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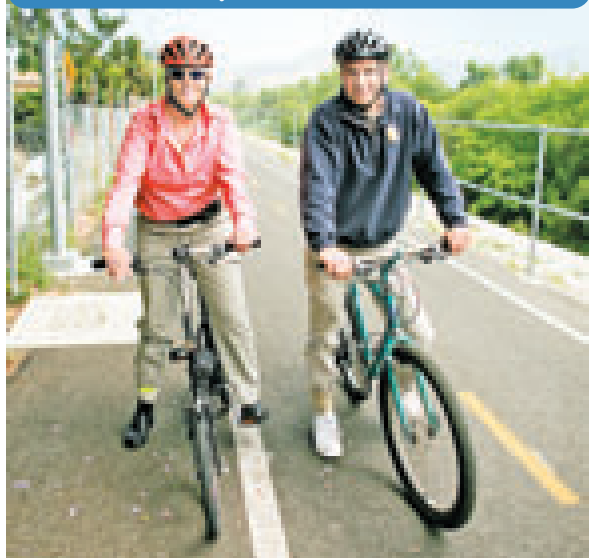
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A Message From the CEO



Michelle Mowrey, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation, with John Hawkins.

Hello to Summer, Farewell to April

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

Welcome to summer in the City! It's golf tournaments... outdoor events all over the City... and enjoying the sunshine.

July is normally the month where the *Alive!* team checks in with you, the City Employees, and features an activity that is just perfect for the summer. In the past, we've looked at the Rec and Parks' golf program, lifeguards and swimming pools. This year – biking. And we get to feature a department that we have gone too long in featuring on our cover – Transportation.

Do you like to bike? I love to. In fact, if you've seen the Club out visiting our Club Members downtown, you might have seen me, or Director of Operations **Robert Larios**, or Sales Director **Angel Gomez**, or Marketing Director **Summy Lam**, riding around downtown on a bike. But it's not always safe. That's why it was great to sit down with **Michelle Mowery**, a serious cyclist for sure, and hear about the City's cool plans to expand the bike-ways, and to make the City safer for cyclists. It's definitely a step in the right direction. So get out there and enjoy your summer in the City. And you'll be healthier for it, too.

There are a lot of new things at the Club this month. First, please welcome our three awesome new Counselors, **Tanya Edwards**, **Gedina Bergstrom** and **Noelle Kauffman**. They'll be getting to know you, our Club Members. So don't hesitate to say hello. They want to celebrate your lives!

Secondly, did you check out that funny-looking stamp on the cover? It's actually not that funny, it's super-cool. It's a QR code, and it gives the Club another way to deliver our great benefits to you. We want to stay on top of technology to reach you where you are, and how you want to be reached. We never want to stop improving our Club services so we can connect with you in better and better ways. That's why the Club was founded in 1928, and it's still true today. So get out your smartphone or tablet, and give it a shot. Let us know what you think!

And third – I should have mentioned this a few months ago – is the **Ticket Gal's** new Club trivia contest she conducts at the ticket counter at the Club Store. Fun concept, Rachael! Next time Club Members are in the store, give it a shot!

The July issue also includes one of my favorite features – the Grown-Up Coloring Contest results. I have to claim this as my idea. It was hatched among some quizzical looks at the editor's table. But *voila!* You have once again proven me right. This month's submissions are really great. It's been said that 95 percent of all children draw, but only 5 percent of adults do. What a shame! We're turning those statistics on their ear. Keep up the good work, Club Members!

And finally, there's some sad news to report – the death of **April Hoff**, LAPD. April, a Club Member, was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago. But instead of being silent about it, she decided to tell the world how important it is to take care of your loved ones. You've seen her in these pages over the last year or so. I want to recognize her for her courage, and to send along our deepest condolences to her family and friends. Thanks, April. You did a lot of good through your adversity.

Take care, my friends. Get outside, enjoy the sunshine, and we'll catch up again next month.

JOHN

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April Christine Hoff
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Goodbye, April

Club Insurance Spokeswoman April Hoff, LAPD, succumbs to cancer.

April Hoff, Sr. PSR, LAPD Communications, and Club Member since 2002, passed away May 27. April has appeared in *Alive!* over the past year in testimonials for the Club's cancer insurance product. A memorial service was held June 17 at the Westlake Village Hyatt Hotel. Club staff was on hand to pay their respects. A number of messages were left on a board at the service.

The Club offers its sincerest condolences to the friends and family of April Hoff.

At the memorial service for April Hoff.



A Celebration of Life
 April Christine Hoff





A Celebration of Life

Messages for April

"God bless u, sweetie."
 - Desiree Calhoun-Tobin

"R.I.P., April Hoff. You were always a good friend. I love you."
 - J. Anthony Moreno-Bruckmaier

"Please know April will be so missed. She was an exceptional woman."
 - Heather Wynalda

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LETTERS To the Editor

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—LETTER OF THE MONTH—

Families: Don't Stop Having Fun... Use a Club Discount



Hey Club! You guys are definitely home of the cheapest tickets in the City! You guys are doing a huge service for us employees. You're saving us money when we need it the most! Most of us have kids, and we want to spend time with them during the summer as they are out of school. It is nice to know that we can go to the Club and get the best deals on tickets and discounts to car rentals and hotels – especially for our summer trips to San Diego to visit Sea World, Legoland and the San Diego Zoo.

– Jeff Nichols, LAFD

You make a good point, Jeff. As summer continues – and the economy remains sluggish – there's no need to stop having fun. That's what the Club is all about, celebrating the lives of City Employees. And that means your families. So take advantage of all the great Club discounts. And have fun! – Ed.

What She Really Loves About Alive!? Well, It's Classified

Thank you so much for helping me sell my car! Just had to let you all know that I am grateful for classifying my 1996 Oldsmobile Ciera SL. And we love your paper!

– Linda Gardner

Hi Linda, you're welcome. We presume that you sold your Olds. Glad to hear it! The Alive! classifieds, free to all Club Members, is a little powerhouse of a section. It really moves the merchandise. Feel free to send us another classified. – Ed.

LAFD USAR Teams Taking A Nuclear Threat Seriously

Whoa! That story on the LAFD Urban Search and Rescue Team is amazing! It is good to know that we are prepared for an earthquake or nuclear crisis. Keep up the great work LAFD!

– Henry Ruiz, General Services

Thanks to Ticket Gal, Folks in Rec and Parks Are a Leg Up

From all of us here at Rec and Parks in the Valley – we want to send a shoutout to Ticket Gal and the fun pictures of her visit to the Renaissance Faire. The photo of her with the ostrich leg or turkey leg is hilarious!

– Jenny Montagna, LAPD

Baker to Vegas is Ultimate Test, and City Finishes Strong

Congratulations to all the Baker to Vegas participants! The City of Los Angeles really had a strong showing, and everyone at the Club is proud of you!

– The Club SportsDude

Hey SportsDude, right you are. The Baker to Vegas event is known throughout the world as one of the toughest tests there is. And look how great the City teams did. It's no small feat. Alive! has covered this event for years now, and we look forward to many more. – Ed.

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This month's question:

This hotel was long known for its beauty and luxury. It would become more famous when U.S. Presidential hopeful Bobby Kennedy was shot and killed there. What was the name of the hotel, which is no longer in business?

Answer:

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This month's winners:



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Richard Corralez, Transportation, 10 years of City service.



Dan Haecker, Housing, 10 years of City service.

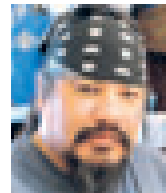
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Manuel Romero, General Services, 11 years of City service.



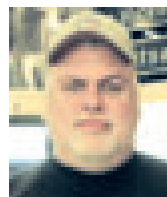
Debra Scott, Public Works, 26 years of City service.



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Sam Iannolo, DWP, 10 years of City service.



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TRANSPORTATION

With its recently approved bicycle plan, the City has begun preparing for more than 1,600 miles of interconnected bikeways.



Pedal

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The "neighborhood" part of the network will include popular streets like the Fourth Street Bicycle Boulevard, or a bike-friendly street. Signage will encourage motorists to share the road with bicyclists safely.



On March 2, the City Council reached a milestone for bicyclists in Los Angeles – it passed Planning's massive 2010 Bicycle Plan, which plans a long-term goal of creating 1,680 miles of interconnected bikeways and calls to build more than 200 miles of new bicycle routes every five years.

The bike path along the Los Angeles River gets a lot of attention – as it does in these pages – but much of the plan concentrates on building bike lanes in busy streets and bike-and-car-sharing roadways. The City's biggest streets – Figueroa Street, Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard – could get bike lanes in the future. And there are other parts of the plan, too, including bike racks and bike commuter stations with lockers and showers.

This all depends on funding, of course, and City commitment. The City has set aside 10 percent of its Proposition R funds to go for pedestrian and bicycle efforts.

"It won't be easy," says Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation, and an avid bicyclist. "If we could start with a clean slate, it would be easier. But L.A. is already built out. We have to retrofit."

City engineers and transportation consultants started working on the plan three years ago. One of the new plan's central features is a freeway-like system of upgraded streets called the "backbone" network. Other networks are called the "neighborhood," where bikes and cars are more likely to share the traffic lane, helped by bicycle signage; and "green," which will travel along on bicycle rights-of-way in sometimes scenic passages.

The plan intends to shift Los Angeles from an auto-centric City to a City with a multimodal transportation system.

Enjoy Your Summer – on a Bike

More City Employees are commuting to work on a bike (see sidebar on Steve Sawyer). But the City's bikeways also offer much for the recreational biker.

Michelle Mowery suggests several different places to ride for recreation. See page 8.



- Consider a family bike jaunt through Griffith Park:

www.thelariver.com/guide/biking/griffith-park-bike-loop/

- Or Hansen Dam:

www.thelariver.com/guide/biking/hansen-dam-bike-paths/

Both are Rec and Parks facilities.

Urban Biking: In addition, Rec and Parks offers several improved bike trails, including on the Westside, along the Venice shore, in the San Fernando Valley, in the West Valley, and in the Harbor. Download maps here: www.ci.la.ca.us/rap/info/biking.htm

Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation (center), leads the Club's Angel Gomez (left) and John Hawkins (right) along the L.A. River Bike Path.



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Pocket parks along the L.A. River Bike Path make perfect places to sit a spell during bike journeys. Sitting in this pocket park, which was developed through community efforts, are (from left) Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Angel Gomez, the Club's Director of Sales.



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10,000 Miles a Year... on a Bike!



Steve Sawyer, Storekeeper at the General Services Yard in the Valley with 22 years of City service, sold his last car in "1970 or '71" and hasn't owned one since. "I was living in San Francisco at the time, and a car can be a liability. But there was a Muni (bus) strike, so I bought a bike."

He gets to most everywhere he's going by bike now. He rides approximately 10,000 miles a year.

The weekend after his interview with *Alive!*, he was leaving with a group to bicycle to San Diego and back. "It will take us about 10 hours each way," he says.

And why does it say "Team Krispy Kreme" on his helmet? "Oh, I used to bring a box of donuts to work every week, but the doctor says I can have only one a week now," he laughs.

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Tour LaBonge

It's no wonder that Tom LaBonge, Councilman and Club Member, was a big proponent of the passing of the comprehensive bike plan: He's a bicyclist himself.

On Wednesdays during the summer months, Tom LaBonge leads what he calls Tour LaBonge. He puts together a community ride in his sixth council district.

Rides are from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Police provide traffic control. Upcoming rides are:

- July 6: Fourth Street
- July 13: Toluca Lake and North Hollywood
- July 20: Los Angeles River/Griffith Park
- July 27: Hollywood

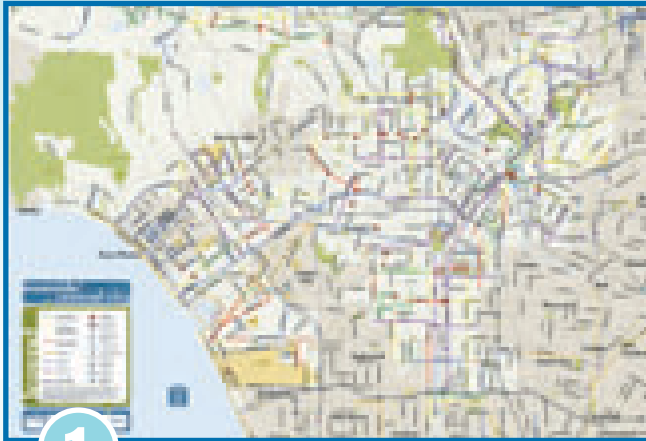
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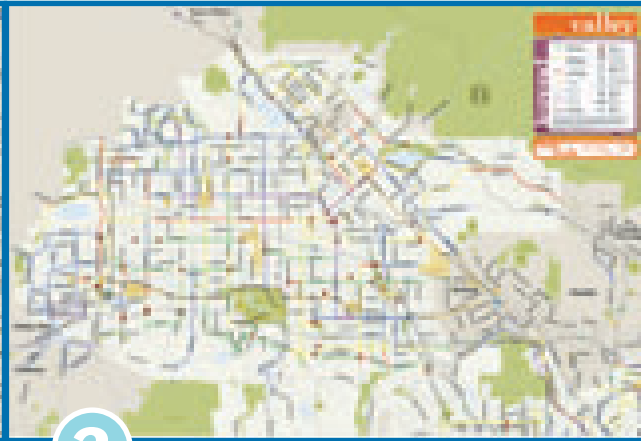
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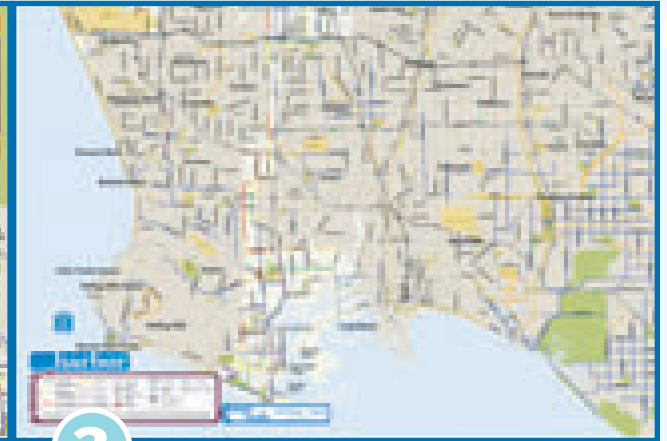
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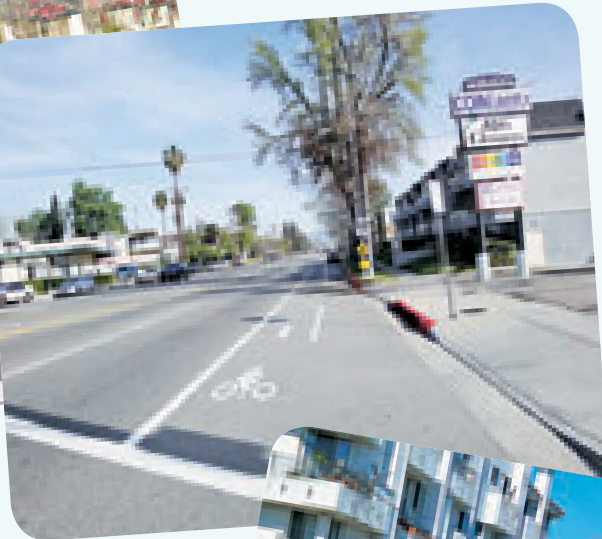
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Above: A bike lane along Reseda Avenue. Right: A bike lane along Woodman Avenue. Below right: A concept for a bike-friendly roundabout along Fourth Street.

Three Rides for Your Summer in the City

Michelle Mowrey, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, and the staff of *Alive!* recommend three gentle rides for the casual bicyclist. You can also refer to the maps in this section (and downloadable at www.bicyclela.org) to plan other trips.

1 The Los Angeles River

"I'm really partial to the L.A. River," Michelle says. There's a really pretty section with green patches on the river bikeway starting near Fletcher Street and going in either direction.

2 The Valley Orange Line

Urban bicycle lanes were built as part of the Metro's Orange bus line straight across the San Fernando Valley.

3 Harbor Area

"There are quite a few bicycle facilities in the Harbor area," Michelle says. "We probably have more bike lanes in a very small area in the Harbor than anywhere else." She recommends riding along Paseo Del Mar for its visual beauty and bike accommodation.

'Give Me 3' Public Awareness Campaign



Bicycle Operations introduced a public awareness campaign titled "Give Me 3," meaning that motorists should stay at least three feet away from bicyclists when sharing the same road. Standing with the sign are (from left) Nate Baird, Bicycle Coordinator; Michelle Mowrey, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator; and Cullen McCormick, graduate student and intern.

Lit by the Sun... at Night



A great part of the L.A. River bike path is that large portions of it are illuminated by solar lighting, courtesy Public Works/Street Lighting. The lights use new solar and LED technology that meet the environmental expectations of the community as well as maintain the safety of bicyclists. These solar panels are to be installed over several miles.

Well done, Street Services!

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

Out of Cars, and Onto Bikes

On June 15, Club CEO John Hawkins, Club Member Services Director Angel Gomez and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation, about the recently passed bike plan, good places to ride in the City, and her first bike. The interview took place in a Transportation conference room in the CalTrans building downtown.



Alive!: Thanks for talking to us today, Michelle. Your official title with transportation is...

MICHELLE MOWERY: It's Senior Project Coordinator, Bicycle Program, Bicycle Outreach and Planning. But I'm known as the Sr. Bike Coordinator.

How did you get to be Sr. Bicycle Coordinator?

MICHELLE: I was a contractor for 10 years. The City put out an RFP for a Bicycle Coordinator. They needed somebody with the expertise to come in and do this sort of stuff. The field has grown exponentially since I started, but at that time nobody really knew much about bikes and how to integrate them into transportation. I'm now in my 17th year for the City.

Were you involved in biking?

MICHELLE: I've always been on bikes; I used to race. There was a period when I actually raced bikes.

Great. Let's get to the big picture here. In your own words, describe to us the bicycle plan.

MICHELLE: It's a huge document. It took us several years to put together and we went through several iterations to get to where we are. Essentially, the plan is to transform the City in 30 years into a true network for bicycling and change the mode split.

When we think about how people trav-

el, we talk about divisions of how people move themselves. Currently, just less than one percent of people are biking for transportation. I think mass transit is something like three percent, but we have this huge amount of people living in the City. And then there's this very small percentage that is walking. But for Los Angeles, we've got a huge amount of people who get around only in cars. We want to change the mode split to something more equitable. This plan essentially puts the City's goal at five percent of all trips on bike. Five percent of all trips will be made by bicycle, with three percent of those being commuters. It's totally doable.

Basically the goal is to get people out of their cars, quite honestly.

What's the impetus that's making the City develop these plans in a big way?

MICHELLE: Well, first I should mention that City Planning is the lead on these documents. Planning is always the lead, but we certainly have a fair amount of input in the document.

So a number of things have happened to drive the bike plan. We have a younger Los Angeles, who really want to be able to ride their bikes for transportation and they're not happy that this community is full of cars, built for cars and designed for cars. We've got a young, fit community that wants to ride.

We also have a very green community that really sees that cars are damaging and that we should be more considerate of our air quality and the issues with global warming. And then we've got all these issues about fitness and childhood obesity that are coming to a head. And then, on top of this, it's

tougher and tougher to get anywhere in LA by car. We're getting to the point where the bike is pretty efficient, in comparison.

And I don't want to leave out the City Council and the mayor. I'll tell you, the mayor breaking his elbow, didn't hurt any, either! [Last year, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, while riding his bike, was hit by a car and broke his elbow. No charges were filed. -Ed.]

What about safety? Is the bike plan also being done, not just to get people out of their cars onto bikes, but for the safety of bicyclists?

MICHELLE: Well we're doing all of that, yes.

A Big Challenge

What's the biggest challenge in building bikeways in Los Angeles?

MICHELLE: We're built out. We built a city for cars; we put all our eggs in the car basket, and we left no room to build other stuff. We've got people who want to be able to get on bikes. Folks like me are trying to accommodate them by building facilities for them. To put a bicycle lane on a City street, and this is just a standard bicycle lane, we need ten feet of right-of-way, five feet each side, and that's the minimum-minimum. A lot of people would like to see more; a lot of people would like to see some very progressive design from Europe.

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'People always tell me that people aren't riding. Why should we build facilities for people who aren't riding? I say, "They're not riding because there's no place to ride." Until you build that network, how are you going to get them out there? And that's what we're working on.' — Michelle Mowery



John Hawkins, Club CEO, with Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation.

The incredible shrinking bike!

Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, uses a folding bike for her daily commute. At the *Alive!* photo shoot, she demonstrated its ability to be folded and stored in a vehicle cargo area. The bike is a Tikit model built by Bike Friday in Oregon.



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In the new plan, which calls for 1,680 miles of new and existing bikeways, about 800 miles of that are bike lanes. Maybe 700 miles will call for changing something. We're going to have to remove a car lane; we're going to have to remove on-street parking. We've done almost all we can do to shrink the lanes down to the minimum to get the bike lanes in on the side, so we're running out of options. At this point, it's about room and competition for space. It's hard.

You don't have a clean slate to be able to design it from square one.

MICHELLE: No. That's what Orange County was able to do. They've got a lot more bike lanes than we do because they were newer. If you look at Irvine, the planned community, they planned bikes from the very beginning.

Wilbur Avenue

Speaking of that challenge of not having enough room for traffic, bikes and pedestrians, last year you had a publicized problem on Wilbur Avenue in the Valley.

MICHELLE: Well the final resolution is happening now. Wilbur's a little different case and wasn't driven specifically by the bicycle issue. The community saw bicycles as driving the project. Wilbur Avenue had a speed problem.

So along Wilbur we created a "road diet," a term that's used in bicycle planning. Essentially you take one of the travel lanes away. The problem on Wilbur is that it had a high speed; the traffic was going through it at relatively high speeds. There have been five fatalities over the last five years, so the idea was let's slow this down a little bit. It was really driven by the speed factor and the desire to slow it down. It was on the bicycle plan, though, so bicycle lanes went in as a part of the project.

There was more on that agenda than just putting a bike lane in.

MICHELLE: All kinds of things, yes. It was really a safety project that included bike lanes.

Model City

How does your plan compare with other cities around the world? Is there a city in the world that you look at and say, "Wow, we'd like to achieve what they did."

MICHELLE: There are a lot of questions in there. Our plan's really progressive; this will bring us into the new millennium for real. This plan says, we've got to make change, and we've got to remove something to do it. It

Angel Gomez, the Club's Director of Sales, also writes the "Be Alive!" column in each issue. He was excited about finding out more information about the City's bike paths.



doesn't specifically call out what will go where, how we will remove travel lanes or what we'll do. We'll deal with each project as we get there.

The plan is three things; it's a big policy document; it's a technical design book; and it's this map. Essentially what we're going to do is a "green" network of bicycle paths. Then there is the Citywide network, which includes the big arterial streets; those are primarily bicycle lanes. And then there is the neighborhood network, which is bicycle routes and bicycle-friendly streets.

If we had our plan on the ground today, I guarantee you we'd have ten percent of people riding bikes for transportation, because we'd give them a way to get there. People always tell me that people aren't riding. Why should we build facilities for people who aren't riding? I say, "They're not riding because there's no place to ride." Until you build that network, how are you going to get them out there? And that's what we're working on.

Are we in the forefront in any way?

MICHELLE: I'll be honest, we're behind. I'm going to Copenhagen next week, and they're the



The Catalysts

Who's really driving this, so to speak?

MICHELLE: The piece that I really left out when we talked about why we're changing this is the Council and the mayor.

A Different Experience

What do you love about biking in the City? What makes you excited about it?

MICHELLE: The stuff that happens on a bike doesn't happen in a car, and a lot of people don't understand that unless they're out there doing this. As I commuted today, a woman's walking to the bus, we say good morning to each other. That doesn't happen in your car. Sometimes, when I ride all the way in [from her home in Long Beach] – this is going to sound goofy, but I count cats in people's porches, because they all look at me as I go by.

The other thing is, the L.A. River Trail has a lot more wildlife than you would imagine. The River Trail in the last few years is really changing. I've seen coyotes in the last few years, which we never saw years ago. I saw a snake for the first time last year. I saw a turtle for the first time last year. It's cool stuff.

You're more in contact with the world than isolated in your little steel box. I know people wear headphones on their bikes. I'm not a big component of this. My ears are another set of eyes in the back of my head. I get to spend time in my head thinking about stuff. Usually on the way to work, I'm thinking about a lot about the things we need to do at work. But on the way home, I usually ride hard, just for fun.

Memories and Dreams

Do you remember your first bike?

MICHELLE: It was a purple Schwinn Stingray, with lots of chrome. It was a great bike.

Mine was a red Schwinn Stingray.

MICHELLE: We all had those. Weren't they the greatest bikes? And they weighed a ton. They were indestructible.

That bike was absolutely indestructible, and I would still have it today if it weren't stolen.

MICHELLE: They're big collector items. Somebody tried to steal mine, and I saw them do it, two guys. My dad's this big, six-foot-four giant, and he ran them down. We had a Volkswagen Bug, and my dad was chasing this kid around and around.

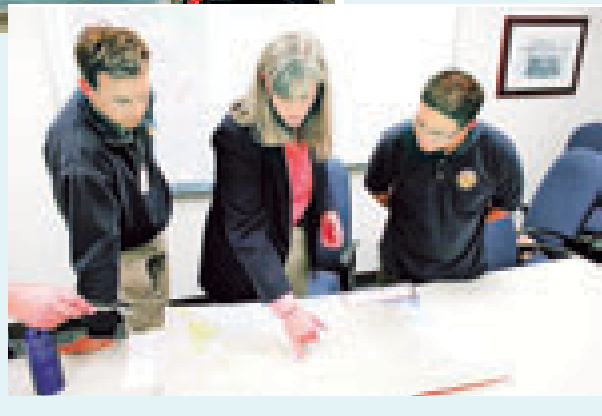
What is your dream for bikeways in LA?

MICHELLE: We put this plan in the ground. My dream is that this 1,680-mile plan happens. That's what I've been here to do. It will transform this City in a huge, huge way.

My staff are the meat of helping me move things forward, because we just don't have enough staff right now. They're working hard.

Thank you very much for your time.

MICHELLE: You're welcome. ■



Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, Transportation, explains aspects of the Dept. of Planning's 2010 Bicycle Plan to Club CEO John Hawkins (at left) and the Club's Director of Sales, Angel Gomez.

best; there's no question. They started looking about changing the roadways and changing their system 30 years ago. Amsterdam had a movement in the 1970s like what we're having now, and said, "You know, we want to do this." They have very good transit; everything works well, but they give equal share to bikes.

Our bike community is really hip and aware of what's out there and what other cities are doing, and they're unhappy we haven't moved quicker than we have. Our neighbor to the south, Long Beach, is doing some really progressive things right now. We're moving toward doing that.

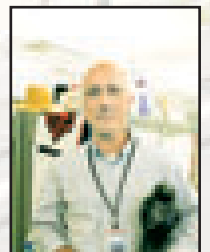
Well, your challenges are bigger, too.

MICHELLE: Yes, we're much bigger and that's part of it.

The Bikeways Engineers



Above: These are the folks who design the City's bikeways. From left: Kang Hu, Sr. Transportation Engineer; Paul Meshkin, Transportation Engineer; Tim Fremaux, Associate Transportation Engineer III; Tina Backstrom, Associate Transportation Engineer II; Paul Konkirati, Associate Transportation Engineer II; Steve Guar, Associate Transportation Engineer II; and Carlos Rodriguez, Associate Transportation Engineer II.



Abbass Vajne, Associate Transportation Engineer III.



Bicycle Engineers, from left: Paul Meshkin, Transportation Engineer, and Paul Konkirati, Associate Transportation Engineer II.

Summer in the City



LADOT BIKE PROGRAM



Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, and John Hawkins, Club CEO, on the L.A. River Bike Path.

“If we had our plan on the ground today, we’d have ten percent of people riding bikes for transportation.”
— Michelle Mowery



John Hawkins, Club CEO, gets ready to ride.



Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, explains a wall with a community art project to John Hawkins, Club CEO (left) and Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales (center).



Michelle Mowery, Sr. Bicycle Coordinator, stores her commuter bicycle in City lockers in the garage of the CalTrans building, home of the Transportation offices.



Bike racks along the new Orange Line Bike Path.

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The Baum Bicycle Bridge

The Baum Bicycle Bridge, opened in 2002, is a bicycle-only bridge along the L.A. River near Interstate 5 and Griffith Park.



Special Achievement on the River Bike Path

Michael Hoffner, Club Member, completed his first “century” bike ride in early June.



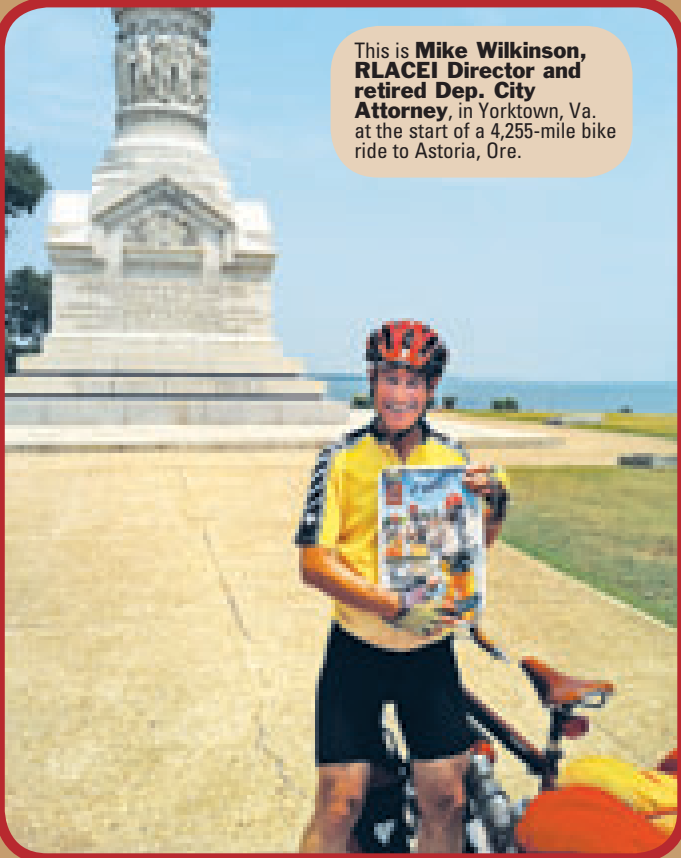
“I completed my first century bicycle ride last at the LA River Ride. It was a bicycle ride from Griffith Park to Long Beach and back, and it covered more than 90 miles. It was also my first event since a motorcycle accident forced me to stop running more than a year and a half ago. It feels good to be back and active again and almost able to do the things I did before.”
Congratulations, Michael!



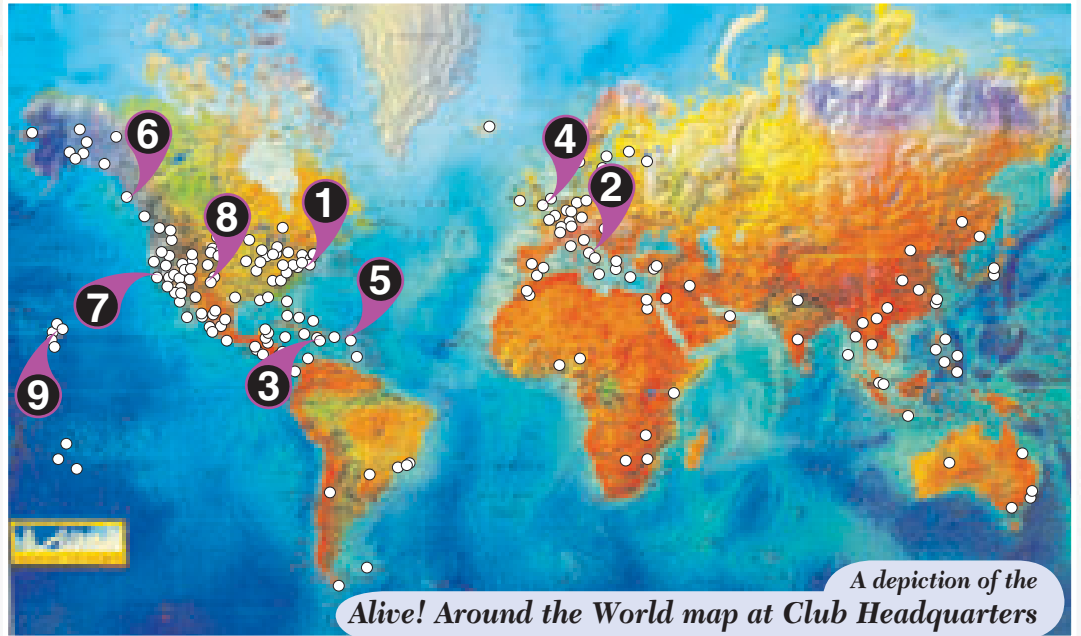
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1 Virginia



This is **Mike Wilkinson, RLACEI Director and retired Dep. City Attorney**, in Yorktown, Va., at the start of a 4,255-mile bike ride to Astoria, Ore.



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

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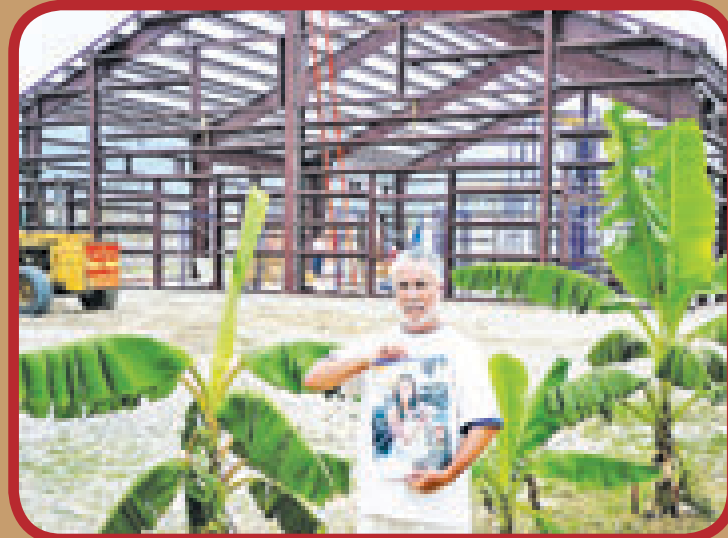
Oliveto Citra, Italy.

Oliveto Citra, Italy.

"I went to Italy with my wife, Lisa, and we have a couple of pictures holding *Alive!* in my grandfather's home town, Oliveto Citra, Italy (east of Salerno). We also visited Venice, Florence, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Salerno, and Rome, but the most beautiful place was the countryside of Oliveto Citra!"

- **Mike Fusano, Rec and Parks**

3 Haiti



"Here in Haiti, just outside of Port au Prince, we're erecting a new steel building for a church in Haiti. The church building is now complete. They [recently] held a medical clinic and a job fair, and Sunday services were planned."

- **Jim Schopper, DWP, Retired**

4 England



London, England.

"I have been meaning to send to you another *Alive!* photograph since last February, when I was in London to speak at AstroFest 2011. I also returned to Kew for another look at King George III's observatory, and this time I remembered to have a picture taken on the observatory's meridian. It's not the Greenwich Meridian (I sent that picture to you a few years ago), but it's got a royal prerogative. Straddling one meridian or another."

- **Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory**

5 Caribbean



"My wife, Argentina, and I finished our Caribbean cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. It was three weeks of fun and food and I didn't forget my *Alive!* Lovin' my retirement!"

- **George Cormany, LAPD Photographer, Retired**

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Alaska

"These photos were taken on Memorial Day. I enjoyed reading *Alive!* while appreciating the beauty of the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska."

- Leticia Yapan, DWP



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California



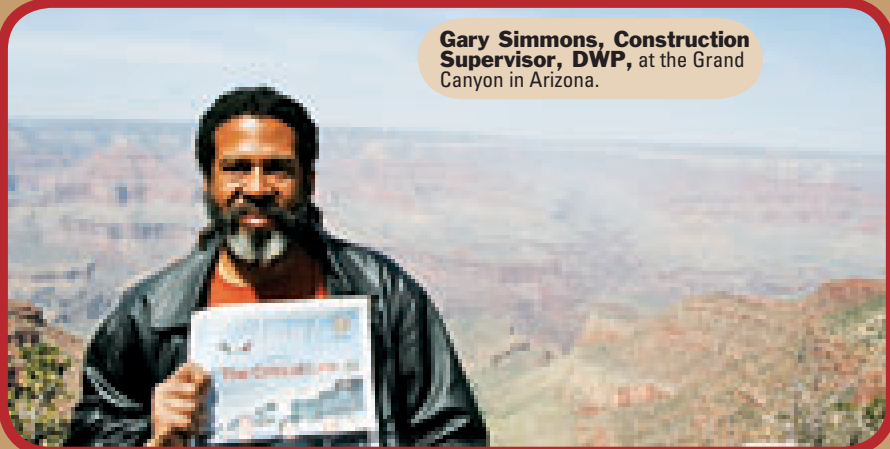
"I had a great time at the Renaissance Faire, so I sent you some photos to add to *Alive! Around the World!*"

- Michael Barnes, Captain, Angelina II, Harbor

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Arizona

Gary Simmons, Construction Supervisor, DWP, at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.



9

Hawaii

"This the 18th hole at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. For not golfing since 2010 at a Con Ad tournament, I did respectfully well, shooting an 82. And I did even better in the back nine."

- Paul Hernandez, Retired Sr. Inspector, Public Works/Contract Admin.



2011 Mediterranean Cruise

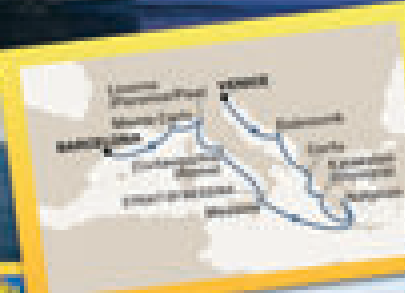
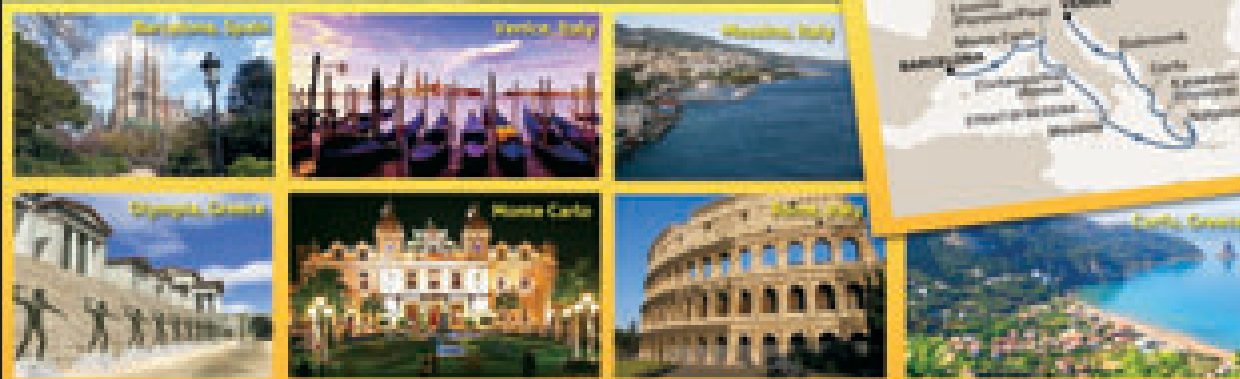
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GROWNUP COLORING CONTEST

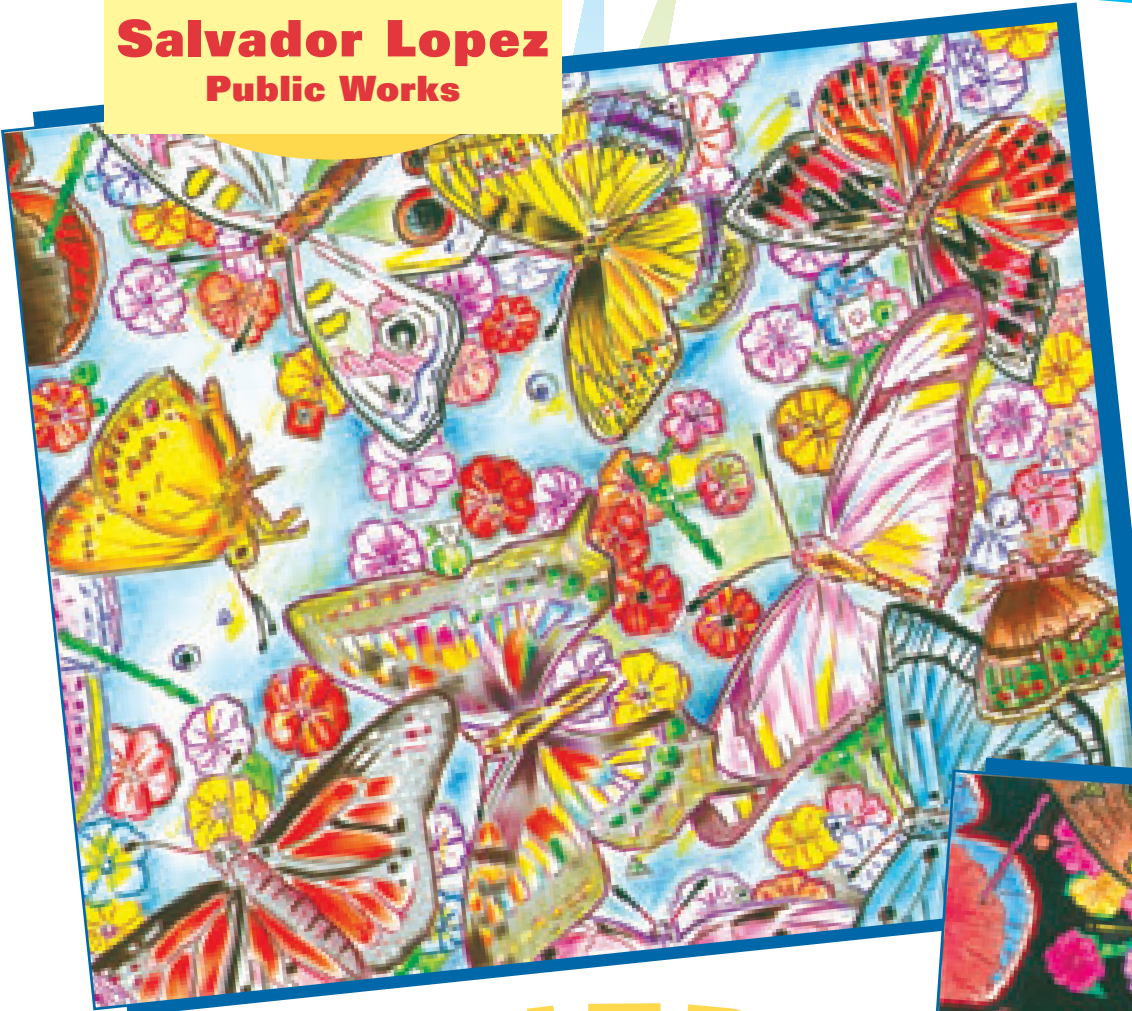
Grownups Rule!

Once again, the grownup Club Members have blown us away!

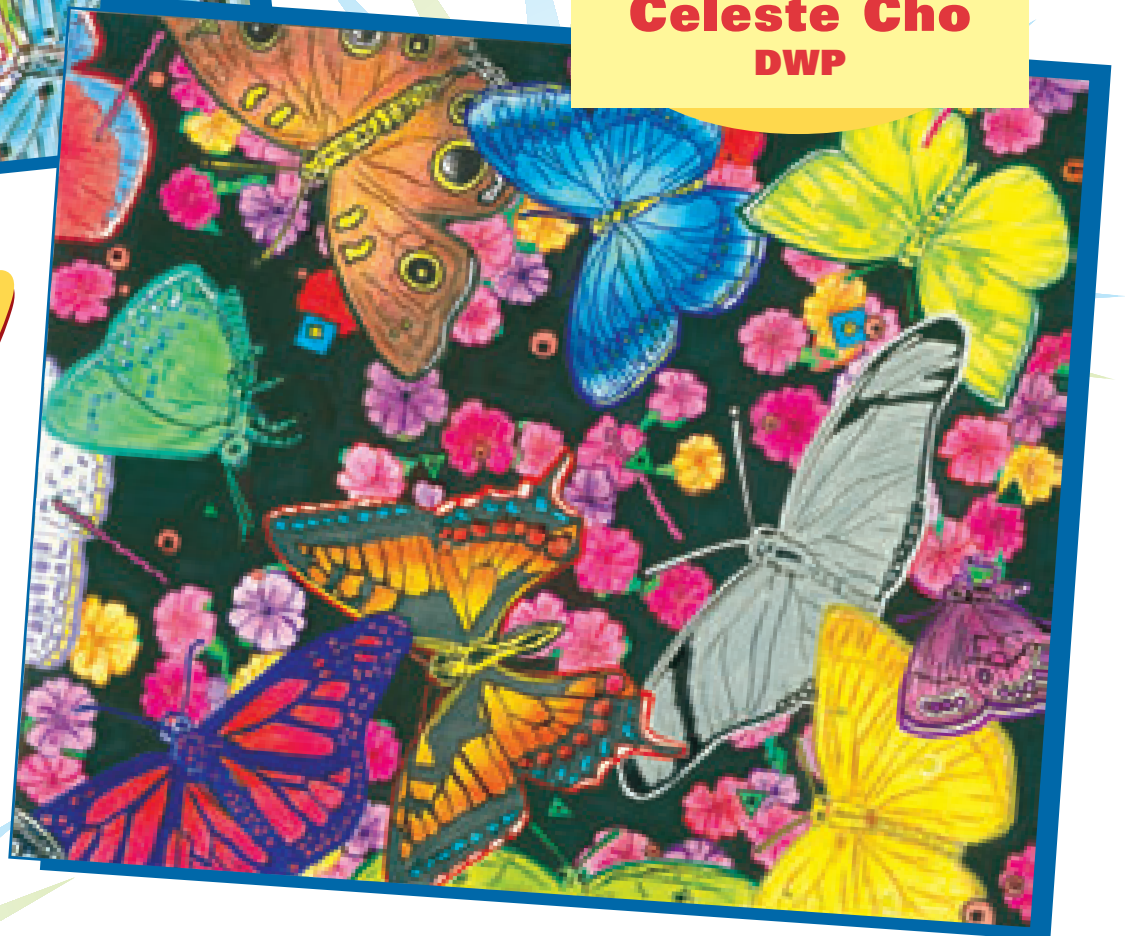
Alive! doesn't publish its Grownup Coloring Contest very often, but when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the near future!

Salvador Lopez
Public Works



Celeste Cho
DWP



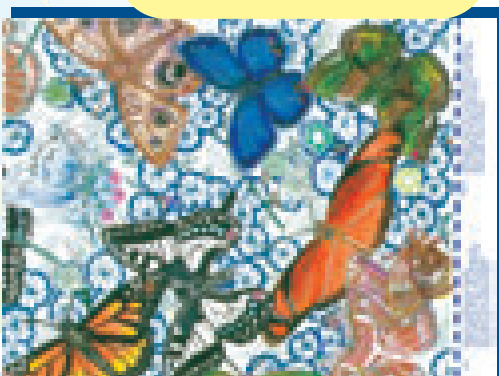
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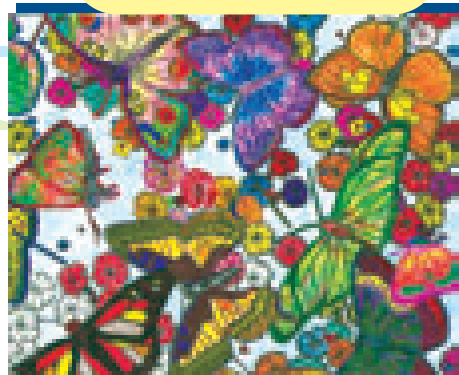
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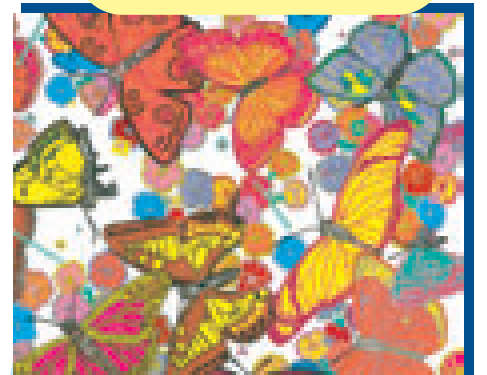
Frances M. Mooney,
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Janelle A. Carpena,
DWP



Deisy Sandoval,
Housing



LEFT: Monarch, worldwide due to migration "Desert" Black Swallowtail, Palm Springs area Green Hairstreak, Europe, nickel-size (left edge) Julia, Brazil to Texas, Florida, & Nebraska Rothschild Aurota, all Amazonian basins

RIGHT: Mission Blue, Origin San Francisco (California endangered) Owl, Rainforests of Central & South America (also lower left) Eastern Tailed Blue, Eastern North America Green Mantle, Amazon rainforest

Other Entries

Lisa Adams	Public Works
Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Theodore Augerbright	Retired
Shawn Davis	DWP
Santiago Barajas DeAnda	Airports
Marianna Black	Retired
Danny Chau	LAPD
Alex DeFlorencio	DWP
James Francis	General Services
Audie Gabon	DWP
Anna Garcia	Rec and Parks
Cheryl L. Garcia	LAPD
Victor Gomez	Transportation
Angel Gonzalez	Retired

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Linda Ullum	LAFD
Sandra Williams	Retired
Antonio Zepeda	CDD

HARBOR

Perfect Attendance

Harbor celebrates its employees with perfect attendance records.

Story by Martin Chavez, Human Resources Officer, Harbor, and Club Board Member; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

On June 15, the Harbor Dept. recognized 184 employees who achieved perfect attendance in 2010. The event was held aboard the historic S.S. Lane Victory, anchored at the Port of Los Angeles' Cruise Terminal in San Pedro. Ralph Wetterhahn, President of the S.S. Lane Victory Volunteer Association, welcomed the Port employees aboard the World War II-era cargo ship.

The Port's new Deputy Executive Director of External Relations, Cynthia Ruiz, expressed her gratitude for their amazing accomplishments and attendance records. She further shared how remarkable the employees' are for their commitment to the City and serving our community, customers, and one another.



Cynthia Ruiz, Deputy Executive Director of External Relations, Harbor, presents a \$500 check to Charles Smith, Construction and Maintenance, for having ten consecutive years of perfect attendance at the Harbor.



Club staffers Robert Larios and Noelle Kauffman (front row, left) with the winners of The Club's donations.



Cynthia Ruiz, Deputy Executive Director of External Relations, Harbor.



Winners of the two Dodger field-level seat tickets Irene Blandino, Lieutenant, 2 years of City service, and Ronald Degler, Port Electrical Mechanic, 3 years of City service.

During the reception, Cynthia Ruiz honored Charles Smith and Kenneth Huerta for the amazing accomplishment of ten years of perfect attendance.

The highlight of the event each year is the drawing for eight \$500 prizes. To qualify for the drawing, an employee could not have been absent during 2010. The drawing was conducted by Cynthia, and the winners were: Jose Guerrero, Gary McAngus, Todd McElhane, Michael DeLang, Richard Manz, Shao Yu Shao, Robel Aferweki and James McDaniel.

Employees in attendance participated in a drawing for prizes donated by Western Medical Group and the City Employees Club. Two sets of Dodger game tickets donated by Western Medical Group were won by Irene Blandino and Ronald Degler. The City Employees Club gifts were two sets of Angels tickets were won by Kin Kwong and Rizalito Capinpin. The movie tickets and See's Candies certificate winners were: Charmaine Martin, Bradley Jenkins, Timothy Buxton, Oscar Insong, Timothy DeMoss, Jeannette Argentin, Ollie Grays, Charles Parsons, Richard Joe, Matthew Koerber, and Herbert Grageda.

Thank you to the men and women of the S.S. Lane Victory for hosting the reception and keeping the memories of the Merchant Mariners alive. What a great experience for being at work every day!



Group photo of the prize winners with Martin Chavez and Cynthia Ruiz.



Prize winner Todd McElhane, Supervisor Painter, 23 years of City service.



Club Board Member Martin Chavez, 27 years of City service.



Prize winner Jose Guerrero, Maintenance and Labor, 4 years of City service.



Prize winner Shouyu Shao, Materials Testing and Engineering Associate, 20 years of City service.



Ralph Wetterhahn, President of the S.S. Lane Victory Volunteer Association.

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History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



by Hynda Rudd
City Archivist (Retired)
and Club Member

Photos courtesy the Security Pacific and Herald-Examiner collections, Los Angeles Public Library photo archive, Christina Rice, Acting Sr. Librarian.

In the 1878 California charter it was mandated that heads of all City departments turn in an annual report to the City Council. To this day, the mandate continues.

I thought you might find it interesting to read the health officer's report from 1879. The following report was dated Nov. 13, 1879 and signed by Walter Lindley, M.D., Health Officer. Punctuation, grammar and capitalization are left as they were written in the original report.



The City in 1880: The business block on Third Street, between Utah and Oregon (now Santa Monica Boulevard).



Circa 1883: St. Vincent's Hospital in its second building, at Beaudry and Sunset, on a hillside overlooking Sonora Town (now known as the Olvera Street district). The original Los Angeles Infirmary (later to become St. Vincent's Hospital) opened in 1856 in the Sonora Town Adobe.

The Health of 1879

Lindley begins his report with the following statement: "While the city has made favorable progress during the last ten months ... none has the advance been more marked than in its sanitary condition, and in the manner of collecting vital statistics."

He continues:

With special pride to the system of sewerage that your Hon. Body have inaugurated by small pipes. The large sewers that were first used in Los Angeles are being discarded by sanitary engineers the world over. During the year the Temple Street Sewer and the Fort Street Sewer have been constructed to the great advantage of the portion of the city near those streets.

The great need of the city is a sewer on Alameda Street that will drain First, Commercial and Aliso Streets and China Town and the vicinity of the new depot. [The original Chinatown was where Union Station is today, the new depot mentioned above. The old Chinatown had many tunnels underground for various reasons. Nothing is conclusive to the author, but there were rumors of drug dens within the underground passages.] There is a demand for a sewer on Spring Street that I am confident will be completed ... at an early date.

Chinatown

This is the crying sanitary evil of Los Angeles. The Chinese are crowded into a number of old dilapidated buildings in the heart of our city. Their habits of living are filthy in the extreme. Soon after I had the honor

of receiving an appointment from you I attempted to enforce the cubic air law that requires 500 cubic feet for each person in a sleeping apartment. The attempt was ineffectual...because of the prejudice against what is called Chinese persecution.... Death rate is high among them in Los Angeles....even though our mortality report [shows] that the death rate is not excessive.

A Resort for Invalids

The city of Los Angeles has become renowned the world over as resort for invalids ... which behooves us ... for the preservation of the lives of our own families to put in the very best sanitary condition ... we have the health giving sun almost every day of the year ... we have the ocean breeze just tempered by hills and orange groves ... we have the best altitude for health ... we have the most equable temperature in the civilized world, we have in fact everything that God could give us to make this a healthful city [but]As a great portion of our population is composed of elderly people ... there are many deaths of persons who were too much diseased to be benefited [by favorable city conditions and] died very soon after their arrival.

We have been almost free from Scarlet-Fever and Diphtheria during the last year there being but-one death in the city from the former and four from the latter.... [There was a report] issued by the Board of Health urging the people to put their premises in

good condition and giving them directions for the prevention of disease.

Mortality Report of the City of Los Angeles

For the ten months beginning January 1st and ending November 1st 1879, total number of deaths including still births 175. Estimated population 16,000, annual rate per thousand 13.1. Fifty of the deaths in this report occurred in our hospitals.

Report of Births in the City of Los Angeles

For the ten months beginning January 1st and ending November 1st 1879, there were 223 births ... 119 males and 104 females. The above list is incomplete.

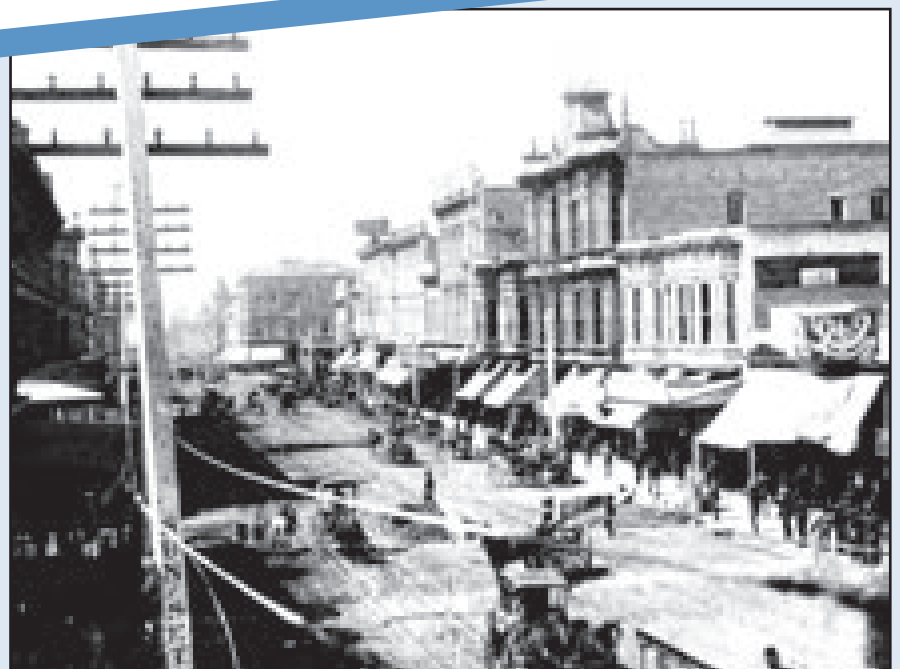
Diseases and Deaths

Category separations are difficult to read in Dr. Lindley's report, so only the illnesses and deaths are being listed when possible to read.

Diseases: Scarletina, Diphtheria, Croup, Whooping Cough, Typhoid Fever, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Cholera, Spinal Meningitis, Syphilis, Alcoholism, Rheumatism, Cancer, Tubercular Meningitis, Epilepsy, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Gastritis, Euteritis, Hepatitis, Bright's Disease. Deaths: Old Age, Teething, Still Born, Burned by Kerosene, Masturbation.



The City in 1880: Men and carriages in front of Louis Roeder's dealership in wagons, carriages, and buggies at Spring and Second Street.



The City in 1880: View of N. Main Street. The cross street in the foreground appears to be Sunset.

PUBLIC WORKS

Hyperion Tees Off For Charity

Treatment plant employees host annual golf tournament.



FIRST-PLACE TEAM

From left: Jordan Siplon, Jim Woosley, Cat Pa, and Ron Mayuyu.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club's Director of Member Services, and Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

Public Works' Hyperion Treatment Plant held a charity golf tournament April 29 at the Rancho Park Golf Course. The tournament raised \$115 that was donated to St. Jude's Hospital for Children for diabetes research.

The members of the first-place team included Jordan Siplon, Jim Woosley, Ron Mayuyu, and Cat Pa. The longest-drive winner was Cat Pa. Closest to pin was Dave Sciavo. Each winner received a watch donated by the City Employees Club. Each individual member on the first-place team also won a \$50 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card donated by American Moving Parts.

The Club thanks Gustavo Luque, who organized the event.



From left: Wayne Watson, Anthony Winston, Earnest Howell, and Jose Vega.



From left: Dennis Flinn, Joe Gardner, Wayne Gaude, and Matt Pioree.



From left: Demetrius Bradley, Mike Gonzales, Ike Gonzales, and Frank Gonzales.



From left: Victor Gonzales, Bob Davila, Pete Zavala, and Chris O'Connor.



From left: Ralph Madrid, Mike Deleon, Anson Solem, and Gus Luque.



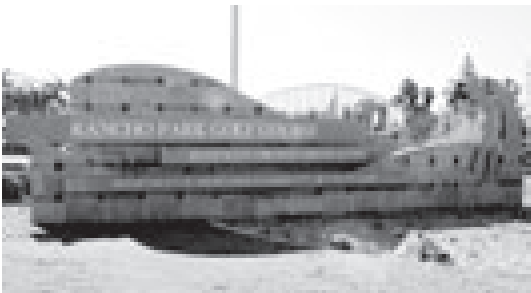
From left: Ray Escobar, Dan Webley, Nacho Cabral, and Bill Wheatherman.



From left: Rafael Torres, Rudy Torres, Pat Uthie, and Brett Leonardo.



From left: Monty Brigues, Luis Nuno, Daniel Lugo, and David Schiavo.



Rancho Park Golf Course.



From left: Harold Momohara, Carlos Maldonado, and Hugo Rujeles.



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DWP

Lori Ledbetter Leaves

Lori retires from DWP after 30 years of City service.



Friends and coworkers wished Lori the best.

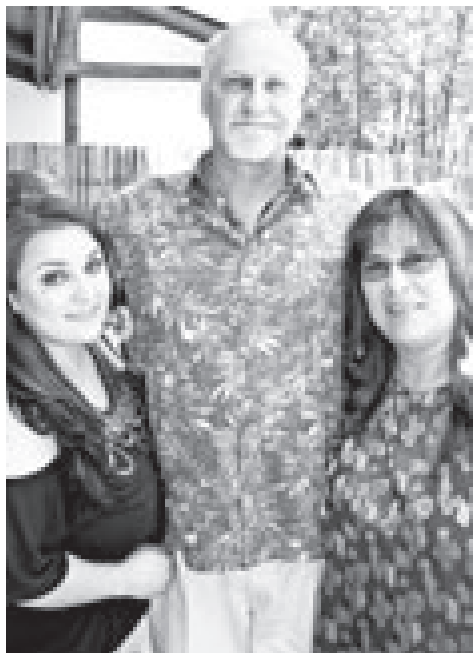


Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Director

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement luncheon June 15 for Lori Ledbetter, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP. Lori retires with 30 years of City service.

The luncheon was held at the Japanese Gardens.

Congratulations from the Club, Lori! Enjoy your retirement.



Retiree Lori Ledbetter (right) with her husband, David, and daughter, Jessica.



From left: Karen Lomeli and Lori Ledbetter.



Al Sosa and Lori Ledbetter, Retiree.



Friends and coworkers wished Lori the best.



Friends and coworkers wished Lori the best.



Lori's retirement cake.



Friends and coworkers wished Lori the best.



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REC AND PARKS

Lotus Festival Blooms Again

Annual festival returns.

The 33rd annual Lotus Festival, co-sponsored by Rec and Parks, is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10, at Echo Park Lake near Dodger Stadium. (Dates coincide with the blooming of the lotus flower.) Admission is free.

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people.

The Lotus Festival develops, promotes and creates an atmosphere of understanding in which Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California are brought together for two days of cultural sharing. The festival also seeks to preserve and enlighten the public with a sampling of distinctly different and unique Asian and Pacific Islander culture and traditions through cultural displays, art, music, dance and food.

Opening ceremonies at noon July 9 begin the celebration of the 33rd Lotus Festival, which includes live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year, the festival will highlight the people and cultures of Thailand.

Asian and Pacific Islander personalities from the media and its communities will act as hosts during this two-day event. Artisans-at-work will be

on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated Flower Island Pavilion. Their artwork illustrates their spirit, tradition and pride of the Asian and Pacific Islander handiwork. This includes: paper-cutting, hand painted scrolls, calligraphy, plant and flower expertise, fish, birds and other Asian artifacts.

The Health Fair will feature educational lectures on holistic fitness. Other services to be provided include: free screenings, health information and referrals.

The Community Services will feature a variety of organizations offering free information, assistance and referrals in areas of employment, social services, immigration, legal services, education, housing and translating.

The boutiques will offer a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander items and gifts for sale including clothing, jewelry, artwork, hand-made crafts, incense, body oils and much more.

The international food booth area will provide a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander cuisine that will feature enticing delicacies and exotic beverages that are traditional to the Asian and Pacific Island Cultures.

Information: www.laparks.org/calendar/lotus/lotus.htm



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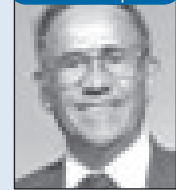
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RLACEI:

Some Might See Reduced Medical Deduction Costs

President, Ed Harding reports:

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

"On June 2, we had a table at LACERS' Health Fair held at the Friendship Hall. Directors Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci, Mary Beetz and I were there answering questions asked by the retirees.

"June 9 was our 33rd annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament, and it was a total success. Golfers left happy, fed and with prizes in hand. Hope to see you next year!

"Seventy-five golfers got up early for a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. There to assist in getting the golfers started were Directors Americo Garza, Mary Beetz, Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci and resource person Alice Walter. Thank you

for getting up early. I was there to 'cheer them up.'

"As usual, Tom Stemmcock and his committee did a great job putting this tournament together. Tom spent \$2,000 for trophies, raffle prizes and furnished a great lunch. Thanks to you and your committee.

"A special thanks to our contributors to our golf tournament. They are: Roslyn Carter-Phillips, CEO/Executive Director of ACEBSA; John Hawkins, CEO of the City Employees Club; and the Credit Union donated 24 boxes of 12 golf balls. John Hawkins and Robert Larios of the Club donated additional door prizes. Other

contributors are John Dowell, Dell Grubbs, Bob Okuda, Tom Stemmcock, and myself.

"Thank you Tom Moutes, General Manager, and Lita Payne, Asst. General Manager, of our Retirement System, who spoke on the current status of our retirement system.

"And finally, thanks to Robert Larios and Angel Gomez of the City Employees Club, and Heidi DeMarco, Editor of El Pueblo, for being there taking pictures for their respective newspapers.

"See you at our annual picnic Aug. 11 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park!"

Legislative Report by Michael Karsch:



Michael Karsch

How Do Public Pension Plans Compare? Criticism of public pension plans rises unabated across the country. But how well do these retirement systems really stand up? Would there be a comprehensive, understandable, and reliable way to know? Increasingly generous payrolls of public employees, increasingly generous pension benefits, sharply rising health benefit costs, greater longevity, etc. all come together to paint a dim picture.

"Boston College's Center for Retirement Research reported in March of this year that most public plans have enough assets to last for at least 15 years (if a given plan were to freeze, how long could its assets pay promised benefits?); under an ongoing framework, "most plans have enough for at least 30 years." The Boston College report noted, however,

that several large pension plans run out of assets in the next 15 years, and called out the plans in Connecticut SERS (Service Employee Retirement System), Illinois SERS, Illinois universities, Kentucky ERS, Louisiana teachers, New York City teachers, and Rhode Island ERS. Note that no California plans were mentioned. However, several California plans were reviewed by the report, but not the City of Los Angeles.

"More recently, the executive director of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) wrote to the *Wall Street Journal* May 23 that the vast majority of plans maintain 'strong funding levels - 75.7 percent on average.' Also, 'an average one-year return' in investments is 13.5 percent, 'with a 20-year average return of 8.2 percent.' "Our LACERS staff advises

that 75.9 percent of liabilities are covered by sufficient assets. Losses in the investment portfolio (as happened in 2008) are carried forward and smoothed over a period of five years, while other plans smooth over seven or 15 years. LACERS is able to spread a loss over fewer years, a testament to good fiscal discipline. And the LACERS portfolio is back up to more than \$10 billion. In the area of post-retirement health benefits, the City of Los Angeles has since 1997 set aside money for retiree health plans, a move that many systems have not done until recently. This foresight over a decade ago reassures me of our safety net.

"There are problems with many pension funds, from insufficient backing of future liabilities to corruption in a few major pension scandals, but our LACERS' looks pretty good!"

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DWP Retirees Association



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Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association

James R. Wilke, **President**
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9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
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Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

RLACEI UPCOMING EVENTS:

Here's a listing of all the RLACEI events, dates and locations for 2011:

- Aug. 11:** Annual picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m.
- Oct. 6:** Annual corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m., meeting 1 p.m.
- Dec. 1:** Holiday party, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles, noon.

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

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.

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The view from Hal's room.

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

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• Hal Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Stemmcock	Ext. 708

Questions: Ext. 0

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DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Tom Stemmcock: Audit
Tom Stemmcock and Phil Skarin: Golf

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Cabo Without Grandkids

■ The libations flow when Hal and Evelyn make their annual trek to Cabo San Lucas.

Part one

It was time for my wife Evelyn's and my annual trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. We didn't take the grandkids this year. Easter vacation was still a month away. This year our two younger grandchildren, Coco and Isabelle, were to go to Italy and Greece with their parents, and the oldest one, Maddie, would be surfing in Hawaii. It's a tough life growing up nowadays.

Effie and Pierre, who normally go to Mexico, had just returned from a trip to India. We invited some friends to use Effie and Pierre's unit, but they had a family emergency, so it was just Evelyn and I. This was to be the first time in many years that Evelyn and I were on vacation on our own, except for our three-week road trip in 2008 to attend my high school reunion.

Our good friend Neil volunteered to drive us to the LAX at 7 a.m. Our flight on Alaska Airlines was scheduled to leave at 9:15 a.m. Alaska Airlines had a computer problem and all flights were delayed for two hours, so we didn't leave until 11:15 a.m.

Our arrival in Cabo was easy; every year there seems to be improvement to the operation of the the airport. We cleared immigrations and customs and were on our way to the Playa Grande Resort in 45 minutes. It would have been sooner but we were waylaid by a timeshare salesperson. Remember to never to stop from after you clear customs until you are outside the terminal, no matter what they say to you or promise.

We got to the resort about 2:30 p.m. Our room was not ready yet, so we had a complimentary margarita.

After we got to the room we unpacked and decided to walk into town and have dinner before stopping at a market to pick up some drinks and snacks for our stay.

We couldn't decide on dinner and went from place to place; each restaurant has a hawk trying to get you to choose their place. Over the years we had heard of a place called Greenberg's in the Marina. We thought it was a deli, but when we looked at the menu we were impressed with the variety. We had a number of small plates, which we shared. It was very good and not terribly expensive; with two drinks and tip the price was about \$55. By the way the exchange rate is \$1 to 11.6 peso. A peso is about 8-plus cents.

After dinner we stopped at the market and spent about \$90 on very little: beer, tequila, margarita mix, Coke, bread, butter, a few limes and cheese and crackers.

We took a taxi back to the resort for \$7.

We woke early the next morning and wanted to exercise, but the facility didn't open until 8 a.m., so we walked on the beach to land's end, near the arch. A lot of people were fishing off the shore. This was the Pacific side and not good for swimming because of the riptides. The weather was great, with a little breeze and a temperature in the mid-70s. The walk took about 40 min-

utes round trip.

That morning we had to attend an owner's update -- another term for trying to sell us more weeks. We got breakfast and a \$55 dinner credit, so it was not too bad. We had a very nice salesperson named Poppy. We did get to see a new resort next door to Playa Granda called the Grand Solar. The tour took about three hours but was very low key; there have been times where we had to fight our way out.

We got down to the pool about 2:30 p.m. This week we could hang by the adult pool. We met two nice couples from Minnesota and had a nice conversation.

Before dinner I made margaritas.

Dinner was at La Pampa, an Argentinean steak restaurant. Without a doubt it served the best steak we had had in a long time. It was an Argentinean skirt steak for two; it was so big we took more than half home. It looked like we were destined to have a steak sandwich for lunch the next day.

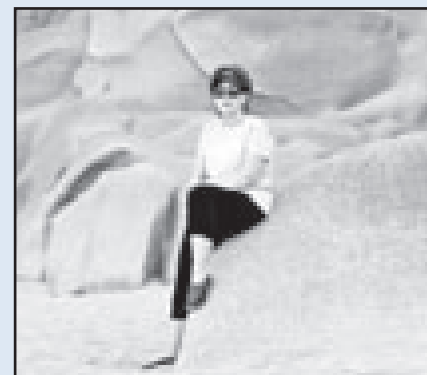
The next morning I was awakened by the noise of the staff setting up for the Mexican festival, scheduled for that night. But it was only 6 a.m. at that point. I complained to the front desk.

We made it to the gym by 8 a.m. and it was crowded, but we managed to get a workout. After a quick breakfast in the room we headed for the pool.

We hung around the adult pool, the pool closest to the ocean, and we saw many



Having breakfast at the Office.



Evelyn at land's end.



Hal and Evelyn happy, with two-for-one beers.



whales heading north very close to shore. It was great fun to watch these huge creatures migrating north.

We had lunch in our room -- steak sandwiches and beer, and then went back to the pool. Around 3 p.m. it started to get cloudy, windy and much cooler.

Our friends from yesterday were going fishing the next day and promised us some tuna if they caught any.

We left the resort about 5 p.m. and walked through the marina. A Norwegian Cruise Line ship was in port. For some time now, cruise ships have been spending two days in Cabo and skipping Mazatlan because of the believed danger to tourists. The ship doesn't stay in port overnight; it cruises at night and returns in the morning.

We walked about two miles, leaving the downtown area looking for a restaurant called the Trailer Park. We found it and considered going there for dinner one night. It had been recommended to us by a couple of people.

So far we had eaten at three new (to us) restaurants, all of which were very good. The best recommendations are from other people.

That night we ate at Maro Shrimp, which was recommended by the group we met by the pool. The place was very busy. It seemed that there can be two restaurants next to each other, with one full and the other empty, and I mean empty. Anyway, Maro has a signature drink called the Bulldog (tequila, lemonade, and beer). The one-person record for most consumed is 18, but I was done at one. We both had grilled shrimp, which was excellent; with tip, the bill was \$55. Maro has no atmosphere and almost no roof. The tables and chairs are mismatched, and it's very causal.

The next morning we decided to walk to the Office to have breakfast, something we do every year. It is located across the marina on Merido beach, the swimming beach in Cabo. By line of sight it is a straight line from our resort, except you would have to swim across the marina. A water taxi is \$3 per person or less if you have good bargaining skills, but we walked. It took about 45 minutes using a shortcut and avoiding the beach. The food and service is always very good. You sit at a table on the sand and get to see all of what is happening on the beach. After breakfast we took the long way back, but stopped in the marina for a beer at the No Worry Bar, which starts happy hour early (it was 11:30 a.m.) where all drinks are two for one. I intended to order just one beer (getting two in the bargain), but somehow we got four, of which I had to drink three. Things could be worse.

I managed to walk back to the resort where I took a little nap, while Evelyn headed for the pool. I joined her after about an hour. I noticed that there seemed to be a lot more people and found out that the resort was selling tickets to cruise ship passengers to use the facilities for the day. I'm going to have to complain.

Before dinner we sat on our balcony and had some cheese and crackers, with a little of the leftover steak. Evelyn enjoyed a glass of wine and I had a margarita.

Dinner was at Romeo and Juliet, an Italian restaurant a short walk from the resort. As resort owners we received a 10-percent discount. The restaurant wasn't very busy, and the service and food were good. For dessert we had Mexican coffee, which has a lot of fire and booze. They mix everything together, light it on fire and pour this streaming fire coffee into a sugar-rimmed glass. It was the best coffee I'd had in a long time.

We were halfway through our trip at that point. I'll finish up next month.

Fire Retirees Lunch

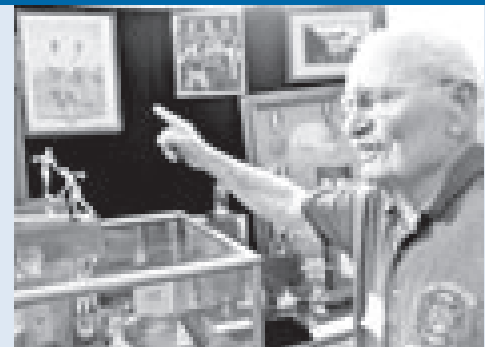
■ About 100 LAFD retirees gather for fun, memories.



From left: Jim Finn, Club Member, President of the LAFD Historical Society, 40 years of City service, with Ted Aquaro next to the Gorter Water Tower. Built in 1905, the tower is powered by solely by gravity and can shoot water up to 65 feet in the air!



From left: Bob Orman, 30 years of City service; Kirk Basore, a.k.a. "Cappy," 35 years; and Rick Watters, 34 years.



George Fischer is a second generation Fire Fighter with 30 years of City service. Here he points to the picture of his father, who had 36 years of service.



From left: Barney Nip, 33 years of City service, with Terry Cooper, 36 years.



From left: Terry Cooper, 36 years of City service, and Bill Finn, 45 years.



Stan Jones and his son, Dory Jones, 35 years of City service, pose after Stan received his award for his 56 years of City service. 56 years!



Jim Finn, President of the LAFD Historical Society, hands over Certificates of Appreciation to both Barney Nip and Kirk "Cappy" Basore.



Story by Cedina Bergstrom and Tanya Edwards, Club Counselors; Photos by Tanya Edwards



LAFD – On June 16, approximately 100 retirees gathered at Old Station 27 in Hollywood to see the outstanding museum, get an update on the current status of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial, reacquire themselves with the history of the Department, and reminisce about the good old days with long-lost buddies and newfound friends.

They enjoyed guided tours, videos, photos and artwork to see, along with displays. The station boasted multiple apparatuses and classic displays illustrating all the amazing events the Department has participated in.

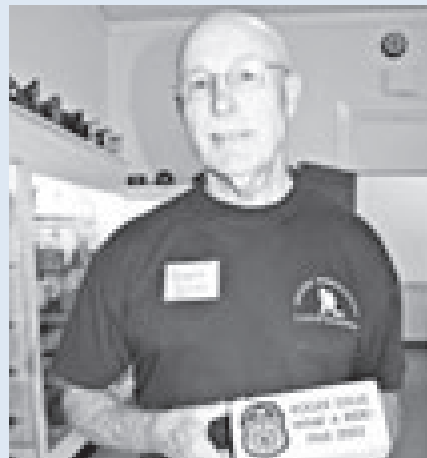
Retirees were honored for their service and participation in the LAFD Historical Society. An awesome lunch was provided and followed by a raffle.



From left: Rodney Kilpatrick, the youngest retiree with 8.5 years of City service; Kirk "Cappy" Basore, 96 years old; and Rick Ortiz, 31 years of service.



Ted Aquaro, Club Member, Director of Operations for the LAFD Historical Society, 21 years of City service, with "Big Bertha."



Roger Gil, 36 years of City service.



Vito "Maggie" "Don Vito" Maggipinto, 87 years old, still plays handball every week. He had 30 years of service, check out his trophies!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*As a wise man once said:
"I shall retire and grow old,
but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn
will be the best."*

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

BY MARY BEETZ

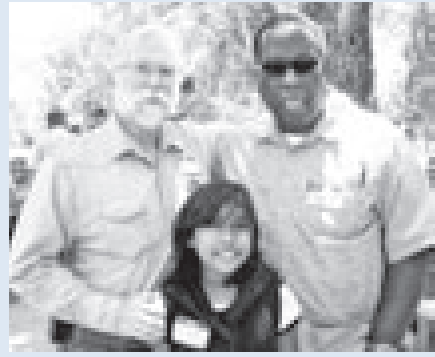
I received an email from **Kenneth L. Smuland**, who states that he was president of the All City Employees Association 50 years ago (1961). Now retired, he looks forward to reading the [RLACEI Retiree news]. Kenneth retired as Director of Public Buildings in 1979 and moved to Palm Desert, Calif. and "after my retirement, I worked as a consultant and vice president of Almar. Almar is a major developer of marinas." He built and managed six marinas, including the marina at Cabo San Lucas. He continues to live in Palm Desert in the Monterey Country Club and loves living there. However, he misses the

contact with many friends he made working for the City. Kenneth, we thank you for your wonderful letter. I am sure the friends you made during your tenure with the City will enjoy reading about your life after retirement.

IF YOU ARE A RETIREE AND HAVE NEWS OR INTERESTING UPDATES ABOUT YOURSELF OR OTHER RETIREES, please send them to me at mbeetz4841@aol.com, or call the toll-free number, (800) 678-4145, ext. 711. We enjoy hearing from you, and I am sure so will the friends you made while working with the City.



From left: Ralph Salcido, Virgil Coleman, and Mickey Walker.



From left: John Pulskamp, Alana Pulskamp-Lewis, and Charles Martin.



From left: Carroll Ritchie, Venest Henry-Evans, Joanne Wolf, and Michael Poizner.



Back row, from left: Lorenzo Moore and Evla Moore. Front: Peg Romano and Dale Litzsinger.



From left: Linda Nolan, Ron Ferrara, and Mary Nolan.



From left: Johnetha Smith, Allena Washington, and Delma Williams.



From left: Jill Kerrigan, Larry Kerrigan, and Cliff Thorsell.

It's a Picnic for DWP Retirees

■ Retirees Assn. hosts annual get-together.

Story by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations; Photos by Eboné Moses and Tanya Edwards, Club Counselors



DWP – The DWP Retirees Assn., under the strong direction of Dolores Foley, held its 58th annual summer picnic June 4.

The picnic was held at Whittier Narrows at the Meadows in Whittier.

The Club thanks the leaders of the Retirees Assn. for inviting us to such a fun annual event.



Back row, from left: Nathaniel Lindsay and Thomas McDaniels. Front: Ernest Carter, Fred McDaniels, and Louis Carter.



From left: Marsha Edenbum, Mark Edenbum, Barry Katzen, Aviva Raskin, Maurice Pinto, and Rochelle Pinto.



From left: Sonny Burnett, James Brown Jr., and James Brown.



From left: Al Stratton, Patti Stratton, Ruth Barney, and Neil Barney.



From left: Suzy Olivas, Ruben Medina, Patricia Valdez, and Ken Medina.



From left: Margaret Williams, Gertha Lindsay, Dorothy Lindsay, and Hannah Childs.

LACERS Update by Mary Beetz:



Mary Beetz

"LACERS Wellness Workshop: Understanding Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: Dementia is a condition that involves the loss of mental functions affecting your daily living. These include thinking, reasoning, and memory. It is estimated that dementia affects five to eight percent of seniors over age 65 and more than half of the population over age 80. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia.

"LACERS invites you to attend its Wellness Workshop on 'Understanding Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease,' where you can learn more about this condition and what kind of support your LACERS health plans offer. The workshop is being held at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 at Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027.

"LACERS' staff and health plan representatives will be available to answer your questions. Refreshments and free parking is provided, as well as prize drawings and carrier giveaways.

"This event is by reservation only for LACERS Retired Members and one guest. Reservations will be accepted beginning Wed., Aug. 3, by calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or (888) 349-3996 TDD, Monday

– Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Email and voice-mail messages will not be accepted.

"Temporary Reduction in Medical Premium Deductions: Beginning in July 2011, eligible members enrolled in LACERS medical plans may see temporary reductions in monthly medical plan premium deductions as a result of LACERS participation in the federal Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP).

"The ERRP was created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to assist organizations like LACERS in maintaining coverage for early retirees by reimbursing a portion of eligible early retiree medical claims. Money received by LACERS from the program must be used to reduce retiree medical plan cost increases.

"As a result, you may see a reduction in your premium deduction if you meet all the following conditions as of July 2011: You are enrolled in a LACERS medical plan; you are paying a LACERS monthly medical premium deduction; and your monthly medical premium deduction increased from 2010 to 2011.

"The reduction in your premium deduction, if any, is reflected in the 'Adjustments' section of your retirement allowance check or direct deposit slip.

"You will not see a reduction in your premium deduction if you meet any of the following conditions as of July 2011: You are enrolled in the LACERS Medical Premium Reimbursement Program; your LACERS medical subsidy covers the cost of your medical plan and you do not have a monthly deduction; and your monthly medical premium deduction did not increase from 2010 to 2011.

"Note: This reduction of your premium deduction is temporary. Once the ERRP reimbursement funds have been exhausted, Retired members who received the reductions will resume paying the full amount of their medical premium deductions. However, based on the availability of funds by the ERRP, these reductions in premium deductions may be made intermittently.

"For more information, please contact LACERS: (800) 799-8328.

Golf Results: Here are the official results from the 33rd annual RLACEI golf tournament, held June 10.

■ Member, Men, Low Gross (trophy): Mike Stawicki, 77

■ Member, Men, Low Net (trophy): Ed Anderson, 72

■ Member, Ladies, Low Net (trophy): Alison Taylor, 77

■ Guest, Men, Low Gross (trophy): Diane Newman, 78.5

■ Guest, Men, Low Net (trophy): Jim Olney, 78

■ Member, Men, Second Low Net (trophy): Will Rice, 72

■ Member, Men, Second Low Net (trophy): Gerry Takaki, 72

■ All Golfers, Low Gross, Front 9 (\$50 gift certificate): Andy Pollard, 39

■ All Golfers, Low Gross, Back 9 (\$50 gift certificate): Paul Andrews, 39

■ Closest to the Pin (3 golf balls each): Hole 7, Mason Beastram; Hole 8, Gerry Takaki; Hole 11, Richard Talles; Hole 13, John Vacca; Hole 15, Dennis Vander Hook.

■ Longest Drive, Hole 2 and 12 (3 golf balls each): Men #2, David Schiavo, Men #12, Vester Pittman. Ladies #12, Gloria Vargas.

■ High Gross, Men (3 golf balls): Larry Miller, 106

■ High Gross, Ladies (3 golf balls): Gloria Vargas, 118.



From left: George Walker, Oliver Cunningham, Billy Johnson, and Emmett Pouncil.



From left: Larry Miller, Jim Olney, and Gloria Vargas.



From left: Ed Itagaki, Mason Beastron, Gerry Jesse, and the Rev. Al Tsuyuki.



From left: Earl Gales, Charles Clement, Ed Gales, and Flemon Miller.



From left: Michael Stawicki, Richard Flores, Robert Gomez, and Charley Magdaleno.



From left: J.R. Gomez and Michael Koppenhaver.



From left: Ben Aguilar, Will Rice, John Meli, and Phil Skarin.



From left: Dominic Rescineo, Errol Tate, Ralph Gutierrez, and Dan Dodd.



From left: Fred Ige, Diane Newman, Richard Cooper, and Guy Leacher.

Retirees Golf Tourney

■ Good golf, good friends at RLACEI tournament.

Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director



RLACEI – The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) retirees group held its annual summer golf tournament June 9.

The tournament was held, as it has been in previous years, at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course.

The Club provided attendance prizes for the tournament.

Thanks to Ed Harding and all at the RLACEI for inviting the Club to the always-popular and -fun event.



From left: Frank Allen, Alison Taylor, Jerry Lisieki, and Paul Andrews.



From left: Ed Anderson, Andy Polland, A.J. Carter, and Vester Pittman.



From left: Darrel Hans, Sam Furuta, Gerry Takaki, and Glen Nave.



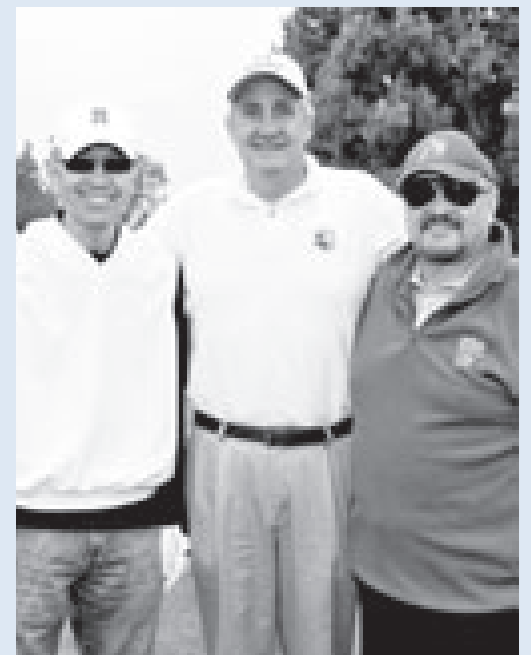
From left: Bob Rogers, Steve Jimenez, Tom Stemnock, and Gary Mattingly.



From left: Richard Telles, Greg Telles, Ray Reyes, and Mike Reyes.



Tournament winners (from left): Mike Stawicki, Ed Anderson, Gerry Takaki, Alison Taylor, Diane Newman, Will Rice, Andy Polland, and Paul Andrews.



From left: Phil Kaainoa, Mike Lee, and Richard Sanchez.



From left: Ray Jantz, Jeff Jantz, Bernard Anderson, and Richard Hovious.



From left: Gail Draper, Jim Hamilton, Dan Koenig, and John Vacca.



From left: Michael Cordova, Carlos Herrera, and Bernard Spears.



From left: Dennis Vanderhook, Gil Garnas, Frank Martinez, and Judy Vanderhook.

LAFD

Golf, and Remembrance

LAFD Historical Society hosts golf tournament to raise funds for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.



Terry and Lyn Callison. Lyn's father, James Hassan, was a Fireman on Engine 27 and was killed in 1958.



From left: Mike Kanne, guest, with Bill Bamattre, Retired, Fire Chief, 32 years of City service.



From left: Sev Aszkenazy, guest; Mike Reagan, Retired Batt. Chief, 42 years of City service; Albert Gonzalez, guest; and Sam Garcia, Retired, 33 years.



From left: Mark Economou with Anthony Saccaro, Silver Sponsor, Senior Benefits.



From left: George Colman with Steve Norris, Retired, 33 years of City service.



From left: Rick Garcia, Retired, 33 years; and Emilio Orozco, LADP Retired, 40 years of City service; Club Member.



From left: Ted Nonini, 28 years of City service; Mark Zizi, 1 year; Ryan Chance, 10 years; and Joe Castro, Batt. Chief 5, C Platoon, 33 years.



Jeff & Christine Simon. Jeff works at FS 107 and has 34 years of City service.



From left: Linda Carabelo, Pinup Golf; Kevin Wright, Wells Fargo; Rick Shortle, FS 38, 10 years of City service; Dustin Barnes, FS 15, 5 years, Paul Schori, FS 88, 22 years; and Jennifer Pennington.



Happy 60th anniversary to Lee and Marry Keblor, Club Members. Still going strong!



From left: Mike Dodd, Retired, 34 years of City service; Larry Metz, Retired, 36 years; and Pete Engle, Retired, Los Angeles Firemen's Credit Union Board of Directors.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

On June 20, the LAFD Historical Society hosted a golf tournament to raise funds for the continued development of the Historical Society's Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The tournament was held at the Porter Valley Country Club.

The proceeds from this tournament will allow the society to complete, improve, and maintain the memorial. The importance of maintaining this memorial was made painfully clear this year with the loss of Firefighter/Paramedic Glenn L. Allen. The memorial provides a place for family and friends to gather and reflect on their loved ones.

Participants included active/retired Firefighters, their guests (family, friends, clients, etc), and people from other departments including the DWP and the LAPD. Everyone checked in at 7 a.m. for the putting contest, open-range practice, and a Continental breakfast. Opening ceremonies commenced at 8:45 a.m. with a welcome by Batt. Chief Steve Ruda, followed by the Presentation of Colors, the Pledge Allegiance, a moment of silence for the Fallen Firefighters, and remarks by a few people. Teams of four competed on the 18-hole course during a beautiful warm southern California day.

Congratulations on a fun and meaningful event!



From left: Dale Gant, Retired, 35 years of City service; and Steve Schultz, Retired, 33 years.



From left: David Smith, Executive Director, LAFRA; Greg Gibson, Batt. Chief, Station 1, 34 years of City service; John Jacobsen, LAFRA; and Barry Headberg, Retired, 38 years.



From left: Victor Khachatourian, FS 55, 25 years of City service; John Hendricks, Retired, 21 years, Club Member; and guests Bob Morles and Fred McNeely.



From left: Rick Ortiz, Retired, 31 years of City service; Dean Cathy, Retired, 33 years; Bob Olsen, Retired, 32 years; and David Privett, guest.



From left: Trevor Cooper, FS 27, 17 years of City service; Tim Wuerfel, FS 38, 22 years; Jared Cooper, FS 92, 11 years; and Terry Cooper, Retired, 36 years.



From left: Chris Bustamante, FS 64, 17 years of City service; and Carlos Gonzalez, LAPD, 19 years, Club Member.



The Pinup Golf Gals and the Cooper family.



From left: Ray Espinosa, LAPD, 30 years of City service, with attorneys Tom Wickey, Bob Sherman, and Lee Gold.



From left: Jake Johanson, FS 95, 25 years of City service; and Eric Dillion, FS 15, 25 years.



From left: Don Manning, 39 years of City service; Steve Manning, attorney; Terry Manning, Retired, 33 years; and Tim Manning, Retired, 33 years.



From left: Guests Gus Randon and Jerry Samaniego.



From left: Cory Freeberg, Chris Sevier, Brian Ragsdale and Jeff Keblor.



From left: Richard Pasqua, sponsor from Cassidian Corp.; Hal Dash, sponsor from Cerrell Assoc.; and Jeff Jantz, Commanding Officer, LAPD ITD, 27 years of City service.

REC AND PARKS

Happy Birthday, Phineas

Banning Museum to host big-band concert.



The historic Banning Museum.

The Friends of Banning Museum welcomes the Fabulous Esquires Big Band, who will perform on the front porch of the historic Banning Museum Aug. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Fabulous Esquires Big Band, which was started in 1958, is a 17-piece swing band with two vocalists.

The third annual Phineas Banning Birthday Concert celebration commemorates the birthday of Phineas Banning, who played a key role in developing the world-renowned Port of Los Angeles. Concert including dinner, desert, dancing and dance lessons with a professional, wine, reserved seating and VIP gated parking is \$75. Concert-only tickets, including dance lessons and dessert, bring-your-own dinner, blanket or chair and enjoy a picnic inside the gates on the front lawn of the historic Banning Museum is \$25. Swing dance attire not required but admired. Photos from last years' birthday celebration may be viewed on our Website, www.thebanningmuseum.org under "Event Photos."

The Banning Museum is at 401 East "M" St. in Wilmington. For more information, call (310) 548-2005 or visit www.esquires.org for more information about the band.

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

REC AND PARKS

New Banning Exhibit

The Banning Museum to hold grand opening celebration for new exhibition on transportation.

Friends of Banning Museum will unveil the new permanent exhibition, *Improbable Gateway: The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy*, Aug. 20 with a festive grand opening celebration. The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Banning Museum, 401 East "M" St., Wilmington.

In addition to complimentary tours of the museum and exhibition, families will enjoy a fun-filled afternoon featuring: free hot dog BBQ lunch served by United Firefighters of Los Angeles City Local 112, children's craft project, Victorian musical entertainment and reenactment performers, historic roses lecture, interactive miniature train display, children's Plein Air art show, and a special exhibit on the historic Red Cars of Los Angeles. Also scheduled to appear is the Wells Fargo Stagecoach.

Guests will be among the very first to see *Improbable Gateway: The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy*. Artifacts, photos, models, interactive features and narrative depict the development of

staging and freighting lines, railroads and a deep-water harbor in Los Angeles. Museum Director Michael Sanborn says, "This is a remarkable story of how the entrepreneurial spirit, perseverance and vision of pioneering individuals like Phineas Banning helped Los Angeles end her geographic isolation and become a center of commerce and influence." Visitors will also enjoy visiting the Harlyne and Kenneth Norris Visitor Center, the Harlyne and Kenneth Norris Museum Shop, and the beautiful Howard Rose Garden's "garden-within-a-garden" featuring antique roses of the Victorian era.

For more details about this event or The Banning Museum, contact Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005. Information on the Museum can also be found at www.thebanningmuseum.org.

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Friends of Banning Museum and the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks present the

Grand Opening of the New Exhibition

Improbable Gateway

The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy
Saturday, August 20, 2011, Noon - 4:00 p.m.
At The Banning Museum

Join us for a FREE, fun-filled afternoon, with:

- Tours of the Museum and the new exhibition
- Hot dog BBQ lunch
- Craft project for children
- Musical entertainment
- Interactive miniature train display
- Children's Plein Air art show
- Special exhibit on historic Red Cars of Los Angeles
- Historic roses lecture

• And scheduled to appear, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach!

Can an exhibition be educational and fun?
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Improbable Gateway: The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy is all about trails, rails and sails - the stagecoaches, railroads and deep-water harbor that helped connect Los Angeles to the rest of the country and make her what she is today!

For more information, call 310-548-2005 or visit www.thebanningmuseum.org
401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744

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What's Not Covered In Homeowner Policy

This sure has been the year for disasters! With an earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand; a tsunami in Japan; a tornado in Joplin; flooding; forest fires; and oppressive heat, it really makes you wonder what might hit Los Angeles. Many people might be wondering that, if any of these disasters hit us, will their homeowner's policy cover them? Oddly enough, with insurance it's often easier to talk about what things are *not* covered, as opposed to the ones that are.

Standard homeowner's policies generally cover a wide range of potential disasters, from tornadoes and windstorms to fire and lightning strikes. The most common things covered are fire, smoke damage, damage caused by vehicles, vandalism, theft, and... *ah...* accidental discharge from the plumbing.

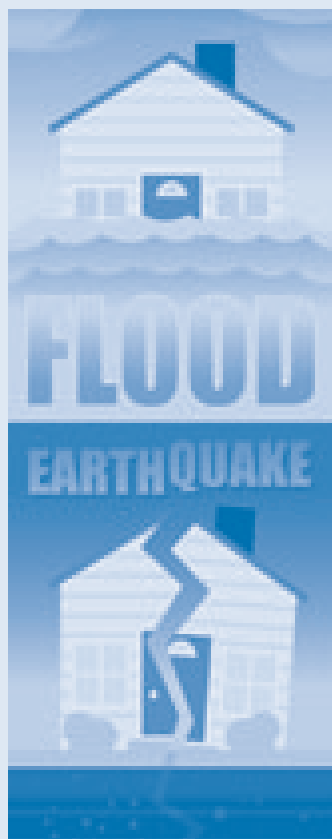
A standard homeowner's policy covers you for all perils except:

- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Wars
- Nuclear accidents
- Landslides
- Mudslides
- Sinkholes.

The most common disasters that are not covered are:

Floods

Flood damage is excluded under standard homeowner's and renter's insurance policies. Flood coverage, however, is available in the form of a separate policy both from the National Flood Insurance Program, and from a few private insurance companies.



You can get replacement cost coverage for the structure of your home, but only actual cash value coverage is available for your possessions. There may also be limits on coverage for furniture and other possessions stored in your basement.

Flood insurance is available for renters as well as homeowners. You will need flood insurance if you live in a designated flood zone. But also consider buying it if your house could be flooded by an overflowing creek or water running down a steep hill. Don't wait until the evening news announces a flood season warning to buy a policy. There is a 30-day waiting period before federal flood coverage takes effect.

Earthquakes

Earthquake coverage can be a separate policy or an endorsement to your homeowner's or renter's policy. It's available from most insurance companies. In California, it is also available from the California Earthquake Authority. In earthquake-prone states like California, the policy comes with a high deductible.

Most people don't know that your homeowner's policy also does not cover maintenance damage. It is your responsibility to take reasonable precautions to protect your home from damage. Your insurance policy will not cover damage due to lack of maintenance, mold, termite infestation and infestation from other pests.

Be safe and have fun!

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PUBLIC WORKS

West Valley Stories

At the West Valley Sanitation Open House, there are stories to be told.

Story by William Reese, Public Works, Club Member; Photos courtesy Public Works

When the West Valley Sanitation Yard held its annual Open House, there were stories to tell. First, the open houses grow more popular every year. More than 2,000 people attended this year's event, compared to 218 the first year, 2005. Sanitation thanks all of the drivers, clerical staff and their family members for volunteering for the event.



The Suit Fits

As part of the day's festivities, the Yard raffles a very small recycling uniform. This year, it was won by neighbor Sherry and her son, Matson, 4. They told me they had so much fun at last year's open house that they continually checked the

Website for this year's date. The uniform they won was just the right size for Matson, who posed for a photo with our Sanitation mascots, Mr. Recycle and the clean L.A. Octopus.

Young at Heart

Another story is about David, 29, who came to the open house; he showed me some pictures of himself when he was 13 next to one of our retired drivers. He was standing next to early 1990 Peterbilt residential front



loader and rear-loading trucks. These were taken while the driver was in the field collecting at David's house. This "kid at heart" never lost his interest in trash trucks, now referred to as refuse collection vehicles.



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PUBLIC WORKS

South Sanitation Open House

South Yard has new venue for annual open house.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

Public Works/Sanitation's South Sanitation Yard held its annual open house June 11. This was the first year the South Yard Open House was held at the Expo Center.

Between 800 and 1,000 people from the community were expected to visit the open house. The slightly rainy weather did not stop the many families that showed up from enjoying the free lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers as well as the entertainment of two DJs, including one from Radio Disney.

The event emphasized Sanitation's recycling program. Sanitation gave away trees and mulch.



From left: Paul Blount, Club Member, and Paul LeBel.



From left: Robert Hadnot, Seth, and the Club's Noelle Kauffman in front of an animal collector truck.



From left: Russell Zamora; his daughter, Keilani; and his girlfriend, Lety.



From left: Paul Harley, Turner Johnson, and Wayne Watson.



Sal Miranda and Adriana Nunez.



From left: The Club's Noelle Kauffman with Khalil Gharios.



Eddie Scott.



From left: The Club's Noelle Kauffman with Miguel Chavez in front of a bulky item garbage truck.



Kelvin Cowboy Jackson grills up some hamburgers.



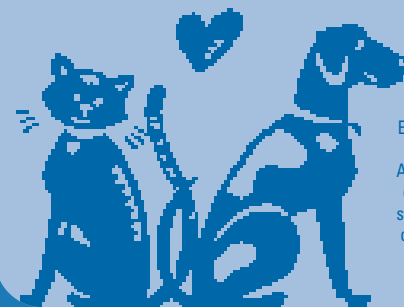
A recycling truck in action.



From left: The Club's Noelle Kauffman, Adrian Tornero, and Lamont Hayes in front of a recycling truck that holds up to nine tons!

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:

pinky

Pinky is a spayed female, black and white cocker spaniel mix. She is about five years old but acts like a puppy. This very sweet, people-and-dog-friendly girl is a great dog for any family!

ID #A0758020: North Central Animal Care Shelter.



shiloh

Shiloh is a seven-month-old neutered male brown miniature pinscher mix. He is just 10 pounds and will stay about the same size. This pup is a smart one and loves playtime and learning new tricks!

ID #A1189166: North Central Animal Care Shelter.



cookie

Cookie is a seven-year-old neutered male nine-pound white Maltese mix. He may be approaching his senior years, but he sure has a lot of spunk!

ID #A1206566: North Central Animal Care Shelter.



wilfred

Wilfred is a two-year-old male white and brown 11-pound terrier mix. He is a little shy but a very sweet dog. He is looking for a quiet home where he can be the center of attention.

ID #A1217240: North Central Animal Care Shelter.



lady

Lady is a spayed female three-year-old 96-pound red golden retriever/chow chow mix. She is extremely dog- and people-friendly and would make a great loveable companion for any family!

ID #A1217365: North Central Animal Care Shelter.



Meet your new hope coordinator!



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

Planning to adopt more than one cat this summer? Adopt two cats, and the Found Animals Foundation will pay the cat adoption fee for your second cat as part of the Cat Days of Summer! For more information, go to: www.laanimalservices.com

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

Jonathan Benet
Tracy Bradley
Stephen Goff
Frank Koehler
Carley Oliver
Tamara Waters
Bryan Wilcox

City Clerk

Ricky Ng
Daniel Picazo
Daniel Sanchez

General Services

Enriqueta Aubidrez
Paul Ramirez
Hugo Sanchez

Library

Ricardo Rodriguez

Mayor's Office

Erika Estrada

LAPD

Leo Alzaga
Lyle Barnes
Danny Chau
Jose Delgado
Nicole Evans
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David Marroquin
Lizabett Mesa
Jackie Orellana
Kevin Rogan
Ralph Sanchez
Francisco Zaragoza

PUBLIC WORKS

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Marba Chang
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Gloria Vazquez

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David Packer
Joseph Peralta
Mark Perez
Michele Posey
Eric Roberts
Angelia Roberts
Kent Schumann
Maria Silva
Walter Smith
Frank Spencer
James Surovik
Brandt Tarumoto
Isaac Tasinga
Sumina Tasmin
Robert Taylor

Don Turner

Jose Valladarez
Bill Wages
Michael Watkins
Other
James Benton
Norine Carrier-Rousseau
Honorio Diaz
Tanya Edwards
Ricardo Gonzalez
Avis Harris
Todd Holden
Scott McEwen
Michele Miller
James Moreno
Stevie Renfro
Debra Tyrie

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,

Adams, Janice, Airports, 2
Gant, Cynthia, Rec and Parks, 4
Hoff, April, LAPD, 15
Lemons, Maria, Rec and Parks, 10
Johnson-Osborne, Randi, DWP, 12
Tucker, Kenneth, Rec and Parks, 2

Retired

Adauto, Robert, Rec and Parks, 20
Allsworth, Dorothy, DWP, 26
Baiza, David, DWP, 25
Battle, James, General Services, 22
Bickham, Charles, Controller, 21
Bishop, Edward, DWP, 32
Buelna, Charles, DWP, 28
Burke, Joan, LAPD, 20

Byas, Willie, Airports, 27
Cartwright, Kenneth, DWP, 29
Chambers, Kenneth, General Services, 29
Corpin, Jose, DWP, 19
Dartas, Alex, DWP, 23
Dayco, Carmelita Sacdalan, CDD, 9
De Anda, Louis, DWP, 30
Douglas, Herman, General Services, 31
Feuer, Henry, DWP, 30
Garner, Terrell, DWP, 25
Gilbert, James, Rec and Parks, 38
Gould, James, Transportation, 17
Hofmeister, Frank, Public Works, 10
Horton, Henderson, LAPD, 13
Hough, Hazel, DWP, 20

Howell, Ralph, DWP, 31
Hunsicker, Jane, City Attorney's Office, 33
Jensen, Garth, City Clerk, 38
Kasperson, Kenneth, DWP, 34
Kaye, Gertrude, Planning, 17
Kottwitz, Theodore, Public Works, 31
Kramer, Alex, DWP, 23
Lawrence, James, DWP, 26
Macchia, John, DWP, 25
Marshall, Eldon, DWP, 37
Marshall, Vernon, DWP, 39
McDade, Frank, Public Works, 19
O'Brien, William, DWP, 25
Peery, Wilbert, DWP, 33
Petersen, Dorotha, Library, 15

Preston, John, DWP, 17
Roller, Leo, DWP, 20
Rosen, Blanche, Library, 23
Ross, Bonnie, LAPD, 14
Salazar, Ernest, Administration, 40
Schwarz, Helen, Library, 23
Seflin, Richard, Building and Safety, 25
Silvey, Darrell, DWP, 30
Sipes, Alden, General Services, 33
Solis, Joe, DWP, 28
Taylor, Willie, Airports, 32
Varga, Alex, Public Works, 28
Walsh, Richard, Convention Center, 28
Whitlock, Friend, Public Works, 21
Wiener, Bernard, DWP, 27

Weddings

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Quinceañera

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Peace of Mind

Open Enrollment Last Chance For Group Term Life (DWP)

BY TIFFANY SY

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



If you are a City Employees Club member and actively employed with DWP, this is the last month to enroll in our Open Enrollment for Group Term Life Insurance and receive a guaranteed benefit of \$50,000 for you and your spouse. To qualify, you and/or your spouse must be 50 years of age or younger; you also must have never applied, cancelled, withdrawn, or been declined through U.S. Life Insurance to qualify for Open Enrollment.

If you already have Life Insurance with the

Club and your current benefit does not exceed \$200,000, you have until the end of August to apply for an increase up to \$50,000 benefit (cannot exceed \$200,000). Please update your current address with the Club to ensure delivery in the mail. If you haven't received your application yet, please contact your Club counselor.

Our group Term Life Insurance is portable upon retirement or if you leave the City. It also offers an annual refund check to plan partici-

pants. The way this works is simple. In a fiscal year, whatever is leftover in premium dollars after paying out death benefits and administrative costs is given back to our members with life insurance.

Rates correspond to your age and are group-rated. The advantage of group rating offers our members competitive rates.

If you need more than \$50,000 of life insurance, you can apply up to \$300,000 (increments of \$10,000) for you and your

spouse. You can also add dependent coverage.

Remember, we haven't held Open Enrollment in more than 12 years, and it won't be back next year or the following.

So sign up today!

For City of LA employees (non-DWP), your Open Enrollment opportunity will begin in August.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com





Graduations

Congratulations!



Matthew D. Carter-Lofton graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a bachelor's degree in commutations. He has plans of becoming a sports announcer, with a backup plan of becoming an FBI agent. He graduated as a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. His mother is Rondee Carter-St. Ange, Sr. Property Officer, LAPD.



Zachary William Forbes graduated from Quartz Hill High School. Future plans are to get a job in landscaping or mechanical work. He is also a new Eagle Scout and plans to continue helping with the Boy Scouting program and volunteering in the community. Dad is William P. Forbes, General Services/Fleet Services.



Samantha Jew graduated from Schurr High School. She will attend UCLA this September with an undeclared major. Her mother is Stelia Jew, LAPD and Club Member since 2005.



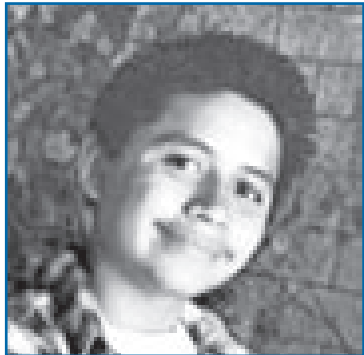
Brittani Mo'net White graduated from Palisades Charter High School and plans to attend Marymount College in Palos Verdes. Her father is Damon L. Dove, DWP.



Hannah Johnson graduated from Sherman Oaks Elementary School. She plans to attend the Performing Arts Academy for middle school. She's the daughter of Barbara Johnson, DWP.

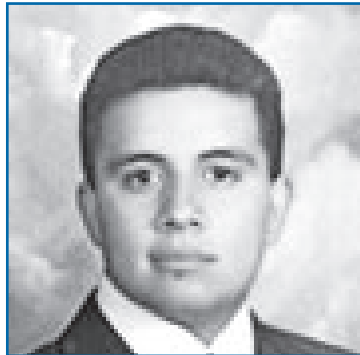


Tatiana Aracely Torres graduated from Mayberry Street Elementary School and plans to attend King Middle School's Environmental Magnet Program this fall. Father is Eleno "Al" Torres, Airports/Airfield Bus Operations (LAX).

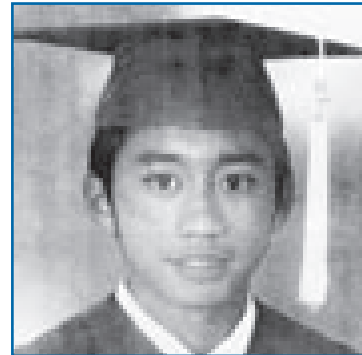


Matthew Juarez graduated from Lake Center Middle School in Santa Fe Springs. He plans to attend Santa Fe High School and has been accepted into Santa Fe High School's Drumline.

Their father is Sgt. Jose A. Juarez, DWP/Security Services Division.

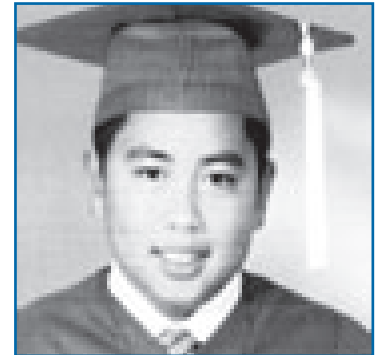


Adrian Juarez graduated from Santa Fe High School and plans to attend Cal State Los Angeles, majoring in forensic science.



Ryan F. Ramirez graduated from Loyola High School and intends to become a nurse.

Their mother is Grace F. Ramirez, Public Works/Engineering.



Joshua F. Ramirez graduated from Holy Family Grade School. He wants to be a successful veterinarian.

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



Stephanie Winger graduated from San Francisco State University with a bachelor's

degree in communication studies. She received an associate's degree from COC in Valencia in 2009 and transferred to SFSU as a junior. At that time, she received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Club, which greatly helped pay her educational expenses. She was a member of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and Improv Nation at SFSU. She is presently seeking full-time employment and would love to work in the entertainment industry. She intends to work full-time and continue her education to pursue a master's degree. Mom is Debbie Winger, DWP.

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

Births



Jake Mastrolia, born May 3 to Tony and Kristie Mastrolia. Tony is a Sr. Heavy Duty Mechanic, LAFD.

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Special Achievements

The Club sends its deep congratulations to Milton and Gale Tate, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 12. Milton works for the DWP.

"With God as the center of our lives, we lean and depend on Him for strength and guidance. Marriage is wonderful, and our love is strong because of God smiling on us."



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



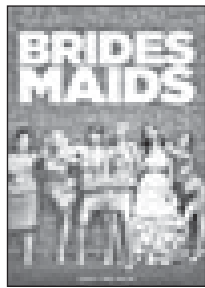
Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Anderson, Lawrence	Security Officer	Airports	21	Haney, Paul	Dep. Gen. Manager II	Airports	7	Nichols, Brenda	Messenger Clerk	General Services	23
Barnes, David	Construction Inspector	Public Works	19	Helms, Karen	Management Analyst II	LAFD	32	Pestanas, Alex	Correctional Nurse III	Personnel	8
Brown, Allan	Hvy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	27	Ho, Susan	Accounting Clerk II	Aging	33	Renteria, Luis	Maintenance Laborer	Harbor	22
Burns, John	Comm. Electrician	ITA	11	Kelly, Patrick	Plumbing Inspector	Building & Safety	10	Traylor, Jimmy	Street Services Supt. II	Public Works	25
Cooper, Donna	Library Asst. II	Library	18	Kindom, Rolando	Envr. Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	20	Villanueva, Rodolfo	Systems Progr. III	ITA	33
Davenport, Diane	Legal Clerk	City Attor. Office	29	Lawrence, Marian	Asst. Dir. Econ. Dev. Off.	Mayor's Office	11	Waters, Robert	Welder	General Services	27
Eatmon, Thomas	Wstew. Treat. Mech. II	Public Works	28	Loomis, Warren	Supv. Criminalist	LAPD	37	Ward, Gary	Property Officer	LAPD	13
Frances, Gilbert	Welder	Public Works	25	Munoz, Robert	Mech. Repairer II	Public Works	26	Wong, Arthur	Sr. Structural Engineer	Building & Safety	27
Gamero, Jorge	Delivery Driver II	Rec and Parks	3	Myers, Cynthia	Custodian	General Services	28	Zerrudo, Michel	Wstew. Coll. Worker II	Public Works	11
Gutierrez, Raymond	Gardener Caretaker	Public Works	18	Nash, David	Detention Officer	LAPD	17				

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**Bridesmaids**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Annie's life (Kirstin Wiig) is spinning out of control: She's broke and lovelorn, but has agreed to put aside her humiliation and be the maid of honor at her best friend's (Maya Rudolph) wedding.

Bridesmaids is a comedy from the Judd Apatow-gross-out film factory (*The Hangover*, *Knocked Up*), that is both slapstick and touching. Particularly notable is Melissa McCarthy (Megan), the odd-ball friend whose bachelorette-party antics are comic genius. Yes, this is considered a chick-flick-comedy, but I think anyone who enjoys the current style of funny films (and is not easily offended) will truly have a good time. I did.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Bridesmaids**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Since I did not recognize anyone in the promo, I had no plans to see this movie. But with word of mouth and great reviews, I ended up going with a friend, who actually had already seen it and wanted to see it again.

I enjoyed this romantic comedy and busted out laughing many times. I really enjoyed my new favorite, Melissa McCarthy, from TV's *Mike and Molly*, who gave one helluva funny performance. I really did not recognize her in the promo (I guess makeup does wonders for some people). I am glad I went, and I do recommend the movie.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Bridesmaids**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

My friends raved so much about this movie that I finally dragged my husband to go see it with me. And am I glad this movie did not disappoint. I haven't seen a movie that made me laugh as hard as this film did. I loved everything about *Bridesmaids*. The main elements of the movie are familiar enough: the wacky characters, gross-out scenes, Las Vegas, and, of course, a wedding. But there are scenes in the movie that not only are hilarious, they ring true as well. I highly, highly recommend this movie... and so does my husband.

- Marilou Romney, LAPD

**The Hangover Part II**

Rated R

My Score: 0 (out of 5)

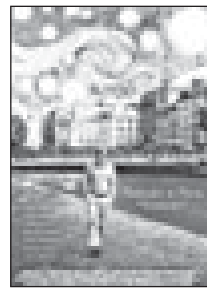
The original *Hangover* film was hysterical (yes, in my estimation), so I was really looking forward to at least a few laughs from the sequel. Unfortunately, that was not to be. Set two years after the bachelor

party from the first film, this sequel features Phil, Stu, Alan, and Doug flying to Thailand for Stu's wedding. The rest is woefully predictable.

The jokes fall flat, the lines have no punch, and I regret those 102 minutes that I will never

get back. Conventional movie wisdom says that sequels rarely work. *The Hangover Part II* is proof.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Midnight in Paris**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is Woody Allen's romantic comedy about an American family traveling to Paris, France, on business. The group includes a writer (Owen Wilson) and his fiancée (Rachel McAdams) who deal with

their individual dreams of a better life than they currently have.

This is one of Allen's best films in years, and may rank with his finest. It is touching, funny, witty, and smart, with clever and amusing twists that never get tiring. It features wonderful cameos with Kathy Bates, Adrian Brody, and Carla Bruni (the wife of the current president of France).

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Super 8**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Super 8 is produced by Steven Spielberg and directed by J.J. Abrams. Kyle Chandler plays the deputy sheriff in a small Ohio town with several young actors including Joel Courtney, Elle Fanning,

Gabriel Basso, Riley Griffiths, Noah Emmerich, and Ron Eldard who are friends during the summer of '79. The young friends are making a super-8 movie when they witness a terrible train crash in their town. After the train crash, very strange things happen in the town that the government is trying to hide.

This movie kept my interest during the whole movie, which also had some very good special effects. Be sure to stay to the end and watch the credits, which show the movie the kids made during the movie.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

**X-Men: First Class**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

X-Men: First Class is the beginning of the Marvel X-Men saga starring James McAvoy as Charles Xavier and Michael Fassbender as Erik Lensherr, a.k.a. Magneto. This movie tells the story of how the

mutants/humans with superhuman powers got together and how the school for X-Men started, with a good story line inbetween.

Not being a follower of the X-Men series, I thought this movie was well done with very good special effects. Well worth a family outing.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

X-Men First Class**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

This prequel to the *X-Men* franchise of movies tells us how it all started. With mostly young, up-and-coming stars, the main characters are James McAvoy as Professor X, Michael Fassbender as Magneto, and Kevin Bacon as Sebastian Shaw, leader of the Hellfire Club and childhood nemesis of Magneto. I enjoyed how we are introduced to these young mutants and how they learned to use their abilities, and I love the surprise cameos of some older characters. But what distracted from the main plot was that there were too many subplots as the story developed. With great special effects and for the non-comic book readers, we finally get the background story on how Professor X and Magneto become rivals.

- Chuck Beas, DWP



Book Reviews

**Little Girl Blue: The Life of Karen Carpenter**Randy L. Schmidt
Biography
Chicago Review Press**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

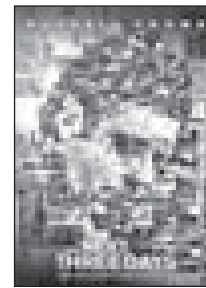
Little Girl Blue came lauded as the first unauthorized biography of the amazing, tragic Karen Carpenter, whose voice and phrasings were one in a billion, and helped to define the '70s pop sound. The thought here was that the book would be filled with revelations that the books and television movies of the past could not convey, as they were well scrubbed by the family before seeing the light of day.

There's not much in here that surprised me or told me what I didn't know: Karen, the forgotten child, controlled the only thing she felt she could to win her mother's love and respect: her weight. And it proved devastating.

I will go on hearing great emotion and pain in her delivery of "Rainy Days and Mondays" and all the rest. This book, while comprehensive and readable, has changed little.

- John Burnes, editor, *Alive!*

DVD Reviews

**The Next Three Days (2010)**

Rated PG-13

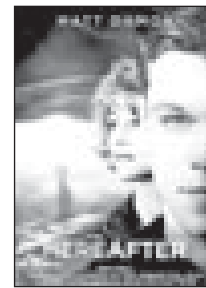
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Russell Crow plays John Brenner, whose wife, Lara (Elizabeth Banks), is accused of murder. After several years of trying in vain to gain her release, he launches a desperate plot

to break her out of prison.

The Next Three Days is one of the best thrillers of 2010, and (no spoiler here) its last 10 minutes are one of the most enjoyable cinematic experiences one could legally have. The film is tense, dark, moody, and entertaining from start to its hair-raising finish. Don't miss this one.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Hereafter (2010)**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

The Hereafter features three intertwined stories of death and communication with the afterlife, directed by Clint Eastwood and produced by Steven Spielberg and Frank Marshall. The

cast includes Matt Damon as a reluctant psychic. So why is *The Hereafter* so slow, dreary, depressing, and nearly pointless? It opens with a tsunami and goes downhill after that. Way downhill.

My advice: Don't see this film. But do buy the DVD as a gift. You'll want to send one to an ex-lover, ex-spouse, ex-boss, or your neighbor with the dog that barks all night long. Sweet revenge.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Boys: The Sherman Brothers' Story**

Not Rated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

It's still hard to believe that the two legendary songwriters responsible for "It's a Small World," parts of *The Jungle Book*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and the all-time classic *Mary Poppins* barely spoke to each other at all, and discouraged their families from meeting the other one.

There's an especially poignant memory from Angela Lansbury, who sang the Sherman Bros. songs in *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*. She remembers comical and fairly ridiculous scenes involving Nazis from their Disney movies, but speculates that the depressed-seeming Richard Sherman might have been affected by the actual horrors he witnessed on D-Day. The piano-playing brother, Robert, tears up as he plunks out "Feed the Birds" from *Poppins*. Maybe it's because the pure joy of that song is somehow lessened without his brother around. Who knows, but it's an interesting documentary just the same.

- John Burnes, editor, *Alive!*

Your Reviews

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.



100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- All reviews must be written by you (not taken from another source) and

- exclusive to *Alive!* (not offered to another outlet). Violations could end your ability to be published in *Alive!*
- Have fun!
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.

- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: **My Score: X (out of 5)**.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).

- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

CLUB SPORTS

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Sign Up for Club Sports Leagues!

Kicking Into High Gear

It's time to sign up for a number of Club Sports events. Join a team or event now!



Basketball

Registration packets for the fall Club Basketball League are now available. The season is from September to December. Visit the Club Website to download forms, or for more information, contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com. Deadline is July 15, so register today!

Softball

The third Club Softball League season begins July 6. Scores and game photos will be posted in *Alive!* and on the Club Website at www.cityemployeesclub.com. Anyone still interested in playing is asked to contact the Sports Dude, (800) 464-0452. The Sports Dude is looking for scorekeepers! Anyone interested, please call the Sport Dude at (800) 464-0452 or email him at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

Running Club

Attention Club Members interested in participating running events – the Club will sponsor your participation. The Club will pay your registration fee and will provide you with a "DRY FIT" Club shirt to wear at the competitions! You may register for one or any combination of races.

Here are the races:

The Spirit of LA 5K Run

Sat., Aug. 20
1880 Academy Dr. Los Angeles
Deadline to register: July 30

2011 Dodge Rock 'n' Roll Los Angeles

Half Marathon
Sun., Oct. 30
Los Angeles
Deadline to register: July 30

2011 Ketchum YMCA Stair Climb to the Top

Race - 75 floors
Fri., Sept. 23
Bank Tower, 633 W. Fifth St. downtown
Deadline to register: July 30

Santa to the Sea Half Marathon

Sun., Dec. 11
Oxnard, Calif.
Deadline to register: July 30

Long Beach International City Bank Marathon

Sun., Oct. 9
Downtown Long Beach, Shoreline Drive
Deadline to register: July 30



Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club on Mondays (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude

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- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134
- www.cityemployeesclub.com



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The lake and a bench for some needed rest.

— Buena Park, Calif.



Angel Jr., Aden, Dakota, and I begin the shaded part of the trail.



RALPH B. CLARK REGIONAL PARK

Hello again, everybody! This month, we traveled to the Ralph B. Clark Regional Park at the foot of the Coyote Hills in Buena Park. The 105-acre property extends north and south of Rosecrans Avenue. The parklands range from large open grass areas, to gently rolling hills of native plants, to sheer sandstone cliffs to the north. I really like the area, and the view from the highest point is amazing. The walk itself is very well shaded, and there is a lot to see. As easy as this hike/walk is, you will enjoy the scenery and get fit while doing so. Let's begin!

History

This site, due to its varied distribution of vertebrates, has potential for investigation comparable to the La Brea Tar Pits. These rich fossil beds were originally revealed when the California Division of Highways (now CalTrans) excavated sand and gravel from the site for use in construction of the Santa Ana and Riverside Freeways from 1956 to 1970. At that time the park site was known as the Emery Borrow Pit.

The significance of the site led to public demand that it be preserved. As a result, the Orange County acquired the property in 1974. Added to the County's regional park system in 1981 as Los Coyotes Regional Park, the facility was renamed in 1987 in honor of then-retiring County Supervisor Ralph B. Clark, who was instrumental in the acquisition, planning, and development of the 105-acre site during his 16 years in office. Today, unique Ralph B. Clark Regional Park not only preserves prehistoric fossil beds, but also provides a variety of recreational and educational opportunities.

Trail Activities

The park provides many ball fields and a lake stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, and catfish.

Hikers have a perimeter trail, which winds halfway around the park. Some areas feature dirt paths around Camel Hill or cement walkways that lead to the lake and picnic grounds. No bikes are allowed on the perimeter trail.

The Hike

This trail is more like an easy walk; I would not consider this a difficult trail at all. If you want to just get out and walk around a beautiful park, I recommend this trail. The path starts along the inside of the fence on Rosecrans Avenue. After a few yards you will come to a sign, and then the trail begins to turn. Pine trees hide the trail; you are actually walking between the trees, and they provide wonderful shade. You travel around the entire park and will see lots of beautiful rest areas along the way. In the middle of the park, you can see

the lake along with the interpretive center. The center is very small, however; it has lots to see and very nice exhibits, too. I would have never thought of a prehistoric animal living right under my feet while we were hiking. When you are done, you can sit and enjoy all the activities around the park.

I really like this little park. There is much more here than I ever thought. I recommend this little gem of a park for an exciting and fun outing. Please bring a few dollars and a big smile, and you will be in paradise.

Don't forget to bring your camera and take plenty of photos and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. Bring water, snacks and maybe some sunscreen.

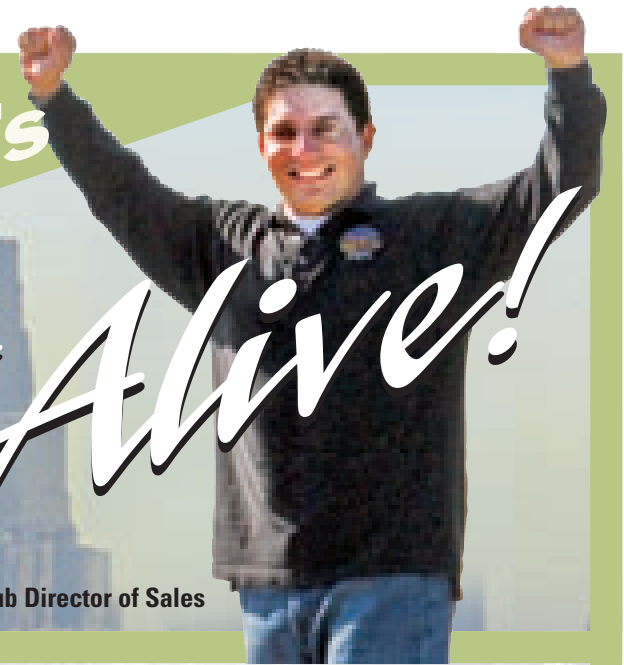
**As always, be safe and Be Alive!,
Angel**



There are lots of activities, with beautiful cliffs in the background.

Angel's

Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Send your photos to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. I would love to see them!



The lake.



Picnic areas are next to the trail.



Angel and Aden climbing.



A nice view of the park playground.

Our friend the turtle sunbathing.



Ralph B. Clark Regional Park

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TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

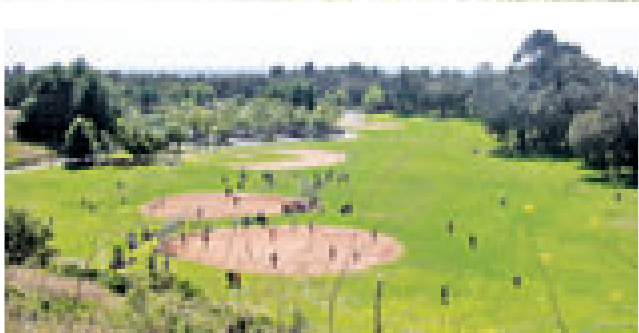
- DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles
- ELEVATION GAIN:** 100 feet
- DIFFICULTY:** Easy
- HIKE TIME:** 1 hour
- TRAIL CONDITION:** Mostly dirt roads, except around the lake

DIRECTIONS

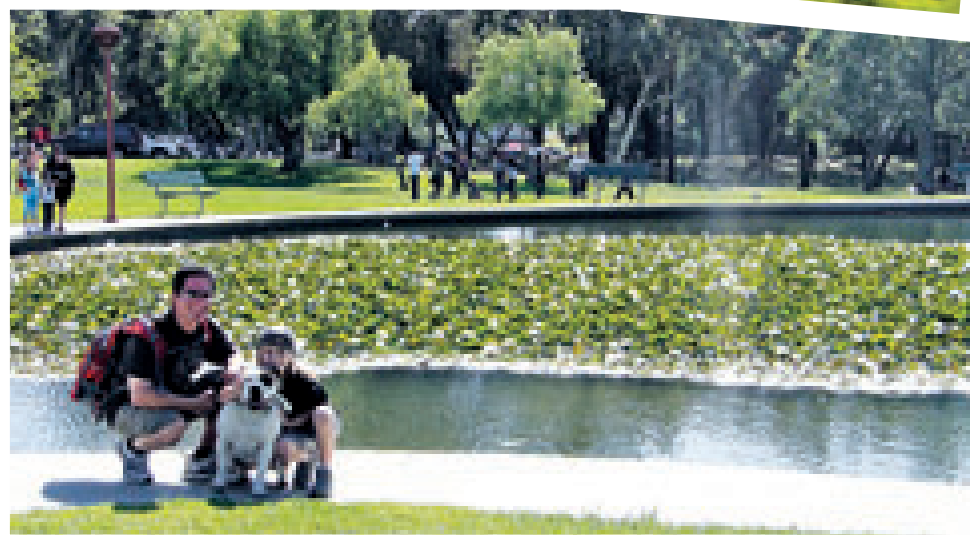
From the Santa Ana Freeway (5) in Buena Park, exit on Beach Boulevard and drive 2.2 miles north to Rosecrans Ave. (Or from the Artesia Freeway (91), exit on Beach Boulevard and drive 3 miles north to Rosecrans.) Turn right (east) and head 0.5 mile to the entrance of Ralph P. Clark Regional Park on the right. Turn right on the park road, then right again just past the tennis courts.

PARKING

Park in the lot by the tennis courts or curbside along the park road. The perimeter trail extends along the top of an embankment, where the park borders a neighborhood. *Fee:* \$3 during the week and \$5 on weekends.



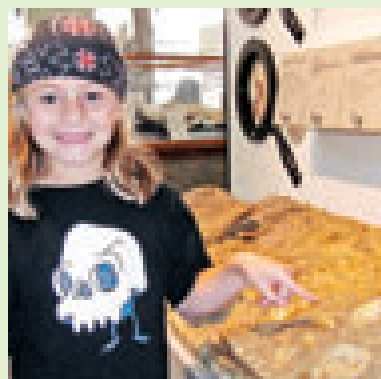
Enjoy the gorgeous view.



Dakota, Aden and me by the pond, with lots of lilies.



Angel Jr. and Aden in front of the Interpretive Center.



Aden points to lots of fossils.



Angel Jr. and American mastodon molars in Jaw Bone.



Aden and Angel Jr. in front of the prehistoric saber-toothed cat exhibit.

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Photo by Juan Guerra

An LAFD firefighter was injured while battling a fire that broke out in a home in Northridge, according to an LAFD spokesman. The fire was reported at 9245 N. Geysler Ave., near Nordhoff Street, said Erik Scott of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

With 32 firefighters on the scene, the blaze was out in 21 minutes. One Firefighter suffered an ankle injury and was taken to a hospital in good condition. The cause of the fire was unknown.

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



SAUSAGE AND BEEF KABOBS

DIRECTIONS:

1



Get wooden skewers that have been soaked in water and begin piercing the kabob ingredients to the skewers. Alternate the vegetables with the sausage and steak chunks.

2



In a bowl, make the chimichurri sauce by combining the olive oil, juice of one lemon, cilantro, garlic (minced), shallot (diced), green onions (diced) and salt and pepper. Mix. Set aside.

3



Place kabobs in a tray in preparation for grilling. Turn the kabobs occasionally. You may add some of the chimichurri sauce while cooking. Too much, however, and you may experience some burning.

4



Let cook for about 15 minutes or until vegetables have grill marks and the steak chunks are sizzling. Take the kabobs out and plate. Add some yogurt sauce if you like as well.

Summer is here, and grilling is at its peak. There are hundreds of recipes for the grill, but one of my favorites is kabobs (also spelled kebabs). I like them for the flexibility of ingredients. All sorts of vegetables and meats can be introduced – the variations and flavors are nearly endless.

Kabobs are complemented well with sauces. You can use yogurt sauces or even a chimichurri sauce. I made a chimichurri sauce for these kabobs. It is easy to make, and as a side note, the chimichurri sauce is an excellent marinade.

When using wooden skewers, always soak them in water for about 30 minutes. This will prevent them from burning when on the grill. Enjoy!



Sausage and Beef Kabobs

INGREDIENTS – Kebobs:

- 1 red pepper
- 1 orange pepper
- 2 green squash
- 2 yellow squash

Makes 4 Servings

- 12 mushrooms
- 2 onions
- 4 sausage links, any flavor
- 1 pound sirloin steak, cubed

INGREDIENTS – Chimichurri Sauce:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Juice of one lemon
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 shallot, diced

- 1/4 cup green onions, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt and pepper
- Optional: Yogurt sauce



Cooking TIDBIT:

Feel free to use other cuts of meat including chicken and seafood (scallops and shrimp). Always soak wooden skewers in water for at least 30 minutes. This will prevent them from burning when placed on the grill.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Kabob (kebab):

Small chunks of meat, fish or shellfish that are usually marinated before being threaded on a skewer and grilled over coals. Pieces of vegetables can also accompany the meat on the skewer. Also called shish kebab and shashlik.

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



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Enjoy!

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Food Factoid: "Anybody who believes that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach flunked geography." – Robert Byrne



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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"Fireworks at Dodger Stadium after a big win! Happy Fourth of July!"
 - Carlos Aranda, DWP

John's comments: A Picture Perfect picture for a Los Angeles July! Thank you, Carlos.



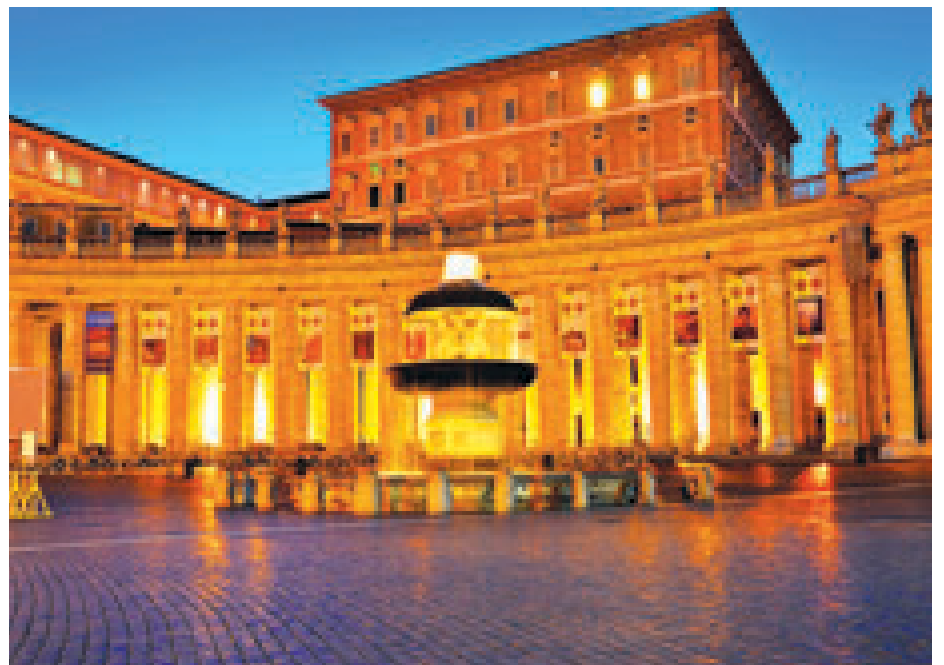
"Life: First time breathing, crying, and feeling that cold metallic plate on one's chest. Yikes!"
 - Dominique Daito

John's comments: Dominique, you've done it again! You have captured an amazing moment at a unique vantage point. Well done!



"Echo Park lake, taken Memorial Day."
 - Shaudi Pishvaie, LAPD

John's comments: Shaudi, I really like how you chose to take this photo from the end of the lake that most people rarely shoot from. And the facts that the water is so reflective and the sky so blue make this a truly magical photo. Thank you for sharing!



"This was taken this spring in Vatican Square. My family missed the chance to join the day tour, so we ended up going to the square that evening by ourselves. It turned out to be the best time to visit the place (at least for me): less people, much cooler and most of all, the setting and lighting were just perfect for night photography."
 - Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD

John's comments: Not only do I like your photo but I love it! Night shots can be some of the most colorful and dramatic pictures, and you really captured the brilliance of the Vatican.

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- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
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- Paper prints can be mailed to:
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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.

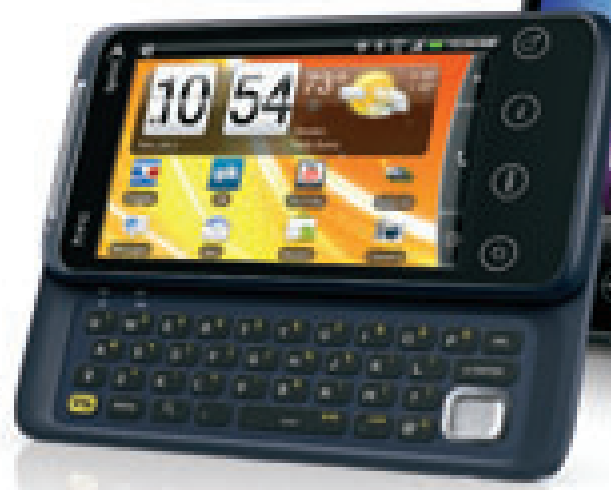


"You are being watched! I found this very cooperative night heron at the Living Desert in Palm Desert."
 - Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments:
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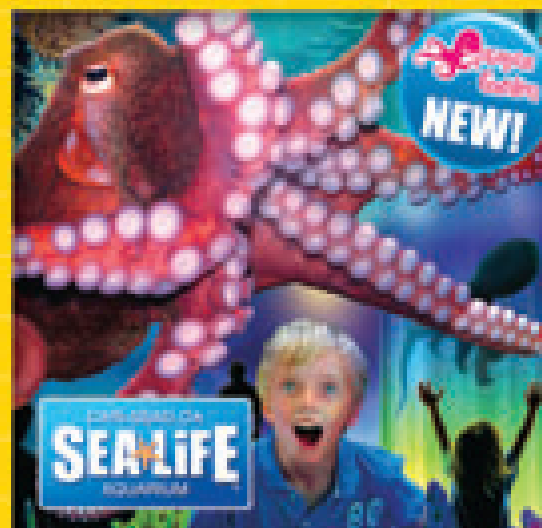
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