And if it would go to trial, you might be involved in the testimony.

Denise: Yes, daily we are called to court to provide expert testimony on Latent Print Unit evidence.

A Unique Calling Card

Are fingerprints genetic? Unique traits and ridge lines and markings, can they be passed on? If you saw a print that might be hitting very close to a certain individual, maybe you might want to go back a generation to see whether or not there's a closer match to a father or mother?

Denise: I'm not going to say that it's not completely genetic. Of course some genetics play a part. But the reason why prints are so unique is because there are other things that are happening when the friction ridge is developing in the womb. Research into the development of friction-ridge skin has shown ridge formation developing on the fetus at approximately 120 days after conception.

It has a lot to do with the embryonic sac that the fetus is growing in and the pressure in the space. When the volar pads – the pads underneath the fingerprints – start to develop, the ridge detail begins forming and starts moving across the fingers, hands, toes or feet. The physical activity and nutrition of the mother play a part in the growth factor of everything happening in the fetus. That's why everything is different.

Everything is unique when it comes to fingerprints, even twins. Twins share the same sac, but they don't share the same growth pattern.

So each twin has a unique fingerprint.
Denise: Yes. Each finger is different; each palm is different. Your joints are different. You don't have "friction skin" on your hand and sole of your feet that is the same.

Even on your own hand.
Denise: Even on your own hand or your toe.

That's pretty amazing.
Denise: It is.

The Science of Fingerprinting

How has the science of fingerprinting developed over time?

Denise: Fingerprint identifications have been in use for more than 100 years. The only new thing when it comes to fingerprints is automation, because none of us could have imagined that a computer database would be able to get us possible candidates as close as it does.

When did that come about?
Denise: Los Angeles County received the first automated fingerprint identification system [AFIS] in 1983 or '84. The class I took in school was still teaching the Henry Classification, which was a fingerprint filing sequence to locate a fingerprint card. By the time I was hired, the County had already received its first AFIS system and was no longer classifying fingerprints using the Henry Classification system.

How much did that improve the workflow?
Denise: Oh, my, I would say by 100 percent. We are able to run cases through the database and get a result in five to ten to ten minutes. Before the AFIS system, we would have to manually classify each finger using the Henry Classification code and then manually search files for that code.

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STEP 3:

Manual Comparison

After the initial LAFIS analysis is completed and if a suspect candidate has been generated, the evidence, including the suspect candidate's ten-print card copies (known prints), are given to a second analyst to begin the manual comparison examination. Manual Comparison is an additional sub-discipline within the Latent Print Unit.

Personnel assigned to this detail are responsible for comparing the "unknown" latent print evidence gathered from crime scenes to the "known" prints of persons of interest. Analysts use a scientific methodology (process) termed ACE-V to compare unknown latent prints to known finger, palm or footprints. ACE-V is an acronym for the description of the process utilized in conducting manual latent print comparisons. It stands for



Delonda Lewis, Forensic Print Specialist III, during the Manual Comparison process.

analysis, comparison, evaluation and verification. The four-phase process employs guidelines and procedures, during each phase, to assure that results of the comparison are obtained in an objective and reliable manner.

Here's a summary of each phase of manual comparison:

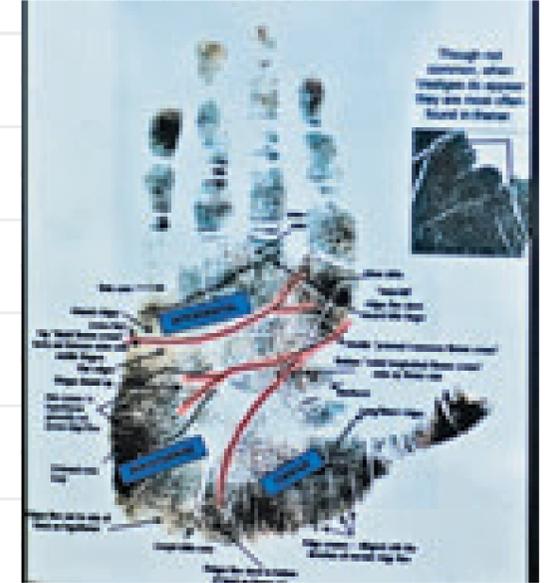
- **Analysis:** An analysis is conducted of the "unknown" impression (evidence), looking for pattern types, specific friction ridge formations and the spatial relationship of the various characteristics that make up the friction ridge skin (commonly termed "minutia"). There are basic types of characteristics: bifurcations (or the splitting of a single ridge into two ridges); ridge endings (the point at which a ridge ends) and dots.
- **Comparison:** If the clarity and content are sufficient, the latent print impression (unknown evidence) is then compared to the friction ridge skin impressions of exemplar (known impression). As stated previously, the known impressions are compiled in the LAFIS database and are printed out by the LAFIS analyst.
- **Evaluation:** If there is sufficient agreement between the unknown and known impressions, an individualization is the result. If not, the analysis outcome is: no identification.

After verification (see next), the results of the manual comparison are documented in a report that is then forwarded to detectives, and may be used by as evidence in court.

STEP 4:

Verification

The analysis, comparison and evaluation are then submitted to a second qualified examiner for verification. The second examiner will conduct another analysis, comparison and evaluation of the latent print impression and will either validate or disagree with the first examiner's conclusion.



STEP 5:

Chemical Processing



1 Larklyn Watts, Forensic Print Specialist III, opens the evidence packet and removes the evidence, in this case, a prop/nonfunctional handgun.

The Chemical Processing Detail utilizes alternative methods consisting of chemical washes and alternative light sources to develop latent prints on evidence booked into custody. Chemical processing of evidence is conducted in a controlled laboratory setting. It is used for any evidence that "can't be traditionally processed," according to Chemical Lab Supervisor Melissa Popovic, Sr. Forensic Print Specialist. If a print can't be removed via dusting and tape, it's brought here to be processed via chemicals and light sources, and then photographed.

The Chemical Processing Detail is housed in a laboratory at the Hertzberg Forensic Science Center on the campus of Cal State Los Angeles.



4 A fingerprint is found.



2 Special chemicals are applied to the weapon to develop possible latent print impression evidence that was left behind.



The prop handgun is dried during Chemical Processing



5 A photograph is taken.



3 After the chemical wash, the weapon is viewed with special lighting to locate any latent print evidence.



6 Allan Villacorte, Forensic Print Specialist III, enters information into the case file.

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STEP 6:

Administrative Review

After the evidence goes through the LAFIS process, the manual comparison process and then a third verification, an administrator reviews all conclusions, signs the documents and forwards them to the original requester, usually either a court representative or a detective on the particular case.



Bobby Salonga, Acting Sr. Forensic Print Specialist, performs a final administrative review of the conclusions.

STEP 7:

Testifying

Forensic Print Specialists (FPSs) are subpoenaed to testify as expert witnesses, by either the offices of the District Attorney or the Public Defender. The FPS will testify to their education level, training, work experience and involvement (field investigation, chemical processing, LAFIS, and manual comparison) in the particular case. Many court cases may require expert testimony from multiple FPSs from the different Latent Print Unit sub-disciplines.



Thank You!

Alive! thanks everyone at the Latent Print Unit for their assistance in producing this article, including: Denise Williams, Melissa Popovic, Glenn Cabrera and all the Forensic Print Specialists and administrators in the Latent Print Unit.

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The Henry Code?

Denise: Yes, named after one of the first pioneers who discovered that fingerprints were unique and could identify people. The Henry Classification required the ridge count and trace of each finger. This classification was converted into a numerical and alpha formula, which was called the Henry Classification system. The formula was used to search and locate fingerprint cards in the file. You could have hundreds of people with the same formula, but the fingerprints were not the same. So you'd find yourself looking for this formula and then looking for the ridge characteristics to see if they were the same. Automation did away with all that. We just scan the fingerprint into the database and [after the unique markings have been highlighted] it searches.

Before automation, we conducted our identifications based only on leads that the detectives had given us. The detective had to walk in with the request for us to compare it [to another print specifically], because if we didn't have all ten prints to do our Henry Classification and to come up with a formula, we wouldn't know where to search. Detectives had to give us the lead, [saying] compare this one print that you got from the crime scene with this guy.

But not anymore.

Denise: Not anymore. We can take that one latent and run it through the database, and the system will search for a match.

Right, but as far as actual analysis goes ...

Denise: As far as doing the actual comparison and identification of friction-ridged skin, that has not changed over time. It's applying a scientific methodology to determine whether or not a fingerprint originated from the same source. It's looking at pattern type. It's looking at ridge flow. It's looking at those characteristics, seeing if they are located in the same space or relative position. This process has been used for more than 100 years to prove that fingerprints were permanent and unique. It's the same process that we apply today when we're making identification. We're constantly retesting the hypothesis, whether or not these two prints are the same.

Right. What does "latent" mean in this context?

Denise: A latent print is a print left on an item or surface, and most of the time not visible to the naked eye. The word "latent" means hidden, undeveloped but capable of development. We use different types of forensic powder (depending on the type of the surface) or chemical to develop the latent print to be visible to the naked eye.

Do you access any databases other than the county's?

Denise: We typically used the Dept. of Justice and FBI databases when our search to the LACRIS database comes back with negative results. And these are usually done with more serious crimes and upon request by the investigating officers or detectives.

How successful are you?

Denise: Our hit ratio within the county is much higher than any other database; we have greater success within our own criminal database. Of all the cases we run through the database, we obtain hits on approximately 40 percent.



Denise Williams, Principal Forensic Print Specialist and the Officer in Charge of the LAPD's Latent Print Unit

There's a strong possibility of a positive match on 40 percent of the cases you run through the database?

Denise: Exactly.

That's pretty amazing.

Denise: Yes, it is.

Analyzing fingerprints – is it hard?

Denise: Depending on the complexity of the evidence, the analysis could be difficult.

Does it take a special kind of person to do this kind of work?

Denise: I would say so. [She laughs.] The work is very tedious.

You have to be meticulous.

Denise: Yes, you have to be very meticulous and you have to enjoy what you're doing. But you have to get some type of gratification from knowing that you helped or assisted in solving a crime. You have to be able to feed off of that.

Management Challenges

What challenges do you see for your department here? What's making it hard to do this?

Denise: Money, lack thereof. This is the issue all over. We're one of the largest agencies in the world as far as what we do. We're one of the largest labs in the world. And what's making it difficult is that we've been operating in an office environment [at Parker Center], not a laboratory environment because, frankly, there hasn't been any money to give us what we need.

We've had to separate our work details, not just because it works better for us to respond quicker in the field, but because there's no office space available for us to operate out of. It wasn't till recently, until this building [Parker Center] was vacated, that we were able to move to the same floor.

To move together.

Denise: Yes. Just in February. That's been one of the biggest challenges. We've increased in size – almost doubled – over the last 10 years, and we're still occupying the same space as when we were 25 years ago.

And space that wasn't really built for you even then.

Denise: Exactly. We're responding to more crime scenes than we have enough analysts to process. So we need to hire more people. We need more supervisors to oversee the functions, but we haven't been able to do that because there hasn't been any money. And now, recently since this budget crisis with the City, we have about 15 to 16 vacancies right now from our analytical area. By the end of this year, you can add another five to that, because although we've been exempted from the early retirement incentive program, we have about 20 percent of our personnel that are scheduled to retire within the next few years anyway. This year alone, we've already lost four people to retirement.

And the furloughs?

Denise: We've been on two days of work furloughs a month. So we've lost ten percent of our staff to work furloughs, and we can't do anything about that. That's hindering us quite a bit in performing our job efficiently.

Are you backlogged?

Denise: We're backlogged.

Prime Time vs. Reality

How different is the reality here than what people see on television?

Denise: I guarantee you we do not drive Hummers! [She laughs.] It's quite different. When you look at the CSI shows, you see crime scenes solved in less than 24 hours. The reality of it is, there's a lot more detail that goes into what we do. There are so many more elements that you don't get a chance to see when you see it on television. That's Hollywood.

Also, we don't work in contact that much with the detectives. We're very unbiased when we go out to the site. We go and get the evidence. We come back and we process the evidence. We mail off our results and, a lot of times, we don't know what happens with the case. We don't even know if what we did really helped in the investigation. We may get a subpoena to go to court. But we're kind of like a silent partner. We have no idea what's going on with the case until it's time for us to go to court or if we receive a commendation. But on CSI, you see everyone working together.

You're not out there turning the screws on bad people.

Denise: No. Detectives do their investigation. We're the support services. We do our investigation. We mail them our results and that's it.

You do science.

Denise: We try to make identification to the evidence. A lot of times, we might end up exonerating someone or providing detectives with witnesses who are afraid to come forward. But their fingerprints were at a scene. From what I understand, it happens quite often.

Good People

How good are your people here?

Denise: We have great people working here because our work volume is so high. We have some of the best analysts here because they're constantly working on cases. They're constantly doing the job. Repetition gains experience and knowledge, and that's what you get when you're constantly looking at case after case. So we have some of the best analysts.

And generally happy.

Denise: For the most part it is, and it's a gratifying job.

Thanks, Denise, for your time.

Denise: You're welcome. ■

AIRPORTS

Nabbed!

Airport Police hold sting operation on ground transportation at LAX.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member; Photos by Officer D. Lewis, Airport Police

On June 11, a multi-agency law enforcement operation conducted at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) resulted in nine commercial ground transportation vehicles removed from service and 35 citations issued to drivers for administrative and mechanical violations.

"This operation is part of a proactive approach by the Los Angeles Airport Police and our partner agencies to provide the traveling public with safe commercial transportation to and from LAX," said Los Angeles Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno. He added, "Air travelers rely heavily on commercial ground transportation services, and with the busy summer travel season beginning, it's important to ensure these providers are complying with all laws."

Nearly 30 representatives from the Los Angeles Airport Police, California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Regulatory Compliance and Standards Section, California Highway Patrol, and Transportation conducted their inspections at the airport's limousine holding lot beginning at 8 a.m. A total of 969 door-to-door shuttle vans, limousines and buses were inspected during the four-hour operation.

The multi-agency team focused on proper driver and vehicle licensing, PUC and airport operating permits, proper commercial insurance, and other law enforcement-related issues. Los Angeles Airport Police officers and inspectors also concentrated on mechanical equipment, including brakes, seat belts, headlights, transponders,

and other safety systems that are required to be in good working order.

Of the 989 vehicles inspected, nine were impounded: seven for allegedly operating without proper licensing and two for allegedly having suspended permits. Twenty vehicles were taken out of service for various allegedly mechanical violations.

LAWA Regulatory Compliance and Standards personnel removed four transponders (devices attached to commercial vehicles to monitor the number of times they access and traverse the airport's Central Terminal Area roadways). Transportation providers pay a fee every time a vehicle circuits the terminal area. If the transponder is not operating properly, it represents lost revenue for the airport.

Two drivers were issued Personal Service Citations for alleged misdemeanor violations. Another 48 drivers were cited for alleged administrative violations, including serious mechanical problems, improper insurance, driving with an out-of-class license, and invalid or no PUC permits. Fines for these citations vary, and the drivers must show proof of correction before they can resume for-hire operation.



The LAX limousine holding lot with commercial vehicles under inspection.



Airport Police CEU Officer Pan issues an administrative citation for alleged non-compliance.



Airport Police CEU Officer Romero checks the limousine driver's license status.



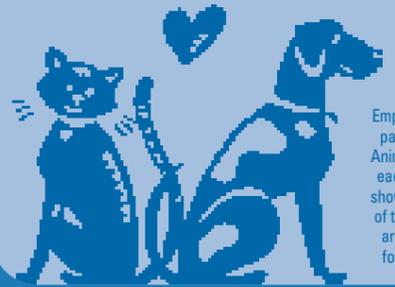
Airport Police Commercial Enforcement Unit (CEU) Officer Woods and a California Highway Patrol Officer, as they check for violations and issue citations to a limousine driver.



Airport Police CEU Officer Woods as he completes tow paperwork for a door-to-door shuttle van that was allegedly operating out of compliance.

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:

butch

Butch is a neutered male black and red miniature pin mix. He is about five years old and a super dog -- people and kid friendly.

ID# A1109551: North Central Animal Care Center



chico

Chico is a 10-month-old male Lab mix. He loves playing fetch and running in the yard. Chico is a very smart pup and is eager to learn new tricks.

ID# A1110797: North Central Animal Care Center.



baby

Baby is a spayed 19-month-old domestic shorthair that loves to play! She is an indoor cat and she likes other cats. She is waiting for you to take her home!

ID# A1077996: - North Central Animal Care Center.



jules

Jules and Kyle are 10-month-old domestic shorthair tabby brothers that would like to find a new home together, but would be happy to find separate homes with great families! They appear to be a little shy, but they are very lovable.

ID# A1117399 & ID# A1117400: North Central Animal Care Center.

kyle

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ID# A1117399 & ID# A1117400: North Central Animal Care Center.



Meet Your New Hope coordinator!



All of these animals are available for adoption at the North Central Animal Care Center located at 3201 Lacy Street, Los Angeles CA 90031. **Anna Hernandez** is the New Hope Coordinator, and she can be reached at (213) 485-5767.

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



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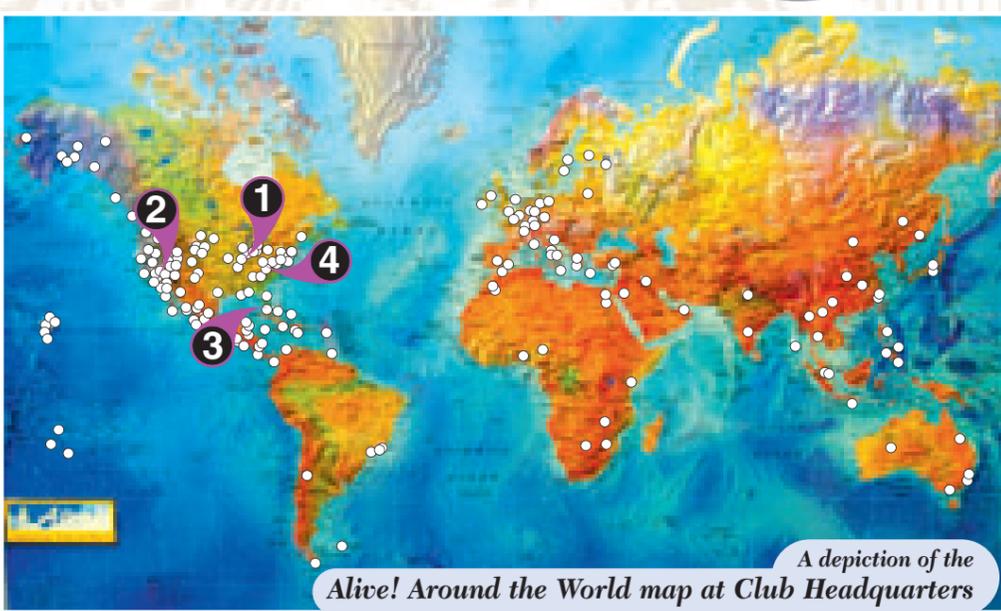


Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

1 Missouri



Dearbhla McNulty of Dublin, Ireland, and girlfriend of *Alive!* editor John Burnes, outside the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (the New Cathedral) in St. Louis. The cathedral is said to house the world's largest collection of mosaics (tourist photos are not allowed to be taken inside).



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

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Take the Club with you, wherever you go! Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a **high resolution** photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

2 California



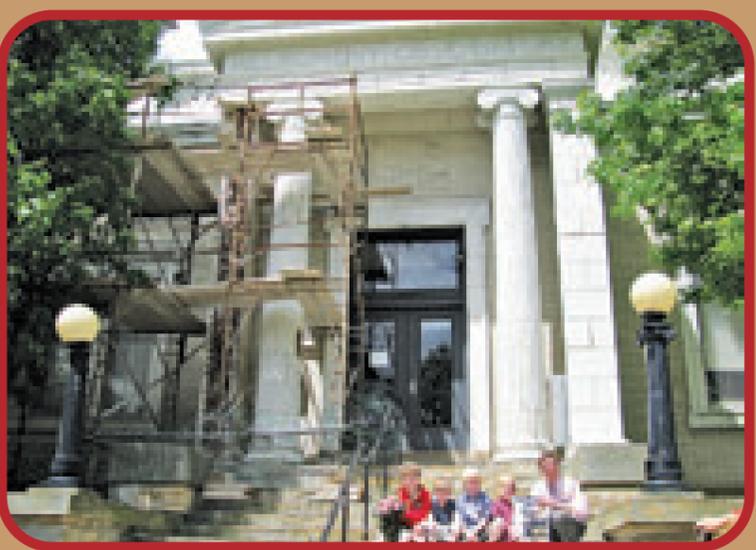
Club CEO John Hawkins and Grace Shen at the Annual DWP Retirees Picnic June 5. Grace retired from the DWP in 1998.

3 Florida



Robbie Horvath and family visit Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "The Butterfly Museum and Sanctuary was a fantastic experience for us and especially for our kids. I would definitely recommend it to everybody to visit it at least once in a lifetime. You can feed them and the tropical birds, too. They will settle down on your arms and head. It's really funny and the same time a very uplifting experience."

4 Pennsylvania & West Virginia



"About a month ago, I had a brief visit with my son and grandchildren, in Pittsburgh. One picture was taken in front of Grave Creek Mound, a prehistoric Indian high-status burial mound, about 2,200 years old, in eastern West Virginia, just across the river from Pennsylvania. The other picture was taken in front of the historic Allegheny Observatory in Riverview Park, just a few miles from downtown Pittsburgh. It is still in use as a research observatory, but it needs some restoration. The grand and classic building was completed in 1913."
- Dr. Ed Krupp, Griffith Observatory Director, Rec and Parks

CLUB STORE

Waxing Poetic



Rachael Brecher, the Club's Ticket Gal, visited Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in Hollywood June 3 to check out what's new for Club Members. Here, she sits between wax figures of Capt. Jean-Luc Picard (left) and Capt. James T. Kirk in a display honoring *Star Trek*. Have you been to Madame Tussauds? Buy your tickets at the Club Store and get a great Club discount! See the ticket page at the back of this issue.

REC & PARKS

Very Special Guests

On Flag Day, June 14, the Griffith Observatory hosted very special guests – First Lady Michelle Obama; the first family's daughters, Malia and Sasha; Mrs. Obama's mother; and a few close family friends. The honored guests enjoyed a private tour, hosted by Observatory Director Dr. Ed Krupp; a command performance of "Centered in the Universe" in the Oschin Planetarium; and a rooftop view of Saturn through a refractor. "Our guests were curious, gracious and thoughtful," Dr. Krupp, Club Member, said. In the photo are First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Krupp.



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GENERAL SERVICES

Fleet Perfect Attendance

Fleet Services says thanks to its employees with perfect attendance records.



From Left: Ken Williams, Club Member, Equipment Mechanic; Gordon Fong, Club Member Acting Supervisor



Left Front: Cesar Mendoza, Club Member Equipment Mechanic; Left Back: Brent Topper, Club Member Equipment Mechanic; Right: Scott Cupp, Acting Automotive Supervisor.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

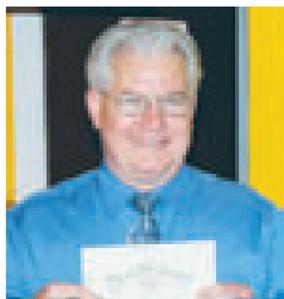
General Services held an award ceremony honoring those employees that did not use any sick or vacation time during the calendar year 2009. It takes a very special effort to stay healthy, and a strong personal commitment towards one's job, to refrain from using any sick time over the course of an entire year.

The event was held May 19 at El Torito in Burbank.

Special thanks go Jung Ho, Club Member, Supervisor; Jacque Lorraine, Sr. Automotive Supervisor; and Richard Coulson, Acting Director of Fleet Services, for their assistance.



Left Front: Travis Messner, Equipment Mechanic; Left Back: Bill Oliver, Club Member Garage Attendant; Right Front: Dave Woods, Equipment Mechanic; Right Back: John Krasman, Equipment Mechanic.



Jacque Lorraine, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



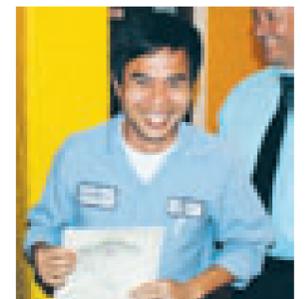
Jung Ho, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Left Front: Jacque Lorraine, Club Member, Sr. Automotive Supervisor; Left Back: Paul Biegansji, Equipment Mechanic; Right: Ray Jimenez, Equipment Mechanic.



Lance Davenport, awarded for perfect attendance.



Thoi Hoang, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Ray Jimenez, Club Member, Equipment Mechanic, awarded for perfect attendance.



David Woods, awarded for perfect attendance.



Brian Cunningham, awarded for perfect attendance.



Tim Fehrenbacher, awarded for perfect attendance.



John Krasman, awarded for perfect attendance.



William Oliver, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Paul Leung, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Joseph Palumbo, awarded for perfect attendance.



Gordon Fong, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Albert Harvey, Equipment Mechanic, awarded for perfect attendance.



David Taque, awarded for perfect attendance.



Cesar Mendoza, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Joo Pak, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Brent Toppen, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Phil Bakerlink, awarded for perfect attendance.



Alberto Tejera, awarded for perfect attendance.



John Van Eps, awarded for perfect attendance.



Alvaro Favela, awarded for perfect attendance.



Richard Humanic, awarded for perfect attendance.



Guillermo De Leon, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



William Perea, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Scott Cupp, awarded for perfect attendance.



Ken Williams, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



James Cook, Club Member, awarded for perfect attendance.



Denys Avalo, awarded for perfect attendance.



Travis Messner, awarded for perfect attendance.



Tony Quach, awarded for perfect attendance.



Chris Reibsam, awarded for perfect attendance.



Tony Cain, awarded for perfect attendance.



Paul Biegansji, Equipment Mechanic, awarded for perfect attendance.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

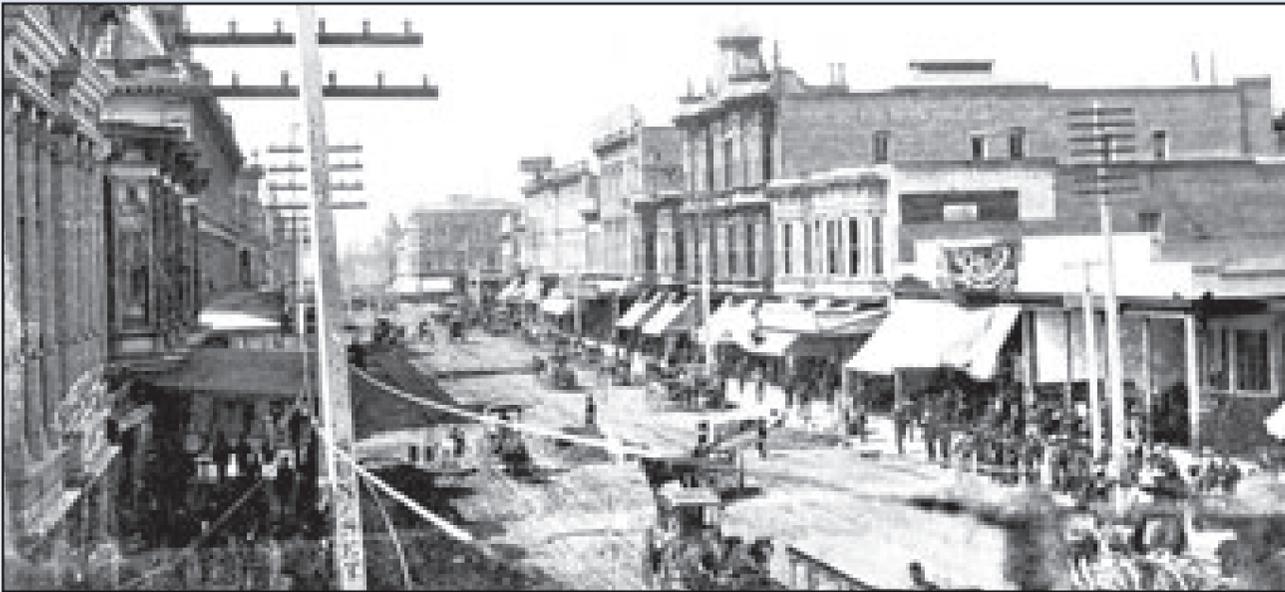


by Hynda Rudd,
City Archivist (Retired),
and Club Member

1883: City Halls and Chain Gangs

■ Here's looking back into the 19th Century, when the City used chain gangs for public works.

Photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library photo archive.



A view of North Main Street, 1880.

The definition of chain gangs has always fascinated me. I came upon an article in a volume, *Los Angeles: A Chronological & Documentary History, 1542-1976*, compiled and edited by Robert Mayer, Oceana Publications, Inc., 1978, that provided me with answers I had been searching for. But before I delve into that subject, I would like to give the readers a view of other interesting facts that occurred in the City of Los Angeles also in 1883:

- Twenty people were killed in a railroad disaster at Tehachapi Pass.
- Fifty houses and large sections of vineyards and orchards were washed away by floods Feb. 18.
- In March, the Board of Trade was organized.
- In May, Cameron E. Thom was elected mayor. Cameron E. Thom was a Southern gentleman from Virginia who arrived in Los Angeles in 1854. During the next decade he returned south to fight for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Upon his return to Los Angeles and prior to becoming mayor, he was a City Attorney and Police Judge, and he sat on the Police Commission and then the Board of Freeholders to draft the first home rule



Mayor Cameron Thom.

charter for the City of Los Angeles, which was adopted in 1889. He was also the County District Attorney for four terms. As mayor, Thom was determined that City government should have its own City Hall. The municipal facility was built in 1885, where it sat on Second Street between Spring and Fort (later Broadway) Streets. Its brick and stone façade was crowned with a schoolhouse-style bell tower. But, within two years, City Hall became inadequate for all the services rendered by the municipal government. Population had increased from 11,000 to 50,000. Los Angeles was no longer a dusty pueblo. The third City Hall's location was on Fort Street between Second and Third Streets, and it opened in 1889. The second City hall was sold in 1887 for \$120,000, which assisted in the construction of the third municipal building opening in 1889.

- On Aug. 22, the City Council adopted an ordinance for the establishment of Elysian Park.
- On Nov. 24, the Central Railroad was granted a franchise for a street railway.
- The Historical Society of Southern California was formed in November.
- The Southern Pacific Railroad completed its line to Yuma, where it connected with the Texas Pacific. Los Angeles began enjoying the first direct transcontinental route to the east. The citizens of the City had hoped this venture would favor Los Angeles, but the owners of the railroad had other ideas, and chose San Francisco instead.
- The last volunteer fire companies were organized. One was for the Morris Vineyard Tract and the other for East Los Angeles.
- The French weekly paper *Le Progress* began publication.

Now is the time to return to the original topic under discussion. Chain gangs have been noted a number of times throughout our City history since its founding in 1850. But,

not until 1883 was there an ordinance (Old Series) that provided for the criminals to work on the streets and other public works for the City of Los Angeles.

Ordinance No. 72 (OS), March 3, 1883

"The Mayor and Council of the City of Los Angeles do ordain as follows:

Section 1

That in all cases of the entry of a judgment against any person for any violation of the ordinance of the City of Los Angeles, wherein the said person shall be sentenced to pay a fine, the Court shall have proven to make it a part of the Judgment that the defendant be imprisoned until the fine be paid and satisfied at the rate of one dollar per day; and the court may make it a part of the Judgment and sentence that such person shall perform labor on the streets and other public works of said City, until such fine shall be discharged at the rate of one dollar per day.

For each day which the said person so connected may pass in prison, he shall be entitled to a credit of one dollar upon his fine and he may at any time pay the sum then remaining unsatisfied and obtain his discharge from custody. And in all cases of the entry of Judgment against any person for any violation of the ordinance of the City of Los Angeles wherein the said person shall be sentenced to imprisonment, the said person may be forced and the Court may

make it a part of the judgment that he be forced to perform labor on the streets and other public works, of said City during the time of such imprisonment, provided that in no case shall any person under sixteen years of age or any female be forced to work upon the public works of said City.

Section 2

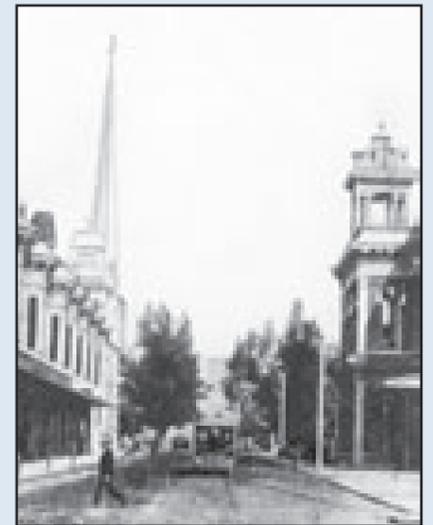
All ordinances and parts of ordinances so far as they conflict with this ordinance, but no further, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 3

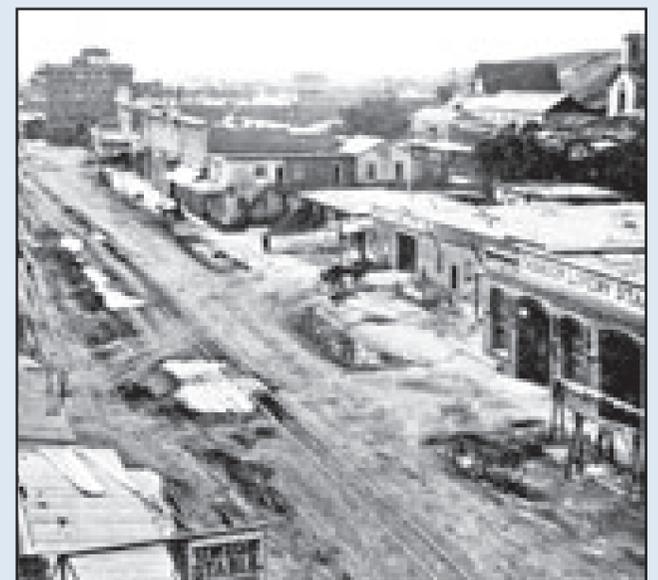
The Clerk of the Council shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published, once, in the "Los Angeles Daily Herald" and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

I hereby Certify, that the foregoing ordinance, was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of March 3, 1883. Signature unknown. On March 5, 1883, Mayor Cameron E. Thom, approved the Ordinance Number 72 (OS)."

Does anyone have information when chain gangs were discontinued in City government? I would appreciate knowing. I can be e-mailed the answer at hyndarudd@att.net. Thank you very much.



1885 Second Street City Hall.



Main Street from the junction with Spring Street at Temple, circa 1870.



Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could win four free tickets to the amusement park of your choice!

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Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:

Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Deadline for submission:

August 15, 2010

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!

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Phone: (626) 445-7376
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

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James R. Wilke, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
Fax: (626) 285-1461
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
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.

Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 12:** Annual picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. Noon.
- Oct. 7:** Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 1 p.m.
- Dec. 9:** Holiday party, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. Noon.

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

RLACEI:

LACERS Keeping Track of Federal Healthcare Changes

President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"I wish to thank James R. Wilks, President and Board of Director of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, for inviting me to attend the Association's annual barbeque celebration June 2 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. There were approximately 200 in attendance. It was a great lunch, and I enjoyed it immensely.

"June 3 was our 32nd annual golf tournament at the Alhambra Golf Course. It is always a fun day,

starting at 6:30 a.m., registering the golfers and giving out a sleeve of balls donated by the credit union. As usual, Tom Stennock, Phil Skarin and Americo Garza put on a great event.

"The weather was perfect; the food was delicious, as was the dessert. Great prizes were raffled.

"John Hawkins and Robert Larios of the City Employees Club were there, taking pictures and raffling off some great prizes. Also in attendance was

Edward Rivera, the new Managing Editor for *El Pueblo*, who also took pictures. Thank you guys for being there supporting our event.

"Special thanks go to those that tallied the score cards -- not an easy task. One could actually feel the intensity among the golfers waiting for the winner of those special prizes and trophies.

"Our next event will be our picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge Aug. 12. See you there."

LACERS Update: Mary Beetz reports:



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI
Publicity Chair

"Are you moving? Do you need to update your LACERS info?"

"LACERS retirees who plan to move or need to update their contact information must fill out a LACERS Change of Address Request Form. This form is available on LACERS' website (www.lacers.org) or by calling LACERS directly at (800) 779-8328. After completion, retirees must mail the form to LACERS, 360 E. Second St., Second Floor, Los Angeles CA 90012, Attn: Member Processing Unit. Retirees can also fax the form to LACERS, (213) 687-4174, Attn: Member Processing Unit.

"It is important to keep in mind, that LACERS HMO health plans are available in authorized zip code service areas only. Moving out of your current zip code service area may affect your eligibility to maintain your current HMO coverage. Contact your health plan provider to verify that your new zip code is included as an authorized HMO service area. Should you no longer qualify for your existing health plan, you may elect to enroll in another LACERS medical plan for which you are eligi-

ble or the Medical Premium Reimbursement Program (MPRP) within 30 days of changing your residence.

"*Health Care Legislation and LACERS Health Benefits:* The Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 were signed into law in March. Some provisions will take effect as early as this year. However, the most significant changes become effective in 2014.

"A timeline summary of various provisions that may impact LACERS' retired members can be found on LACERS' Website. For example, beginning in 2011, adult children up to age 26 may be added as dependents on their plans. They may no longer be required to be full-time students, and any medical subsidy applied towards their coverage would not be taxable to the retiree. Also, health plans may be required to provide coverage without cost sharing for preventive services rated A or B by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Additionally, health plans may no longer impose lifetime coverage limits; however, they may be able to impose annual coverage limits until 2014.

"The information provided is preliminary. LACERS' policy will be provided to members after the final regulations are prepared by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. LACERS will inform members regarding any impact this may have on their health benefits by mail and on LACERS website at www.lacers.org.

"*Correspondent's Note:* In the June RLACEI column, members were advised to submit proof of Medicare B premiums to receive reimbursement. If you are having difficulty in obtaining proof, contact the Social Security office in your area and ask for a "Verification Letter," which will be sent to you within three to four days. If you do not know where the office is in your area, call Social Security at (800) 772-1213. They will ask for your zip code, or if you prefer using your computer, enter www.ssa.gov and click on "Find a Social Security Office."

"After receipt of the verification letter, send it to LACERS, 360 E. Second St., Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. If you continue to have a problem, call Mary Beetz at (800) 678-4145, extension 711.

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!



Hal and Evelyn in a Lisbon shopping area.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Call the Helpline to reach the officers of RLACEI. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership, call the helpline. Each officer's extension is listed below.

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Lovely Lisbon

■ Hal and Co. continue their European cruise in Portugal. Part 8.

Evelyn and I are on a 35-day trip with our cousins, Myrna and Don, which includes a self-guided week in Italy and then a 28-day cruise with ports in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Morocco and Portugal, and then an ocean crossing to Fort Lauderdale. This month, we pick up our travels in Lisbon, Portugal, aboard our Holland-America (HAL) ship, the *Oosterdam*.

The ship docked in Lisbon around 10 a.m., and the weather was overcast and in the high 60s. There was a chance of rain. We decided to use the local hop-on hop-off bus (Yellow Bus), which just happened to stop directly where we got off the ship. The cost was \$15 per person for a two-and-a-half-hour ride around the city. The ship was docked at stop no. 14, and we rode the bus until we reached stop no. 1, which was at the Praca do Comercio (the commercial area). It had a large number of walking streets with stores, restaurants and many souvenir shops. We walked the area and then sat at a Pasteriria and had coffee and cakes, a Lisbon tradition (only \$35 for the four of us). Don and Myrna got back on the bus to finish the tour, and Evelyn and I started looking for a Starbucks so she could get a mug. We found a tourist information store, and they said there was only one Starbucks in Lisbon and it wasn't near where we were (I think they were laughing at the dumb Americans). We made our way back to the bus and finished the tour; about halfway back it began to rain lightly, and we had to put on our foul weather gear for the first time. By the time we reached our ship stop, the rain had stopped.

Lisbon is also a very pretty city of about 700,000 people built at the seashore on rolling hills. There is some Roman influence (walls, aqueducts, etc.), but very little Moorish. The architecture is a mix of very new and modern mixed with typical Spanish four-story buildings with plaster and beautiful rough ironwork. One thing that distinguishes the architecture is the beautiful tile-work the city is known for. Entire buildings are covered in intricate blue and white tile.

Evelyn's rule no. 1 when traveling is that, if you see something you really like, get it. You won't see it again. By this point in Lisbon, she had encountered it twice.

We met Don and Myrna back at the stateroom and had a drink before dinner. The ship was not to sail until 11 p.m., and there was to be a barbecue on the Lido deck; we decided to have the barbecue for dinner. After dinner we played a little bridge.

Here are a few more words about Lisbon. The city is a wonderful place to visit, small enough to walk but big enough to offer a lot of attractions. The town was leveled by an earthquake in the 1700s and was rebuilt using a grid pattern, which makes it easy to get around. The city has a very good transportation system (trams, streetcars, buses and a subway). Of all the cities we have seen, Lisbon seems the prettiest.

The next day was a day at sea.

Evelyn and I started that day at the gym, and then she and Myrna went to a cooking demo in the culinary center. Brian Archibald, a guest chef, was on board and doing demonstrations and lessons during the sea days. After lunch we played duplicate bridge for the first time -- we were not sure we were

ready for this. Things move very quickly, and the process does not seem social or enjoyable. We may stick to party bridge, where things are more social. Don and Myrna are experienced players and enjoyed themselves. That night was another formal night, and we had reservations in the dining room. After dinner, we saw the show, which featured comedian Milt Abel. The next day was our last stop, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, before we started our six-day ocean crossing.

The comedian the night before was very funny, and we all enjoyed the show. That morning, we docked in Funchal, the capital of Madeira Island, an autonomous region of Portugal. We walked from the port area along the water and reached the start of the old town, about a 25-minute walk. We planned to use the hop-on hop-off bus and found there were two of them, a red one and a yellow one. The red one made three more stops, which included a high-view point above the town, so that was our choice. The cost was \$10 each. It was Sunday, and most



A tiled building in Lisbon.

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Don and Hal at the waterfront in Funchal.

of the town was closed. It was very clean and neat, reminding us of Hawaii. The city is built on rolling green hills. There is a tropical feel, with beautiful foliage and temperate weather. The ride around town took about an hour and half. We learned that the name Funchal came from the fennel plant, which grows in abundance on the island. Other crops were sugar beets, tropical fruits and, of course, grapes. Madera had been known for centuries for its fortified wines, such as port, which have graced all the great courts of Europe over the centuries.



Myrna with her new best friend in Funchal.



Don and Myrna at a Lisbon pastry shop.

We left the bus and walked a short distance to the old town. A few of the tourist stores were open, and there was an open-air market lining the street, which also had a large number of cafes. We did a little shopping and then had lunch. Prices here were much better than Lisbon, with two club sandwiches, two beers and two coffees for just \$17. We walked back to the ship. The weather was great, with a slight breeze and the temperature in the high 70s.

Funchal is truly beautiful; it has a resort feel at a leisurely pace, and all of the white-washed buildings with tile roofs paint a truly

romantic picture.

Back on board, we played afternoon trivia and did not do well. We found out that one of trivia players' husbands was pick-pocketed in Lisbon. They were getting on a local bus and a "nicely" dressed man let them go ahead. A second man jostled them from behind and picked his wallet. We have heard a number of stories about passengers getting pick-pocketed. Just don't put your wallet in your back pocket, and be aware of who is around you at all times. We have not had an incident, but Evelyn was warned by a local to watch her camera while we were walking around Barcelona.

After trivia, we played a little bridge and then got ready for the evening. We had a drink on the veranda and then saw the early show -- Elliot Finkel, a pianist. Hal liked him, as it seems most everyone else did, but Evelyn did not.

We had dinner at 8 p.m., and we were disappointed in the service in the open seating. I think it was because the waiters were serving different stages of the meal at the same time -- appetizers, entrees and dessert and coffee. It didn't help with the coordination of the food. I also found the service to be better if you eat early rather than late. Oh well, it's only one meal!

We moved the clock back an hour a day as we moved closer to the United States. That night, it seemed that the entire world that uses daylight savings went off of it except for the United States, which, as you know, has changed it to the first Sunday in November. It's playing havoc with Evelyn's Palm phone, which has a world clock that can keep three time zones but can't seem to accommodate this partial "fall back" scenario.

We called home twice on Skype. It's amazing how you can call from a computer in the middle of the ocean (if you have an internet connection) to a landline or cell phone, and the whole thing works. All we needed was a video camera to do video chat.

I was confident we would be in the workout room the next morning with 200 of my best friends. On sea days, everyone who has been eating 5,000 calories a day decides to work out and drop a few pounds. It should only be so easy.

Next month will finish out our cruise story. Remember, you can also follow us on our blog at halandevelyn.blogspot.com.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

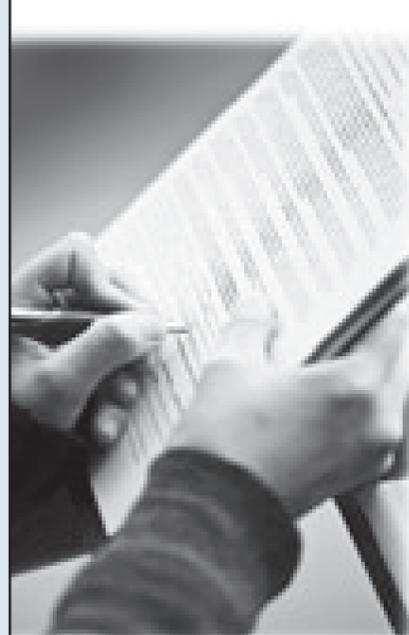
Nick Buckroff, Rec and Parks Retiree, writes that May was a very, very busy and exciting month for him and his wife, Lilie. Their daughter, Nicole, was married on May 15; the following week, their other daughter, Felicia, graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a degree in psychology with 3.9 GPA. Congratulations to the entire Buckroff family from RLACEI.

If you have an update on your life and happenings, send it to Mary Beetz, 137 Westmont Dr., Alhambra, CA 91801.



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The City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Celebrating the Lives of City Employees.



From left: Cathy Bushey, LAPD, 30 years of service; Gloria Vargas, LAPD, 29 years of service; Guy Leacher, GSD, 23 years of service; and Richard Cooper, Building and Safety, 11 years of service.



From left: Phil Skarin and John Hawkins, President, The Club.



From left: Steve Uranga, Commissioner, LACERS; Ruben Munoz, guest; Hector Ramirez, guest; and Hans Markus, guest.



From left: Romero Arguello, guest; Phil Skarin, RLACEI Director; Mr. Koppenhaver, guest; and James Gomez, grandson of Ed Harding, President of RLACEI.



From left: Commissioner Steve Uranga and RLACEI President Ed Harding.



From left: Gil Garnas, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of service; Dennis Vanderhook, Public Works/Sanitation, 35 years of service; George Chapman, guest; and Ken Ward, guest.



From left: Oliver Cunningham, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of service; George Walker, General Services, 30 years of service; Billy Johnson, guest; and Emmett Pouncil, guest.



From left: Dominic Rescineo, Building and Safety, 33 years of service; Ralph Gutierrez, guest; and Dan Dodd, guest.



From left: Jim Hamilton, LAPD, 32 years of service; Gail Draper, LAPD and ITA, 40 years of service; Ken Peters, ITA, 23 years of service; and Dan Koenig, LAPD, 35 years of service.



From left: Earl Gales Sr., Airports, 34 years of service; Edward Gales, guest; Frank O'Toole, guest; and John Sepulveda, Planning, 33 years of service.

Retirees Tee It Up

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

RLACEI – On June 3, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual golf tournament. This year's event, like others in the past, was held at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course.

Tom Stemmok was the chairman of the tournament. During the luncheon, Bob Okuda, Alice Walker and Mary Beetz were introduced as volunteers. RLACEI President Ed Harding assisted Tom Stemmok in presenting the golf awards. Tom Stemmok presented the raffle prizes and was assisted by Gary Mattingly, Neal Ricci and Phil Skarin. Ed Harding announced upcoming events including the retirees picnic at Grace Simons Lodge Aug. 12; the RLACEI annual meeting and elections Oct. 7; and the holiday party Dec. 9.



From left: Robert Gomez, Transportation, 31 years of service; Mike Stawicki, Transportation, 25 years of service; Richard Flores, Transportation, 34 years of service; and Jess Molina, guest.



From left: Walt Matsuda, Public Works/Engineering, 30 years of service; and Walt Naydo, Public Works/Engineering, 38 years of service; and Bob Yokoyama, guest.



From left: Norm Gottlieb, CAO, 30 years of service, and his wife, Faye; Leon Gottlieb, guest; and John Bobo, guest.



From left: Ed Anderson, Public Works/Engineering; 36 years of service; Alex Carter, guest; Andy Pollard, guest; and Dave Carlborg, guest.



From left: Richard Telles, Rec and Parks, 35 years of service; Greg Telles, guest; Ray Reyes, guest; and Mike Reyes, guest.



From left: Gary Mattingly, Fire and Police Pensions, 38 years of service; Hal Donowitz, RLACEI Director and *Alive!* columnist; Ray Alle, Personnel, 31 years of service; and Neil Ricci, RLACEI Director.



From left: Fred Ige, Planning, 30 years of service; and Gerald Carrido, guest.



From left: Ray Jantz, Planning, 38 years of service; and Jeff Jantz, 25 years of service.



From left: Tom Stemmok, Planning, 14 years of service and RLACEI Director; Bob Rogers, Planning, 31 years of service; Dick Hovious, Building and Safety, 27 years of service; and Bernard Anderson, Building and Safety, 34 years of service.



AIRPORTS

Airport Police Promoted

Airport Police swears in nine new leaders in badge ceremony.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member; Photos by Officer Shawn Smith, Airport Police

On June 1, two Los Angeles Airport Police lieutenants, Tyrone Stallings and Carolyn Smith; two sergeants, Joaquin Mendez and Fernando Castro; and five officers, Loretta Jones, John Hernandez, Jose Lozano, Harvey Coleman and John Lopez; were sworn in with their promotions.

Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno, along with Assistant Chiefs Frank Fabrega and Brian A. Walker, swore-in the new captains, lieutenants and sergeants before a group of family, friends and other police personnel at the Los Angeles World Airports Clifton A. Moore Administration Building.

Stallings, with 18 years of service and who was assigned as Acting Commanding Officer over the Homeland Security Section, will remain in that

section as captain. Smith, with 28 years and who was assigned to the Internal Affairs Section, will be reassigned to the Patrol Services Section as captain. Mendez, with 18 years and who was assigned as the Patrol Services Section dayshift watch commander, will remain in that position. Castro, with 23 years and was assigned to the Internal Affairs Section, will transfer to the Patrol Services Section as the p.m. shift watch commander.

Jones, with 9 years; Hernandez, with 20 years; Lozano, with 7 years; and Coleman, with 11 years; and who were assigned to the Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Unit, Motors Unit, the Range and the Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit, respectively, will all be reassigned to the Patrol Services Section. Lopez, with 7 years, will remain in his current assignment in the Patrol Services Section.

The Club says congratulations to the new Airport Police leaders!



From left: APD Chief George R. Centeno with Sgt. John Lopez, Club Member, his wife, Patricia and son, Joseph, after the promotion ceremony.



From left: Cpt. Tyrone Stallings, Club Member, and his wife, Makeba Stallings, after the promotion ceremony.



From left: Lt. Joaquin Mendez, Club Member, and his wife, Marivi Mendez-Faase, after the promotion ceremony.



From left: Sgt. Jose Lozano and Sgt. Myrna Carbajo, Club Member, after the promotion ceremony.



From left: Sgt. John Lopez and his wife, Annie Hernandez, after the promotion ceremony.



From left: Cpt. Carolyn Smith, Club Member and her father, Preston Harris, after the promotion ceremony.



From left: Lt. Fernando Castro and his brother, Ed, after the promotion ceremony.

REST INSURED



BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Auto Insurance Refresher Course

Auto insurance is the most popular product we sell. Not everyone owns a home and not many people own boats, but almost everyone in Los Angeles has a car. For that reason, I thought it would be a good idea to do a brief refresher course on auto insurance.

An auto insurance policy includes six basic coverages. Each coverage is priced separately, and you may or may not have bought each one, but it's important to know what each one does.

1. Bodily Injury Liability

This coverage applies to injuries that you, the designated driver or owner of the policy, cause to someone else. You and family members listed on the policy are also covered when driving someone else's car with their permission.

It's very important to have enough liability insurance, because if you are involved in a serious accident, you may be sued for a large sum of money. Definitely consider buying more than the state-required minimum to protect assets such as your home and savings. If you own a home, you should have at least \$100,000 of bodily injury coverage.

2. Medical Payments

This coverage pays for the treatment of injuries to the driver and passengers of your car. This coverage does not require a lawsuit and can cover medical payments and lost wages of someone injured in or around your car.

3. Property Damage Liability

This coverage pays for damage you (or someone driving your car with your permission) may cause to someone else's property. Usually, this means damage to someone else's car, but it also includes damage to lamp posts, telephone poles, fences, buildings or other structures your car hits.

4. Collision

This coverage pays for damage to your car resulting from a collision with another car, object or as a result of flipping over. It also covers damage caused by potholes. Collision coverage is generally sold with a deductible of \$250 to \$1,000 -- the higher your deductible, the lower your premium! Even if you are at fault for the accident, your collision coverage will reimburse you for the costs of repairing your car, minus the deductible.

5. Comprehensive

This coverage reimburses you for loss due to theft or damage caused by something other than a collision with another car or object, such as fire, falling objects,

missiles, explosion, earthquake, wind-storm, hail, flood, vandalism, riot or contact with animals including birds or deer.

Comprehensive insurance is sold usually with a \$250 to \$500 deductible, though you may want to opt for a higher deductible as a way of lowering your premium.

Comprehensive insurance will also reimburse you if your windshield is cracked or shattered. Some companies offer glass coverage with or without a deductible.

6. Uninsured Motorist Coverage

This coverage will reimburse you, a member of your family, or a designated driver if one of you is hit by an uninsured or hit-and-run driver. This coverage will also protect you if you are hit as a pedestrian.

Auto insurance is also one of the most expensive policies that most people buy. Here are three tips to make sure you get what you deserve:

1. Most insurance companies give breaks to policyholders who maintain more than one type of insurance.

2. Do you have more than one car in your family? Does one of them belong to a young driver who is being charged more due to their age and lack of driving experience? There are ways to save money here.

3. Allow us to check over your insurance policies to ensure you have optimal coverage.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about auto insurance, or would like to do a complete insurance review with us.

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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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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

Jose Alonzo
Stepfona Farrow
Ron Howard
Allen Jamieson
Santos Munoz
Belinda Nettles
Frank Silva
William Stone
Nicholas Suquett
Dana Tipton

Building and Safety

Edward Garcia

City Council

Darrel Powell

LAFD

Eva Bencomo
John Gonzalez

Fire and Police Pensions

James Pineda

General Services

Celso Arreola
Bradley Billings
Joseph Carmody
Joseph Connolly
Robert Crittenden
Arturo Meza
Edna Trejo

Harbor

Itzel Carranza
Eduardo Lopez
Von Mims
Leon Nixon

Housing

Carmen Clayborn

ITA

Amin Namavar

Convention Center

Mariela Vivar

Library

Christopher Juarez

Planning

Jason Chan

LAPD

Ramon Alatorre
Noel Collins
Robert Cortez
Carol Coudriet-Portnoff

Reginald Gay
Cece Harper-Paris
Monique Jones
Michael Kaden
Aixa Nichols
James Norton
Joseph Olson
Booker Ridgeway
John Winder

PUBLIC WORKS

PW-Engineering

Jose D Medallo

PW-Sanitation

Richard Arellano
Allison Arthur
Otis Coleman
Troy Cummings
Robert Irvin
Charles McKinzie
Tommy Nguyen
Reginald Randall
Anthonio Walls

PW-Street Lighting

Bobby Weston

PW-Street Services

Otoniel Casas
Mark Dobash
Perry Guerr
Maurice Lewis
Milo Maroney
Gilbert Narvaez
Michael Powell
Dennis Taylor
Steven Vega
Roger Williams
Andrea Wilson

Rec and Parks

Rene Astorga
Rene Astorga
Jerome Bryant
Nyle Dupont
Pedro Mendez
Jonathan Merrill
Ryan Reeder
Leticia Salazar
Cesar Tapia

Transportation

Tina Backstrom
Troy Bregel
Joseph Mai

Yolanda McCollough
Joyce Odede
Rafael Vrzan
Fenton Williams

DWP

Esperanza Gonzalez
Veronica Grillen
Robin Haynes
Charles Kagan
Yang Kim
Alejandro Macias
Timothy Manross
Steven Merlo
Ana Miranda
Jose Paz
Steve Peters
William Reyes
Joaquina Sagrero
Jerry Scott
Shon Sims
Garrett Tatsumi
Richard Tuttle

Zoo

Duffy Wade
Major Williams

Retired

Rosalie Betancourt
Ronald Black
Antonio Del Pilar
Evelyn Hoss
Brenda Range-Stephens
Ruben Sandoval

Other

Francisco Ayala
Scott Bean
Ron Cowings
Allen Gonzalez
Bert Guzzetti
Dwayne Hogue
Reginald Jones
Jose Lopez
Carlos Mendez
Alonzo Ortiz
Marco Rodriguez
Gerardo Sanchez
Ross Scaffidi
Darryl Smith
Stan Vanderlip



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

Doan, Mike, DWP, 3
Durazo, Victor, City Council, 2
Legras, Janet, Airports, 8
Leighton, Michael, General Services, 16
Mole, Claudio, DWP, 4
Morales, Mario, Rec and Parks, 2
Overstreet, Earnestine, Transportation, 7
Roman, John, Public Works, 15
Tandy, Janie, Transportation, 11
Wynn, Janice, Public Works, 7

Retired

Abraham, Fred, Public Works, 26
Ballard, Bruce, Public Works, 25
Barclay, Joseph, Public Works, 39
Bieniasz, Joseph, Rec and Parks, 29
Bogie, Jean, Library, 17
Brown, Charmaine, Transportation, 8
Burrell, Thomas, Public Works, 5
Cabral, Jesus, DWP, 5
Calloway, Clara, Airports, 25
Cato, James, Public Works, 26
Chiarolla, Tony, Public Works, 40
Codron, Enid, LAPD, 21
Clift, Walter, LAPD, 35
Cole, Odell, General Services, 36
De Velbis, Richard, Public Works, 32
Doss, Sharon, DWP, 24
Elkins, William, Mayor's Office, 20
Evans, Richard, Airports, 7
Garrison, Alphonse, DWP, 28
Geyer, Douglas, DWP, 20
Goldfarb, Jay, DWP, 29
Haberfield, Felicia, Library, 13

Hanson, Arthur, DWP, 31
Hasan, Richard, DWP, 8
Helses, William, Public Works, 20
Hoss, William, Treasurer, 39
Hurdle, Leah, Public Works, 19
Jellen, Peter, Public Works, 17
Johnson, Charles, Bldg. and Safety, 19
Johnson, Harold, Public Works, 33
Kielhauer, Joan, Cultural Affairs, 19
Knight, Desmond, DWP, 9
Lewis, Calvin, DWP, 39
Lewis, Thomas, Public Works, 23
Magdaleno, Lupe, DWP, 23
McGriff, Dick, DWP, 14
Meichtry, Martin, Rec and Parks, 30
Miller, Delbert, DWP, 9
Milne, Robert, CAO, 26
Mond, Albert, Rec and Parks, 16
Naro, Michael, DWP, 16
Orner, Bernard, DWP, 5
Palzer, Kathleen, DWP, 30
Pennell, Dale, Public Works, 22
Roberson, Lewis, Airports, 19
Rydeen, Betty, Library, 12
Sawyer, M.L., Library, 28
Settle, James, LAPD, 13
Schuman, Morton, LAFD, 13
Takahashi, Toru, DWP, 23
Trainor, William, DWP, 38
Tranckino, Mary, Airports, 15
Tumbokon, Ramon, Public Works, 21
Wong, Helen, City Planning, 14
Wygand, Marinus, Rec and Parks, 10
Yabuta, Teruko, Library, 25

Peace of Mind

Long-Term Care Insurance: Covering Major Health Needs

BY TIFFANY SY

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Long-Term Care (LTCi) insurance is designed to cover costs associated with aging. LTCi provides benefits toward nursing care facility services, which are typically not covered by traditional health insurance or Medicare. Retirees can exhaust their retirement income when the unexpected occurs – when the need of Long-Term Care arises and they are financially unprepared!

You can choose various care options and benefit riders within a Long-Term Care plan. Your selection of these choices will determine the cost of your Long-Term Care insurance. Your age at the time of the application is also a determining factor of your premium. Most policies will allow you to lock in your age when you apply, including the LTCi plan we have to offer.

To trigger the benefit of your LTCi policy, your physician must verify that you are not able to perform a minimum of two Activities of Daily Living (ADL). The California Department of Aging has listed the ADLs as: bathing, dressing, continence, toileting, transferring, eating and ambulating.

If you are an active or retired City Employee: you, your spouse, parents, in-laws, grandparents, and grandparent in-laws are eligible to apply. Our plan allows you the freedom to take this plan with you anywhere in the United States to a licensed care facility.

Long-Term Care insurance policies have a benefit period or lifetime benefit maximum, which is the total amount of time or total amount of dollars up to which benefits will be paid. Your premiums are waived during the time you are receiving benefits.

Our members are offered a group exclusive plan with two benefit duration periods: four years or ten years in a licensed Long-Term Care facility. You also have the option of receiving benefits in your home or at an assisted living facility. The benefit is paid out as a monthly indemnity, in the form of a check payable to the insured and it is a non-taxable benefit. You can apply for a minimum of \$1,000 per monthly benefit and as high as \$5,000 per monthly benefit. The LTCi plan offers two additional benefit riders: Total Home Care and 5 percent simple interest.

Under normal circumstances, when you apply for Long-Term Care insurance, you must pass a medical underwriting process. If you are not in the best of health, you may not be approved for the plan. The great news is that the Club has teamed up with Unum, a top rated insurance carrier, to provide you with an Open Enrollment period Aug. 1 through Oct. 31. The advantage of applying during Open Enrollment is that there is no medical underwriting! That means, regardless of your health (in most instances), you will be approved for Long-Term Care insurance! To be eligible for this enrollment, you must actively work for the City of Los Angeles. (DWP employees' open enrollment begins next May.)

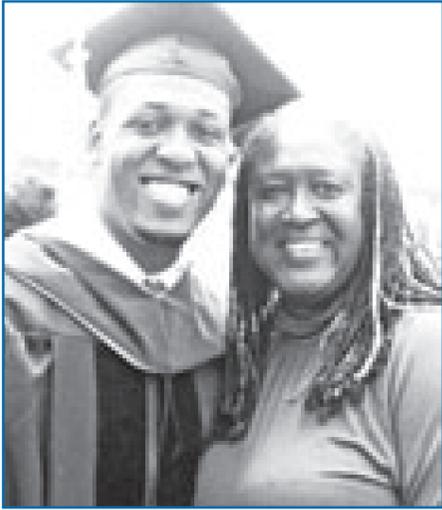
If you require clarification on our Long-Term Care plan, we are holding seminars July 16 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel downtown. Please contact me at (800) 464-0452 ext. 202 to RSVP your seat. Space is limited!

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



Graduations

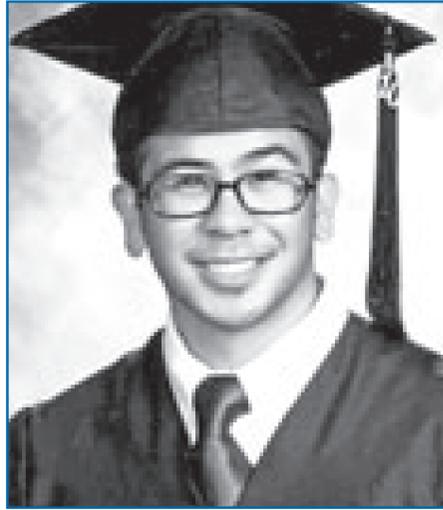
Congratulations!



Brandon L. Lewis graduated from the California Western School of Law with a law degree. After completing the Nevada bar exam, he plans on keeping his options open by pursuing career opportunities with the FBI as well as looking into attorney positions involving criminal defense or extensive civil litigation. His mother is Robbie Wright, Utility Services Specialist, DWP.



Cyan Shaw graduated from North Ridge Magnet School's GATE Program. She is the recipient of the President's Education Award of Outstanding Academic Excellence, the honor roll and perfect attendance awards. Cyan is the granddaughter of Cheryl Elam-Collins, Public Works/Street Services.



Joseph N. Jeciel graduated from Cal State L.A. with a Bachelor of science degree in nursing. His father is Leonardo F. Jeciel Jr., Transportation. "Congratulations, Joseph! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Christina"



Sa'Lina D. Tasker, Clerk Typist, Airports, graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a Bachelor's degree in science in computer information systems.



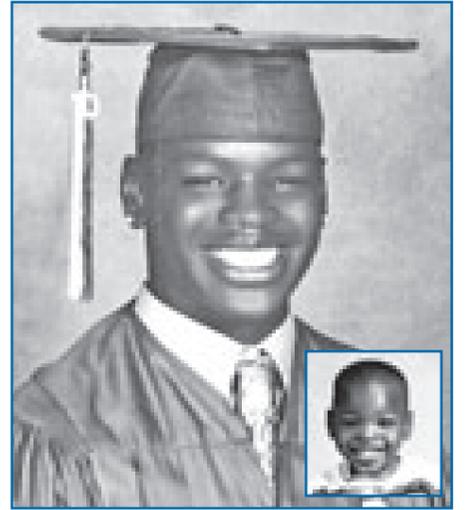
Amy Hinkle graduated from eighth grade and is enrolled at Connections Academy and will continue with their program in the fall. Possible future plans include a career in library science, fashion design, photography or making movies. Amy also placed first in her school's end-of-the-year science fair. She's the daughter of Lt. Richard Hinkle, Airport Police, and Catherine Hinkle; and the granddaughter of Bert Hinkle, Retired, Supervisor of Buildings, General Services, and Virginia Hinkle. "We are very proud of you and love you very much, baby girl!"



Melanie Turnipseed graduated from Harbor Community College with an Associate of arts degree. She also graduated from Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy high school. Melanie plans to attend Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala., and major in nursing. Her mother is Pamela Turnipseed, LAPD.



Andrenique Wilson graduated from King Drew Magnet High School with honors. She intends to attend Xavier University in Louisiana in the fall and plans to major in pre-med. She is the daughter of Andrea Wilson, Street Services.



Darryl Demaris Williams Jr. graduated from Verbum Dei High School. He intends to attend St. John's University in Minnesota in the fall, majoring in business. He's the son of Kasondra "Kacy" Evans, Personnel.

Congratulations!



April Tate graduated from the fifth grade at Ralph J. Bunche Elementary School and plans to attend the Archer School for Girls for sixth grade. After high school, she plans to attend an art school to become a world-famous artist. Mother is Dorothy Tate, Transportation.

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

Quinceañera

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

Births



Landon Jaden Wicab, born May 21 to Ernesto Wicab and Elizabeth Medina. Ernesto is a Gardener Caretaker, Airports.



Lorenzo Joaquin Alvarado, born March 12 to Carlos and Jasmine Alvarado. Carlos works for DWP and Jasmine for the City's Youth Opportunity Movement. "Big brother Ethan embraces his little brother."

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

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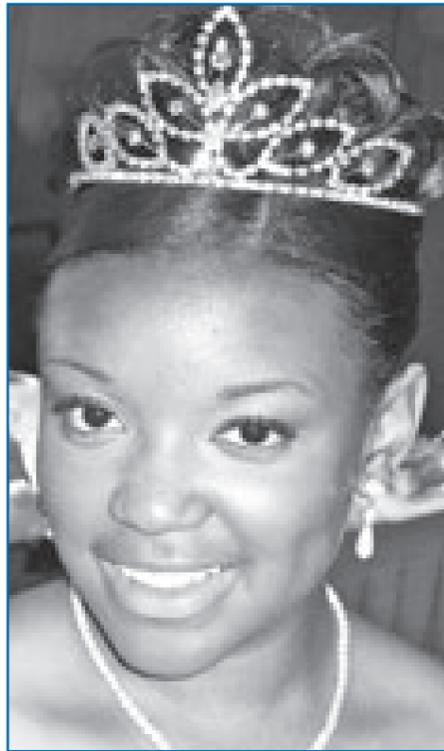


Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Abramson, Ilene	Pr. Librarian	Library	28	Cruz, Cesar	Sr. Accountant	General Services	26	Hubler, Sandra	Clerk Typist	LAPD	31
Adachi, Joyce	Civil Engr. Draft Tech.	Transportation	32	Cuarenta, Linda	Crime Intelligence Analyst	LAPD	36	Isaac, Bernel	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29
Adams, Cleo	Child Care Associate	Rec and Parks	6	Cueba, Katy	Librarian	Library	34	Jackson, Adonna	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29
Aghassi, Haideh	City Planning Assoc.	Planning	21	Cuevas, Noemi	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller	28	Jackson, Genevieve	Accounting Clerk	LAPD	12
Alloway, Wavie	Building Con. Maint. Supv.	General Services	29	Cutrell, Julie	Sr. Personnel Analyst	General Services	31	Jackson, Richard	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	25
Aguayo, Martin	Equip. Operator	Public Works	36	Dasari, Dorayya	Oper. Stats Res. Analyst	LAPD	21	Jankos, William	Librarian	Library	35
Aguila, Ramon	Child Care Associate	Rec and Parks	33	David, Thomas Francis	Sr. Legal Asst.	City Attorney	46	Johnson, Minnie	Finance Coll. Investgtr.	Finance	34
Aguilar, Victor	Truck Operator/One Man	Rec and Parks	38	Davis, Belinda	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	30	Johnson, William	Sr. Librarian	Library	26
Alacar, Cesar	Civil Enr. Draft Tech.	Transportation	25	Davis, Guendolyndia	Management Analyst	Public Works	30	Jolley, Elizabeth	Crossing Guard	Transportation	17
Al Ali, Imam	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	25	Demeules, Brian	Equip. Mech.	General Services	31	Jolly, Barbara	City Atty. Admin. Crd.	City Attorney	24
Alamdea, Benjamin	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30	Dennis, Calvin Ray	Equip. Repair Supv.	General Services	34	Jones, Beverly	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Controller	36
Alegria, Fernando	Signal Systems Electrician	Transportation	34	Deppisch, Richard	Emerg. Prepare Coord.	EPD	14	Jones, Diane	Accounting Clerk	Public Works	32
Altschuler, Yelena	Sr. Systems Analyst	Public Works	32	Dickson, Joseph	Rec. Facility Director	Rec and Parks	40	Jones, Dorothy	Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	18
Anderson, Geraldine	Accounting Clerk	Housing	21	Dipasupil, Silvestre	Sr. Computer Operator	ITA	32	Jones, James	Painter	Rec and Parks	20
Alvarez, Frank	Traffic Paint Sign Post	Transportation	34	Domasig, Gertrudes	Sr. Accountant	Housing	27	Jones, Patricia	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	26
Amerian, Lynnette	Council Aide VI	Council	18	Donovan, Judith	Sr. Librarian	Library	30	Jones, John Jay	Warehouse T/R Wkr.	City Clerk	27
Andrade, Jose	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30	Dorsey, Kevin	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	34	Jurczynski, Ryszard	Signal Sys. Ofcr.	Transportation	10
Andress, Robert Earl	Clerk Typist	Library	33	Dorsey, Patricia	Systems Analyst	ITA	33	Kahsay, Alemseged	Management Analyst	Public Works	35
Archer, Steve	Heating/Refrig. Insp.	Building and Safety	31	Dublin, Florida	Accounting Rec Supv.	Controller	29	Kallemeyn, Douglas	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Airports	22
Ariasbi, Behrouz	Park Services Att.	Rec and Parks	27	Duffy, James	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	18	Kawai, Joyce	Sr. Personnel Analyst	LAFD	34
Armijo, Albert	St. Services Investigator	Public Works	26	Duran, Fred	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Kawashima, Betty	Clerk Typist	Library	19
Armijo, Richard	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	35	Eisenberg, Steven	Automotive Supv.	General Services	30	Kayser, Cole	Equip. Operator	General Services	27
Atkins, Audrey	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Airports	30	Engle, Debra	Improv. Bond Coord.	Public Works	32	Keen, Robert	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	30
Azboy, Christine	Geographic Info Spec.	Planning	31	Espinosa, Isauro	Accountant	Aging	21	Kent, Patricia	Rec. Facility Director	Rec and Parks	28
Baer, Gary	Pr. Rec Supervisor	Rec and Parks	35	Estrada, Barbara	Traffic Officer	Transportation	36	Kilpatrick, Douglas	Sr. Park Ranger	Rec and Parks	32
Baitx, Delia	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	34	Etherly, Franklin	Payroll Supv.	LAFD	32	Kim, Jung Sook	Sr. Data Process Tech.	ITA	34
Baladad, Jose	Machinist	LAFD	11	Evains, William	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	32	Kim, Soon	Management Analyst	LAPD	32
Balady, Nabih	Elect. Enr. Assoc.	Public Works	32	Evansen, Kathleen	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAFD	40	Kinter, Kenneth	Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	32
Banks, Jeryl Lynn	Traffic Officer	Transportation	32	Ewing, Louise	Golf Starter Supv.	Rec and Parks	33	Kirkland, Alice	Detention Officer	LAPD	22
Barney, George	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	34	Falkenstein, Mieu Linh	Fiscal Systems Spec.	General Services	30	Klink, Charlene	Public Info. Dir.	Library	24
Barr, Philip	Electrician	General Services	27	Ferguson, Michael	Trans. Engineer Aide	Transportation	52	Knopf, Steven	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	24
Bartling, William	Storekeeper	General Services	17	Ferguson, Richard	City Planner	Planning	26	Kolb, Emily	Public Info Dir.	Rec and Parks	23
Battles, Gwendolyn	Traffic Officer	Transportation	35	Fernandez, Andrea	Parking Enforcement Mgr.	Transportation	40	Kozdrowicki, Christine	Clerk Typist	Library	23
Beltran, Cynthia	Crime Intelligence Analyst	LAPD	36	Fernandez, Angel	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	31	Kumar, Madhu	City Planner	Planning	31
Bencomo, Eva	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	22	Fick, Rodell	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	10	Kuo, Brenda Ya Chieh	Sr. Systems Analyst	Controller	24
Benjamin, Louis	Internal Auditor	Controller	26	Follett, Rita	Clerk Typist	Library	12	Lafrance, Janet	Park Maintenance Supv.	Rec and Parks	30
Berg, Terry	Sr. Systems Analyst	Personnel	31	Fore, Debora	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	30	Lara, Carlos	Storekeeper	General Services	24
Betancourt, David	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30	Galang, Mariam	Architectural Assoc.	Public Works	33	La Riccia, Stephen	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	36
Bilal, Ameen	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	33	Franklin, Pamela	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	22	Layton, Maureen	Sr. Clerk Typist	Finance	13
Bingham, Mary	Pr. Rec Supervisor	Rec and Parks	32	Friedman, Larry Jay	Assoc. Zoning Admin.	Planning	33	Lee, Jerry	Sr. Cartographer	City Clerk	35
Bloom, Carol	Library Asst.	Library	34	Garcia, Gladys	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	38	Lee, Kevin	Automotive Engineer	General Services	30
Bocchetti, Ralph	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	10	Gaston, Debra	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	32	Lee, Lydia	Librarian	Library	25
Booth, James Leroy	Sr. Custodian	General Services	33	Giacopelli, Thomas	Police Service Rep	LAPD	34	Leisenbach, Michael	Management Analyst	Finance	10
Brabant, Edward	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	37	Gibbons, Paul	Comm. Elec. Supv.	ITA	30	Leon, Fernando	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	26
Bradstock, Thom	Background Investigator	Personnel	12	Gibson, James	Ch. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	38	Lestrel, Dagmar	Librarian	Library	29
Briggs Tatum, Emma	Sr. Clerk Typist	Aging	30	Glaser, Debra	Ch. Police Psychologist	LAPD	17	Leung, Kang	Communications Engr.	ITA	21
Brown, Ruth	Librarian	Library	40	Gomez, Marianne	Payroll Supv.	Public Works	30	Leung, Vicky	Sr. Tax Renewal Asst.	Finance	15
Brummond, Terry	Delivery Driver	General Services	33	Gonzalez, Elisa Rosa	Librarian	Library	18	Liao, Jimmy	City Planner	Planning	30
Byun, Carin	Accounting Clerk	Public Works	24	Gonzalez, Joe Mario	Traffic Officer	Transportation	34	Lietz, Harriett	Personnel Director	City Clerk	40
Cabeen, Shirley	Librarian	Library	17	Gordon, Elliott	Librarian	Library	24	Limqueco, Leonides	Sr. Accountant	Controller	10
Calimag, Emma	Chemist	General Services	33	Gorton, John	Air Cond. Mech.	General Services	32	Lingat, Lucilo	Comm. Engr. Assoc.	ITA	17
Camacho, Honorio	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	24	Grady, Richard	Construction Inspector	Public Works	27	Lo, Emily Shihui Fang	Fiscal Systems Spec.	ITA	30
Camp, Larry Douglas	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	31	Graham, Nina	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	32	Locatelli, William	Traffic Officer	Transportation	34
Campos, Hilda	Sr. Hearing Officer	City Attorney	32	Gras, Raul	Chief Inspector	Building and Safety	34	Long Feng, An	Accounting Clerk	Public Works	30
Canales, David	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	40	Greenhoward, Joe	Maint. Laborer	General Services	29	Lopez, Hilda	Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	33
Carland, Michael	Signal Sys. Electrician	Transportation	30	Griffin, Raymond	Procurement Aide	General Services	25	Lopez, Hilda	Workers Comp. Claims Asst.	Personnel	30
Caro, Johnny	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAFD	31	Grimes, Janet	Police Service Rep	LAPD	28	Loss, Lawrence	Comm. Electrician	ITA	27
Carr, Beverly	Sr. Police Serv. Rep	LAPD	39	Gross, Raymond	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Lucas, Rodney	Sr. Street Svcs. Investr.	Public Works	33
Carrillo, Ronald	Background Investigator	LAPD	14	Grundy, Marlene	Secretary	LAPD	35	Lukacs, Maritza	Child Care Center Dir.	Rec and Parks	23
Casabona, Gloria	Real Estate Officer	Public Works	17	Habib, Twefik	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	24	Lyons, James	Sr. Tax Auditor	Finance	23
Casebeer, Takako	Messenger Clerk	Library	13	Hall, Dahna	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	20	Maese, Catalina	Pr. Clerk City Atty.	City Attorney	32
Castillo, Evelyn	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Rec and Parks	20	Hamilton, Gordon	Sr. City Planner	Planning	32	Malabayoc, Ninfa	Dept. Chief Accountant	Public Works	36
Castro, Francisco	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30	Hamilton, Karen	Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	10	Maldonado, Benjamin	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	37
Cervantez, Edward	Pr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	31	Hanson, Lowell	Elev. Mech.	Airports	25	Maldonado, Debra	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Rec and Parks	30
Chan, Linda	Sr. Rec. Direcgtor	Rec and Parks	35	Harano, Winifred	Ch. Management Analyst	Public Works	35	Malone, Deborah Ann	Police Service Rep	LAPD	29
Chaney, Wilma	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	36	Harbach, Susan	Sr. Labor Rel. Spec.	CAO	35	Mardesich, Marie	Sr. Police Service Rep	LAPD	34
Chatfield, Jennifer	Animal Keeper	Zoo	32	Harper, Gary	Traffic Officer	Transportation	34	Martinez, Lupe	Pr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	38
Chaves, Linda	Accounting Clerk	Rec and Parks	30	Harris, Vivian	Systems Analyst	LAPD	30	Martinez, Marie	Clerk Typist	Public Works	29
Chilcott, Camilo	Video Technician	ITA	19	Haskell, Helen	Librarian	Library	32	Martinez, Richard	Truck Operator/One Man	Rec and Parks	39
Choi, Kyong	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	35	Hatley, Isaac	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Martinez, Virginia	Sr. Accountant	Animal Services	30
Chung, Juliana	Accounting Clerk Supv.	City Clerk	30	Hawley, James	Comm. Electrician	ITA	30	Matthews, Gertrude	Correctional Nurse	Personnel	22
Chung, Tony	Equip. Mech.	General Services	33	Hayes, Brenda	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30	Matyas, Madeleine	Librarian	Library	11
Coia, Perry	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30	Haymong, Frederick	Transp. Engr. Aide	Transportation	34	McKinney, Darlene	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	General Services	33
Cole Fernandez, Diana	Clerk Typist	CDD	38	Haynes, Roger	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	22	Meras, Patrick	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	33
Coleman, Horace	Traffic Officer	Transportation	33	Henderson, Linda	Clerk Typist	Library	24	Miyamura, Frank	Sign Sys. Electrician	Transportation	13
Colina, Amy	Sr. Accountant	General Services	25	Hermann, Judy	Sr. Librarian	Library	25	Moy, Stephen	Park Maint. Supv.	Rec and Parks	35
Collier, Margaret	Management Analyst	LAPD	27	Hernandez, Daniel	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	34	Morgan Capicotto, Linda	Librarian	Library	34
Conway, David	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	30	Hicks, Brenda	Sr. Librarian	Library	35	Muraoka, David	Pr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	38
Corbinmarinovich, Virginia	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	30	Hidalgo, Lucita	Accounting Clerk	LAPD	27	Muraoka, Laura	Pr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	32
Corpeno Chavez, Ivan	Sr. Librarian	Library	25	Hilmo, Signe	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	36	Myers, Paul	Rec Facility Director	Rec and Parks	34
Cortez, Martha	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	34	Hirata, Kazuo	Equip. Repair Supv.	General Services	31	Nava, Vilma	Payroll Supervisor	City Clerk	30
Cotter, Thomas	Emerg. Prepare Coord.	Public Works	35	Horner, Glen Douglas	Equip. Mech.	LAPD	31	Neuton, Laurence	Librarian	Library	31
Coudriet Portnoff, Carol	Clerk Typist	LAPD	10	Hovasapian, Papkin	Dir. Mat. Test. Svcs.	General Services	38	Ng, Christina	Data Entry Operator	LAPD	36
Cox, Beverly	Pr. Park Serv. Attendant	Rec and Parks	35	Howard, Ernest	Motor Sweeper Operator	Rec and Parks	35	Nguyen, Cuong	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	28
Cox, Eugene	Recreation Asst.	Rec and Parks	5	Howlett, Lynette	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Airports	31	Nguyen, Paul	Architectural Assoc.	Airports	26

Special Achievements

Cheyla Jakai Bell received the first place 2010 Crimson Jewel Award for Overall Participation in her debutante program March 27 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel in Los Angeles. Cheyla is a senior at Westchester High School and is the daughter of Cheryl J. Clark Harrison, DWP, and Terrell Harrison, Airports.



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

Weddings

John and Elena Sousa were married June 3. John works at LAX, Airport Police, Airports.



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NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Noel, Susan	Clerk Typist	LAPD	27	Sanchez, Ricco	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Tuan, Fang Yuan	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	27
O'Brien, Mak	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Finance	37	Sato, Bruce	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	36	Turner, Montgomery	Traffic Officer	Transportation	35
Oligane, Angel	Mech. Repairer	Transportation	26	Satterwhite, Aletha	Sr. Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	36	Uhlenkott, Michael	Graphics Designer	Planning	30
Oliver, Joseph	Parking Attendant	General Services	23	Schaak, Edward	Supply Svcs. Manager	General Services	26	Uttayaya, Tamrongsak	Material Test Tech	General Services	22
O'Quinn, Eloise	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	31	Schools, Victoria	Commission Exec. Asst.	Personnel	33	Vander Wall, Earl	Observatory Tech. Supv.	Rec and Parks	29
Ohigashi, Allan	Comm. Electrician Supv.	ITA	40	Schufford, Euria	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30	Vasquez, Cecilia	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	40
Orcutt, Mary	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Public Works	19	Schuman, Henri	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	24	Vasquez, Edward	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	32
Owen, Lourdes	Property Manager	General Services	36	Scott, John	Pr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	31	Vasquez, Evelyn	Park Maintenance Supv.	Rec and Parks	30
Pang, Lam	Communications Elect.	ITA	28	Sebastiani, Luis	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29	Vasquez, John Richard	Build. Maint. Dist. Supv.	General Services	34
Parish, Paula	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	27	Seidman, Bruce	Sr. Librarian	Library	34	Vasquez, John	Management Analyst	LAPD	33
Patterson, Benny	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	25	Sewald, Joan	Sr. Clerk	Airports	40	Vasquez, Priscilla	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	CDD	23
Pearson, Patrick	Heavy Duty Truck Opr.	General Services	32	Shapiro, Ilene	Management Analyst	City Clerk	33	Velasco, Pablito	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	22
Perez, Gloria	Exec. Admin. Asst.	City Clerk	32	Shannon, Carmen	Police Service Rep	LAPD	27	Villalobos, Felisa	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	27
Perez, Ramon	Sr. Accountant	Controller	25	Shaw, Lilly	Rec. Facility Dir.	Rec and Parks	32	Villalon, Arturo	Systems Analyst	ITA	17
Perino, Robert	Sr. Systems Analyst	Animal Services	34	Shermer, Betty Jean	Library Asst.	Library	30	Villamor, Norma	Accounting Clerk	LACERS	26
Pfann, Susan	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	34	Sherrod, Darryl	Storekeeper	General Services	33	Villanueva, Maria	Clerk Typist	Library	25
Phillips, Harold	Special Ofcr., Airport	General Services	27	Shorten Moore, Anita	Management Analyst	LAPD	31	Vines, Myra	Sr. Clerk Typist	Planning	36
Pierce, Max	Architect	Public Works	24	Siedorf, Sharon	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	35	Vir, Haripal	Pr. Transport Engr.	Transportation	33
Pilotin, Genevieve	Sr. Accountant	Transportation	24	Simon, Gregory	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29	Voloso, Harriet	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	30
Pingel, Robert	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	35	Sjodin, Roger	Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	15	Wade, Duffy	Pr. Animal Keeper	Zoo	28
Pitt, Irma	Clerk	Public Works	27	Slocum, Gwendolyn	Accounting Clerk	Public Works	26	Walling, Frank	Plumber Supv.	General Services	30
Poindexter, Gwendolyn	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	32	Smetana, Dareld	Sr. Park Maint. Supv.	Zoo	32	Walsh, Joanne	Sr. Police Service Rep	LAPD	39
Popovic, Dusan	Painter	General Services	23	Smith, Freddy	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29	Watanabe, Mewland	Secretary	Planning	40
Portello, Thomas	Background Investigator	LAPD	11	Smith, Hilary	Librarian	Library	31	Watson, Jeanette	Clerk Typist	LAPD	35
Post, Homer	Rec. Facility Director	Rec and Parks	13	Smith, Mary Anne	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	30	Watson, Tony	Sr. Equip. Mech.	LAPD	20
Prachar, Merrill	Clerk Typist	Library	10	Smith, Valerie	Sr. Personnel Analyst	LAFD	31	Weathers, Carolyn	Librarian	Library	32
Prange, William	Survey Supervisor	Public Works	30	Snyder, Harriet	Library Asst.	Library	26	Webb, Evelyn	Clerk Typist	Library	21
Preciado, Sandra	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	37	Song, Hui	Comm. Electrician	ITA	28	Weisberg, Sheila	Library Asst.	Library	23
Price, Demetra	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	36	Spicer, Linda Mae	Management Analyst	LAPD	33	Weisman, Elizabeth	Pr. City Planner	Planning	14
Quach, Thu	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	19	Sprague, Maria	Commun. Info Rep	ITA	21	Wesselman, Cecilia	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Disability	38
Ragland, Jerry	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	23	Starks, Cynthia	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	37	Westbrooks, Shirley	Sr. Detention Ofcr.	LAPD	30
Ramirez, Rogelio	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	15	Steele, James	Clerk	Public Works	30	White, Loretta	Traffic Officer	Transportation	35
Ramos, Edgardo	Accountant	Finance	26	Stephenson, Martha	Transportation Engineer	Transportation	35	White, Takako	Accounting Clerk	LAFD	33
Rapp, James	Photographer	LAPD	13	Stevens, Thomas	Asst. Dep. Sup. of Buildings	Building and Safety	36	Wilkerson, Gerald	Traffic Officer	Transportation	38
Raquel, Ronald	Criminalist	LAPD	29	Stevenson, Deanna	Nbhd. Empower. Analyst	Nbhd. Empowerment	14	Williams, Inez	Accounting Clerk	Controller	33
Rellosa, Cecilia	Communications Info. Rep.	Public Works	22	Stokes, Thomas	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	36	Williams, Pamela	Commission Exec. Asst.	CDD	35
Resurreccion, Eliseo	Civil Engr. Draft Tech	Public Works	31	Strong, Laurie Lynn	Sr. Clerk Typist	Harbor	36	Williams, Roxanne	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Transportation	30
Rider, John Robert	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Public Works	14	Sweet, Diane	Background Investigator	Personnel	13	Williams, Sherrie	Pr. Clerk	Public Works	30
Rios, Maria	Clerk Typist	LAPD	34	Sweet, Gerald	Police Psychologist	LAPD	18	Wilson, Charles	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	36
Ritter, Roberta	Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	10	Tagawa, Larry	Dir. Police Trans.	LAPD	36	Wong, Bobby	Geog. Info Systems Supv.	Public Works	37
Rivera, Felix	Special Ofcr.	General Services	19	Takaki, Marvin	Equip. Mechanic	Airports	25	Wong, Francis	Geographic Info. Spec.	Public Works	27
Rivera, Florence	SMS Payment Clerk	General Services	33	Talaro, P.E.	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Services	32	Wong, Philip	Sr. Architect	Public Works	34
Rivera, Roger	Reprographic Oper.	Public Works	21	Tamashiro, Richard	Communications Elect.	ITA	32	Word, Kenneth	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	32
Rizzotto, Jack	Background Investigator	Personnel	10	Tan, Marcelo	Auditor	CDD	36	Wu, Show Jen Grace	Systems Programmer	ITA	31
Roberts, Jacqueline	Secretary	Rec and Parks	30	Tate, John	Special Projects	Public Works	37	Wyatt, Dan Brady	Signal Sys. Electrician	Transportation	30
Robertson, John	Background Investigator	Personnel	10	Tatum, Narlon	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	24	Yamada, Bob	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	31
Robinson, Vernon	Comm. Elect. Supv.	ITA	31	Theus, Claude	Recreation Coordinator	Rec and Parks	10	Yamada, Isao	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	32
Robles, Robert	Recreation Coordinator	Rec and Parks	20	Thomas, Gail	Ch. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	36	Young, Darryl	Construction Insp.	Public Works	32
Rocke, John	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	34	Thompson, Edgar	Equip. Operator	Public Works	36	Youngblood, Delores	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	22
Roldan, Rosa	Pers. Record Supv.	LAFD	24	Tichman, Gail	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	General Services	34	Yueng, Angela	Real Estate Officer	General Services	30
Rolland, Debby	Sipt. R/P Operations	Rec and Parks	35	Tichen, Joseph	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Airports	35	Yun, Tae Pyong	Communications Elec.	ITA	31
Ross, James	Auto Body Bldr./Repairer	General Services	32	Tienken, Karl	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	35	Zafran, Jack	Librarian	Library	27
Rubin, Charles	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	General Services	24	Tinsley, Edna	Sr. Clerk Typist	Planning	13	Zarate, Maria	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29
Ruelas, Martha	Sr. Clerk Typist	City Clerk	32	Torres, Carlos	Painter	Convention Center	35				
Rush, Abraham	Sr. Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	29	Torres, Cheryl	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Rec and Parks	36				
Ryan, Michael	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	30	Torres, Fernando	Tax Renewal Asst.	Finance	10				
Salazar, Rebecca	Pers. Records Supv.	LAPD	31	Toumani, Leon	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	31				

LAPD

Wives to the Rescue

LAPD Wives Assn. learns CPR.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

During its most recent meeting, the LAPD Wives Association had a very important class on CPR and first aid. The class also involved techniques on how to survive an earthquake and creating an earthquake pack.



From left: Debra Crabtree; Jenny Bell Martin; and Julie Lopes.

Those who attended earned their CPR and First Aid certifications.

The event took place May 15 at the LAPD's North Hollywood Station. *Special thanks go to Lynn Caprarelli and Alice Sturdy for their assistance.*



Andrea Jordan practices on an infant.



Don, retired Kern County Fire Captain, shows how to access breathing.



Charity Coleman with her CPR doll as Daveda Beaty listens for instructions.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager, and Mary Lamas practice compressions.



From left: Tina Su and Nancy Antonioli.



From left: Andrea Johnson and Christine Hallenbeck, Club Member.



From left: Daveda Beaty, Lynn Caprarelli; and Charity Coleman.



From left: Alice Sturdy; Mary Sales, Club Member; and baby George Lopes.



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- Get out of debt
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- Gain control of credit cards
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- LACERS defined benefit retirement plan
- LACERS Larger Annuity Program
- The City's Deferred Compensation plan

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July 16, 2010 – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

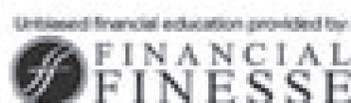
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LIBRARY

New Library Commissioner

Carlos Singer appointed to Board of Library Commissioners.

Carlos Singer has been appointed to the Board of Library Commissioners, the governing body of the Los Angeles Public Library. Singer 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, Robert Chick, Dr. Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi and Rita Walters.

Singer is an attorney at the law firm of Willenken Wilson Loh & Lieb, overseeing a broad range of commercial litigation in federal and state courts. Prior to joining the firm, he was Deputy Counsel to Mayor Villaraigosa, where he advised the mayor on litigation and policy.

Singer received his law degree from Yale Law School and his Bachelor's degree from Columbia University. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mexican-American Bar Foundation and a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association.



Carlos Singer

CLUB INSURANCE



NEXT MONTH! OPEN ENROLLMENT For Long-Term Care Insurance

Rare opportunity for City Club Members to apply for Long-Term Care insurance – with minimal evidence of insurability.

Everyone should have Long-Term Care insurance. And coming up Aug. 1 through Oct. 31, the Club will be hosting an open enrollment period for Club Members to sign up! (DWP Club Members have their open enrollment next year.)

An open-enrollment period means that most of those who apply for this affordable product will be accepted. Don't miss the chance – the Club hasn't had an Open-Enrollment period for Long-Term Care insurance since 1999. So be sure to take advantage!

What is Long-Term Care insurance? It's insurance that pays you \$1,000 or \$5,000 per month, depending on which

plan you apply for, should you or a loved one become incapacitated over a long period of time. The policies pay you for up to four years (if the one covered is in a facility) or eight years (if the one covered is at home). The policies pay you, not the actual expense. It's not a reimbursement model.

Rates are affordable. There are some restrictions to who will be accepted into the plans. But most will be. It's a rare opportunity for City Employees to take advantage.

The Club's Open-Enrollment Period for Long-Term Care insurance will take place Aug. 1 through Oct. 31. This is for City Employees; DWP Club Members will have their open enrollment next year.

Talk to your Club Counselor today!

Long-Term Care Open Enrollment WORKSHOP!

Find out about why Long-Term Care insurance from the Club is such a good idea, and why the upcoming open enrollment is a great opportunity.

Friday, July 16:

Kyoto Grand Hotel downtown, 120 South Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Workshop Times:

9 and 11 a.m.; and 1 and 3 p.m.

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LTC Workshop Hotline: (213) 225-1796, Ext. 206

See you at the Long-Term Care insurance workshop!

Newsbrief

SKATE PARK DEDICATED:

With a little help from his friends, professional skateboarder Rob Dyrdek officially opened North Hollywood Recreation Center's Safe Spot Skate Spot with a couple of rounds of spectacular skateboarding demonstrations. Hundreds of local skaters were there to watch the special test runs and help celebrate the grand opening of the new NoHo Skate Spot.



Rec and Parks dedicated the third Safe Spot Skate Spot with skateboarder Rob Dyrdek; Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member; and 7-Eleven at North Hollywood Recreation Center May 18.

The 9,000-square-foot skate plaza features stairs, granite ledges, tranny elements and hub-bas. The state-of-the-art facility was built by California Skateparks, Inc. Recreation and Parks Planning Division managed the project and Gary L. Barton Corporation performed the concrete flat work.

NoHo's Safe Spot Skate Spot was developed in partnership with The Rob Dyrdek Skate Plaza Foundation, 7-Eleven and Rec and Parks. A \$250,000 donation from 7-Eleven jump-started the project, and an additional \$200,000 in funds from the Rec and Parks' Quimby Funds finalized the skate spot's overall construction.

The theme of the Safe Spot includes Rob Dyrdek's authentic street skateboarding cartoon and Wild Grinders toy line. The 7-Eleven across the street, which is a popular spot among local skaters, has been transformed into an urban skate store. The store's exterior will feature larger-than-life Wild Grinders graphics. The revamped 7-Eleven Skater Haven will sell exclusive Wild Grinders merchandise, aside from the usual Slurpees and Big Gulps. Dyrdek also designed a Wild Grinders-themed Slurpee cup that will be sold exclusively in 7-Eleven stores nationwide this fall.

The new Street Skate Plaza is the 13th skate facility run by Rec and Parks. North Hollywood Safe Spot Skate Spot is at 11430 Chandler Blvd, North Hollywood 91601. For more information about this location or the Department, call (213) 202-2700.



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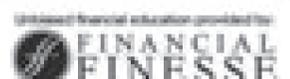
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Reserve your seat today. Space is limited.



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Retirements

A heartfelt thank you to these City employees for their years of service.

HARBOR

4 Retire From Harbor Sanitation Yard

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

Approximately 75 people came to honor several of their own at a retirement party at the historic Banning's Landing in the Harbor Area. The party was held March 12.

Those retiring were:

- Carlos Martinez, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years;
- Reginald Fowler, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years;
- Eddie Pruitt, Club Member, RCTO, retiring after 30 years; and
- Cherysies Willams, Club Member, Clerk Typist, retiring after 30 years.

Each of the retirees has served faithfully to the City's Public Works Bureau of Sanitation for more than 30 years and are ready to settle into retirement. Well, some will settle down – others like Eddie Pruitt plan to keep things interesting and do lots of traveling with his free time.

Malikka Gist-Smith and Moniquea McKee did a fantastic job of organizing the event. Congratulations to the retirees!



From left: Moniquea McKee, Clerk Typist, Club Member, and Malikka Gist-Smith, Club Member.



Carlos Martinez, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years.



Eddie Pruitt, Club Member, RCTO, retiring after 30 years.



From left: Jonathan Polk, Superintendent, with retiree Cherysies Willams, Club Member, Clerk Typist, retiring after 30 years.



Reginald Fowler, RCTO, Club Member, retiring after 30 years.



From left: Cherysies Willams, Club Member, Clerk Typist, retiring after 30 years; and Linda Gillespie, Club Member.



From left: Alex Helon, Assistant Director of Sanitation; Malikka Gist-Smith, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Chris Johnson, Solid Resource Manager II.



From left: Reginald Fowler, Club Member, retiring after 40 years; and Terrance Barber, RCTO.



From left: Eddie Pruitt with Jonathan Polk, Superintendent, Public Works/Sanitation.



From left: Etta Carpenter, guest; Linda Gillespie, Club Member; and Anthony Giles, guest.

Congratulations, GRADUATES

Let the Club family celebrate with you ... by putting your photo in *Alive!*

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

New This Year!

Send in a baby photo of your graduate, too, and we'll run the two pictures together! Have fun! (Thanks to Kasondra Evans, Personnel, for the great idea!)

Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital high resolution photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to: **Grad Photos**

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.



Retirements *A heartfelt thank you to these City employees for their years of service.*

HARBOR

Port Police's Reynolds Retiring



Sr. Lead Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Cecilia Moreno; Photos by Arlene Herrero

Friends, family and co-workers gathered May 22 for a retirement party for Sr. Lead Officer/Field Training Officer Robert Reynolds, Port Police, Club Member.

He retires after 36 years of City and government service. The party was held at the Hyatt hotel in Long Beach.

SLO Robert Reynolds was a Field Training Officer responsible for the training of newly hired patrol officers so that they can effectively and competently patrol one of the largest and busiest seaports in the nation.

Officer Reynolds had been part of the Port Police Range Staff for many years, where he had become a certified rifle and small arms range instructor, as well as an armorer. He was responsible for providing and maintaining weapon proficiency and weapon safety throughout the rank and file of the agency.

Officer Reynolds was also a Community Relations Officer and was responsible for the Terminal Island area of the Port of Los Angeles. He interacted with and served four major shipping terminals, a major oil terminal, a fleet of fishing vessels and their owners, and the Terminal Island Federal Prison, which hosts quarterly meetings each year that include numerous agencies from the surrounding areas, and he was a liaison for any additional small businesses located on Terminal Island. Annually he participated in feeding the community at Thanksgiving and distributing toys at Christmas with ILWU and the Gang Alternative Program.

During his tenure at the Port, Officer Reynolds was a member of the bicycle team, patrol boat unit, and the air observer program at its inception, for which he did an outstanding job.

Prior to joining the Port Police in 1989, Reynolds worked as an Airport Police Officer at LAX, where he started his career with the City in 1984. There he worked patrol and became a member of the Airport Police range staff, where he met a couple of his favorite people, Sgt. Valentine and Sgt. Gleason.

Before coming to the City, Officer Reynolds enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1968, and received an honorable discharge in 1972. Reynolds went to work for the city of Long Beach as a Complaint Dispatcher for the Long Beach Police Department. On numerous occasions he was asked by members of that department to join the police force. At that time, his intentions were to become a carpenter and pursue a career in the construction business, but as we all know, destiny will have its way.

Officer Reynolds remains an active member of his community of Long Beach, where he lives. He is a great influence in the lives of many young men and women throughout the Long Beach community and its school district, where he also worked as a police security officer at football games.

Congratulations from the Club on your retirement!



The retirement invitation.



From left: Erika Velazquez, Northern District Director representing Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; and Cecilia Moreno, Community Affairs Advocate, Public Relations, Port Police.



From left: Bob Foster, Long Beach City Mayor; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member.



From left: Friends Erika Stanford and Jessica Neely.



From left: Lora Roepken, guest; Motor Officer David Armijo, Club Member; Sgt. John Curry, Club Member; and Maria Corona, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member.



SLO Robert Reynolds is being presented with a resolution from the City Council.



Cecilia Moreno, Club Member, presents SLO Reynolds, Club Member, with a certificate from Congresswoman Jane Harman.



From left: Eric Grimes, Security Officer, LAX; and Capt. Leon Nixon, Club Member.



From left: Margie and P2 Ken Hobbs, Club Member; with Linda Wyatt, Retired, Club Member.



From left: Margaret Nicholson; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and Frank Nicholson.



From left: Officer Aaron Ybarra, Club Member; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and SLO BA Smith, Club Member.



Lt. Rosa Reynoso, Club Member; and SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member.



From left: Det. Michael Belo, Club Member; and SLO Derek Pittman, Club Member, with his wife, Malika.



From left: Officer Stacey Creech, Club Member; SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and Barbara Carroll, guest.



From left: Robert Leslie, Retired; Linda Wyatt, Retired, Club Member; and SLO Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member, with her husband, Paul.



From left: SLO Robert Reynolds, Club Member; Fe Blas, Retired Occupational Health; and Retired Officer Porfirio Blas, Club Member.

Retirements

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CDD

Pamela Williams Retires



From left: Zita Davis, Sr. Management Analyst; Pamela Williams, Club Member, retiree; and Jamar, The party's DJ.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

In February, a retirement celebration was held for Pamela Williams, CDD and longtime Club Member. The party was held at J Restaurant and Lounge downtown.

A resolution from the mayor was presented: "In appreciation [to] Pamela Williams on the occasion of your retirement,

"After 35 years of service to the City of Los Angeles, your friends in the Community Development Department hereby present this testimonial as an expression of the high regard in which you are held by all.

"With best wishes for your future health, prosperity, and happiness, Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor. February 26, 2010."

Congratulations from the Club, Pamela. All the best for your retirement.



From left: Grace Benedicto, Sr. Project Coordinator, Club Member; and Christine Velazquez, Community Project Assistant.



Friends and coworkers of Pamela Williams give amusing anecdotes about time spent with her at the CDD, before presenting her with a retirement award for outstanding performance during her career.



Guests of Pamela arriving for the celebration.



From left: Pamela's guest; Pamela Williams, retiree, Club Member, retiree; and Deborah Andersen, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.

AIRPORTS

Seven Retire From Airport Police



Airport Police Honor Guard Detail as it prepares to post colors (flags) for the retirement luncheon. Front to back: Officer Mark Corral, Club Member; Sgt. George Holt III; and Officer Caj Scott, Club Member.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member; Photos taken by Madeleine Flanagan, City Employee

In mid-May, the Los Angeles Airport Police said goodbye to seven veteran members: Capt. Gary Green; Lt. Kathy Green; Sgts. Lathaniel Harding, Alice Jackson, Jacqueline Wagner-Esparza and Daniel Vaughn; and Officers Phyllis Hayes and Leonard Miller retired after a combined 292 dedicated years of City service. They celebrated the occasion at a luncheon held at the Proud Bird Restaurant May 14, with family, friends and co-workers.

Capt. Green served 31 years and was last assigned to the Field Support Unit (LAX). His wife, Lt. Kathy Green, served 30 years and was last assigned as Acting Captain to the Patrol Services Section (LAX). Sgt. Harding served 39 years and was last assigned to the Training and Recruitment Unit (LAX). Sgt. Jackson, with 35 years, was last assigned to the Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis Unit (LAX). Sgt. Wagner-Esparza, with 27 years, was last assigned to the Canine Unit (LAX), and Sgt. Vaughn served 35 years, and his last assignment was to the Patrol Services Section (LAX). Officer Phyllis Hayes served 35 years, and her last assignment was to the Patrol Services Section (LAX). Officer Leonard Miller, with 30 years, was last assigned to the Patrol Services Section (Van Nuys Airport).

Chief George R. Centeno, who attended the celebration said, "The collective 292 years of knowledge and experience will not go unnoticed as they depart to enjoy their retirement. Their many contributions and mentoring to the Airport Police Division is appreciated." The Airport Police Honor Guard respectfully presented and retrieved the colors (flags) at this event.



Airport Police Lt. Kathy Green receives her Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Airport Police Lt. Kathy Green; and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.



Retiree Airport Police Sgt. Alice Jackson and retired Officer Mike Medina.



Retiree Airport Police Officer Leonard Miller, Club Member, receives his Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor-Taylor, Club Member (representing the Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Association) and Officer Miller, Club Member.



Retiree Airport Police Sgt. Lathaniel Harding receives his Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno and Sgt. Harding.



Retiree Airport Police Sgt. Jacqueline Wagner-Esparza, Club Member, receives her Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Sgt. Wagner-Esparza, Club Member; and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.



Retired Airport Police Sgt. Daniel Vaughn, Club Member, receives his Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Sgt. Brian Johnson, Club Member; Sgt. Vaughn, Club Member; and Lt. Mario Patrick, Club Member.



Retiree Airport Police Officer Phyllis Hayes, Club Member, receives her Retirement Shadow Box. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Airport Police Officers Traylor-Taylor, Club Member and Phyllis Hayes, Club Member and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.



Retiree Airport Police Capt. Gary Green, Club Member, receives the Airport Police Distinguished Service Medal. From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian A. Walker, Club Member; Airport Police Capt. Green, Club Member; and Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno.

Retiring? Leaving the City?

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Retirements

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LIBRARY

Three Check Out of Library



The three retirees, from left: Officer Odell Massey, Club Member; Sgt. Jean Childs, Club Member; and Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

A party was held April 30 for three security officers at the Library who are retiring. They are:

- Sgt. Jean Childs, Club Member, retiring after 34 years of City service;
- Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member, retiring after 35 years; and
- Officer Odell Massey, Club Member, retiring after 38 years.

Brittany Cotton organized the event, held at the Central Library courtyard.

With more than 100 years of combined experience, Jean Childs, Ricardo Wright and Odell Massey are leaving the City to enjoy well-deserved retirements. As Security Officers for public libraries in the City, they've seen things that make for interesting conversation. That's putting it mildly! They'll miss the people they work with and the adventures they experienced in protecting our city's libraries.

Congratulations to Jean, Ricardo and Odell on their retirements.



Jean Childs with her mother.



From left: William Pryor, Public Safety Officer; Officer Odell Massey, Club Member, Retiree; and Tyrone T., Lead Officer.



From left: Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member, Retiree; and Robyn Meyers, Mgmt. Analyst II.



Jean Childs with her family.



Signing the guestbook.



The food line.



From left: A guest; Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Club Member, Retiree; Lawrence Moore, Sr. Officer; and Deneice Cotton, guest.



From left: Venus Williams, guest; Shirley Gibson, Retired; Roschelle Young, Messenger Clerk; Jean Childs, Club Member, Retiree; David Acuirra, Deputy Chief; and Brenda Simmons, guest.



From left: Mike Story, Sr. Lead Officer; Sgt. Ricardo Wright, Retiree; and Brittany Cotton, Club Member.



From left: Maria Villarreal, PR Specialist, Library; Sgt. Jean Childs, Club Member, Retiree; and Brenda Breaux, Club Member, Public Relations Specialist II.

CDD



CDD's final Early Retirees Group: In May and June, Community Development said goodbye to its final Early Retirement Incentive Program employees, and the CDD graphics team put together this poster. From left: Rosa Russell, Project Assistant, 31 years of City service; Ernie Tidwell, Industrial Commercial Finance Officer, 21 years; and Mae Abeleda, Chief Acct. IV, 30 years. (Thanks to Angela Estell, CDD, for sending in this cool poster.)

Something to  Think About

“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.”

– President John F. Kennedy

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:
Always do your best!

Retirements

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LAPD

Detention Officers Retire



From left: Ron Roberson, Motor Officer, South Traffic; and Thomas Carroll, guest.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

Sr. Detention Officers Shirley Westbrooks, Club Member, and Patricia Jones celebrated their retirements at an event May 7 held at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester.

Shirley retires with 30 years of City service, and Patricia retires with 25.



From left: Patrick Thompson, Forensic Print Specialist I, Club Member; Gregory Reed, Detention Officer; and Gary Canales, St. Detention Officer, Club Member.



From left: Miguel Gonzalez, Detention Officer; Sgt. 1 Tanza Smalls, Retired; and Ruby Anderson, SDP, Club Member.



SDO Patricia Jones, Retiree.



Sr. Detention Officer Shirley Westbrooks, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Connie Randle, Detention Officer, 77th, Club Member; Shirley Westbrooks, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; and Margie Hart, Detention Officer, 77th.



From left: Sgt. II Don Provencio, Retired; Sgt. Sean Hart, Retired, and his wife, Shelley.



From left: Pat Jones, Sr. Detention Officer, Retiree; Michael Early, Traffic Officer, Transportation; Pat Lee, guest; Tanisha Edwards, daughter of Pat Jones; and Denna Thompson, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member.



Back: Shirley Westbrook, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member; and Margie Hart, Detention Officer. Seated: Emmer Burrus, Detention Officer; Joann Mitchell, Retired Detention Officer, Club Member; and Kris Alston, guest.



From left: Tracie Montgomery, Detention Officer; Juneicia Miles, DP, Club Member; Rhonda Brown, PSR II, Club Member; and Kenny Brown, Detention Officer.



From left: Becky Bush, guest; Staford Rae, Sr. Storekeeper; Mia Graham, guest; and Tyrone Bridges, guest.



From left: Mary Connor, mother; and Rose Ryland, Clerk Typist, Club Board Member.



From left: Stephanie Williams, Detention Officer, Club Member; and Anita Casey, Detention Officer, Club Member.



Back: Mary Ross, PSR II, Club Member. Seated Sgt. Alice Jackson, Airport Police; Shirley Westbrooks, SDO, Club Member; and Patricia Spencer, sister.



From left: Lee Holman, Security Officer, LAX; Vernell Wade, guest; and James Pledger, guest.



Standing Ron Crittendon, Detention Officer; Michael Carter, DWP; and Jimmie Fields, Detention Officer. Seated: Ladonna Moore, Accounting Clerk, Club Member.



From left: Michael Ellington, PDO, Club Member; and Lula Martin, Retired, Detention Officer.



From left: Nikki Bludso, daughter; Ashleigh, Bludso, daughter; Sonia Valentin, daughter; D2 David Bludso, Retired, Southwest; and Patricia Jones, Sr. Detention Officer, Retiree.



Standing: Margo Johnson, CT, Seated: William and Diane Anderson, Retired, Detention Officer.

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 29 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Richard "Ricky" Young.

AGE: "I'm 50."

BIRTHPLACE: "Flint, Mich."

MARITAL STATUS: "Divorced."

FAMILY: "I have 13 brothers and sisters."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?

"Two months ago; I've lived in San Bernardino, New York, Chicago, Oklahoma and Tennessee, just to name a few places. I was also in jail for 15 years for breaking and entering; I got out in 2006. I was at the State Pen in Jackson, Mich. I've been on the streets since I was 10 years old. I've had a hard life."

EDUCATION: "I dropped out of school in the fourth grade. Well, actually, I was expelled for hitting the principal with a phone. From there I went into foster care and avoided school at all costs."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "My childhood memories were not happy ones. Our house had no windows and we had no money."

RELIGION: "Nope."

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? Not really. I kind of like to stick to myself."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Here, downtown at City Hall."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I was a carnny [carnival worker] in Texas."

FAVORITE SPORT: "I like all sports."

FAVORITE FOOD: "I like everything. I'm not too picky."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I like movies with Chuck Norris in them."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Chuck Norris."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Raquel Welch."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Country – I like Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard. I used to play the guitar, a six-string electric guitar."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Hershey bars."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Walker, Texas Ranger."

LAST BOOK READ: "A Western. I think it was a Louis L'Amour book."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Keep your head up, and don't give up hope."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I'd like to get back working with the carnivals. I was a carnny for awhile, setting up carnival rides in Oklahoma."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I'd like to get an education."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IRAQ WAR?

"We have no business over there."

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS?

"Get more places for us to sleep."

LAST THING EATEN: "I had meatballs and rice over at the Catholic Church."

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

"Working the carnivals in California."

The Club gave Ricky \$20, a hat, water bottles and candy in a Club bag, plus a smile or two.

The interview took place June 23 on the City Hall lawn downtown.

Photos by John Hawkins, Club CEO



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



CLUB SPORTS



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Club Basketball League

Team Standings (as of June 22, 2010)

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
Rec & Park Hoopers	6	1		12
Dot Outlaws	5	1		10
Traffic Jam	5	2		10
Ones & Zeros	4	3		8
LAX Ballers	3	4		6
Rice & Beans	2	5		4
Hydropower	1	6		2
BLS Blue Dragons	1	5		2

Game Scores

May 19, 2010

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM
Games were not played:
Postponed until June 24th.

May 27, 2010

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM
LAX Ballers-41 Blue Dragons-35
DOT Outlaws-44 Hydropower-20
Rice & Beans-50 Ones & Zeros-69
LAX Ballers-57 Ones & Zeros-46

June 3, 2010

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM
Traffic Jam-50 Hydropower-45
DOT Outlaws-81 Blue Dragons-51
Hoopers-59 Rice & Beans-51
LAX Ballers-57 Ones & Zeros-46

June 10, 2010

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM
Ones & Zeros-L* DOT Laws-W*
Rice & Beans-L* LAX Ballers-W*
Blue Dragons-L* Traffic Jam-W*
Hydropower-L* Hoopers-W*

* L=Loss, W=Win

June 17, 2010

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM
Postponed.

DOWN THE STRETCH

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club photographer, and members of the DWP Hydropower cheering squad

The Club's first basketball season is winding down with just a few games left, including the playoffs. There have been a few adjustments to the schedule, so the season will last a few weeks longer – to the cheers of the players.

The Hoopers, Outlaws and Traffic Jam are heading strong into the playoffs. There have been many close and competitive games, with some of the teams bringing in their cheering sections.

Here's a list of the team managers:

- Rec & Park Hoopers: Mychal Lynch, Rec and Parks
- Ones & Zeros: Jimmy Tse, ITA
- DOT Outlaws: Ron Haywood, Transportation
- Traffic Jam, Edward Yu, Transportation
- Rice & Beans, Wilson Wans
- LAX Ballers: George Pierce, Airports
- BLS Blue Dragons: Ben Lozano, Public Works/Street Lighting

Some Schedule Changes

There were a few changes in the basketball schedule:

- June 10: The games played June 10 were played, and we know which teams won and lost, but the scores have not been posted by Rec and Parks/Municipal Sports.
- June 17: All games were postponed.
- June 24: The games not played on May 19 are to be played June 24.
- The remaining games for the season have been modified due to the cancelled and postponed games.

Thanks to David Gadelba, Connie Carbajal and the entire staff at Expo Center.



Game Location

Expo Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., just south of downtown.

Game Schedule

Here's the upcoming schedule. Make plans to head on out. Show some support, and have a great time – for a reasonable price (free)!

North Gym

June 24, 2010
7:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. DOT Outlaws
8:00 p.m. Blue Dragons vs. Rice & Beans

July 1, 2010
7:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. Blue Dragons
8:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Ones & Zeros

South Gym

June 24, 2010
8:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. LAX Ballers
9:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. Ones & Zeros

July 1, 2010
8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Rice & Beans
9:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. LAX Ballers

Play Offs

July 8, 2010
7:00 p.m. 4th Place vs. 1st Place
8:00 p.m. 3rd Place vs. 2nd Place
9:00 p.m. Winner of 8:00 p.m. vs. Winner of 7:00 p.m.

CLUB SPORTS

For all the latest scores and schedules, go to:
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Angel's

Be Alive!

Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member
Services

WHITE POINT TIDE POOLS

Hello again everybody! This month we visit White Point Tide Pools (White Point/Royal Palms County Beach). The White Point/Royal Palms Shoreline Complex is off Paseo del Mar at the base of a 100-foot bluff in the harbor area. You will enjoy glittering ocean vistas and the sights of Santa Catalina Island in the distance.

History

The area known today as White Point/Royal Palms Beach was discovered by Spanish explorers around 1770. They encountered a group of native people later known as the Gabrielino, named after the San Gabriel Mission founded by the Spanish.

In 1784, the area became part of California's first private land concession when a Spanish soldier named Juan Jose Dominguez received 75,000 acres in recognition for his service to the crown. The land grant was named Rancho San Pedro.

In 1827, Manuel Dominguez, the nephew of Juan Jose Dominguez, sold about two-thirds of the Rancho to Jose Dolores Sepulveda. Sepulveda named it Rancho de los Palos Verdes and used it primarily as a cattle ranch. By the 1860s, flood and drought had ravaged the Rancho's cattle and crops. In 1898, 12 fishermen arrived from what was the small town of Los Angeles and discovered the abundance of lobster and abalone at the reef. The then-owner, Ramon Sepulveda, built housing for them and leased the beachfront land to the fishermen. Soon they were harvesting two tons of abalone a day. They also harvested lobster, octopus, red crab, sea urchins and sea snails. In 1906, with the stock of abalone close to depletion, the state legislature restricted the take of abalone and the operation folded. Then, the discovery of geothermal sulfur hot springs soon revived the area. In 1917, Tojiro Tagami and his brother, Tamiji, in partnership with Ramon Sepulveda, built a bathhouse and resort around the natural sulfur spring. They blasted roads and dug out the sulfur hot springs.

By 1925, the resort was completed and consisted of a two-story hotel and restaurant, three saltwater plunges, an enclosed boating area and the bathhouse. The White Point Hot Spring Hotel, as it was called, was highly popular in the 1920s and 1930s. It was a favorite place for Japanese-Americans to come for picnics and entertainment. Then, in 1933, the Long Beach earthquake closed the vent from which the sulfur water

Aden, Angel, and Angel Jr.
with our friends the Star Fish.



was pumped out to the baths. This, along with economic depression, forced the resort to close in the late 1930s. The Japanese farmers at White Point were forced to leave following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. On Feb. 7, 1942, federal agents raided the community and by April the families had been moved into internment camps.

During World War II, White Point was taken by the federal government and incorporated into the Coastal Defense system of Fort MacArthur. The spa and resort were demolished. After the war, Fort MacArthur still served as a training base and eventually became an anti-aircraft missile site. By 1974, the missile sites had become obsolete and were shut down. In 1978 the Federal Government transferred the 30 acres that comprise White Point Beach over to Los Angeles County under the "Federal Lands to Parks" program. On June 5, 1997, a new park complex was dedicated on the site. Palm-shaded picnic tables, new restrooms facilities, and a new children's play area were built by the Department of Beaches and Harbors with \$2 million in bonds funds. The dedication's guests included descendants of the Tagami family, who built and operated the hotel and spa that made the area so popular decades before. Wow! That is a history lesson.

The Tide Pools

I have been to White Point Tide Pools many times and my family loves to visit, especially because of all

the marine life in the tide pool area. Start exploring, you will find lots of crabs, hermit crabs, small fish and also starfish.

The tide pool area is like a great big treasure chest; there is so much to see you will lose track of time. I was taking photos for this story and noticed that waves were getting pretty high, so I told my boys to stay close and not to go out too far. I noticed a guy walking all the way out to where the tide pools ended and the ocean began, so I stopped what I was doing and said, "Be careful." I also noticed he was wearing shorts, a tank top and simple flip flops (sandals) on his feet; it looked like trouble. He was walking too far out; I could see the area he was walking on was wet from previous waves, but he just kept going. Within about a minute a big wave came in, crashed on the rocks and took him for a ride. I was not surprised; he was very lucky. He could easily have cut himself on the rocks. He swam back in and climbed back on the rocks. When he walked back to shore, I could see a bunch of scratches on his arms. I asked him if he was okay, and he said "Yes, it's dangerous out there." Please use your common sense when you go!

Just as a reminder, be sure to bring sunscreen and old shoes because you will get wet. And please don't go all the way to the end of the tide pools.

We stayed in the area where the rocks were easier to walk on because they weren't so wet. My boys love to explore. So we brought fishing hooks and tied them on small sticks. We caught a few crabs (you can use hot dog slices as bait). We found lots of starfish, and hermit crabs were everywhere.

You can sunbathe or get in the water. I saw people bringing their barbecues, sandwiches, beach blankets and beach balls.

There is plenty of space for parking, as you can see.

So, if you don't want to spend a lot of money and want to enjoy yourself for \$10 or less, drive down to White Point Tide Pools. I recommend this outing for you and your entire family. Bring plenty of water and snacks, and maybe spend a little time at the waterfall having a picnic.

There is a small playground right next to the entrance, and restrooms are also available. You may also notice lots of cats; please don't feed them.

If you also take your family or friends, I would love to see your pictures. So send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

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

San Pedro



A view of the tide pools below.



White Point/ Royal Palms Beach Sign.



Aden and his first catch of the day, Mr. Crabbs.



People enjoying their day at the tide pools.



Aden and Angel's collection of starfish.



Aden, the starfish and I say goodbye.



Angel Jr., me and Aden with our buckets in hand. The tide pools are to the left, and the beachside is on the right.



View of White Point Hot Springs Hotel, 1920s.

White Point Tide Pools

HIGHLIGHTS: Great views, a reef, marine life, beach areas, restrooms and lots of parking.

LOCATION: 1799 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90732

PARKING: The paved road to the beach is steep, so it's best to drive down the hill and park in the public spaces. Parking is \$10. (We decided to save the \$10 and get some exercise by just walking down to the tide pools.)

DIRECTIONS: Take 110 Freeway south until it ends

on Gaffey Street in San Pedro. Exit left onto Gaffey Street. Follow Gaffey Street until it ends and veers right at Paseo del Mar. Turn onto Paseo del Mar and travel about a mile and a half until you see an entry point to White Point/Royal Palms. There's a guard shack there and a gate. Pay for parking and proceed all the way down the hill. When you reach the bottom, turn right and park all the way at the end.



Parking sign.

FINANCE

Outstanding Service Awards

Finance honors top workers plus six individuals for their exemplary service.



Honorees (from left) Warren Sibille, Jova Salazar, Bea Suga, Elizabeth Salumbides, Elba Pallais and Mark Choi.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance;
Photos courtesy Finance

On June 10, the Office of Finance celebrated the top 2 percent of its workforce at the Department's eighth annual Outstanding Service Awards, held at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens. Antoinette Christovale, Director of Finance, presented awards to six employees for their exceptional performance and dedication to the job, saying, "This year, four of our recipients have less than five years' experience with the Department. It gives me great pleasure to recognize the new talents among the veteran employees for their contribution and their ability to excel in a highly specialized field of City service."

Antoinette Christovale and Chief Management Analyst Jan Zatorski, Administration Division, opened the proceedings by praising all honorees for their exceptional professionalism and contributions to the Office. They also took the opportunity to thank all Office of Finance staff for their service and dedication throughout the year.

The Office of Finance was created in 2000 as a result of Charter reform efforts, and collects approximately \$2.5 billion in revenue annually from various sources including taxes, licenses, fees and permits. This revenue pays for essential municipal services to City residents and businesses.

The following six honorees were recognized for their service during fiscal year 2009-10 at levels above and beyond the normal duties of their jobs:

ANDREA ANGELES

– Personnel Analyst II,
Personnel Services Section

■ Andrea Angeles, Personnel Analyst II, Personnel Services Section, has worked in the Department's Personnel Services Section since September 2007. She is a dedicated worker who takes pride in her work and is willing to come in on days off or stay late as necessary. Aside from consistently submitting a thorough and complete work product, she encompasses all of the qualities to be a true asset to the section and Department.

MARK CHOI

– Sr. Systems Analyst I,
Finance Systems Support

■ Mark Choi, Sr. Systems Analyst I, Finance Systems Support, came to the Department in January 2008. He has been invaluable in ensuring that very important system processes function on a daily basis and that the systems support needs for Finance staff assigned to revenue collection activities are met. Mark was tasked with the responsibility to plan and coordinate all of the work required by the Department for the Google migration implemented across the City. Finance is the only City department whose IT team implemented the Google migration without having the users complete the migration. Frequent contact group addresses, archived mail and calendar history were migrated seamlessly without disruption.

BEA SUGA

– Finance Collection Investigator II,
Citywide Collection Unit (CCU)

■ Bea Suga, Finance Collection Investigator II, Citywide Collection Unit (CCU), has worked for the City since December 1975. As the lead

employee in the Special Projects Unit, she is responsible for maintaining the spreadsheet with the cases that CCU has referred to the City Attorney's Office. She has assumed a leadership role in administering, tracking, general support and interfacing directly with the City Attorney's Office.

With minimal supervision, she has been and continues to be responsible for maintaining the log to track the City Attorney referrals. She assisted management and the City Attorney in developing the protocols for case referral, which included a checklist of items required by the City Attorney and Finance for possible litigation.

JOVITA SALAZAR

– Tax Auditor II,
Field Audit

■ Jovita Salazar, Tax Auditor II, Field Audit, has been employed with the Department for almost three years. She consistently demonstrates reliability and diligence in producing high quality and a large quantity of audits with high recovery amounts. Because of her expertise, Jovita is always relied upon to do complex and challenging audits. Her list of complex audits of multi-location taxpayers, lawyers, hotels and investment companies involved difficult audit issues with minimal hearings and revisions. These audit cases have resulted in recoveries of \$4.5 million for the current fiscal year through April 30.

WARREN SIBILLE

– Tax Compliance Officer II,
Field Enforcement

■ Warren Sibille, Tax Compliance Officer II, Field Enforcement, was hired by the Department in July 2006. Since then, he has increasingly taken on a list of assignments significantly beyond normal job requirements. He single-handedly was responsible for programming and setting up

10 point-of-sale credit and debit card terminals for the discovery units and the Westchester and Watts branch locations. He played a critical role working with LATAX personnel to cross-match names and addresses from the State Board of Equalization database to the LATAX database and trained two other supervisors in this process. These vital technical improvements have helped reduce errors and speed up revenue collection.

ELIZABETH SALUMBIDES

– Tax Compliance Officer III,
Field Enforcement

■ Elizabeth Salumbides, Tax Compliance Officer III, Field Enforcement, started with the Tax and Permit Division of the City Clerk's Office as a Management Assistant in May 2000. In 2003, she earned a commendation for her work performance with the Renewal Processing Unit. In 2005, Elizabeth earned another recognition for her valuable contribution to the LATAX implementation.

Over the past year, Elizabeth has performed at a very high level, overseeing a very busy public counter, as well as serving as supervisor of the Central field district. She played an integral part in the very successful 2009 Tax Amnesty Program. Elizabeth managed to motivate and lead a team that had never worked together before to become a productive group within the short three months of their term of service with us.

Through her team building contributions as an experienced supervisor, Elizabeth has earned the designation as the Office of Finance Employee of the Year for 2010.

Antoinette Christovale closed the event by thanking her management team for their generosity and support in funding the breakfast event.

For more information about the Office of Finance, please go to <http://finance.lacity.org/>



Employee of the Year: Antoinette Christovale, Elizabeth Salumbides and Larry Manocchio. Elba Pallais, Personnel Director received the award on Andrea Angeles' behalf. Andrea was on vacation.



Warren Sibille (center), award recipient, with Robert Gagnon (left) and Antoinette Christovale.



Tax and Permit Audit, from left: Antoinette Christovale, Jova Salazar, Ed Cabrera and Henry Fong.



Administrators (from left) Antoinette Christovale, Elba Pallais and Jan Zatorski.



LATAX section, from left: Antoinette Christovale, Mark Choi and Carl Sampson.



Revenue Management, from left: Antoinette Christovale, Bea Suga, Brad Moe and Jeff Whitmore.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN \$25 Walmart Card
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 Happy Snapping!



"'Out to Lunch' – Many tricycle drivers eat, sleep and work in their 'speed demon.' Since this form of taxi industry is unregulated in the Philippines, competition is fierce! Passengers have a choice of color, style and decor to ride in. You can forget about seat belts. Taxi fare is per-person. Drivers can cram up to four bodies in one trip. Brace yourselves."

- Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comments: You have to look closely or you'll miss the feet resting on the gas tank of the motorcycle, which makes "Out to Lunch" the perfect title for this shot. It also reminds me of my tour in the Philippines while in the Navy – transportation over there takes on so many different and colorful forms.



"I work at LAX as an Airport Police [Officer]. My wife took this picture when she was at home with our newborn baby son and his three-year-old brother."

- John R. Sousa

John's comments: This picture is truly worth a thousand words. It reminds me of the pure amazement a sibling has when a newborn is brought home. It's the same look my son, Noah, had when he first saw Isaiah, his baby brother. Thank you, John, for capturing hope, love and bewilderment!



"Backyard iris; spring has sprung in my little green zone!"

- Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: Mike, thank you for this pristine photo of an iris. You did a great job with the Bokeh, just like last month's photo of a duck submitted by Marlon Santa Cruz. Also, thank you for the amazing multiple stop-action shots of the "Birth of an Orchid."

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.
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- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
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- When you send digital photos through the Internet, **please send the full, original digital file yourself**, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- 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.

Open Enrollment!

For Long-Term Care Insurance

See page 29

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2010

Baker to Vegas: Party Time!



Port Police celebrates in Vegas after winning their first mug in the 120-mile Baker to Vegas road rally.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Port Police; Photos by Arlene Herrero



Arlene Herrero, the Club's Product Manager, accepts an appreciation plaque on behalf of the City Employees Club from Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member. The Club has sponsored Port Police from the first year they entered a team in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

The Club has sponsored the Port Police's Baker to Vegas team for four years, owing to the large number of Club Members on the team. This year, the team won its first mug, a "trophy" of achievement in the race. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for their leadership.

Here are some photos from the celebration in Vegas right afterward!

Congratulations to the Port Police team for placing seventh in their category to secure a mug after only its fourth year participating in this event. Their team rank goes from 140 to 132 out of 250 teams for next year.

Here's a list of the team members:

- **Runners:** Rosario Ferrara, Joseph Keen, Andrew Sklarsh, Alex Castillo, Byron Culbertson, Victor Fernandez, Brandyn Anderson, Jonathan Oceau, Michael Chen, Charles Sanderson, Jose Magana, Ismael Flores, Carlo Oliveri, Arthur Kurkowski, Brandon Hamasaki, Ryan Mullany, Miguele Fagins, Francisco Nunez, Phillip Heem and Al Rosario.
- **Alternate runners:** Glenn Twardy, Mark Pagliuca, Logan Braun, John Legaspi and Tou Moua.
- **Support staff:** Michael Kettlecamp, Rudy Meza, Jessica Bautista, Tracey Zuliani, Robin Jackson, Danny Rodriguez, Jose Alvarez,

Mimi Gutierrez, Alberto Alvarado, Lawrence "Russ" Russell, William Paxson, Mike Capodanno, Karin Capodanno, Micaela Mowrer, Dave Yocham, Bonnie Soong, Kenneth Huerta, Ralph Tracy, Maria Alva, Mike Alva, Mary Ramos, Christine Pina, Vanessa Guillen and Renee Decker.

Thanks to Officer Alex Castillo, Lt. Mike Kettelkamp, Tracy Zuliani and Officer Rudy Meza for their assistance.



From left: Lt. Mike Kettelkamp, Club Member; Mikki Mowrer, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member; and Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member.



From left: SLO Ismael Flores, Club Member; Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member; Carlos Rodriguez, guest; Officer Carlo Oliveri, Club Member; and Det. Victor Fernandez, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Tracy and Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, with the team's seventh-place plaque in the 150 Category.



From left: Retired Port Police Officer Bill Paxson, Club Memner; Bekah and Officer Philip Heem, Club Member; Jordan Cousino, guest; and Kacie Kavanaugh, guest.



From left: SLO Ryan Mullany, Club Member; and Ron Mowrer, husband of Micaela Mowrer, Club Member.



From left: Diana Guzman, guest; Lydia and Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member; and Calvin D. Aubrey, Assist Chief, CHP.



From left: SLO Tou Moua, Club Member, and his wife, Pang Xiong.



From left: Suzanne Stover, guest; Maria Canada, GSD, OPS; Daniele Fuson, guest; and Officer Miguele Fagins, Club Member.



Officer Brandon Smith, Club Member; and Port Police Cadet Christine Pina.



From left: Officer Andrew Sklarsh, Officer Logan Braun; Officer John Keen; and Officer Michael Chen, all Club Members.



From left: Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; Sgt. Glenn Twardy, Club Member; Tina Chavez, guest; and Lt. Michael Kettelkamp, Club Member.



From left: Melissa and Det. Jose Magana, Club Member.



From left: Jessica and Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member; Susan and SLO Ryan Mullany, Club Member; Robin Jackson, MA; and Jessica Bautista, Management Aid, Club Member.



The Port Police Baker to Vegas team.



Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member, proudly holds the mug in only the team's fourth year of participation.



Lt. Mike Kettelkamp, Club Member, talks about the joint effort of the team to bring home the coveted mug.



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PUBLIC WORKS

South Sanitation Open House

The south yard hosts its annual open house for the community.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

Sanitation's south yard held its annual open house for the community June 5.

The general public may not be aware of just how important Sanitation is to our City. Sanitation Truck Operators keep the streets clean, unclog storm drains and remove fire hazards. They're responsible for disposing of the several metric tons in garbage produced each week in the City. Refuse Collection Trucks are quite expensive and require extremely skilled operators to function. Operators, almost without having to think about it, manipulate a refuse truck's complex control system to shake 500-pound Dumpsters empty before neatly setting them down again. A gaggle of buttons, levers and shifters on board is enough to make the laymen dizzy, but for some, the truck seems like an extension of the body.

Truck Operators work all hours, day or night, like a doctor on call for our streets' vascular system. Their phones go crazy with activity when it rains. Soaking wet junk from every corner of the City washes down and attempts to find the Los Angeles River. Anything larger than an office chair can clog a drain, instantly causing an intersection to flood. Special vehicle attachments either blast or suck debris from storm drains, ensuring streets don't flood and traffic flows uninterrupted.

Specialized vehicles exist for almost every job imaginable. A particular Refuse Truck has rather large and intimidating claws and that are useful in removing old furniture from alleyways. Public safety and fire prevention are also functions of the department. When cigarette butts are flicked from car windows, or when sparks fly from an exhaust pipe and land on discarded sofa cushions, fires can start easily. The work of this department may sometimes go unnoticed as they travel around the City in early morning hours or late at night, but if they went missing, you'd be unable to do much except to think about them.

The Club thanks Jonathan Polk for his assistance in producing this article.



From left: Marcus Horace, Refuse Collection Operator, and Luis Moreno, Refuse Collection Operator, working the barbecue!



From left: Paul Lebel, Superintendent; Khalil Gharios, Manager; and Jon Polk, Labor Maintenance.



The Hula-Hoop extravaganza!



Frederick Glover, Ambassador, with an Automated Truck.



Armondo Gatewood, Vector Operator.



From left: Adriana Nunez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Heidi Gonzales, Clerk Typist; and family and friends.



John Moore, Assistant Division Manager.



Carlos Frias, Refuse Collection Operator, with his nephews.



From left: Edwin Smith, Truck Operator; Donte Chandler, Refuse Collection Operator; Jonathan Polk, Superintendent; Cory Griggs, Truck Operator; and Chris Bell, Truck Operator.

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

Prosciutto Melon Salad

DIRECTIONS:



1 There are many brands of prosciutto available; perhaps find an Italian deli so that you can taste-test some of it. Gather up your ingredients – the cantaloupe, prosciutto, the buratta mozzarella and balsamic vinegar to start.



2 With a sharp knife, place your cantaloupe on the cutting board and slice half the cantaloupe into very thin slices.



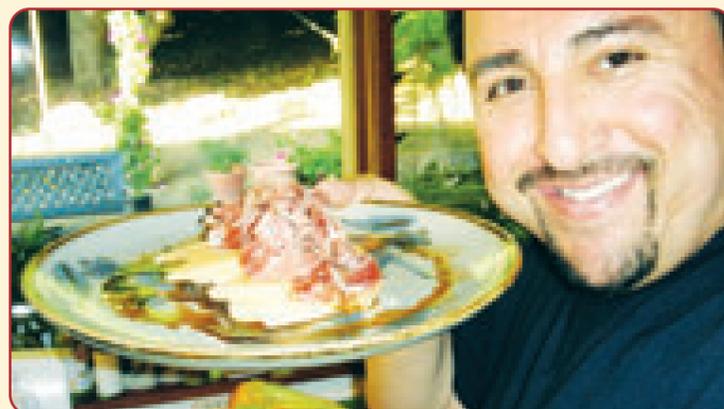
3 Take the burrata mozzarella and cut into slices if firm enough. Otherwise just pull chunks out and lay them on the serving plate.



4 Place the cheese on the plate, then season lightly with salt and pepper. Lay the cantaloupe slices on top of the cheese.



5 The last step is adding the prosciutto on top of the cantaloupe. You may cut the slices even more thinly by dicing them once and sprinkling them over the cantaloupe.



Finding intense flavor in simple foods and recipes is the goal for many in the kitchen. It certainly is the goal for me when I'm cooking – as well as eating. It's a tremendous challenge to use the right combination of ingredients and transform them into culinary masterpieces, but when one is discovered, it can be nearly life-changing.

I had a version of this salad at a restaurant not too long ago and was captured by its amazing flavor and simplicity. The main ingredients are ham, cantaloupe and mozzarella cheese. How's that for simplicity! I had to share a version of that recipe with you, and so here it is. If you are unable to locate prosciutto ham, Serrano ham is a great alternative – perhaps you'd like to combine the two? Go for it! I would! Burrata mozzarella cheese is a very soft version of the traditional mozzarella cheese and is more available now than ever. Still, the use of regular mozzarella is surely an option, but the soft texture of the burrata variety is fantastic. Enjoy at your summer picnics and gatherings as an hors d'oeuvre or as a light salad.

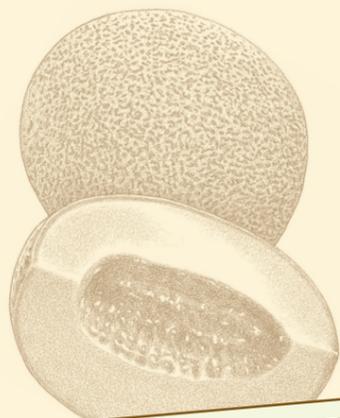
Prosciutto Melon Salad

MAKES 2 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cantaloupe
- 3 ounces prosciutto
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 ball (about of cup) burrata mozzarella

Cooking TIDBIT: *If you can't find prosciutto in the market, Serrano ham is another great meat to use.*



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Mozzarella:

Hailing from Italy, mozzarella is a mild, white fresh cheese that's made by the special pasta filata process, whereby the curd is dipped into hot whey, then stretched and kneaded to the desired consistency. At one time, mozzarella was made from only the milk of water buffalo. Today, however, the majority of it is made with cow's milk.

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



6 Add the balsamic vinegar to the dish. Plate, throw in a little dried parsley, and enjoy!



Food Factoid:

“An empty belly is the best cook.” – Estonian proverb

CLASSIFIED ADS

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New Ads This Month!

For Rent: Bachelor unit, 1 BD/1 BA, in Pico Rivera, \$375/mo., utilities divided, deposit required, credit check required. Contact Yolanda @ (909) 545-4343. 7/10

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

Room for Rent in 3BD/2BA home. Sunland. Furnished 10x13. Private bath down hall. Share Kitchen & Laundry. Street parking. One quiet individual. Non-smoker, no pets (house has big dog). \$500, utilities and internet included. Computer negotiable. Contact Pamela @ (818) 400-7235. 7/10

For Rent: 5 unit Apartment, 2 BD/1BA, 2-Car garage parking. \$1,100. Call Miranda @ (626) 422-1020. 7/10

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

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

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Motorhome: 2005 32' Southwind, like new in & out w/ 2 slide outs, 2 Panasonic TVs, 2 CD's, full surround sound systems, DVD, satellite, Cable, 4 head VCR, 2 AC units, Atwalt levelers, satellite disk on roof, 11K miles. Priced to sell \$65K. (951) 218-4414 5/10

Southwind Motorhome: Excellent condition, fully equipped, 26 footer. Sleeps 8. 7K obo. Joe @ (213) 280-2582 or Solomon1991@juno.com 5/10

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1979 Olds Cutlass Super Brougham: (White) runs like new, professionally installed transmission. Asking \$3500. Eloy Mendoza @ (818) 429-6447. 5/10



2006 Harley Davidson Sportster "883" Black, low miles, 1,200 miles. Great Condition. \$8,000 obo. Art @ (818) 899-4673. 4/10



1964 Dodge Custom 880, 2 door hardtop. Very rare car, only 3500 made, needs paint & taillight lenses. 383 big block motor, 727 torque flight transmission. Runs awesome. Interior is clean & complete. \$6500. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 4/10



1969 Chevy Nova: One owner, 90,000 miles all receipts. \$5,100. Mike Aubin @ (310) 679-0665. 4/10



1949 Chevrolet Fleetline: 2 Door, no motor or transmission. Chopped top & most of bodywork done. Frame has been sanded & painted black. \$1000. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 3/10

1999 FORD Police Interceptor CNG: Good condition, 62,000 miles. Clean title w/ carpool sticker, 26mpg, paid \$1.85 per gallon, \$6,700. Marcus @ (626) 297-0732. 3/10

2002 Mercedes SLK 320 w/Sport Package. Red hard-top convertible. Excellent condition. Sheepskin seat-covers, MP3 player, Bose speakers, extras. 92,000 miles. \$10,999. Kent @ (310)384-4018. 2/10

2005 Keystone Springdale Travel Trailer, excellent condition, 27 footer w/slide out, fully equipped kitchen, sleeps 5 to 6 people. 13K or best sensible offer. Fred @ (818) 331-5754. 2/10

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2003 Kawasaki KX 100, Original owner, low hours, never raced. \$2,800. Call (661) 212-4425 or email colercarr@yahoo.com. 11/09

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Cemetery Plots

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

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Electronics/Computers

TV Mitsubishi projection VS50, TradeMill, Bike for sale. \$300. Call (310) 994-3877 or jasnad@yahoo.com 4/10

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

XBOX elite 120gb all accessories, Microsoft warranty seal intact \$225. Call or text (818) 399-7189, email for pic: miglan09@att.net. 11/09

Furniture

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



Dining room set: Travertine marble and seats 6: OBO or if anyone can use it email godfth32@sbcglobal.net or Gaylynn Thomas at gaylynnt@msn.com 9/09



Handmade oak Loft Bed with Desk and Bookcase: 43" wide x 81" long. Birch drawers are dovetailed with sliders. Must see to appreciate. \$1200 OBO. Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 9/09

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: 3-BD/1.75 BA house w/pool in West Covina near the 10 fwy, schools, mall & movie theater. \$2000/mo includes gardener & pool maintenance. Call (651) 295-3957 or email, sandslewis@gmail.com 6/10

For Rent: 3BD/1.5BA house in West Covina, \$1595. Attached 2-car garage w/ large enclosed yard, washer/dryer. Very nice quiet home in a nice neighborhood at a nice price for a nice tenant. Ed @ (562) 331-2266. 6/10



Tahoe Cabin Rental: 3BR/2BA, completely furnished. Large deck, BBQ, satellite TV. Close to lake, casinos, boat launch, stables, hiking, fishing, biking. Jess @ (626) 797-5992 for photos. 6/10

For Sale: 2nd floor condo in Inglewood, CA (16 units), near downtown. 2 BD/1.75 BA, kitchen-family area, living room, dining room, 2-car underground parking, elevator, laundry room. Alvin @ (310) 528-0046. 6/10

For Rent: Available June 1st: 2BD/2BA unfurnished house in North Alhambra (borderline South Pasadena). \$1500/month incl water & garbage. Call (651) 295-3957 or emailsandslewis@gmail.com for more info. 6/10

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For Rent: 2BD/1.25BA, \$1400 month, 529 W. Doran St. Glendale. (626) 319-1211 or (818) 813-1287. Photos at www.picasaweb.google.com/jhsuapartment/GlendaleApartment# 5/10

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For Rent: 3BD/1.5 BA Townhouse, w/d hookup, access to pool & rec room, \$1250 mo. Sec 8 O.K. 3700 Mountain Ave #8C, San Bernardino, CA 92404. Mona @ (310) 344-7342. 3/10

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For Rent: 1 BR/ 1 BA house in Highland Park, nice view, no pets please, \$1100/month. Jerry @ (323) 428-7719 cell. 3/10

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Household Items

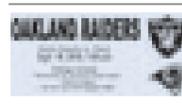
"Natural Form" twin mattress w/firmness and temp. adjustments. Still in box. Retail for over \$1500. Perfect for person w/ back problems. \$1200 OBO. (626) 331-3547 or rth7738@yahoo.com 2/10



AFSI Circuit Breakers: Murray MP120AF Arc Fault 1 Pole 20 Amp. Fit most Mfg Panels. 2008 NECA approved. Brand new in boxes. These normally sell for \$38 to \$40 each. 10 for sale at \$30 each. Kurt Kaufman @ (805) 300-2147. 1/10

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Miscellaneous



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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

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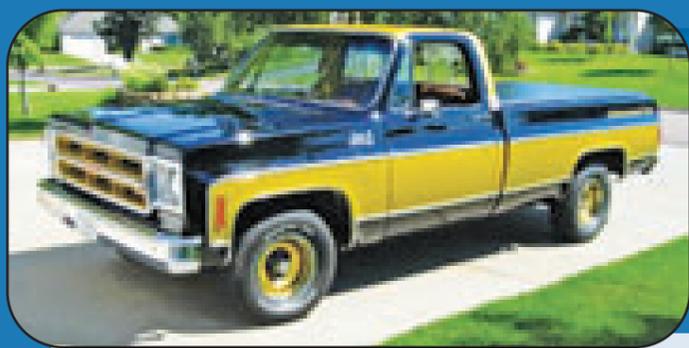


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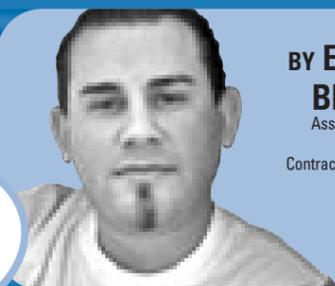
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BY EVERETT BENNETT
Assistant Inspector,
Public Works/
Contract Administration

Gentleman Jim

Before I get to this month's subject, I want to share a story about my subject back in February: Street Services Investigator Louie Fee and his motorcycle. While leaving a Van Nuys Boulevard cruise in May, he and his bike were cut off in traffic. Not having any time or room to avoid the accident, Louie hit the passenger side of the car, ejecting him from the bike and throwing him completely over the car. Luckily for a helmet and a rabbit's foot in his pocket, Louie survived. Louie and his bike were loaded into my '51 Suburban and driven to the hospital, where he stayed the night. Now, a month later, he is back to work, and his crippled bike is being rebuilt and will soon be roadworthy. To all of our two-wheeled friends, please be safe and pray to the motorcycle gods before you start that engine.



Now, onto this month's feature. Trucks have come a long way since first rolling out of Gottlieb Daimler's garage in 1896. Nowadays, they come equipped with as many options as cars and are just as popular. Owners range from the housewife to the construction worker to the business type. Trucks have become as popular as cars in the custom world, with folks building ground-hugging vehicles or monsters that you need a ladder to get into.

In 1975, General Motors was at the forefront of truck manufacturing and wanted to change the associations that came with owning one. GM introduced the nation to two "brother" trucks that year, Gentleman Jim and Beau James. Jim and Beau were supposed to change the face of the truck from a rough and tumble teeth-rattling work machine to a practical everyday vehicle that was stylish and luxurious. With both trucks being a limited edition design, they were sure to be a hit. Gentleman Jim saw a production number of only 1,000, and Beau a production number of 4,000. Gentleman Jim had the same body as other models but was wrapped in black and gold paint with "Gentleman Jim" decals on the bed rails. Bucket seats were installed in the cab with a plush center console. To make sure the owner and friends were comfortable in summer, there was air conditioning and an AM/FM stereo with an 8-track tape player. Custom "Gentleman Jim" floor mats gave your feet comfort, and tilt and power steering made it easy to steer around town. With tinted glass, gold-painted rally wheels and a gold grille bringing up the front, it was sure to help you find a date for the weekend.

Pete Steur has been a Park Ranger with Rec and Parks since 1990 and a truck lover all his life. Pete met his true love back in 1975 while riding in his mom's car past Gianera Pontiac/GMC (later Foothill Nissan)

in Glendale. "I remember seeing a black and gold pickup truck that caught my eye as we passed by. I asked my mom if we could stop and look at that truck after school, and she said 'yes.' I was a kid in a candy store that afternoon. Being as small as I was, my mom had to pick me up so I could see the interior of the truck through the windows, which to me was work of art. Just by walking around it I thought that was the coolest truck on earth and I remember saying that one day I was going have one."

A couple of years ago, Pete decided it was time to either find a Gentleman Jim edition truck or restore one to look like it. With help from a high school friend, they found two that resided in South Dakota and Minnesota. After a phone conversation with Jim from Sauk Rapids, S.D., Pete was on a redeye flight to the North Star State to perhaps purchase his life-long dream. Jim and his wife, Ginny, picked Pete up at the airport and drove him to their home, where Pete would meet the other Jim (the truck). Jim the owner was the second owner of the truck and restored it back to its 1975 glory. After a quick



paper transaction and a handshake, Pete and Gentleman Jim were on their way back to Southern California.

After some minor work like changing out hoses and belts and wiping off all the bugs from the drive, Pete and Jim began attending cruise nights and shows. Pete wants to thank everyone involved in helping him acquire his truck, including his mom for stopping that one afternoon to introduce him to Gentleman Jim. After all, isn't that what moms are for? I would like to thank Pete for introducing me to a truck I didn't know existed and adding one more car to my wish list.



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MOVIE REVIEWS



The Secret in Their Eyes

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This gem from Argentina won the 2009 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film and deserves more attention. It has it all: a murder mystery, a touching tale of unrequited love, and a political thriller. And so much more, including some unexpected comic turns, with story twists that never strain credibility but still manage to leave you breathless. The lead characters are likeable and very human, as well. In Argentine-Spanish, with English subtitles.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Shrek Forever After

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

It's not too often we can go to a movie that the kids are looking forward to and it makes parents laugh. *Shrek Forever* continues to amuse adults with innuendos and jokes that children may not get (but there are plenty of laughs for the children, of course). The story hits home too -- sometimes life catches up to us, and we wish we could just take a break from our everyday responsibilities. Then

there is a moment when we look at our kids and our families, and we realize, "It is all worth it." This movie is an upper and reminds us that family is everything.

— Debbie Moreno, LAFD

Shrek Forever After

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The movie could have gone on and on -- we were all entertained, never bored. We laughed, and we were sad and happy. The characters were interesting and very entertaining. Any-aged person would enjoy this movie; it kept your attention from beginning to end, leaving you wanting more.

— Pat Saucier, Retired



The Karate Kid

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Remember Ralph Macchio and how he got us cheering when he crane-kicked Johnny in the face? Well, *The Karate Kid* for this generation takes that feeling to the next level. Keeping to the general storyline, the details were cleverly updated to make it more exciting when Dre (Jaden Smith) delivers his final move in the end. This movie is a must-see for the whole family. It's exciting, dramatic, funny and uplifting. Don't miss it!

— Lisa Solis, DWP



Book Reviews



The Second Short Life of Bree Tanner (An Eclipse Novella)

Stephenie Meyer
Teen Fiction/Suspense,
192 pages
Little Brown

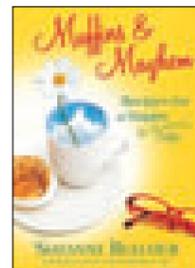
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Fans of the "Twilight" saga will be enthralled by this riveting story of Bree Tanner, a character first introduced in *Eclipse*, and the darker side of the newborn vampire world she inhabits. In another irresistible combination of danger, mystery and romance, Stephenie Meyer tells the devastating story of Bree and the newborn army as they prepare to close in on Bella Swan and the Cullens, following their encounter to its unforgettable conclusion.

Even though Bella meets Bree for only five minutes, the book tells the tale of a newborn vampire and the adventures she encounters with other vampires and werewolves.

I highly recommend this book for all fans of the Twilight series.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



Muffins and Mayhem: Recipes for a Happy (if Disorderly) Life

Suzanne Beecher
Nonfiction/Women's
Biography, 233 pages
Simon & Schuster

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

A reader's poignant letter to Suzanne Beecher inspired her to share her collection of loved ones' recipes and their wonderful memories in her life. This is her first novel.

Suzanne Beecher writes a daily column for books clubs at DearReader.com filled with memorable stories that will make you laugh and cry and her favorite recipes. I really enjoy reading Suzanne's daily columns on her life, recipes and her great stories. She also has monthly contests to win her world famous chocolate chip cookies and other goodies.

I highly recommend this book to readers who want to relax and just enjoy life.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

DVD Reviews



The 39 Steps

(1935)

Unrated

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Richard Hannay (Robert Donat) is a Canadian visitor to 1930s London. While attending a performance at a music hall, he becomes involved with a counterespionage agent. When the spy is killed he is accused, and he goes on the run to both save himself and to stop the spy ring trying to steal top-secret information.

Alfred Hitchcock made several wonderful films about an innocent man on the run, and *The 39 Steps* is considered one of the greatest British movies ever made. Anyone wondering about the greatness of Alfred Hitchcock will enjoy a thoroughly entertaining and engrossing spy thriller.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Park



Valentine's Day

(2010)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I thought this movie was quick-witted and hilarious and touching at some moments, but not too much. I wanted to be reminded of love and how it is to be in love and that sometimes, when love doesn't work out, it can be very sad. I like seeing Los Angeles in movies, and this movie is all over L.A. from the airport to Venice to downtown. All the characters (and there are several) intertwine at some point, which I always find to be clever. It is a modern movie that reminds us of the importance of old-fashioned love.

— Debbie Moreno, LAFD



Summer Hours

(2008)

Unrated

My Score: 3 (out of 5 stars)

I'm a fan of Oliver Assayas' work. He examines the relationship between business and personal life. His films are uniquely French. This film features a family pondering the legacy and worldly possessions of its 75-year old matriarch who is near death. *Summer Hours* is slow and devoid of action. It's not uninteresting, though. And the cinematography is brilliant. The story feels a little ponderous, and it left me hanging.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



Read My Lips

(2001)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

(Carla is beginning to chafe at the limitations of her career and is looking to move up. But as a 35-year-old woman with a hearing deficiency, she is not sure how.

Into her life comes Paul Angeli, a new trainee. At 25, he is completely unskilled, but Carla covers for him when the need arises because of his other qualities -- he's a thief fresh out of jail, very good-looking and maybe of some use to her. —Amazon.com)

The acting and script in this tense psychological thriller are outstanding. The suspenseful scenes are heightened when the communication between the protagonist and her assistant becomes both obstacle and path, creating a unique conflict of emotions. I enjoyed every minute of this film.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



We Live in Public

(2009)

Unrated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This documentary about an unknown dot-com millionaire who lost it all humanizes a guy who most people normally would not care too much about. We follow his rise and fall, his idiosyncrasies and his relationships. The film does a great job of making him interesting and human. I enjoyed this impressive documentary and commend its unique style.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



Theatre Reviews



The 39 Steps

Play/comedy
Ahmanson Theatre
(production has closed)
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The great thriller from Hitchcock has been remade for live theatre. If Monty Python had collaborated with Hitchcock's ghost, this is what it would look like: funny, romantic, exciting, wacky beyond belief, and finally, a respectful and entertaining homage to the great director.

This award-winning show has just finished its first L.A. run at the Ahmanson Theatre, but will be back in revival. Don't miss it.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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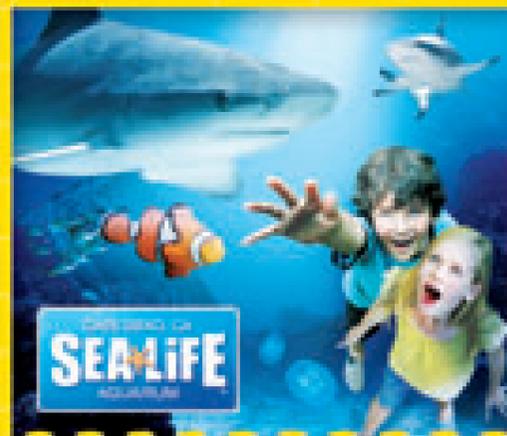
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Island Express-Round Trip Adult	\$66.50	\$55.50
Child <small>Expires 12/31/10. Not Valid May 23-25, July 3-5, Sept 3-7.</small>	\$51.00	\$46.00
Davey's Locker		
Whale Watching	Adult \$25.00	\$21.00
	Child \$20.00	\$17.00
Sportfishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$36.00	\$30.00
	Child \$29.00	\$25.50
Sportfishing - Full Day	Adult \$65.00	\$56.00
	Child \$55.00	\$47.50
Disneyland/California Adventure		
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$72.00	\$68.50
	Child (3-9) \$62.00	\$60.50
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$97.00	\$82.75
	Child (3-9) \$87.00	\$74.75
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$151.00	\$128.00
	Child (3-9) \$131.00	\$110.00
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
3-Day Summer Pass	Adult/Ch \$108.00	\$102.60
<small>Valid June 11th-Aug. 29th. Some blackout dates apply.</small>		
3-Day Summer PassPlus	Adult/Ch \$129.00	\$122.55
<small>Valid June 11th-Aug. 29th. Some blackout dates apply.</small>		
Annual Passport (SoCal Select)	\$169.00	\$161.50
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 175 days.</small>		
Annual Passport (SoCal)	\$219.00	\$209.50
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 220 days.</small>		
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$299.00	\$284.50
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 315 days.</small>		
Annual Passport w/Parking	\$439.00	\$418.00
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. No blackout dates.</small>		
K1 Speed Racing		
Admit one	\$24.95	\$17.50
<small>This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</small>		
Knott's Berry Farm		
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$50.95	\$27.99
	Child (3-11) \$30.95	\$20.00
<small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>		
Season Pass	Adult/Child \$64.99	\$59.99
Knott's Soak City		
Adult	\$25.99	\$20.99
Child (3-11)	\$19.99	\$18.99
LEGOLAND		
Legoland	Adult \$62.00	\$49.50
	Child (3-11) \$52.00	\$49.50
<small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>		
Resort Hopper	Adult \$72.00	\$60.50
	Child (3-11) \$62.00	\$60.50
<small>Expires 12/31/10. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</small>		

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Los Angeles Zoo		
Adult	\$13.00	\$10.00
Child (2-12) <small>No expiration.</small>	\$8.00	\$7.00
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction		
Adult	\$25.00	\$17.50
Child (4-12) <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$18.00	\$11.50
Magic Mountain		
Adult	\$59.99	\$24.50
Child (under 48") <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$29.99	\$14.50
Magic Mountain Hurricane Harbor		
Adult (over 48")	\$24.99	\$17.99
Child (under 48") <small>Expires 9/26/10.</small>	\$19.99	\$13.00
Medieval Times		
Adult	\$53.95	\$43.50
Child (0-12) <small>Not valid 12/30/10, 12/31/10.</small>	\$36.95	\$31.50
Mulligan's Family Fun Center		
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$22.00	\$16.50
<small>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</small>		
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00
Pirates Dinner Adventure		
Adult	\$57.73	\$42.00
Child <small>Expires 11/30/10.</small>	\$38.57	\$32.00
Queen Mary		
Adult	\$27.00	\$19.99
Child (4-11)	\$23.00	\$10.25
Raging Waters		
Adult/Child (2 and up) <small>Expires 9/12/10.</small>	\$36.99	\$22.99
San Diego Zoo		
Adult	\$37.00	\$31.50
Child (3-11)	\$27.00	\$22.50
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$70.00	\$58.00
	Child (3-11) \$50.00	\$41.50
Sea World San Diego		
Adult	\$65.00	\$54.00
Child (3-9) <small>Expires 12/31/10. Comes w/2nd day free.</small>	\$55.00	\$47.00
Speedzone		
Admit one <small>Includes use of all tracks and 1 round of miniature golf. Expires 6/30/10.</small>	\$38.50	\$25.00
Universal Studios		
3-Day Ticket	Adult \$68.00	\$59.00
	Child (under 48") \$59.00	\$59.00
<small>Expires 12/31/10, get 2 extra days.</small>		
Wild Animal Park		
Adult	\$37.00	\$31.50
Child (3-11)	\$27.00	\$22.50
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$70.00	\$58.00
	Child (3-11) \$50.00	\$41.50
Wild Rivers		
Adult	\$32.99	\$21.99
Child (3-9) <small>Expires 9/26/10.</small>	\$19.99	\$14.50

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	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
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Restricted Tickets	\$12.00	\$6.00
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Small Popcorn	\$4.50	\$3.00
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Movie Pack <small>Includes 2 Unrestricted Movie Passes, 2 Small Drink Concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</small>	\$35.00	\$24.00
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Cinemark Theatres		
Restricted	\$10.75	\$5.50
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$6.50
Harkins Movie Theatres		
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.50
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.75
Krikorian Theatres		
Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$6.50
Laemmle Theatres		
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$6.00
Mann Theatres		
Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$7.50
Pacific Theatres		
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