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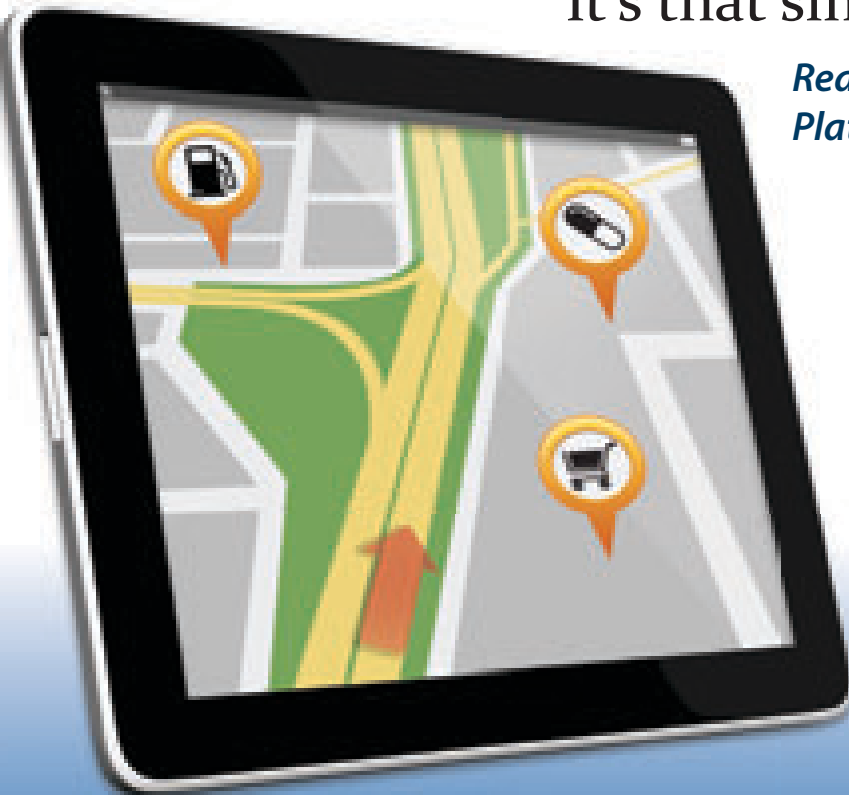
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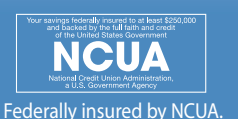
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A Message From the CEO

# Fun in Field And in Code

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

Whether it starts with the street or on paper, there's a lot of fun in this month's *Alive!* I hope you can feel it, because I can!

First, let's start with the front page of *Alive!* That's the "Discover the Reward" member benefit that Club Marketing Director **Summy Lam** and designer **David Jamgotchian** put together. It's a promotion where you use your smart phone to scan the boxy QR code squares that we've placed somewhere in the paper. (Look for it again in this month's issue, too.) Last month, the Club asked those who scanned the code to snap a photo of themselves holding *Alive!* and send it in. We first ran the code promotion two months ago, and the response was amazing! Look for your responses on page 26.

I love it! We're embracing technology more and more here at the Club. It's all part of our customer service. You're increasingly tech-savvy, so we should be, too!

But we couldn't celebrate the lives of City Employees without hitting the streets, too, where you do your work running the City. Check out one of our newest Club Counselors, **Gedina Bergstrom**, hitting lots of Fire Stations in just a few days; her story is on page 31. If you spend your shifts at one of the LAFD's Fire Stations, here's notice that Gedina is headed your way.

It's not exactly right to say that our cover story on the amazing Trace Analysis Unit of the LAPD is fun. The great work they do is critically important, and very serious. But it was fascinating, and yes, even a little fun, to track down a shoeprint, as we watched Criminalist II **Lisa LaHendro** do in front of our eyes. Thanks to **Sue Brockbank**, Supervising Criminalist, for her expert guidance. We've covered many of the units in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division – the crime lab. And they never get mundane or ordinary. These



Grais Banks, Criminalist II with John Hawkins Club CEO in the Trace Analysis Unit's arson lab.

criminalists do an amazing job, day in and day out, steady as they come. They do science, so there's nothing flashy about what they do (by design). It's not like TV. It's actually better because it's real. We look forward to our next visit!

In other matters: You know about our tickets, which are the cheapest in the City. You know about *Alive!* and the fun we have each month. But you should also know about our insurance products. Maybe they aren't as much fun as our events, but they are very important. We want you to be safe, and to keep your families financially secure. We're offering another awesome insurance open enrollment period. This time, it's for Term Life Insurance. Many of you have taken advantage. In my opinion, all of you should at least consider it. Stand up strong and look out for your loved ones. Be accountable. This opportunity ends at the end of this month, so get busy and take care of business.

So this is September – the end of the summer and the beginning of the fall. Traditionally, we're entering the busiest time of the year here at the Club. How busy? Think about the Club Sports League... think about a Club Exclusive Pirate Adventure in November... think all the great City holiday parties that are around the corner. Whoa! But with all the fun that's happening right now in September, how much more fun can we possibly have? I'm laughing as I wish you a great fall!

**JOHN**

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Club CEO John Hawkins takes the cover photo featuring Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, in the LAPD's Trace Analysis lab.

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**Monica Zamudio,**  
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— Shirley Krumme, July 2010

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— Alvino Lopez, July 2010

The Club's claims service was "excellent, because of the Club's sensitivity in response to the loss of our father, retired LADP Officer George A. Koenigshofer, as expressed by the Club's gift of the book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*. This was very much appreciated, a very sweet and comforting message at time most needed."

— Kenneth Koenigshofer, June 2010

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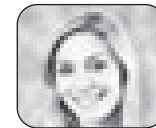
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# Letters to the Editor

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

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### Angel at Yosemite Should Encourage Members to Visit



Angel's beautiful story on Yosemite in the recent issue of *Alive!* was terrific! It brought back so many memories of my last visit to that magnificent park. It's a place that was created by God for sure. I took someone up there a few years back for his birthday and we had brunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel. Our table was right in front of the huge window in the room. What a view!

I think your article will encourage lots of members to take that six-hour drive up to the park, a place many of them may never have considered visiting. Since all of our recent winter snows, I want to drive up again in the worst way... along with so many others!

I hope you get lots of positive feedback. Well done.

– **Mary Jo Diemer,**  
Rosebud Marketing Group  
and Club Partner

### Marcus Is Civically Minded, And His Classified Sold It Fast

I just sold my Honda Civic last week. The buyer read *Alive!* and bought my car, thanks to *Alive!* The ad really works. I hope it's not too late for posting another ad for next month. Thanks!

– **Marcus Wong, DWP**

Hi Marcus, send that ad in! *Alive!* is a great newspaper for celebrating the lives of City Employees. Sometimes the classifieds get overlooked. They shouldn't – they work, and they're free for Club Members. So take advantage! – Ed.

### Henry Knows the Code to Using *Alive!* to Have Fun

This new "Discover the Reward" giveaway is so much fun! I am guessing thousands of City and DWP employees are trying to be one of the first 50 to get the giveaway. It pays to have a smart phone that can read the QR code! Thank you, Club!

– **Henry Fowler, General Services**

### Jose Wants Chef Larios to Print Recipes to Create Mexcellence!

Hey Chef Larios! I want to make it known that I don't like your recipes! It's true, it's true. I read your column word for word every month hoping that you mention something about Mexican food.

When are you going to make tamales, chile rellenos, mole, enchiladas or my favorite, chile verde? Come on, Chef Larios, didn't you come from the sugarcane and cornfields of Jalisco, Mexico?

– **Jose Gonzalez, Transportation**

Hi Jose, don't be a Chef Larios hater! Heh heh – I have passed the word onto Chef Larios, and he reports he will get right to it, and prepare a great Mexican recipe for October. So watch out for it! And yes, you are correct – Chef Larios was born in Mexico, in a region "where corn and sugarcane are the staple crops." – Ed.

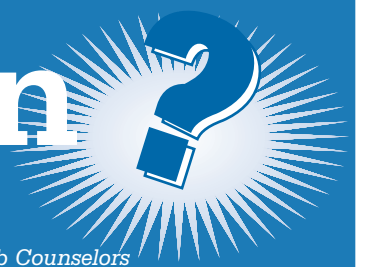
### With Discount, Back to School Doesn't Take Her to Cleaners

Fellow Club Members! I need to let you know that I saved \$101.94 at Office Depot when I used my Club Linked Credit Card to buy all my school supplies for little Ricky and Jimmy (my two boys). I bought ink cartridges for the printer, paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, crayons, etc., and my original bill was well over \$300. But thanks to my Club discount, I was able to pocket \$101.94 of it. Anyone who has kids and is not a Club member is out of their gourd! You save so much money by being a Club member – it is just positively ridiculous! Thank you Club!

– **Karen Matthews, Rec and Parks**

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

# Question OF THE MONTH

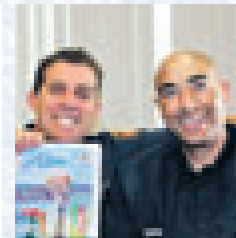


– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors

## Who was your favorite teacher?



"Mr. Sanchez."  
– Capt. Orquilla, FS 62



"Ms. Renfro. She was the best substitute teacher on the planet."  
– Jeff Rodriguez, Firefighter, FS 62, new Club Member



"My junior high school English teacher, Ms. Coffey, because she knew how to get the best of me."  
– Dimitrius Lynch, Firefighter, FS 67



"Mrs. Lattimore, my fifth-grade teacher. She was a very strong lady with great attention to detail."  
– Chris Hughes, Police Officer, LAPD, 24 years of City service



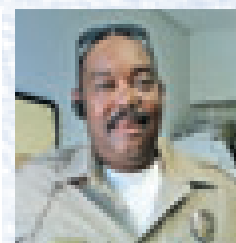
"Jim Mavity, my Staff Sergeant. He was very direct to the point and told it how it was."  
– Irma Krish, Sergeant, LAPD 18 years of City service



"Mr. Lunsford, my English teacher. It was more about learning life lessons."  
– Arldwin Flores, Police Officer, LAPD, 14 years of City service



"My eighth grade English teacher at Hale Jr. High, Miss Engle. She made me passionate about words. Because of her I am a wordsmith."  
– Sgt. Julie Rice, Transportation, 30 years of City service



"Any teacher that didn't spank me."  
– Kenneth Parker, Transportation Officer II, 15 years of City service

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<b>Sept. 15</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez
<b>Sept. 22</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido
<b>Sept. 29</b>	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rosa Calderon

LAPD *Alive!* Feature

# The Trace Chase

■ The LAPD's Trace Analysis Unit looks at fibers, tool marks, paint chips, shoes, tires, arson remnants, gunshot residue and other objects to help solve crimes, or free the innocent.



ABOVE: Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, 25 years of City service, holds a cast of a shoe impression and explains how they are analyzed in the Trace Analysis Unit.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club photographer; John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; and John Hawkins, Club CEO

If you're intent on doing something bad in the City, be careful what you leave behind: the LAPD's Trace Analysis Unit will be on the job.

The Trace Analysis Unit examines, identifies, and/or compares hair, fiber, paint, glass, accelerants, explosives, gunshot residue, shoe/tire and tool impression evidence, hazardous chemicals (clandestine laboratory analysis) and performs analysis of other miscellaneous chemical and physical evidence.

These analyses are performed to provide a description of or identify questioned evidence, and/or compare questioned evidence and known materials. When unusual types of evidence are encountered, the unit researches and develops methods for its analysis, and analyzes it. The unit also uses the Shoeprint Image Capture and Retrieval (SICAR) system, a computerized database of

shoe outsole designs that assists in the identification of possible makes/models of shoes that made shoeprints at a crime scene.

The methods used to examine the evidence include macro- and microscopic examinations and comparisons, chemical analyses, and using sophisticated instruments for determination of chemical and physical properties.

In addition to their duties specific to the Trace Analysis Unit, staff members also testify in court as needed; teach in LAPD detective training schools; consult with detectives, the LAFD arson investigators, district attorneys, other criminalists, and other members of the Scientific Investigation Division (SID); provide training on trace evidence to other criminalists; assist the Field Unit with tours, assist the Narcotics Analysis and Alcohol Analysis Units when needed, provide roll call training, and perform quarterly safety audits.

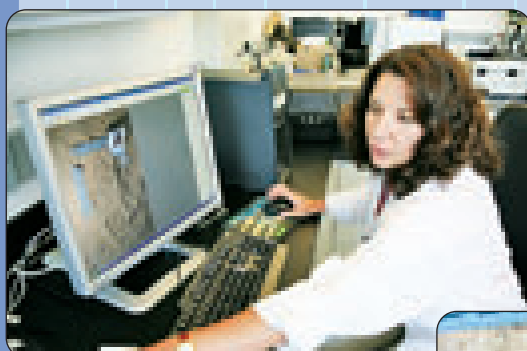
There's a lot going on in the Trace Analysis Unit. On the following pages is how they do it. ■

## Trace Evidence

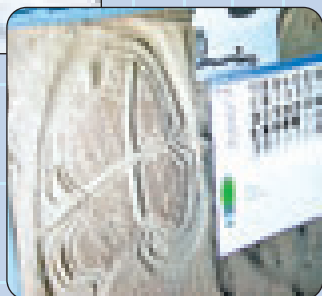
Here's how the Trace Analysis Unit analyzes the evidence that's brought in by LAPD Detectives.

### Shoe Prints

Lisa LaHendo, Criminalist II, explains how the Trace Analysis Unit identifies shoe prints.



Evidence of a shoe tread is brought in to the crime lab as a high-res crime scene image, or a cast (see cover), or an actual shoe, which is scanned. The image is then entered into powerful software. The software offers a number of textures and locations, and the analyst enters the information into the software. For example, Lisa here is indicating that the shoe in question carries a cross-line pattern characteristic on the toe region of the sole.



After Lisa has input all that she can into the system, the database returns with several models that fit that description. In this case, Lisa agrees that one of the software's suggestions is the correct one – this shoeprint comes from a Nike Draft Pick II, released in March 2000. The database contains more than 21,000 individual shoes from more than 700 manufacturers, and is updated quarterly.

The criminalist's input is critical, because shoes stretch and modify as they are worn. The software can only make suggestions. (This example was a training sample and not an actual case.)

### Tool Marks



ABOVE: Evidence that contains marks made by tools (hammers, screwdrivers, etc.) is also important to a case. A major difference with tool marks is that they are in three dimensions. They are placed under a special comparison microscope with strong lighting that is better equipped to handle three dimensions.

RIGHT: Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, displays how evidence containing tool marks is prepared in the lab. This evidence is mounted in clay for better handling on the microscope.





**THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW**



**Alive!** Thanks for talking to us today, Sue. How did you get to your current position?

SUE BROCKBANK: My career – wow. Let me think! I started as a volunteer with the L.A. County crime lab in 1985 following a lunchtime speaker at my school, who came to talk to our students association about forensic science. She turned me onto the whole idea of forensic science. So I started volunteering in the Sheriff's crime lab. Then I came to LAPD as a student professional worker in 1986, and then I hopped back to the L.A. County crime lab in 1987 as a laboratory technician. Then I came back to LAPD as a criminalist in 1987.

So I hopped back and forth. I really like the LAPD. I've been a supervisor for about five years. That's where I am.

**More Than Meets the Eye**

Can you give me a brief overview of trace analysis?

SUE: The Trace Analysis Unit does a wide variety of different types of analysis. We do analysis of impression evidence, things like shoe prints and tire tracks, tool marks. But those are the things

**Better Than Glamour**

■ On Monday, Aug. 15, Club CEO John Hawkins sat down to talk about Trace Analysis with Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, Trace Analysis Unit of the LAPD. The interview took place in the unit's conference room.

you don't really think of as trace evidence. Typically trace evidence is evidence that's hard to see with the naked eye. The more traditional trace evidence items would be things like hairs and fibers, paint, glass. We also do analysis of ignitable liquids and fire debris evidence, explosives, gunshot residue – and basically any other type of evidence that isn't specifically analyzed by one of the other units of the lab. We're basically the catchall unit for any odd type of evidence that might be out there. When it comes to crimes, particularly homicides, you never really know what the evidence is going to be until you get out there. It could be anything. A murder weapon could be anything. So our analysis can involve a bit of research and development from time to time when it comes to things that we haven't seen before.

**So your department looks at that evidence and analyzes it, and makes a determination. Do they go to court as an expert witness, or do they present the data, the information, to the detectives?**

SUE: Yes. After we do our analysis, we're generally going to do a couple things. One would be, we're going to identify what something is. So in the case of an ignitable liquid case, we're testing some evidence and trying to identify what that ignitable liquid is. We're going to say, "The ignitable liquid present in this item was gasoline." Other times, we're doing comparisons. So with a lot of trace evidence, we're comparing a questioned piece of evidence, like some hairs or fibers in the victim's hand versus some known evidence, which would be the hairs from the suspect's head, or the fibers from the suspect's clothing. We compare those two things to determine whether they could have a common origin or not.

Our analysis isn't definitive, like a fingerprint. We're not saying that this hair came from this individual and no one else. The only thing we can do is say that the hair is similar in the microscopic characteristics that we see, and it could have come from that individual. But on the flip side, we can rule out other people, and we can say the hairs are different [and] didn't come from that person.

**Do you test DNA on that level?**

SUE: With hairs we do, yes. But that's done either by [the LAPD's] Serology DNA unit, or they ship it out. We don't do DNA analysis in the trace unit. But we do a microscopic examination of the hairs, yes.

**You look microscopically to see if there is a, "Do we proceed with this?"**

SUE: Yes. It's kind of like when you just look at a person. You've got short brown hair. I've got long, multicolored hair. Only my hairdresser knows for sure. So just to the naked eye, you can see differences between our hair. When we look at that under the microscope, those differences are even going to be bigger. You're going to see that there are differences. If one of my hairs was in my hand and you were the suspect, I'd be able to say, "It's not your hair. I did a microscopic examination and comparison. The microscopic characteristics are different. It's not your hair."

**Knowing the Background**

**How old is trace analysis? Was it here when you got to the LAPD?**

SUE: Yes, it was here when I got here in '87; it was well established. The LAPD crime lab was

formed in 1923. I know we're the first crime lab established in the United States, and I believe they were doing trace evidence even back then.

**Back in the day, what would they have been looking for? Probably hairs?**

SUE: We've had microscopes for hundreds of years. They probably did things on soil and paint. What's interesting, going back 50 years ago – the criminalists working then would go a lot further with their opinions I think than we do today. They'd analyze the dirt in somebody's pocket and say, "Oh, this guy was working in a machine shop that made batons," or something crazy. They'd just go really specific. And now, because of all the levels of review that we go through, we have to really have our supporting documentation. Sometimes we still go far with our conclusions, but the supporting evidence has to be there to back that up.

**Do you always know the background of the case?**

SUE: Not always. Sometimes we know some real general idea about what the case is. But we don't always know the specifics. There are some people that feel that knowing all the specifics of the case can bias a person.

**Bias it one way or the other.**

SUE: Yes. I don't really feel that it does. I want information. Comparing A to B without knowing the context of those items doesn't really mean as much to me.

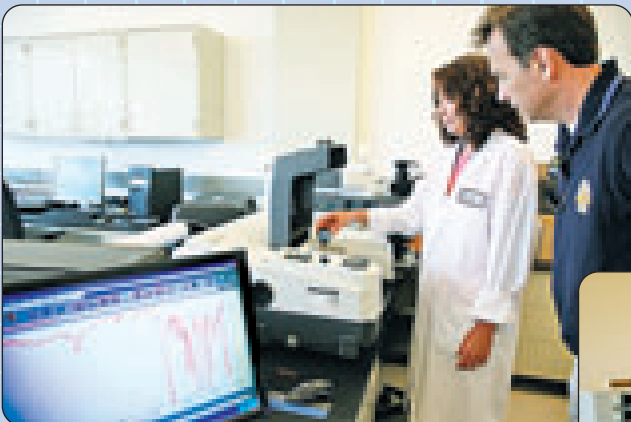
**You'd lose connectivity.**

SUE: Yes. If they say, "Compare the hair in the victim's hand to this suspect," and I say, "Oh yes, they're similar," out of the context, what does

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**Fibers**

Fibers can be compared through a microscope, but they also can be analyzed with a powerful Spectrometer (pictured below).



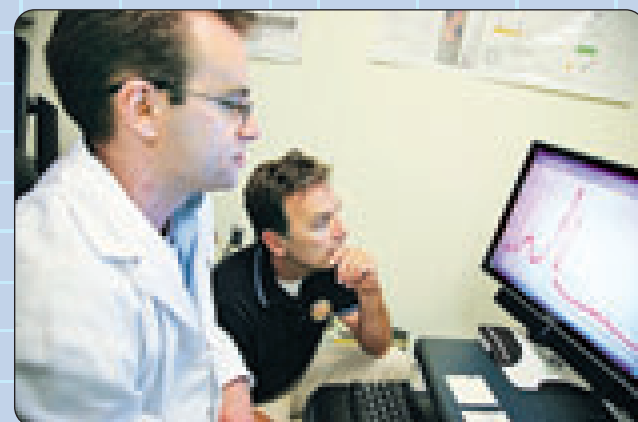
BELOW: Matt Franzman, Criminalist, displays an array of slides containing fibers or paint samples.



ABOVE: The fibers are loaded into an FT-IR, a Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer, where the fiber's chemical composition can be analyzed. The instrument scans the fiber, and a readout is displayed. The instrument connects to a database, and different samples can also be displayed that might be similar to the unknown fiber that has been scanned. This method helps identify what kind of fiber it is (hair, nylon, etc.). Demonstrating this method is Lisa LaHendro, Criminalist II, 11 years of City service.

**Chemicals**

Analyzing unknown chemicals or materials is a difficult challenge for the Trace Unit. What is this stuff? But with new equipment and a new employee to administer it, the Trace Unit is on the job. Demonstrating this capability is the new employee, Matt Franzman, Criminalist.



BELOW: Matt Franzman inserts the chemical or material in question into the X-ray diffractometer, which scans the material.



ABOVE: The machine produces a readout, which tells the analyst whether the material is crystal or otherwise, man-made or natural, metals or powders, organic or otherwise. Once the material is identified, other analyses can be done.

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that mean? Well, I find out the victim was found lying on the bathroom floor, and the floor is covered with hair, the suspect's her husband. To me that means nothing. So what if she had hair on her hand that matched her husband? That doesn't mean he was the killer. But if you take that out of context without any information at all, I think that's a really bad road to go down.

**Hard to Test**

**What's the hardest thing to test, and why?**

SUE: I was thinking about this earlier. I'd say the hardest thing – and I think one of our new employees is going to change that – would be those miscellaneous chemistry cases, where they just have some unknown chemical and they want us to identify it, like in a poisoning type of situation.

Let's say someone thinks that their soft drink they had on their desk at work was poisoned; somebody poisoned them. We don't have any real set methods on it, so it involves a little research and development to come up with a method on how to test. Every time you get one of those types of cases, the matrix – in the last example, a soda can – is different from case to case.

**So is it safe to say then the chemical nature of things is the hardest? They take more time and expertise, skill, and years on the job?**

SUE: It takes more time, more expertise, more skill, yes... and a wide variety of instruments are used. And so that's why I said our new employee, Matt [Franzman] may be changing that because Matt has extensive instrument experience. He's a true analytical chemist, and I think he's really going to help us in that area.

**A Case to Remember**

**Alive!: Do you remember a really interesting case? Something that really sticks in your mind?**

SUE: Yes, there's one case that's near and dear to my heart. It happened in the mid 1990s. A little girl was kidnapped – in the middle of the night, a girl disappears out of her bedroom. The girl was missing for about a week before she was found. But during that week, the detectives had developed a suspect who happened to be the girl's uncle. They searched the uncle's car, and they found a little bit of blood in the trunk of the car.

So they find the body. The girl is partially covered with the comforter off of her own bed. The comforter came into the lab, to me, before I was a supervisor, when I was actively doing lab work. I removed hairs and fibers and all the debris that was on that comforter, and collected it all in a little Petri dish. I look in that Petri dish to see what's there.

Because there was some blood in the trunk of the suspect's car, the detective on the case thought the girl had been transported in the trunk of the car. He asked me if we could do a fiber comparison between the trunk fibers and the contents of my little Petri dish. The trunk had black carpet in it. So I was looking for black fibers. I didn't find any. But I found a bunch of red fibers. So I call the detective and told him that. And he says, "Well, the whole interior of the car is red."

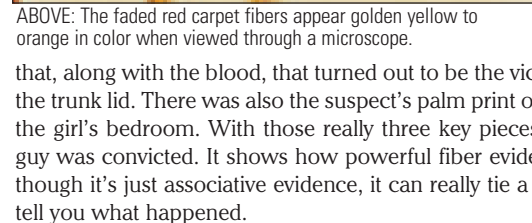
As it turned out, the suspect's car had really badly faded carpet in it, so the tops were a golden yellow color, and then it went to an orange, and then at the bottom it was still red. In the Petri dish, I had whole fibers.

I actually had the fibers that went from the gold to the orange to the red to the orange to the gold. We got a search warrant to go back to the car and collected more carpet fibers.

When I did the fiber comparisons, I found fibers that matched the floor mats, the carpet, and the carpeted door panel. There were about 10 or 15 different fiber types present, and all of those were present on the comforter – as well as present in the suspect's car. So even though, with trace evidence, all I could say is that they were similar and could have come from that car, the odds that they came from something else were slim and none. I don't believe they came from anywhere else.



ABOVE: The interior of a suspect's car shows its badly damaged and faded red carpet, red floor mats, and red carpeted door panels.



ABOVE: The faded red carpet fibers appear golden yellow to orange in color when viewed through a microscope.

It was just an awesome case. The suspect was convicted and got the death penalty, and is still waiting on Death Row all these many years later. The fiber evidence played a big part in that, along with the blood, that turned out to be the victim's blood inside the trunk lid. There was also the suspect's palm print on the doorjamb to the girl's bedroom. With those really three key pieces of evidence, this guy was convicted. It shows how powerful fiber evidence can be. Even though it's just associative evidence, it can really tie a case together and tell you what happened.

**A Science (Mostly)**

**Is this an art or a science? How much hunch is involved?**

SUE: It is a science, and as far as hunch, I'd say it's pretty much no hunch.

**No hunches?**

SUE: Well, I don't know. Let's say you have a footwear case – I don't know if you'd call this a hunch, but one of the first things you do is you look at that questioned shoe print at the crime scene, and you look at the outsole of the shoe and see if the two even look similar. So if you want to call that a hunch, I guess there might be a little hunch involved. But it's just a preliminary

evaluation. We're always going to start with that preliminary evaluation.

I don't see it as an art. I do see it as science.

**Let's ask it this way: What makes a good analyst?**

SUE: To be a well-rounded analyst, you have to have a really good analytical brain, to be able to analyze a situation, to see what's important and

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**Gunshot Residue**

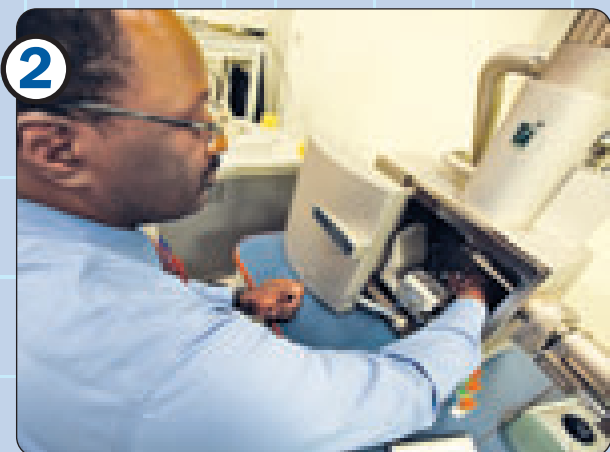
Kevin Hollomon, Criminalist II, 20 years of City service, looks for trace evidence of gunshot residue by using a scanning electron microscope.



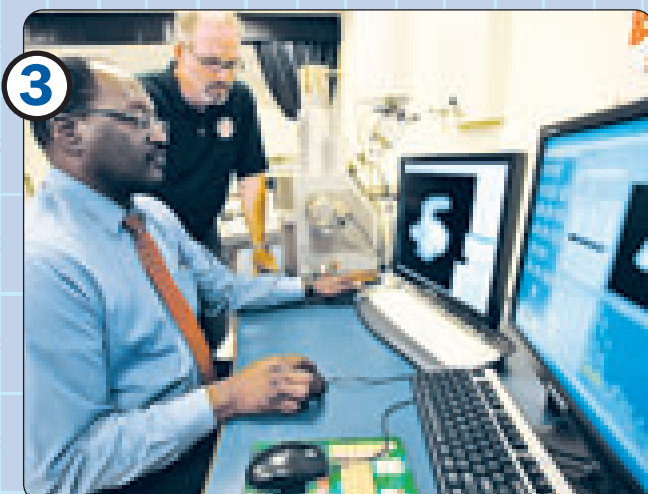
ABOVE: Detectives collect possible residue from the hands of a suspect using adhesive coated metal pads.

BELOW: A special piece of software (right monitor) is used to manage the electron scan.

The electron microscope scans the evidence. Displayed on the left monitor is the product of that scan; Kevin's training tells him that this scan shows gunshot residue. Looking on is *Alive!* editor John Burnes. (This sample is from a training exercise and not an actual case.)



ABOVE: The analyst places the pad in the scanning electron microscope.



**Paint Chips**

Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, demonstrates how paint chips are analyzed.

ABOVE: Here, a paint sample from evidence is placed under a comparison microscope. Criminalists can then visually compare the evidence sample with a sample from a known source, side by side, to help determine if the two shared a common origin.



# CSI: LA LAPD SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION DIVISION: Trace Analysis Unit

what's not. You have to have a good science background so you can use those instruments, because we have a lot of different instruments in the trace lab. You need to be able to use a lot of these instruments and use chemistry and biology, because those are the main areas that trace evidence has to do with, and apply those to the evidence.

When it comes to making those evaluations, and with footwear and impression evidence in particular, looking at patterns and pattern recognition, I think there is an aspect of an art there. I don't believe everyone has the eye for that type of analysis. There's other training and other skills that come together there.

## The Challenge of TV

**What's the biggest challenge? Is finding people a challenge?**

SUE: Finding people is the biggest challenge, for my unit right now at the LAPD and in general across the nation as far as trace evidence goes. It's really overshadowed by DNA. DNA is just larger than life. It's in the news all the time. It's not a bad thing, because DNA is a powerful tool. But in the Trace Unit, we need people, too.

**People that have those analytical skills.**

SUE: Right.

**Compare what you do in reality with the CSI shows. If you're at a cocktail party, what do you tell people?**

SUE: Well, obviously a case doesn't go from start to finish in an hour. So we can't solve a case for you in an hour.

It's not as glamorous. You see the women and the men on *CSI*, and they're all glamorous. We're not glamorous here. Some of the things we do are downright disgusting, the evidence you deal with from bodies that have been decomposing, for example – it's not pleasant. Anybody that says it is, is lying to you. It's not pleasant.

**What about the computer graphics? I'm here, and I know you don't walk into a darkened room with 15 giant flat-panel monitors on the wall.**

SUE: Right. And on TV, they'll take a piece of evidence and put it in a machine, and out the other side comes a result telling you what it is.

**Right, making a noise.**

SUE: Exactly, that little *Star Trek* computer noise. And you get the answer out the other end. In real life, there's actually preparation involved. You have to prepare a sample. You can't just throw it in an instrument and get an answer out the other end. You have to compile all that data and see what it really means, and the human factor is the one that tells you, "here's what that data tells me. Here's the answer."

**Have those shows actually helped in a way? Do people now seem to be really interested?**

SUE: The field of criminalistics has just boomed since the *CSI* shows because they have brought a lot of interest to the field. Interest in the field is just huge since that show came on, and all the other shows that have sprung up since.

Also, the attention is on many levels. It's brought resources to the crime lab that might have been lacking in the past.

## Great Staff, Great Passion

**How do you see your staff? Are these your heroes?**

SUE: I am very biased, but I think I've got the best staff in the crime lab. I've got the cream of the crop. They're really thorough and dedicated to doing their job. They come every day with a smile on their face and get the job done. I couldn't ask for better employees. I really couldn't. I think they're the best.



Club CEO John Hawkins interviews Supervising Criminalist Sue Brockbank in the laboratory's conference room, where numerous books and journals are kept available for reference by analysts.

**What do you love about your job? What do you love about what you do?**

SUE: I like the field, and the people I work with. It's really easy to come to work when you have a great staff of people.

Trace analysis to me is the real criminalistics. And this will probably offend people in other units of the crime lab. When you see *CSI* and a lot of the neat stuff they do on TV, a lot of that is what we do in the Trace Unit. We do a variety of different types of analysis. I like the variety.

**Thanks, Sue, for your time.**

SUE: You're welcome. ■

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## SPECIAL THANKS!

*Alive!* thanks the crew in the Trace Unit, and especially thanks veteran LAPD criminalist Linda French, Criminalist III, 22 years of City service, who does not appear in these photos.

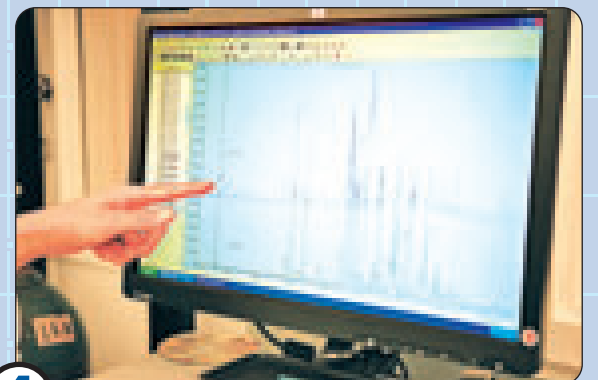
## Accelerants

The Trace Unit also analyzes material from fires to try to determine if an accelerant was used (indicating possible arson), and what kind the accelerant might be. Demonstrating the accelerant analysis is Grais Banks, Criminalist II, 5 years of City service.



RIGHT: Grais places a charcoal tab into the evidence canister to absorb the vapors.

BELOW: After chemically treating the material from the charcoal tab and turning it into a liquid, she places the material into a GCMS (gas chromatograph mass spectrometer) to analyze the elements in the liquid.



ABOVE TOP: The instrument generates a readout (data).

ABOVE BOTTOM: The analyst then must manually decide which material it resembles. Grais has a large selection of common accelerants that she can also scan, and then compare the readouts. Once she has found a match, she can then inform the detective that she has identified a certain accelerant, or none at all, or that it's inconclusive.



ABOVE: The evidence is packaged in a metal can.

LAFD

# Remembering Eric

Firefighter Eric Shepherd passes away while off-duty.

Story and photos courtesy LAFD; Memorial text courtesy Firefighter Jose Paz

Eric Shepherd, a Firefighter III on the EC Platoon at Fire Station 29, died suddenly while off-duty July 18. July 29, and another is scheduled for Sept. 24.

Eric Shepherd was born in 1978 and raised in Carson. He graduated from Long Beach Jordan High School in 1996. Later that year, Eric joined the United States Air Force and served as a firefighter in Kuwait and at home at Edwards Air Force Base. After four years of dedicated service to his country, Eric was honorably discharged as a Sr. Airman.

In July of 2003, Eric joined the LAFD. Following the drill tower and probationary assignments, Eric transferred to Fire Station 29 in Battalion 11, serving the Wilshire Center and Mid City areas of Los Angeles. Widely recognized as a conscientious and talented firefighter as well as a generous and genuine friend, Eric quickly earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the public he proudly served. He successfully tested for the rank of engineer and was looking forward to the added challenges and responsibilities of the promotion.

He is survived by his father, Ronald, and his stepmother, Cindy; his mother, Loretta; sister, Rene; and Cacharel Smaith, the mother of his daughter, Sarai.

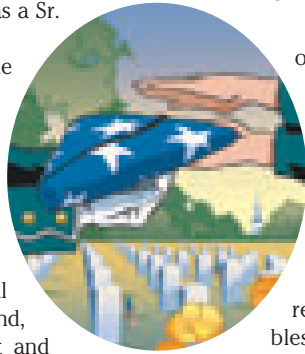
He was a credit to his family and friends, his country, the fire service and his department. His warmth, laughter, and easy-going demeanor will always be cherished.

Many Fire Stations and individuals have

donated in Eric's memory to offset the future cost for the education of his daughter, Sarai. An educational fund has been established at the Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union to address this family need and will be in place for an indefinite period of time. Those wishing to make a contribution may do so with either a walk-in or electronic transaction:

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### A Memorial from FS 29



It is often said the measure of a man is only truly realized once he has passed on. While this may be true for so many, Eric was an exception, as the men at Fire Station 29 always knew the caliber of man he was. What has now come to light, though, is recognizing the incredible blessing God gave us when Shep entered all of our lives.

Fire Station 29 represents a long and proud history of firefighters who have been acknowledged as some of the most dedicated, skilled, and talented firefighters to serve on the LAFD. While Eric epitomized these traits and honored those who came before him, he possessed unique personal qualities that inspired us all. These attributes will be his legacy to those of us in his fire family, as well as for future generations to come.

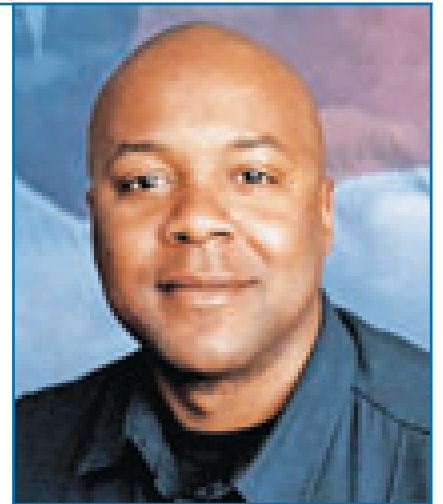
It will be known above all, Eric valued his relationship with everyone at the firehouse and considered each of us as his brother.

### Memorial for Eric

Sept. 24, 2011  
– 11:00 a.m.

Fire Station 29  
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Los Angeles

The LAFD is planning a memorial barbeque for Eric Shepherd. Proceeds will go toward the Sarai Shepherd Educational Fund.  
Information: (213) 485-6229.



words, Eric achieved the one thing that all firemen ultimately strive for in their careers, which is to earn a good reputation and the respect of his fellow firefighters to here them say, "I would go to a fire with him any day."

As a man, Eric will be remembered by us as a faithful, caring and loving partner to the love of his life, Cacharel. He will be remembered as a proud, joyful, blessed, and fulfilled father to his "number one" beautiful baby daughter, Sarai. He will be remembered as a respectful, honorable and loyal son to his loving parents. He will be remembered as caring, considerate, and committed person to his sister, friends, and extended family. He will be remembered for his dutiful and selfless service to the protection of our Country.

In closing, it seems fitting to end with a quote in Eric's memory as he humored us so much every shift with his famous "Shep's Quote of the Day."

*"I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter."*  
– Winston Churchill

May God's grace and peace shine upon our beloved brother Eric D. Shepherd and his family.

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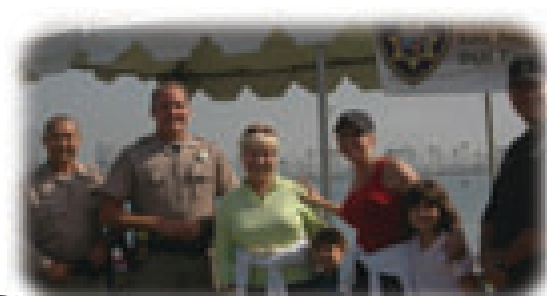
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LAFD

# 'We Will Not Forget'

**A group of LAFD motorcyclists heads for New York for the 9-11 Memorial.**

*Story by Capt. Mike Ketaily, FS 69; Photos courtesy LAFD*

On July 24, a departure ceremony was held at the Historical Fire Museum (Old Fire Station 27) in Hollywood for the "Ride for 911" bicycle team. Some of the dignitaries present included Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Interim LAFD Fire Chief Brian Cummings; and LA County Fire Chief Daryl Osby.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., the "Ride for 911" bicycle team departed from the Historical Museum (Old FS 27) bound for New York City. The riders were led to the city limits by old LA County Squad and Engine 51, Engine 27, the "Fire Hogs," a film crew, many other cyclists, and the support motor home.

The team consists of six full-time riders and five part-time riders. The LAFD is well represented with the following six riders: Jorge Ostrovsky, FS 69, 31 years of City service; Jim Prabhu, FS 37, 11 years; John Marasco; Marv Williams, FS 4, Retired; Scott Hambly, FS 37, 6 years; and Warren Sutton.

This journey will take approximately six weeks and cover 3,300 miles. The team will average approximately 100 miles per day. "Ride for 911" is raising money for the Leary Firefighter Foundation and the Wounded Warrior Project. There will be many fundraising events along the way. Some of the major stops will include: Scottsdale Ariz; Albuquerque, N.M.; Oklahoma City; Joplin Mo.; St. Louis; Chicago; Pittsburgh, Penn.; Washington, D.C.; and New York City at the Firefighters Memorial. They will be there to

help commemorate the 10-year anniversary of 9-11. They will also visit the crash site of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon. As a special treat, they will also get to go on the set of the final episode filming of "Rescue Me." As of this writing (July 27), the "Ride for 911" team has made it successfully to Scottsdale, Ariz. They have made overnight stops in Yucca Valley and Wickenburg and Parker, Ariz. They have put on more than 370 miles to get to Scottsdale and have endured temperatures in excess of 120 degrees. The riders are holding up well. They are being followed by a 34-foot motor home driven by Rob Scott and Alex



The team is on its way.

Wendt that functions as a support vehicle.

Everyone along the way has been extremely supportive. They have stayed in community centers, fire stations, and a jail. People have lined the streets with signs and given "thumbs up" as they enter towns. Jorge Ostrovsky says it has been humbling.

Donations can be made at [www.Ridefor9-11.org](http://www.Ridefor9-11.org). A map of the ride is also available along with live GPS tracking of the ride at the same Website. A trip blog is also being written and can be found at [blogspot.com](http://blogspot.com). It is titled, "Driving the Ride for 911."

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorism attacks on the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and United Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Penn. Our Historical Society has held an annual remembrance ceremony for 10 years. It will be held this year on Sunday, Sept. 11, starting at 7 a.m., which coincides with the attack on the World Trade Center (Eastern Time). "We will not forget" the sacrifice, bravery and loss of life that took place that day. Come join us that morning at the LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Hollywood.

## 9-11 Memorial at Old FS 27

The LAFD Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial is planning a 9-11 remembrance on the 10th anniversary of the tragedy - Sunday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Old Fire Station 27 is at 1355 N. Cahuenga Boulevard, Hollywood.



The LA Firefighters bike team before it left on its 9-11 ride.

## CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK

Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job?

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Our *Alive!* cameras found these DWP employees hard at work, from left: **Phil Williams, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor**, 27 years of City service; **Sergio Brito, Apprentice Lineman**, 6 months of service; and **Lawrence Madrid, Apprentice Lineman**, 2 years. Phil and Lawrence are helping to hook up Sergio so he can climb the power pole.



Here's **Peter Reynosa, Traffic Officer, Transportation, Club Member**, doing his duty.



Here's **Sabino S. Palestino, Warehouse and Tool Room Worker**, 10 years of City service.





From left: Brandon Molale; Michael Wilson; and SLO Gina Chovan, Northeast.



Celebrity host Jerry West.

# Teeing Off With Celebs

**Police Dept. hosts annual and popular celebrity golf tournament fundraiser.**

*Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photos by Arlene Herrero and Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor*

The LAPD held its annual Celebrity Golf Tournament fundraiser July 16 at the Trump National Golf Club. The event raised funds for the Los Angeles Memorial Foundation. This year's celebrity host was former Laker great Jerry West.

In addition to the tournament, there were numerous LAPD displays including a helicopter, the bomb squad, LAPD K-9, the LAPD Historical Society mobile museum, and the LAPD Mounted Unit. Great food and drink were offered throughout the park.

Approximately 5,000 to 8,000 people were expected to attend. Attendees included golf

enthusiasts, celebrity watchers, and those looking for a family day in the park. A large number of children attended the event with their parents.

All proceeds benefited the Los Angeles Memorial Foundation, which financially assists LAPD family members experiencing catastrophic circumstances resulting from injury or death. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$11.8 million for medical, funeral, and educational expenses. Each year, more than 30 celebrities from the sports, television and movie industries participate in the tournament. The Club's very own Sports Dude, Robert Larios, had the opportunity to play with actor/musician Mickey Jones.

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## LAPD



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager, with actor Michael Cudlitz, *Southland*.



From left: Capt. Ron Marbrey, Central Traffic; and celebrity host Jerry West.



From left: Actor Eric Estrada and Club Sports Dude Robert Larios.



From left: Sgt. Mike Porter with Doc, and Sr. Lead Officer Rudy De Leon, Club Member, with Raphael.



From left: Actor Ron Perlman; Steve Hansen; Sgt. II Damon Gutierrez, West Valley; and Eddie Fierro.



From left: Shea Shafer; Mitzi Fierro, LAPD Spokeswoman; actor Eric Estrada; and Phil Englander.



From left: Capt. Ron Marbrey, Central Traffic; Bob Williamson, Retired Motor Officer; Phil Bowater, drummer for the LAPD Emerald Society; and Sandy Jo MacArthur, Asst. Chief



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From left: Elizabeth Alvillar, D1, 13 years of City service; Chief Charlie Beck; and Roz Curry, P3, 17 years, Club Member.



Back, from left: Lt. Gloria Vargas, LAPD Communications, with her brother, Willie, and nephews Dominic and Anthony.



From left: Kara Clark; Mitzi Fierro, Winner of the women's longest drive contest; and Douglas Banameno, P2.



From left: John McMahon, President, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, and Alan Atkins, Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.



From left: Kara Clark; Andre Plummer, P3, winner of the men's longest drive contest; and Douglas Banameno, P2.



Standing: Alice Sturdy, Secretary, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. Seated (from left): Angie Roman, Executive Administrative Assistant at the Police Commission, Club Member; and Debbie Hobbs, volunteer.



From left: Joe Buscano, SLO, Harbor Station, with actor Neal McDonough.



From left: Ulric Pattillo, PSR3, Club Member; actor Jack McGee; D2 Matthew Sibayan, CCD; Jacob Sibayan; PSR3 Rudy Vasquez, Club Member; and Arthur Urdiales.



From left: Nhut Huynh, K-9 Handler, 17 years of City service; Jason Schwab, K-9 Handler, 13 years; and Cliff Chu, K-9 Handler, 15 years, with Grocco.



From left: Elliott King, P2, Newton Bikes, 12 years of City service; Guillermo Garcia, P2, Newton Bikes, 5 years; Joshua Partida, P2, Newton Bikes, 5 years; and Jesse Cardenas, P2, Newton Bikes, 8 years.



Sgt. I Adam Loo, Central, 12 years of City service; and Juan Laguna, P2, Newton Bikes, 4 years.



From left: Jairo Martinez, P2, Newton Bikes, 3 years of City service; Jim McLaughlin, WTD, 15 years; and Alex Tan, P2, Newton Bikes, 3 years.



From left: Nicholas Marrone, P2, Newton Bikes, 6 years of City service; Creighton Dawson, P2, Newton Bikes, 12 years; and Manuel Alvarez, P2, Newton Bikes, 14 years.



From left: Bailey Chase; Jimmy McNeal; Robert Arellano, P2, Airport Police; and Vince Carreon, D1, CGHD.



From left: D3 Bob Palacios, Wilshire; Bill Prigge, P3 Greg Shortle, Harbor; and Sgt. Paul Williams, RACR.



From left: Michael Cudlitz; John Stilo; George Davis; and D2 Luke Magee, Commercial Crimes.



From left: Justin Bazdoni; Jay Granzow; Brendan Fehr; and Victor Su'a, P3, Van Nuys.



Officer Mell Hogg, K-9 Handler, Bomb Detection, 9 years of City service, with Tomy.



From left: Actor Eric Estrada and Daniel Wang playing on behalf of the City Employees Club.



PSR II Lourdes Varas, Club Member, with Det. Vince Carreon, CGHD.



Officer Mike Wang, P3, Bomb Squad, 18 years of City service.



Volunteers, from left: Roxanne Fitkoswki, Jeremy Sturdy, Amanda Sturdy, and Tyler Topits.



Club Counselor Noelle Kauffman and actor/musician Mickey Jones.



From left: Alan Atkins, Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, with actor Miguel Ferrer.



From left: Actor Mykelti Williamson; Rod Martinez; Hal Wooden; and Sr. Photographer David Gomez, Club Member.



Lynn Caprarelli, LAPD Wives Club.



From left: Jorge Arellano, P2, 16 years of City service; and James Blankenship, P2, 18 years.



From left: Mike Goldstein, Motor Officer, WTD, 30 years of City service; Brian Thompson, Motor Officer, VTD, 13 years; and Joe Taylor, Motor Officer, WTD, 21 years.



From left: Yolanda Rivera, LAPPO; Dylan Vargas; John Queza, PS; Corrine Mendez, volunteer; and Monique Rivera, volunteer.



From left: Mickey Jones; Robert Larios, the Club Sports Dude; Daniel Wang; and P3 Brian Harris, Topanga.



From left: Ron Masek; P3 Andrea Plummer; D3 Michael Brox, Devonshire; and Terrance Scuoler.



From left: Zack Lively; Andy Boston; Sgt. Shawn Duke, WLA; and D3 Kent Oderinio, GND.



From left: Actor Steven Bauer, D3 John Zambos; Bob Sherwin; and Retired Officer Ruben Ornelas.



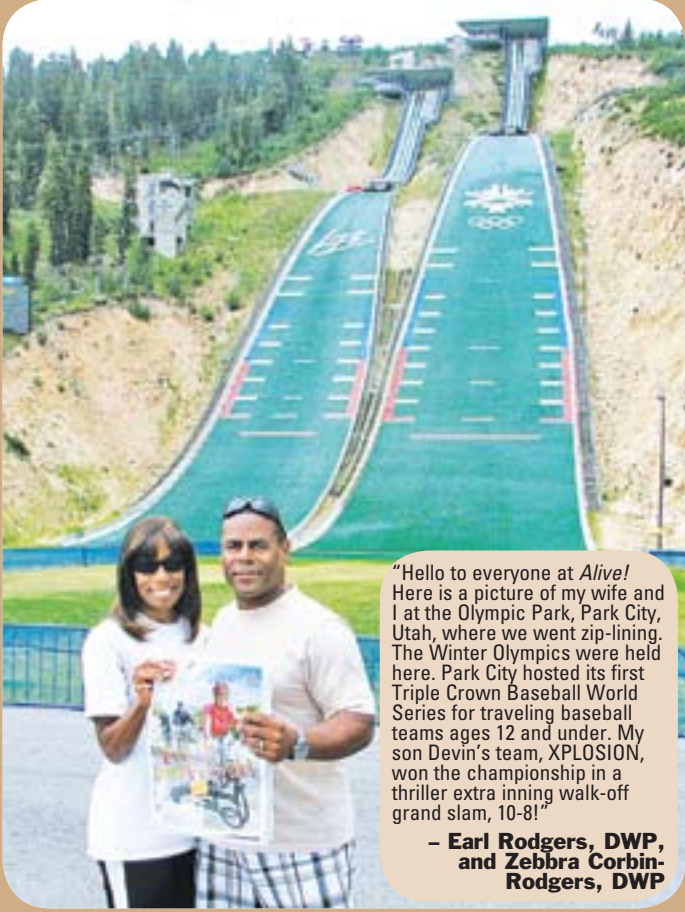


# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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## Utah



"Hello to everyone at *Alive!* Here is a picture of my wife and I at the Olympic Park, Park City, Utah, where we went zip-lining. The Winter Olympics were held here. Park City hosted its first Triple Crown Baseball World Series for traveling baseball teams ages 12 and under. My son Devin's team, XPLOSION, won the championship in a thriller extra inning walk-off grand slam, 10-8!"

- Earl Rodgers, DWP, and Zebbra Corbin-Rodgers, DWP

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## Europe

"Here are a few travel pictures of my wife and I recently."

- Norman Faner, DWP, and Florian Faner, LAPD



Budapest, Hungary: The Danube River as viewed from the Citadel.



Ercolano, Italy: The ruins of Herculaneum buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D.



Luxembourg City: Spuerkeess Bank



Bratislava, Slovakia: Grassalkovich Palace.

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## Hawaii



Napali Coast, Kauai

Sally Lopez, retired, traveled to Hawaii. Here she is at Waimea Canyon, Kauai.

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## Mexico



"Here are two shots from our last vacation to Mexico. The one at the beach is in Playa la Ropa, Zihuatanejo, Guerrero. The second one is in front of the Monumental Plaza Mexico, in Mexico City. I believe it's the largest bullfighting ring in America."

- Leah Mendieta





**Alive! AROUND THE WORLD**

**5 Florida**



Alive! editor **John Burnes** and his fiancé, Dearbhla McNulty, on Ocean Drive in Miami Beach.

**6 England**



"I recently visited one of my favorite cities, London, England, with my husband, Richard, and daughter, Catherine. Here I am on the banks of the River Thames in front of the London Eye, a giant 443-foot-tall Ferris wheel."

- Remy Craig, LAPD

**7 Bahamas**



"I took my Alive! with me on vacation to the Bahamas. I attached evidence."  
- Zara Madison, DWP

**8 California**

"Here's a photo taken in June of myself holding Alive!, along with my son, Ryan, 10 (who's very tired from our journey), and dog, Lacy. The photo was taken 10,000 feet up on the California side of the Eastern Sierra Nevada mountain range at Lobdell Lake. With the heavy snow this year, all dirt roads were closed, and this area was accessible only by four-by-fours."

- Rick Rinehart, DWP



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**NEWS BRIEF**

**Music Downloads**

The Los Angeles Public Library, in conjunction with the L.A. County Library, have joined a network of public library websites that offer access to hundreds of thousands of songs from Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists.

The service, "Freegal" ("free" and "legal"), began July 1 on both library Websites. Freegal allows registered cardholders of either library to download up to three selections of Sony Music tracks in the MP3 format each week at no direct cost. The artists and the works available through the service are listed at [www.sonymusic.com](http://www.sonymusic.com).

"The Los Angeles Public Library is pleased to partner with the Los Angeles County Public Library to enhance our digital services and offer an easy-to-use music download service that delivers great music to a variety of devices," said City Librarian Martín Gómez, Club Member. "Together, we are able to utilize Freegal to help meet the soaring demand in Los Angeles for digital-format information and entertainment."

Other libraries participating in the Freegal music service include the Princeton Public Library (NJ), Maricopa County Library District (AZ), Orange County Public Library (FL), Nashville Public Library (TN) and Fairfield Public Library (CT).



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**Noelle Kauffman,**  
Club Member  
Services Counselor

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LAPD, LAFD, HARBOR

# Honoring Harbor Area Safety

Harbor-area public safety officers are honored.

*Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor*

On Aug. 2, the Wilmington Community gathered to honor Police Officers, Firefighters, and Port Police Officers stationed in the harbor area. The event, held at the Harbor Christian Center in conjunction with the National Night Out event, included dinner and a concert.

The ceremony began with the National Anthem sung by Gina Grant and ended up being a concert with the help of the church's band.

Interestingly enough, when duty calls, our Police Officers and Firefighters must respond regardless of the occasion. While Capt. Senior, LAFD, was honoring Jeff Braff, a call came in and the squad rushed off. (They returned after their duty had been met.)

**The honorees were:**

- LAPD, Harbor Division:
- Det. Rafael Mora
- Cadet Lt. Manuel Jimenez
- Special Problems Unit
- Sgt. Dana Adams
- Officer James Brimberry
- Officer Paul Devine
- Officer Brett Ehring
- Officer Blake Putnins
- Officer Matthew Vuoso
- Officer Evening Wight

**LAFD Fire Station 38:**

- Engineer Jeffrey Braff
- Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Wells
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jerome Woodcock

**Port Police Traffic Enforcement Unit:**

- Sgt. Robert Myers
- Sgt. Glenn Twardy
- Officer II Michael Canlas
- Officer II Masaki Imoto
- Officer II Mark Renteria
- Officer II Mark Velasquez
- Officer David Armijo
- Officer Morgan Evans
- Officer Michael Glimpse
- Officer Justin Sepe

A special award from the Wilmington Coordinating Council went to Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police.

Congratulations to all those honored for keeping this part of the City safe! And special thanks to Joan Davis at the Harbor Christian Center, for hosting a great event.



State Sen. Ted W. Lieu, 28th District.



From left: Cadet Andrew Paiz, 4 years of City service, LAFD Station 38; Firefighter Gerald Paiz, 27 years of service, LAFD Station 38; Engineer Jeff Braff, 20 years, LAFD Station 38; Cpt. Tony Senior, 32 years, LAFD Station 38; Engineer Andy Saenz, 17 years, LAFD Station 38; and Firefighter Tim Saldana, 11 years, LAFD Station 38.



Andrew Smith, Commander Commanding Officer, LAPD; and Joan Davis, Harbor Christian Center representative.



Cpt. William Hayes, Commanding Officer, Harbor Area, 29 years of City service; and Sgt. II Catherine Plows, Officer in Charge Harbor Area Community Relations, 25 years of service.



Back row, from left: State Sen. Ted W. Lieu, 28th District; Ricardo Hong, representing Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Officer II Mark Imoto, Port Police, 11 years of City service; Officer Morgan Evans, Port Police, 5 years of service; and Cpt. Mike Graychik, Port Police, 29 years of service. Middle: Rebeka Kim, Deputy County of LA, representing County Supervisor Don Knabe; Sergio Carrillo, representing Congresswoman Janice Hahn, 5 years of City service; Officer II Mike Canlas, Port Police, 6 years of service, Club Member; and Officer Justin Sepe, Port Police, 5 years of service, Club Member. Front: Veronica Zendejas, Sr. District Representative, 28th District; Lt. Ken Hawkes, 23 years; Sgt. Robert Myers, Port Police, 21 years, Club Member; Sgt. Glen Twardy, Port Police, 16 years of service, Club Member; Officer II Mark Renteria, Port Police, 13 years of service; and Lt. Jaime Navarro, 20 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police, 17 years of City service, Club Member; Cpt. Charles Hearn, LAPD, 22 years of service; Commissioner Eleanor R. Montano, Los Angeles County Human Relations, LAPD Volunteer, 45 years.



The cake that helped honor the Port Police.



From left: Motor Officer Mark Renteria, Port Police, 13 years of City service; Motor Officer Mike Canlas, Port Police, 6 years of service, Club Member; and Motor Officer Morgan Evans, Port Police, 5 years of service.



Lt. Ken Hawkes, 23 years of City service; Cpt. Mike Graychik, Port Police, 29 years of service; and Lt. Jaime Navarro, 20 years of service, Club Member.



The cake that helped honor the LAPD, Harbor Division.



Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Victor Medina, Wilmington Council Member.



Chaplain Ed Beardsley, LAPD, 20 years of City service.



From left: Sergio Carrillo, representing Congresswoman Janice Hahn, 5 years of City service; State Sen. Ted W. Lieu, 28th District; Engineer Jeff Braff, LAFD 20 years; Sr. District Representative Veronica Zendejas, 28th District; Ricardo Hong, representing Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; and Rebeka Kim, Deputy County of LA, representing County Supervisor Don Knabe.



From left: Motor Officer Mark Imoto, Port Police, 11 years of City service; and Motor Officer Justin Sepe, Port Police, 5 years of service, Club Member.

# Club Honors 15 With

The Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship Program for 2011

*Congratulations!*

Once again, the Club family is filled with young people of promise, hope, service... and achievement.

The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program for 2011. The Club's Scholarship program was named for the late Joannie Mukai, the former Club Board Member who passed away in 2010.

Those eligible included Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2011.

**Here are the recipients of the 15 scholarships:**

- Raven Burrell, daughter of Adriane Buchanan, Building and Safety;
- Karina Simpson, daughter of Michael Simpson, Public Works;
- Desiree Khan, daughter of Musa Khan, City Clerk's Office;
- Sabrena Edwards, daughter of Brenda Edwards, Public Works;

## Here are brief profiles of the awardees:

### RAVEN BURRELL

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Raven** attends the University of California, Irvine.

At UCI, she's involved in the school's iRise Program, a stay-over program hosted by the Black Student Union. She participates in the West African Dance Group, where she is a performer and choreographer, and is a student coordinator for the Student Outreach and Retention program.

"My college experiences have made me realize that I enjoy being in direct contact with people, which has further influenced me to become a physician assistant, specializing in obstetrics... As an active [student] leader, I have and will continue to influence the youths about the importance of achieving one's aspirations."

She's the daughter of Adriane Buchanan, Building and Safety.

### KARINA SIMPSON

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Karina** graduated from the California Academy of Math and Science, and plans to attend Bucknell University this fall.

She is an active gymnast, interned at Northrup-Grumman, was the campus founder/president of National Society of Black Engineers, worked at the Love Kitchen, tutored at the Tomorrow Aeronautical Museum, and was a member of the Compton Commission of Young Women.

"Falling off the balance beam is just like not passing a test for an engineer," she writes. "As a gymnast, I get up and continue practicing. And as an engineering student, I will get up and head off to continue my work until I accomplish my goal. I look forward to future challenges in college."

She's the daughter of Michael Simpson, Public Works.

### DESIREE KHAN

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Desiree** graduated from La Puente High School and plans to attend Cal State San Bernardino this fall.

In high school, Desiree was part of the University Academy, studied journalism, and

worked as part of the City's Election Division.

"I want to make something of my life, and I want to be the first in my family to be able to say, 'I have a college degree,'" she writes. "Ten years from now I want to look back at the most important choices of my life and not regret them, but glad I made them."

"The rest of our life relies on the choices we make at this time. I am determined to finish college and have no fear left because the scariest period of our life is determining our future."

She's the daughter of Musa Khan, City Clerk's Office.

### SABRENA EDWARDS

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Sabrena** graduated from King Drew Medical Magnet High School, and plans to attend Whittier College this fall.

At King Drew, she was involved in the Bible and Book clubs, the Magnetic Mentors, and the Kids

Judge L.A.

"Education is the most empowering experience in a person's life," she writes. "It is the life-long process of gathering and processing information which shapes our perception of the world."

"My ultimate goal is to become a successful physical therapist, where I can assist others in rebuilding, restoring and educating people in the community about the importance of physical therapy and pursuing their goals. I plan to be the best physical therapist there is. I will stay focused and study hard. It is just a matter of time before my dreams become a reality."

She's the daughter of Brenda Edwards, Public Works.

### KELLY YIN

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Kelly** graduated from John A. Rowland High School in Rowland Heights, and plans to attend UCLA this fall.

In high school, she was involved in a number of activities, including tennis and student government.

She was also involved in Invisible Children, which supports students in Uganda affected by war, in veterinary activities, and was a tutor for underprivileged students.

"We may think that high school is just one chapter of our lives," she says, "but the influence we have on others resonates for much longer. I am proud to say that my legacy leaves 100 tennis players with a new friend; 500 new students who know teens with mental disabili-

ties can become their friends; 200 more who know about the Invisible Children group and are aware of the war effort in Northern Uganda.

"I know that as long as I stay ambitious and put in the effort, I'll finish my sets and win the game."

She's the daughter of Roger Yin, Airports.

### MIA-VICTORIA GARCIA

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Mia-Victoria** graduated from South Hills High School and plans to attend the University of California, Riverside this fall.

In high school, she played soccer, was a member of the student council and worked at the school newspaper.

"I have been a determined and driven person all my life, and as I enter the real world I will continue to follow these dreams of mine," she writes. "I realize that life is not easy, but I will continue to fight for the dreams I know I can accomplish. As a great coach once said, 'If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything.' I'm positive that a doer makes mistakes. I will continue to be a doer throughout my life."

She's the daughter of Joseph Garcia, DWP.

### AMETHYST JEFFERSON-ROBERTS

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Amethyst** graduated from Manuel Dominguez High School and plans to attend Cal State Long Beach this fall.

At Dominguez she was in the marching band, student government, the Black Student Union and the Parent-Teacher Student Assn.



# Mukai Scholarships

awards \$1,000 to 15 members of the Club family.

- Kelly Yin, daughter of Roger Yin, Airports;
- Mia-Victoria Garcia, daughter of Joseph Garcia, DWP;
- Amethyst Jefferson-Roberts, daughter of Denise Jefferson, DWP;
- Megan Di Tucci, daughter of Anthony and Julie Di Tucci, Harbor;
- Chirantha Kaluthanthri, son of Ajith Kaluthanthri, DWP;
- Alyssia Diaz, daughter of Jose Diaz, CDD;
- Dean Taylor, son of Dean Taylor, Public Works;

- James Morgutia, son of Jaime Morgutia, Public Works;
- Cyrus Nguyen, son of Long Nguyen, Airports;
- Chelsea Cammarata, daughter of Nancy Cammarata, LAPD; and
- Kathy Mariscal, daughter of Jorge Alvarez, Harbor.

Congratulations to the awardees, and the Club wishes the best success to all those who applied.



She was active in Meals on Wheels, and she worked in Children and Youth Leadership, and a homeless shelter downtown.

"Through community service, I have learned to humble myself and thank God for the blessings he has given me. Because of the things I've seen and people I've met, I know that my cup has run over."

She's the daughter of Denise Jefferson, DWP.

## MEGAN DI TUCCI

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Megan** graduated from San Pedro High School and plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona in the fall.

At San Pedro, she was involved in student council, the Croatian Club and the BFF Club. She was also an intern for former Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

"Volunteering is a large part of my life," she writes. "It gives me a sense of existence, knowing that my small actions are making a large difference in my local community. I am very fortunate that both my parents work for the Port of Los Angeles, which provides many volunteering opportunities. They have introduced me to the joy of volunteering."

"The love and nurturing of my family, the experiences I've gained through leadership, and the interaction of my part-time job all have contributed to my better understanding of who I am, where I want to go and what I want to be."

She's the daughter of Anthony and Julie Di Tucci, Harbor.

## CHIRANTHA KALUTHANTHRI

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Chirantha** graduated from Middle College High School and plans to attend the University of California, Irvine, this fall.

In high school, he was involved in student government and the Environmental Club. He participated in beach cleanups, AIDS Walk LA, the L.A. County Science Fair Committee, and the Mark Twain Library.

"[In elementary school,] I grew to understand that the path before me isn't just about myself," he writes. "I wanted to change the world, and make it better for future generations."

"I believe that if I keep persevering, as I've done all throughout my life, I can make this future real. I feel I'm getting closer to my dreams."

He's the son of Ajith Kaluthanthri, DWP.

## ALYSSIA DIAZ

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Alyssia** graduated from Oscar De La Hoya Animo Charter High School, and plans to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo this fall.

In high school, she studied journalism, was a cheerleader, was involved in student government, and tutored other students.

"My academic and personal experiences have helped me realize that I can be successful in life," she writes. "I want to pursue something I love. I want to study journalism and continue writing. I want to have a career I am passionate about and that can contribute to society. I want to share this passion with people because writing is the key to education, and education should be a top priority because there are so many things we can learn."

She's the daughter of Jose Diaz, CDD.

## DEAN TAYLOR

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Dean** graduated from Cerritos College and plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, this fall.

At Cerritos, he was involved in the Cerritos College Lit Club, the Inter-Club Council and the Key Club.

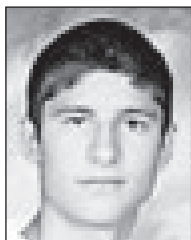
"Often we limit ourselves to occupations based on our major, and in the process, sell ourselves short," he writes. "It would be premature

to tell you exactly where I envision myself in the future because I honestly do not know, none of us can. The world is always in need of thinkers, and school – especially in the English major, where you are constantly analyzing, defining, deconstructing, and critiquing – prepares us for this. This being said, I know many doors will open for me personally, and some others may close in the process. In a constantly expanding universe, the sky isn't even the limit."

He's the son of Dean Taylor Sr., Public Works.

## JAMES MORGUTIA

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**James** graduated from Cantwell Sacred Heart Academy and plans to attend UCLA this fall.

In high school, in played baseball, basketball and football, and was a member of the computer club. He volunteered as a tutor and in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"I have always been motivated by my community, my parents and the desire to succeed and fulfill my dreams and aspirations," he writes. "My parents, who are my role models because of their hard work and dedication to our family, have always encouraged me to give back to my community in whichever ways possible. Participating in Relay for Life, and getting to know the stories of those cancer survivors, has irreversibly changed my life. I have a new outlook on life in which I now try to make the best of every situation that is thrown at me."

He's the son of Jaime Morgutia, Public Works.

## CYRUS NGUYEN

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Cyrus** graduated from the Oakwood School and plans to attend Yale University in the fall.

During high school, Cyrus sang in the school choir, was involved in student government and played basketball. He was also a background singer for American Idol, and he volunteered at Valley Presbyterian Hospital.

"My loyalty and commitment towards music, academics, sports and volunteer work not only helped me live life with discipline, but it also aided me in building self-confidence," he wrote. "With an open mind, I am able to let my heart grow. And in turn, I can reach out to others and share the happiness that I have gained from knowledge and learning."

He's the son of Long Nguyen, Airports.

## CHELSEA CAMMARATA

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



**Chelsea** graduated from Chaminade College Prep High School and plans to attend Woodbury University in Burbank in the fall.

While in high school, Chelsea was on the National Honor Art Society, and the track team, and was a volunteer for the March of Dimes. She was a Girl Scout for 13 years.

"My plans for the future are to attend Woodbury University and receive my bachelor's degree in interior architecture," she says. "This way, I can design homes that are more environmentally friendly and health-promoting."

She's the daughter of Nancy Cammarata, LAPD.

## KATHY MARISCAL

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



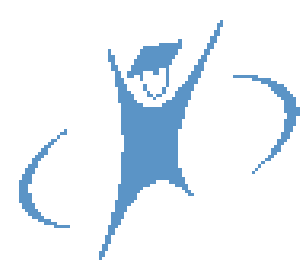
**Kathy** graduated from the North Hollywood Zoo Magnet High School in Griffith Park and plans to attend UCLA in the fall.

During high school, she tutored youths at the Los Angeles Public Library, worked with the Community Rights Campaign with the Bus Riders Union, and sang in her parish choir. She was also a cheerleader, founded the KEYS Club, and is a first-generation college student.

"Knowing that I can decide my future and I can control what I do gives me options on how I can give back to my community," she says. "My dreams are no longer dreams because they are slowly becoming true, and soon I will obtain all the knowledge I can and all the resources I need to help others."

"I know that, in order to help my community, I need to unite them, so that together we can tackle issues affecting us as a group. I don't want to miss out or be short on the education that will help me fight injustices in our world today."

She's the daughter of Jorge Alvarez, Harbor.





# The CAR CLUB



BY **EVERETT BENNETT**  
Assistant Inspector, Public Works/ Contract Administration

## Bike Therapy

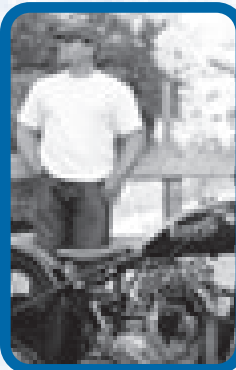
Even during the deepest darkest days of one's life, there is always something that can help remind us there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Whether it is by reading a book, phoning a friend, or walking along the beach, escapes surround us. Even though they may be temporary, they can prove to be exactly what we need to get back on track. I have always resorted to withdrawing from the world and enjoyed hiding behind my welding helmet, jumping on my snowboard, or sitting behind the steering wheel of one of my cars. Six months ago I added another escape to my list.

Here is how it all began. Car and bike shows can get a little boring after awhile. With as many as I attend, they become more of a social event than anything else. Every so often, something will catch my attention in the usual sea of cars and bikes. I first spotted this bike in the summer of 2009. An acquaintance had bought the bike in Huntington Beach and that night drove it to cruise night at Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake. After two minutes of checking it out, I told him if he ever decided to sell it to call me first. On a Tuesday

afternoon a year and a half later, my phone rang. Not too long after the conversation ended, I dragged my new '71 Triumph home.

The bike remains pretty much the same from the day I purchased it. The top end of the motor needed to be rebuilt, which I acknowledge terrified me because I had never tackled anything like that before on a bike. I jumped right in after drinking a Red Bull, and before I knew it the bike was running like a top. The one and only drum brake needed to be adjusted and many oil leaks were attended to. On its first voyage out of my garage, it left me stranded on PCH, and so work continued on making it reliable. A new clutch cable was made by Flanders in Pasadena, and the wide-open road was hit once again.

I can really appreciate the bike for what it is. It is simple and does not demand attention in any way. But I can assure you, it gets more attention than anything in the parking lot. I have seen first-hand people crawling over bikes worth \$40,000 to see this little English import. It reminds me of Beatlemania! Perhaps it's the simplicity and the sheer different look that lacks chrome and an in-



your-face paint job that says, "Hey, come look at me!" that draws bystanders in. It

knows it is cool... period.

The backdrop for the photos this month can be found in the west San Fernando Valley. A little exploring and research found this beautiful abandoned piece of real estate crying out for a hug or some sort of attention. Back in the 1930s, the land was owned by Charlie Chaplin.

Enough talk. Let's get to the nitty-gritty of what makes this bike special. It is a 1971 Triumph T500 with a powder-coated hard-tailed frame. The frame has a rake but I am not sure of how much. It has a Kawasaki front end with a 21-inch spoke wheel. The wheel is wrapped with a ribbed 21-inch Avon Speedmaster tire. The rear rim and tire are 18 inches. The rear rim is attached to the only brake on the bike, which happens to be a drum brake. I control this machine with 12-inch powder-coated ape hanger



handlebars. Fuel is housed in a two-gallon Wassell banana fuel tank. Mud and water is blocked from spraying up my back by a Wassell ribbed rear fender. A black leather West Eagle seat keeps me as comfortable as can be on rigid bike. I can see the road in front of me with my Bates headlight, and drivers behind me can see me stop because of 1936 Ford taillight. The Triumph doesn't have an electric starter or battery and needs to be kick-started, which can be frustrating. The bike can be found on the road four times a week splitting lanes on the 101 or cruising up PCH to the county line.

Thanks for tuning in, and don't forget those submissions! See you next month.

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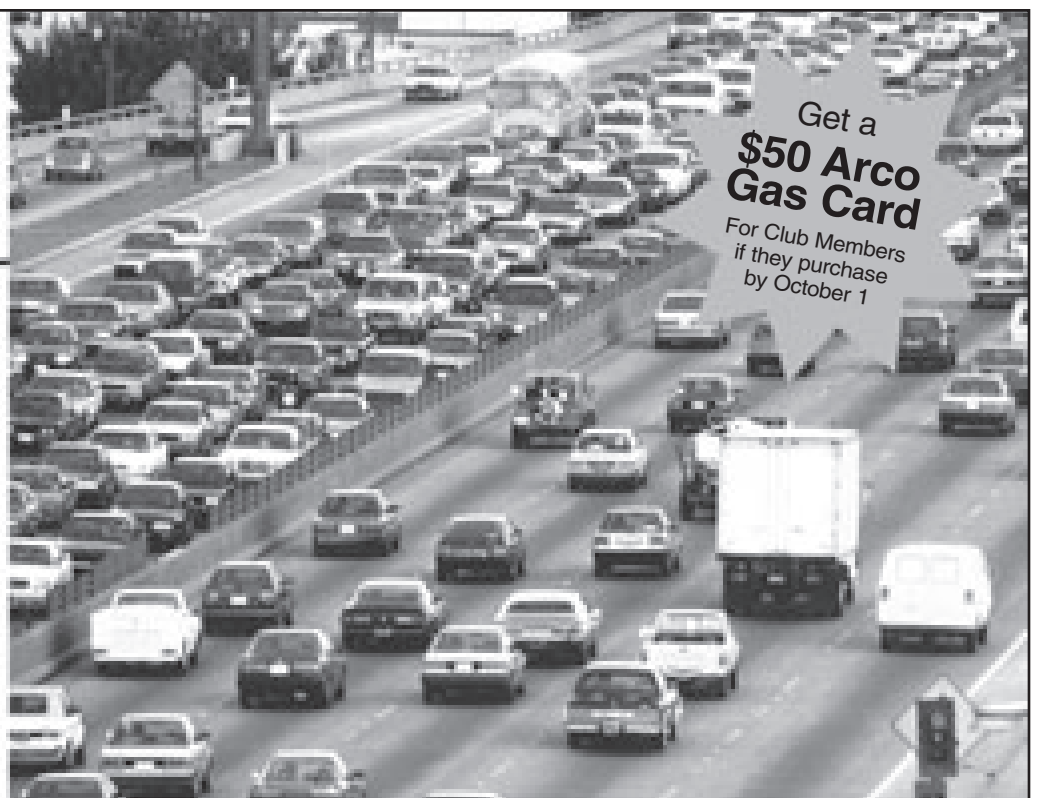
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LAPD

# Picnic Time!

**LAPD's 911 operators and staff hold their annual summer picnic.**

*Story by Noelle Kauffman and Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselors; Photos by Noelle Kauffman*

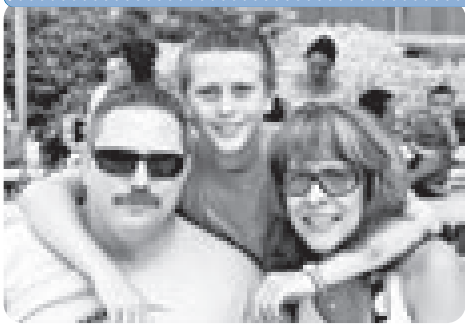


On July 31, LAPD's Communication Division and its families gathered together at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor's Picnic Pavilion to enjoy their annual summer picnic. The theme for this year was a summer fiesta. Approximately 440 guests were expected to attend the event,

which included a day at Hurricane Harbor Park, a buffet lunch, a DJ, various games and contests, and a bounceback ticket for the Magic Mountain Park that they could use at anytime in the future.

The following committee members worked long and hard to arrange this special event: Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; Sgt. Mike Piceno; Alex Liu; Lou Varas, Club Member; Maria Moreno, Club Member; Hope Wright, Club Member; Joanna Medina; Diana Montano, Club Member; Donelle Nubia, Club Member; Keyshae Paylor; Buddy Ramiro; Tiffany Hall; Julia Cesana, Club Member; and Mae Ford, Club Member.

*Special thanks to Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member, and Capt. Joel Justice for their assistance.*



Capt. Joel Justice, 26 years of City service, with his son, Matthew, and wife, Margie.



From left: Catherine Hernandez; Oscar Garcia Jr.; Wanda Cook, Dispatcher, Club Member, 9 years of City service; Wanda's son, Aryan; Wanda's son, Michael; Wanda's boyfriend, Oscar Garcia Sr.; and Vickie, Nereida, Eliana, Belinda, and Malachi.



From left: Marlene Swancy, Dispatcher, Sr. PSR, Club Member, 28 years of City service; Sherry Kemp, Dispatcher, Sr. PSR, Club Member, 32 years; Cheryce Swancy, Marlene's daughter; and Jadalyn, granddaughter.



The awesome committee team!



From left: Keyshae Paylor, Dispatcher, 2 years of City service; her friend, Daryl; her friend Jamal; and her cousin, Lashana.



From left: Abegaye Scianni, Dispatcher, 2 years of City service, with her husband, Gabriel; nephew, Mitchel; nephew, Jacob; and niece, Carley.



Stephanie Burkhart (second from right), Dispatcher, Club Member, 11 years of City service, with (from left): Richard Bradley, Stephanie's father; Carmella Bradley, Stephanie's mother; Brent Buckhart, Stephanie's husband; and Andrew, Stephanie's son.



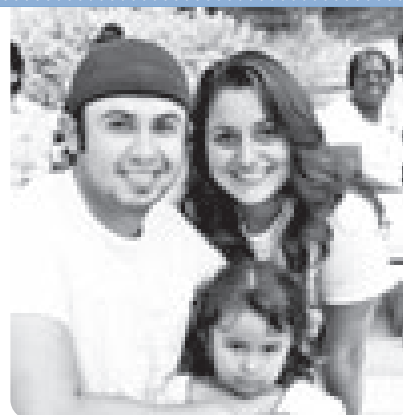
Jorge Rios, Dispatcher, Club Member, 13 years of City service, and his wife, Rachel.



Kelli Whitaker, Dispatcher, 8 years of City service (right), with her mom, Viola, and cousin, Amber.



From left: Julia Cesena, Dispatcher, Club Member, 15 years of City service; Mae Ford, Dispatcher, Club Member, 20 years; Eva Espinosa, Dispatcher, Club Member, 16 years; and Buddy Ramiro, Dispatcher, 17 years.



Joanna Medina, Dispatcher, 2 years of City service (middle), with her husband, Sebastian, and daughter, Mariana.



From left: Lt. Vic Dennis, Watch Commander, Club Member, 28 years of City service; and Buddy Ramiro, Dispatcher, 17 years.



Steven Choi, Dispatcher, Club Member, 8 years of City service (right) with his wife, Soo; daughter, Jasmyn; and daughter, Lyntara.



Chiwanda Scott, Dispatcher, 13 years of City service, with her husband, Mike, and daughter, Raven.



From left: Nichole Ellis, Dispatcher, 9 years of City service; Brandon Kemp, Dispatcher, 11 years; and Nichole's son, Christopher.



Emily Zavala, Dispatcher, Club Member, 5 years of City service, and her daughter, Lora.



Cheryl Garcia, Dispatcher, Club Member, 6 years of City service, with sons Jonathan and Jonah.



From left: Hope Wright, Dispatcher, Club Member, 7 years of City service; and Diana Montano, Dispatcher, Club Member, 5 years.

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# Job Well Done

Airport Police Officers are honored for going beyond the call of duty.



From left: Dana Brown, Sr. Management Analyst II, 24 years; and Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Club Member, 20 years.



From left: Officer Alicia Hernandez, Club Member, 5 years of City service; Katherine Alvarado, LAX Public Relations, 4 years; and Officer Karla Ortiz, Club Member, 7 years.



Story by Noelle Kauffman and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselors; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager



On July 28, Airports held a ceremony at the Flight Path Learning Center to honor Airport Police Officers for going above and beyond the call of duty. Airports Executive Director Gina-Marie Lindsey addressed the officers by saying, "To honor, not promise, but to celebrate what you have actually done."

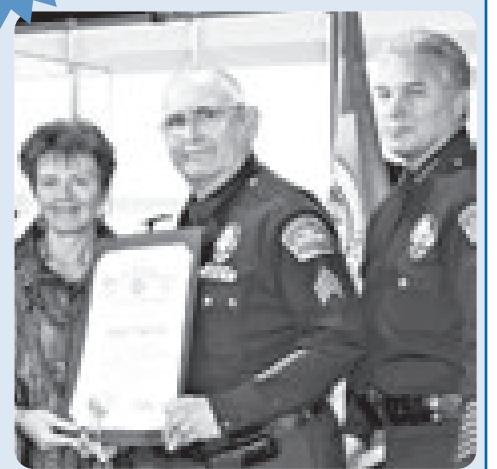
Lindsey, along with Airports Police Chief George Centeno recognized Sgts. Ronald Hall and Ralph Valencia for their outstanding performance and positive contributions to the organization over the course of their work assignments. The ceremony continued with the presentation of various medals, including a Humanitarian Service Medal, Lifesaving Medals, Police Star Medals, and a Police Cross Medal.

The Alfred E. Turner Humanitarian Service Medal was awarded to Officer Mark Corral, for demonstrating stewardship and great compassion while working with the Airport community.

## Commendation: DEDICATION TO DUTY



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Sgt. Ronald Hall, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Sgt. Ralph Valencia; and Chief George R. Centeno.

Six Lifesaving Medals were then presented to Officers Rodolfo Bojorquez, Clayton Kadekawa, Danny Tung, Alexis Chan, Robert Fortenberry, and Joshua Ulatowski. The Lifesaving Medal is awarded for the action in prolonging another human being's life while upholding the highest standards of the Airport Police. The Police Star Medal is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of duty by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics and/or judgment. The following Officers were presented with the Police Star Medal: Sgt. Ernest Cruz, and Officers Burt Davis, Shawn Smith, and Francis Smith.

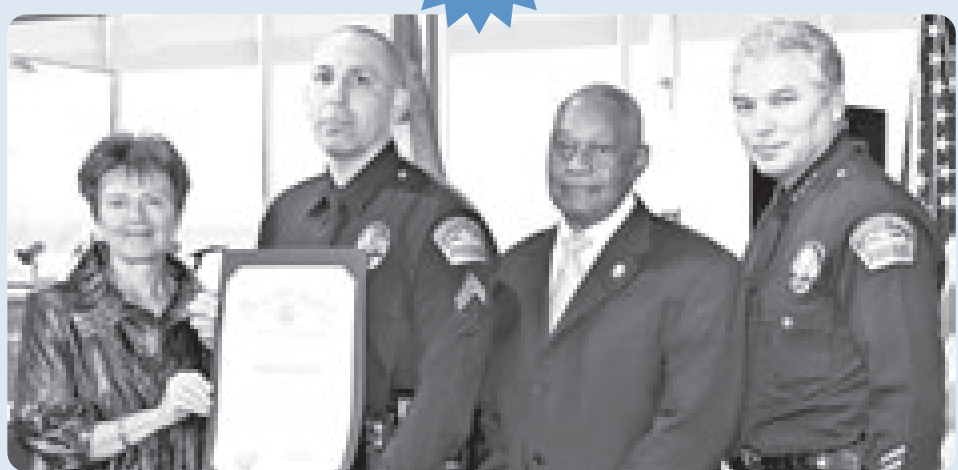
The last medal presented was the Police Cross, awarded to Det. Lauren Peaks. The Police Cross Medal is awarded to officers who demonstrate bravery or heroism and who also go above and beyond the normal demands of duty to a greater degree than what is required for a Police Star.

The Club congratulates all the winners for their great service to the citizens of Los Angeles, and the Club thanks Sgt. Belinda Nettles for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Officer Shawn Smith, Club Member, 10 years of City service, with Al Brown, Retired, Inglewood PD.

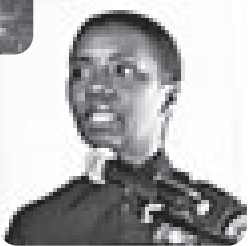
## Medal: HUMANITARIAN SERVICE



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Mark Corral, Training Officer, Club Member, 11 years of City service; Sgt. Alfred E. Turner, 44 years; and Chief George R. Centeno.



Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports.



Event host Sgt. Belinda L. Nettles, Club Member.



From left: Officer Shawn Maldonado, Club Member, 8 years of City service; Sgt. Fernando Franco, 21 years; and Det. Mike Gentry, Club Member, 21 years.



Ronald's son Julian, Sgt. Ronald Hall, 23 years of City service, with his son, Julian; daughter, Amber; and wife, Tracy.



From left: Officer/Chaplain Tim Cheatwood, Club Member, 23 years of City service; and Lt. Mario Patrick, Club Member, 21 years.

## Medal: POLICE STAR



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Burt Davis, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Sgt. Ernest Cruz; and Chief George R. Centeno.

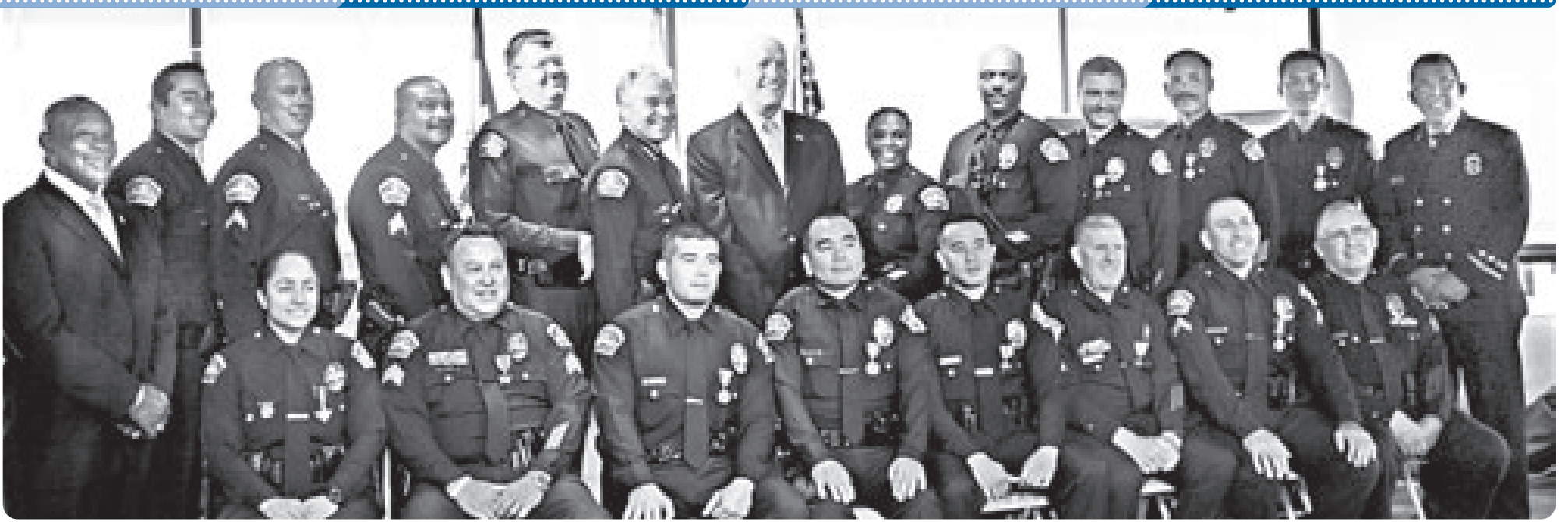


From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Shawn Smith, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Francis Smith, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.





The honored officers.



From left: Officer Johnny Pan, Club Member, 7 years of City service; Shon Taylor, Investigator for the state of California; Shawnee Rogers, FTO, 8 years; and Barbara Santa Marina, Investigator for the state of California.

*Medal:*  
**POLICE CROSS**

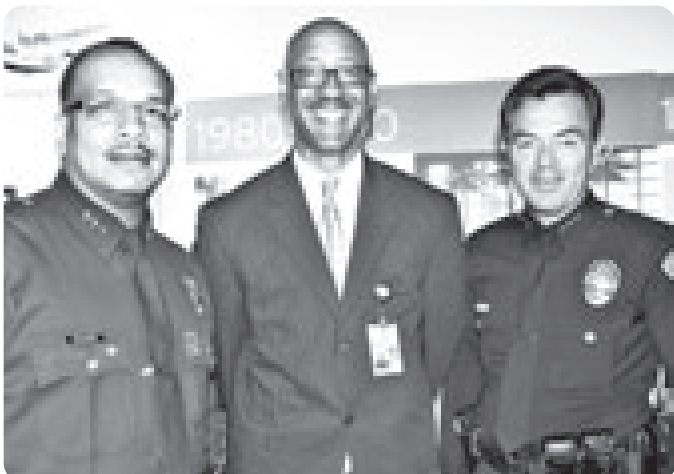
Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Det. Lauren Peaks; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Officer Alexis Chan, Club Member, 4 years of City service; and Mark Corral, Training Officer, Club Member, 11 years.



Det. Lauren Peaks (center), 6 years of City service, with (from left) her stepmom Annie, dad, Millage (former LAFD Chief); mom, Janet; sister, Jolie; and brother-in-law, Emeka.



From left: Brian Walker, Asst. Chief, Club Member; Capt. Curtis Thompson, Club Member; and Asst. Chief Mike Hyams.



*Medal:*  
**LIFESAVING**



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Danny Tung, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Joshua Ulatowski, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Rodolfo Bojorquez, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Robert Fortenberry, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Alexis Chan, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Clayton Kadekawa; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Det. Bruce Autry, Club Member, 11 years of City service; Terry Coleman, Planning Commissioner, Club Member, 30 years; Sgt. Alfred Turner, Club Member, 44 years; and Tom Dye, Control Officer, 8 years.



In front of Boat 23 are, from left: Vernon Goldwater, visitor, and Port Police Officer Omar Cuevas, Club Member.



From left: Port Police Officer Luis Bautista, Club Member, with his daughter, Lauren; son, Lucas; and wife, Liz.



In front of the "Bear," Port Police Officer Alvarez, Club Member, with his daughter, Angelina, and niece, Ally.



From left: Bob Henry, Commission Executive Officer, Club Member; Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; and Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager.



From left: Lt. Anita Hayden, Club Member; Sgt. Glenn Twardy, Club Member; Port Police Officer Tom Yamamoto, Club Member; and Sgt. Ken Huerta, Club Member.



The X-ray truck was one of the many Port Police displays available for the public to see.



From left: Sheila Gonzalez, Principal Public Relations Rep, and Trisha Malahni, Educational Coordinator.



From left: Julie DiTucci, Secretary, Office of the Chief of Police, Club Member, with Nicholas; Amanda Munoz, guest; and Chelsea Boyd, volunteer.



From left: City Controller Wendy Greuel; Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; City Attorney Carmen Trutanich; Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member; and David Arian, Vice President, Board of Harbor Commissioners.



On the T3 is Port Police Officer Aaron Smith, Club Member, and Port Police Officer Tyler Hellinga, Bike Team, Club Member.



Showing the inside of "Bear" are SLO Lee and SLO Martinez, Hazmat Officers and Club Members.



From left: Retired Port Police Officer David Bailey; and Lt. Ken Hawkes, Club Member.



Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member.



From left: Ron Brown, Olympic medal recipient, with Carl Lewis; Sgt. Cobos, Club Member; and actor Tiny Lister.



Sgt. Cobos, Club Member, with the Port of Los Angeles High School cheerleaders!



From left: Airport Police Chief George Centeno; Airport Police Asst. Chief Brian Walker, Club Member; Asst. Director in Charge Steven M. Martinez, FBI; City Attorney Carmen Trutanich; LAPD Asst. Chief Earl C. Pysinger, Director, Office of Operations, 35 years of City service; and Capt. Chris O'Quinn, CHP.



From left: Former President of Harbor Commission Nicholas G. Tonsich and Port Police Chief Ronald J. Boyd, Club Member.



Pat McOsker, UFLAC President, stops by the POA booth. Pictured, from left: Retired Port Police Officer Patricia Montano, Club Member; Retired Port Police Officer Harry Hunold, Vice President of Retired Officers Group, Club Member; Pat McOsker, UFLAC President; and Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis, President of Los Angeles Port Police Association, Club Member.

HARBOR

# Headquarters Open House

Port Police celebrates its new headquarters building with an open house.

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

On July 23, the Port Police showed off its impressive new headquarters building in San Pedro. The new building is at 330 Centre Street.

"What better way to cap a century of dedicated service – 1911 to 2011 – than with a brand new, state-of-the-art police headquarters?" said Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "This new facility will provide an additional assurance of safety and security to our community, our customers, the Port of Los Angeles High School next door, and the downtown San Pedro business district."

The Port Police offered tours of the new building, complete with historic Port Police photos to commemorate 100 years of service. Because the building will serve as a primary emergency center for the Port and surrounding areas, officers held an emergency preparedness fair with booth information from various City agencies, specialized vehicle displays, first aid kits, and flashlights.

The 50,000-square-foot, three-story building was under construction for three years and total cost was approximately \$60 million. Prior to its

demolition in 2008, the former building on the site housed administrative offices for Evergreen Shipping Line. The new headquarters replace a 4,000-square-foot space the Port Police now occupy inside the Port of Los Angeles Administration Building, originally designed for 30 officers. The Port Police force has grown to approximately 150 officers and is expected to grow to about 200. An estimated 200 staff and visitors are expected to occupy the building.

The complex features a public counter, administrative offices, conference/training classrooms, emergency call and dispatch center, secure interview/interrogation rooms, physical training/fitness equipment, indoor firearms training facility, and temporary lockup facilities.

Pending Gold Certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) the Port Police Headquarters was designed as an Essential Services Facility (ESF) and may serve as a center for disaster relief in the event of an emergency, with grid-independent power sources and hardened infrastructure.

*Congratulations to the Port Police on their new home! And thanks to Rachel Campbell and Stephen John for their assistance and invitation.*



The new Port Police building is at 330 Centre St.



From left: James G. Featherstone, General Manager, City of Los Angeles, Emergency Management Department, 25 years of City service; Capt. III William P. Hayes, LAPD Harbor Area, 29 years of service; Asst. Director in Charge Steven M. Martinez, FBI; and Dep. Chief Patrick M. Gannon, LAPD Operations/South Bureau, 33 years of service.



Cutting the ribbon (from left) were Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member; Congresswoman (and former Councilwoman) Janice Hahn, Club Member; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; City Controller Wendy Greuel; and Airport Police Chief George Centeno.



PERSONNEL

# Good Going, Demetria!

**Demetria Willis, Club Member, is Personnel's Employee of the Quarter.**



*Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and courtesy Personnel; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director*

Demetria Willis, Worker's Compensation Analyst, Personnel, and Club Member, received Personnel's Employee of the Quarter Award at a meeting of the Civil Service Commission Aug. 11. Demetria was recognized for her outstanding work performance, initiative and leader-

ship. In particular, she was recognized for her work in starting a pilot program that, since its inception, has potentially saved the City \$3 million.

Demetria started her career with the City in November 2008 and is respected by her peers and supervisors for her professionalism, expertise and enthusiasm.

Congratulations, Demetria! *Special thanks to Marviana Jones, Club Rep, and David Luther, Asst. General Manager.*



Demetria Willis, Worker's Compensation Analyst, 3 years of City service, Club Member, proudly holds her certificate and gift bag.



From left: Anthony De Los Reyes, President, Civil Service Commission; Demetria Willis, Worker's Compensation Analyst, 3 years of City service, Club Member; David Luther, Asst. General Manager, Personnel; and Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel, Club Member.

DEPT. ON DISABILITY

# Goodbye, Betty

**Betty Wilson retires from the City after 30 years of City service.**

An open house was held July 28 in honor of Betty Wilson, Director of Community Affairs for the Dept. on Disability.

The event was held at the downtown headquarters of the Dept. on Disability.

Betty served the City with distinction in a number of positions, first as Administrative Coordinator with the Mayor's Office for the Disabled, then as Executive Director of the Mayor's Office on Disability, and since 2001 as Director of Community Affairs for the Dept. on Disability.

During her 30-year tenure with the City, Betty has demonstrated, by example, her commitment and dedication to fully equal civil rights for persons with all disabilities.

As Community Affairs Director, she provided oversight and development of the annual Accessible City Expo: Community Resources and Employment Fair, which operated for eight years with great success; and hosted disability organization delegations from China, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Turkey, Canada, United Kingdom, several African nations and most recently a delegation from Moscow.

Betty has spoken before the United Nations Human Rights Commission several times, receiving the United Nations Distinguished Service Award – Medal of Excellence in 1998. The Fair Employment and Housing of Southern California Employee Roundtable awarded her the prestigious Carol Schiller Award for her contributions in the areas of civil and human rights; and in 2009 she was appointed to the California

Commission on Disability Access by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

*Congratulations on your distinguished career, Betty, and the Club wishes you a great retirement! Thanks to Sheridan Keyser, Club Member, Management Analyst, Department on Disability.*

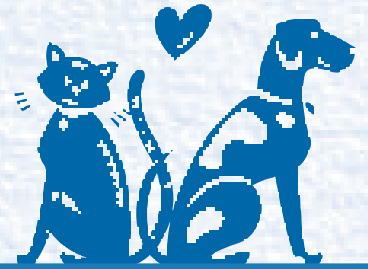


Betty Wilson.

# 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:

**lily**

Lily is a two-year-old spayed orange tabby. She is super sweet, loves people and other cats. Lily is a great addition to any family!

**ID #A1212393:**  
West Valley Animal Shelter



**king**

King is a three-year-old Rottweiler mix. He is a lover and is good with other dogs. He is great on a leash and would be a great exercise partner!

**ID #A0944228:**  
West Valley Animal Shelter



**boscoe**

Boscoe is a three-year-old German shepherd who loves people and likes other dogs. This very sweet and handsome boy also walks well on a leash.

**ID #A1179693:**  
West Valley Animal Shelter



**geri**

Geri is a four-year-old blue Staffordshire terrier. A shelter and volunteer favorite, Geri loves people, big and small dogs and cats! He absolutely loves the water and would happily be your swim buddy.

**ID #A1225371:**  
West Valley Animal Shelter



**trixie**

Trixie is a seven-year-old white and gray terrier. She is a super sweet, active girl who loves people and other dogs. She proves good things come in little packages!

**ID #A1227801:**  
West Valley Animal Shelter



All of these animals are available at the West Valley Animal Care Center, 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, CA 91311.

**Meet Your New Hope Coordinator!** Stella Sullivan is the New Hope Coordinator and Bottle Baby Foster Coordinator: (818) 756-9325.

Don't miss our September Discount Adoption Days – Sept. 17-23!  
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**For more information, go to: [www.laanimalservices.com](http://www.laanimalservices.com)**

# You Saw, You Clicked!

*Alive!*'s QR Code promotion had lots of you clicking and sending!



Last month, *Alive!* asked the first group who responded to our QR code promotion to send in a photo. Here they are!

If you haven't played, find the QR code in this month's *Alive!*, and use your code reader app on your smartphone or tablet to click on the code, and follow it to a special Club Website. Good luck!

**Here are some of the photos you sent in from last month.**



Victor Hernandez, Transportation, Traffic Officer



Dan Gallagher, Retired, LACERS, Chief Investment Officer



Maria Thomas, Airports, Security Officer



Erick Bell, Airports, Accounting Clerk II



Cherron Hill, LAPD, Sr. Personnel Analyst II



Silvia Pena, LAFD, Clerk Typist



Lucie Godinez, Transportation, Traffic Officer II



Phil Davidson, DWP, Commercial Field Rep



Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, PSR 2



Erica Sahagun, Airports, Sr. Clerk Typist



Betty Collins, LAPD, Management Aide



Ingrid Arita, LAPD, Clerk Typist



Margarita Guevara, LAPD, Sr. Clerk Typist



Richard Villalobos, General Services/Public Safety, Sr. Security Officer



Andrea Wyatt, Transportation, Traffic Officer II



Julie Jaramillo, LAPD, Personnel Analyst II



Craig Morris, DWP, Sr. Electrical Mechanic



Hector Nunez, Public Works/Street Services, Retired, Heavy Duty Truck Operator



Eric Yoshida, DWP, Civil Eng. Associate



Aggie Rodriguez, LAFD, Secretary



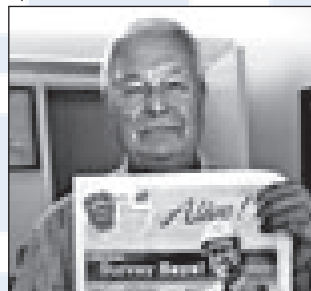
Marco Sanchez, Harbor, Civil Eng. Associate III



LaCarol Holloway, LAFD, Accounting Clerk I



Evangeline Carlos, DWP, Management Analyst II



Earl Clark, Harbor, Retired,



Kevin Chatman, DWP, Sr. Comm. Electrician



Robert Larios, The Club, Chef Larios, Sports Dude, Discount King



Philip Pate, Harbor, Systems Analyst II



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Julie Boykins, Animal Services, Clerk Typist



Lori Lee, DWP, CSR



Arvin Lopez, DWP, Engineering Designer



Chun-Ming Yen, Transportation, Transportation Planning Assoc.



Ricardo Urbina, Animal Services, Animal Care Technician



Lih Tsau, DWP, Electrical Engineering Associate



Kimberly Ganier, LAPD, PSR 2



Sonja Miller, Transportation, Traffic Officer



Robert Flores, DWP, Electric Trouble Dispatcher



Sam Garcia, Building and Safety, Retired



Raul Torres, LAPD, PCP II



## For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years



By Mary Beetz,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### City Retiree Associations

#### DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, *President*  
Phone: (626) 445-7376  
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

#### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association

James R. Wilke, *President*  
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Fax: (626) 285-1461  
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or  
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,  
Temple City, CA 91780

#### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

#### 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:

- 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:

## Insurance, Workshops Shaping Up for 2012

#### President, Ed Harding reports:

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

"I am sorry to hear that Michael Wilkinson had to cut his cross-country bike trip short of 52 weeks. While riding through Colorado, his pedal would not release, which caused him to fall off the bike, and he broke his left wrist. He had outpatient surgery

and is expected to have full recovery. If I know Michael, he will be back on his bike. His brother, Rick, continues along and, at the time of this writing, he is in Yosemite."

"The entertainment committee, headed by Americo Garza, is still

looking into having one of the two general meetings in the Valley. The Van Nuys Senior Citizens Center is undergoing a complete remodeling; they claim that so far, they cannot hold 200 people. Americo will keep in contact with them."

#### Legislative Report by Michael Karsch:



Michael Karsch

"Statewide, there are now four pension reform initiatives that are pending review by the Attorney General's Office. Once reviewed, their sponsors will be free to circulate the petitions for signatures, which may qualify them for a ballot in 2012. Initiative 11-0018 (this is the number given by the Secretary of State) by Michael Lee Madsen would require any public pension system to invest and maintain at least 85 percent of their assets in California-based businesses. Such businesses are defined as having at least 70 percent of its employees employed within the state.

"Initiatives 11-0021 and 11-0022 are by Alan Oliver Ebenstein, president of the California Center for Public Policy in Santa Barbara. In his first initiative, he would impose a state income tax of 15 percent above the standard state income tax on any public pension over \$100,000 a year, and a 25 percent surcharge on pensions over \$150,000. His second initiative would raise the public retirement

age to 65 years; for public safety employees, the minimum retirement age would be 58. Mr. Ebenstein's initiatives appear only to cover CalPERS and CalSTRS pensions.

"The last initiative is 11-0026 by Ted Costa and Robert Matteoli of People's Advocate, Inc., founded by Paul Gann. They call their initiative the Pension Solvency Act, but also use the words 'Diet COLA,' referring to a feature that a pension be reduced (placed on a diet) in the cost of living allowance (COLA) each year that it is less than 97 percent funded. It also prohibits pension spiking, which means using a base pay only to calculate a pension, not including bonuses, accrued overtime, accrued vacation, etc. Retirement age is 59.5 years. The comingling or pooling of any public retirement system trust fund is banned.

"A *Sacramento Bee* article on July 21 gave six reasons why pension reform might not make the ballot in 2012: (1) the Republicans 'minimized' pension reform by refusing to go along with a public

vote on continuing the now-expired tax increases sought by Governor Jerry Brown (he had offered pension reform if the GOP would support a vote of the people on taxes); (2) many cities and counties, and major state employee unions, have enacted pension reforms, such as increased employee contributions and lower pensions for new hires; (3) CalPERS maintains its current investment forecast at 7.75 percent, thus avoiding a considerable increase in what cities and counties must pay to CalPERS for pension coverage; (4) pension funds are getting back to normal sizes, thus losing steam for criticism that pension funds are underfunded; (5) the Democrats control the Legislature and the Governor's office and represent the unions, who are not likely to approve fundamental changes sought by reformers according to the *Bee*; and (6) there does not appear to be any deep-pockets to fund a costly initiative campaign, which probably require \$20 million."

#### RLACEI Website

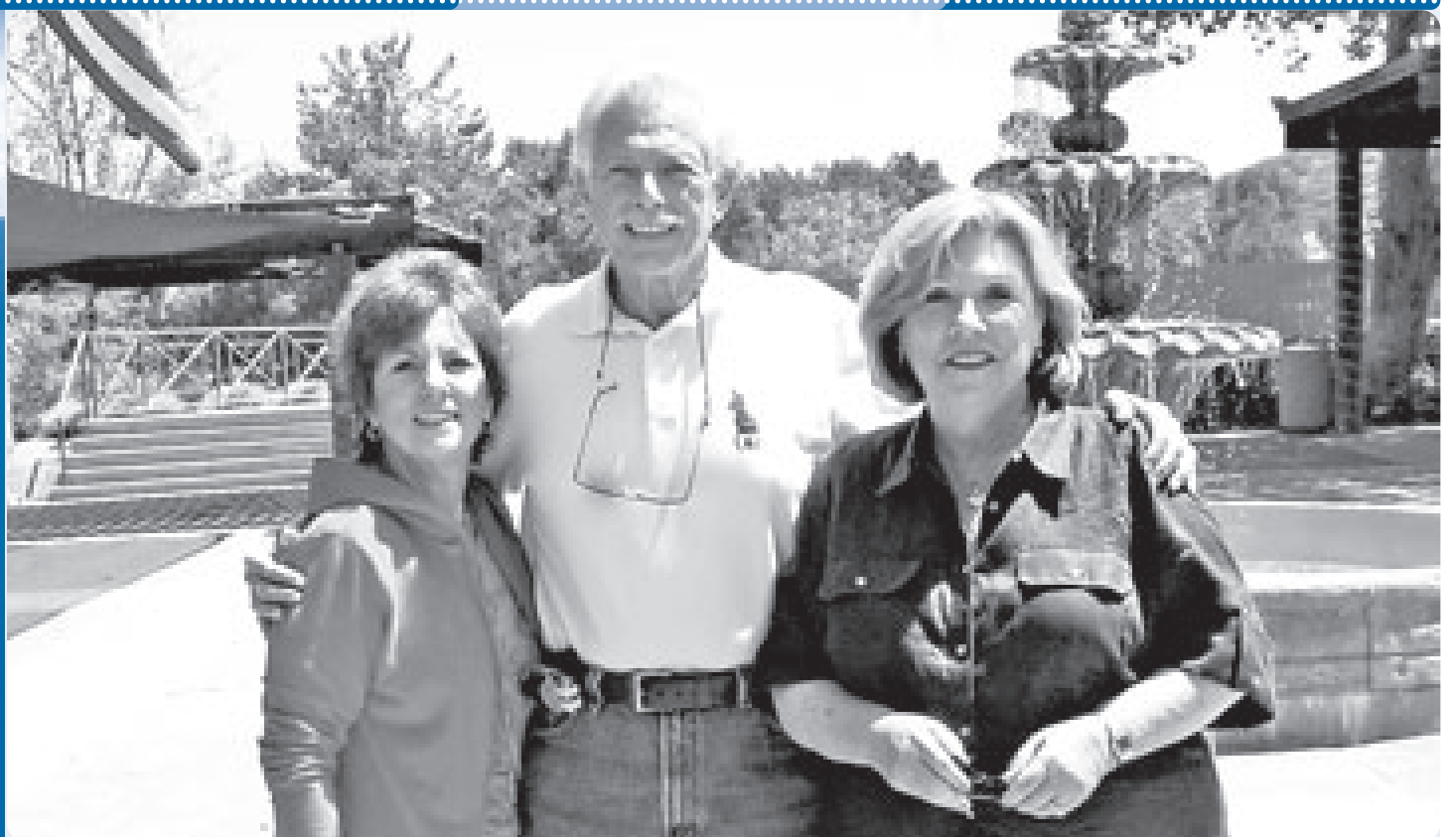
Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hal at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

#### Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.



# The Best Years



Hal with Linda and Evelyn.

## Retiree Hotlines

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

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

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

- Mary Beetz Ext. 711
- 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 Stennock Ext. 708

Questions: Ext. 0

RSVP: Ext. 701

**DWP Retirement Plan Office** (213) 367-1722

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2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

# Wine or Balloons

**After a balloon ride in Temecula is canceled, Hal and Co. head to the wineries.**

My wife, Evelyn, is the queen of discount coupons from the Internet. I have mentioned [Restaurant.com](http://Restaurant.com) before, where you can get a \$20 discount for \$10 (or even less near the end of the month). She has managed to get some coupons for as little as 80 cents. Now we monitor Groupon, Social Living, and many other sites offering deep price cuts for not only restaurants, but anything else you would want to buy.

That is the reason I was sitting in an Embassy Suites hotel in Temecula. Evelyn purchased a coupon from Living Social for a hot-air balloon ride and wine tasting.

Temecula is in southwestern Riverside County, about 90 miles from Los Angeles, and bordered by Murrieta on the northwest and the Pechanga Indian Reservation on the south. With neighboring Murrieta, Temecula forms the southwestern anchor of the Inland Empire region.

The balloon was to lift off at 5:30 a.m., so we drove down the day before with our friends Linda and Max. We stayed at the Embassy Suites, which is part of the Hilton Hotels chain, and I used Hilton points to get our room for free.

We arrived in Temecula a little after noon and stopped at a place close to the hotel for lunch at Pat & Oscar's (29375 Rancho California Rd.) at the Temecula Duck Pond (28250 Ynez Rd.), a very pretty park. The park is the home of the Letters Home Veterans Memorial, designed by artist Christopher Pardell and dedicated to honoring veterans. Pat & Oscar's is a "fast" food restaurant with salads, sandwiches, and such. Three out of four of us liked it. After lunch we stopped by the hotel to check in, but our rooms weren't going to be ready until 4 p.m.

We decided to drive to Old Town Temecula, which has been around since 1882 when the California Railroad came through the valley and local investors created the first bank in the area, which retains many historical features. Evelyn, who was reading the map, must have held it upside down, because eight miles later we decided we had gone the wrong way. We plugged an address into the GPS and found out that Old Town was a couple of blocks from the hotel. It is located west of I-15 between Rancho California Road and State Highway 79.

Old Town is about eight blocks long, and

we walked both sides, which featured lots of local craft stores, wine shops, bars and restaurants, and antique shops. We planned on going back for dinner later.

We drove to the hotel and our rooms were ready, so we decided to relax until the complimentary happy hour, called the Manager's Reception by the hotel.

We got a call from the balloon company canceling the balloon ride because of weather; they said that the next day was going to be too foggy. This had happened to Evelyn and me before when we were going on a balloon ride in Las Vegas and was not unusual. Luckily, there are a lot of wineries to visit and a very large casino near Temecula.

We spent about an hour at the happy hour, held in the hotel's open-air atrium. You're allowed to drink as much wine, beer and well drinks as you like along with enjoying a number of appetizers. They have non-alcoholic drinks for the kids.

We drove back to Old Town and had dinner at the Public House (41971 Main St.) in a historic home converted into a restaurant. It was very casual, but the food was excellent and they had a great selection of beer and wine.

It was very overcast the next morning, but I didn't see any fog. I've learned to trust the balloon operator, though, because you don't want to end up over the ocean instead of the winery we were headed toward. At least we didn't have to get up before dawn.



Linda and Max.



The hotel has a complimentary breakfast, and although it was crowded, it was okay for a freebie.

We had the rest of the day for wine tasting. We decided to start at a winery the farthest from the hotel and work our way back. Our first mistake was not finding out when the wineries open. They seem to open at 11 a.m., and here it was 10 a.m. and we had nowhere to go. Temecula is not a center of activity; it was either wine or balloons, although you can find some cyclists and weekend motorcycle enthusiasts.

We did find the Winchester Cheese Co. (32605 Holland Rd. in Winchester). They make gouda cheese in the same traditional way as their family back home in Holland for many generations. The cheese was very good, and we got to meet Valerie Thomas, the current cheese maker.

By then it was time for wine. I appointed myself the designated driver, though I did manage to taste a little.

Our first stop was Thornton Winery (32575 Rancho California Rd.), which opened in 1988. The winery combines old-world style with new-world taste to create award winning and premium varietal wine, according to their marketing materials. The Méthode Champenoise process is used because it has proven to be the best for producing fine quality sparkling wine/Champagne, they say. The winery offered various flights of tasting for \$15 each. We had a two-for-one coupon, so each couple had a flight. We choose a Champagne flight, which was just okay as far as I was concerned.

Europa Village Winery (33475 La Serena Way) was our next stop. This winery is "dedicated to producing exceptional handcrafted wines by respecting the art of Old World European winemaking traditions." We received six tastes for \$15. I had a drop of





each, and I thought a couple of the wines were pretty good.

It was time for lunch, and we stopped at the Smokehouse at the Ponte Winery (35053 Rancho California Rd). It had a 45-minute wait, so we left.

We ended up at the Thornton Winery where we had begun. They have a very nice restaurant called Café Champagne, but it was already late in the afternoon and no one wanted to spoil dinner, so we ate in the tasting room, which offers sit-down service and appetizers. The food was very good and was enough to hold me until dinner.

Everyone except me was full of wine and feeling no pain, so I drove us back to the hotel for a nap before the next happy hour. We had a very good happy hour, but only Max and I had anything to drink.

We decided to go to Pechanga Resort and Casino (45000 Pechanga Parkway) for dinner and some gambling. The casino was about 15 minutes from the hotel.

We had dinner in the Paisano's Italian Restaurant, and it was very good and quite reasonably priced. Evelyn and I sat at the *pai Gow* poker table, and we made a quick \$60. As soon as we started to lose, we got up and cashed in

## For Retired Club Members



Hal and Evelyn in Old Town.

our chips. It paid for dinner.

The next morning after the free breakfast, we left for the drive home. The best way home is on the I-15 and then the I-5, which was very busy and in need of improvement.

When I got home I contacted Living Social to tell them that we were unable to take the balloon ride. I'm happy to say that they refunded our money with no questions asked.

I think my visit to Temecula was a onetime event, but I would recommend a visit.



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## Mike and Rich Near End of Tour

R LACEI's Michael Karsch and his brother, Rich, are biking across the country and as of this writing are nearing the end! They started in Virginia more than two months ago and in late August were just entering Oregon. *Good luck, Mike and Rich! See you soon!*

Follow their blog here:

[www.2011transamericabikeride.com](http://www.2011transamericabikeride.com)




From left: Rich and Michael Karsh (courtesy their travel blog).



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## LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

**“Save the Date to Attend an Open Enrollment Meeting:** Attend a LACERS Open Enrollment meeting and talk to your health plan representatives to learn what's new for the 2012 plan year. There will be presentations, health screenings, opportunity drawings, and LACERS staff members available to assist you with the enrollment process.

“Reservations to attend an Open Enrollment meeting will be accepted beginning Sept.13 by calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or (888) 349-3996 TDD. Calls will be accepted weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No reservations will be taken before Sept. 13. Voicemail or e-mail messages will not be accepted as reservations. Reservations will be accepted for one retiree and one guest.”

Here are the locations, dates and times:

<p><b>Los Angeles:</b></p> <p>Friendship Auditorium Thurs., Oct. 6 9 a.m. – noon</p> <p><b>Inland Empire:</b></p> <p>Ayres Hotel and Suites, Ontario Thurs., Oct 13 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Las Vegas:</b></p> <p>The Orleans Hotel and Casino Fri., Oct. 21 Noon – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>San Fernando Valley:</b></p> <p>Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys Thurs., Oct. 27 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Orange County:</b></p> <p>Atrium Hotel, Irvine Thurs., Nov. 3 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>South Bay:</b></p> <p>DoubleTree Hotel, San Pedro Thurs., Nov. 10 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>
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**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](mailto: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.

## For Retired Club Members



Ron Black, Retired from Public Works/Street Maintenance in 1984, 11 years of City service, Club Member. Ron was the entertainment for the event.



Lois and Henry Starks, Retired from Public Works/Street Services in 2007, 40 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Evelyn Akerman, Retired from Right of Way and Land in 1984, 20 years of City service; and Alice Walder, Election Division.



From left: James Tom, Retired from Controller's Office in 1988, 31 years of City service; and Arlene Tom, Retired from Planning in 2002, 12 years.



From left: Myra Vines, Retired from Planning in 2010, 33 years of City service, Club Member; and Gloria Unterburger, Retired from LAPD in 2008, 35 years, Club Member.



Quentell Webb, Retired from Public Works/Street Cleaning in 1989, 30 years of City service, and his wife, Susie.



Sherry Phipps, Retired from Transportation in 2002, 33 years of City service, Club Member; and B.B. Phipps, Retired from DWP in 1995, 32 years.



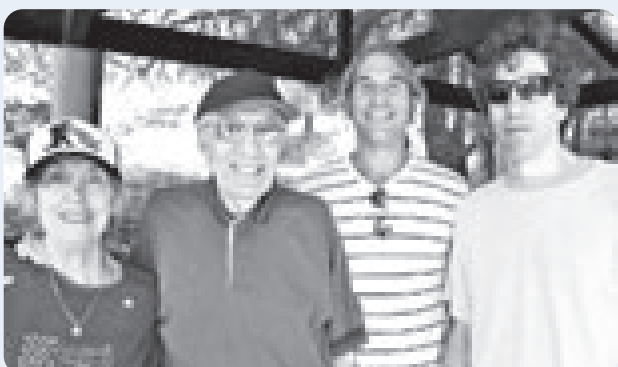
Ed Harding, RLACEI President, Club Member, and his wife, Martha.



Tony Alvarez, Retired from General Services in 1990, 28 years of City service, Club Member, and Maria Ream.



From left: Dorris Bass, Retired from Public Works/Street Maintenance, 32 years of City service; and Ray White, Retired from Public Works/Street Maintenance in 2008, 15 years.



From left: Norma Rosen; Leo Rosen, Retired from Public Works/Engineering in 1996, 33 years of City service, Club Member; Joel Rosen; and Jack Rosen.



Sandy Ybarra, Retired from ITA in 1996, 20 years of City service, and her husband, Steven.



Bill and Nellie Deom, Retired from the Mayor's Office in 2005, 31 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Hal Danowitz, Retired from Controller's Office in 1999, 35 years of City service, Club Member; and Michael Wilkinson, Retired from City Attorney's Office in 2010, 34 years.

RLACEI

# Picnic Time!

Retirees Association hosts annual picnic.



Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by John Hawkins, Club CEO

On Aug. 11, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual picnic at the beautiful Grace E. Simons Lodge in Los Angeles. Chris and Pitts BBQ Restaurant catered the event, and Ron Black was the DJ entertainment for the event. The picnic was a huge success!

*The Club thanks Ed Harding, RLACEI President, for inviting us to join in on the fun.*



From left: Neil Ricci, Club Member; Michael Karch; and Americo Garza, Club Member.



From left: Sandra Rodriguez, Retired from Public Works/Street Lighting in 2009, 37 years of City service, Club Member; Phil Skarin, Retired from Public Works/Engineering in 1987, 41 years, Club Member; Debbie Kindred, Retired from Board of Public Works in 2010, 35 years, Club Member.



Ola Morris-Jones, Club Member, and Al Jones.



Barbara and Dorris Bass, Retired from Public Works/Street Maintenance, 32 years of City service.

## Legislative Update



By Ken Spiker

"The LACERS Benefits Administration Committee, of which I chair, has been finalizing contract negotiations with our health-care providers for 2012. It appears our current providers will be selected for another year.

"Most premiums will increase slightly in comparison to previous years. In fact, for Kaiser, patients under age 65 will experience zero increase under the HMO plan. However, both dental and vision providers, now completing a flat rate three-year contract, are asking for a 73 percent increase and a 28 percent increase. They claim that, under the three-year same rate plan, they have lost millions of dollars. We are currently negotiating smaller increases for both.

"LACERS Medical Subsidy: Once premiums for a new plan year are approved, the board may then consider increasing the maximum medical plan premium subsidy. Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 4.1103.1 gives the LACERS Board the discretion to change the maximum monthly medical plan premium subsidy as long as the increase does not exceed the dollar increase in the Kaiser two-party non-Medicare Part A and part B premium, and the average percentage increase for the first year of the increase and the preceding two years does not exceed the average assumed actuarial medical trend rates for the same period.

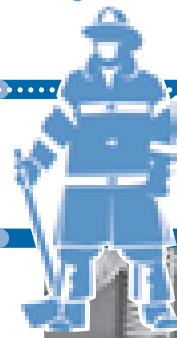
"Generally, the amount that the board has increased the maximum medical plan premi-

um subsidy is equal to the increase in the Kaiser non-Medicare two-party premium. Based on this, if in a new plan year the Kaiser non-Medicare two-party premium increased \$100, then the board would increase the maximum medical plan premium subsidy by \$100 (as long as it met the second requirement listed above). Similarly, if there were no increase to the Kaiser non-Medicare two-party premium, the board would not increase the maximum medical plan premium subsidy.

"Current information suggests there will not be an increase in the Kaiser two-party premium; thus the board, under current law, will not be permitted to raise our 2011 subsidy amount in 2012."



# FUN in the Field!



LAFD



The only Heavy Rescue Rig in the City, manned on the A Shift by Dale Robinson and Jesse Franco, Club Member, Todd Sands and Ray Hoffman on the B Shift; and Domingo Albarran, Club Member, and Robbie Stover on the C Shift. It has a rotating boom that can spin 360 degrees, and at its max can take on 80,000 pounds.



The gear cabinet on the Heavy Rescue Unit, which goes on 1.74 calls per day on average.

## Club Counselor Gedina Bergstrom has a great time visiting Fire Stations.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

How many Fire Stations do you think I can visit in one day? And what type of trouble do you think I can get in to? Well, on Aug. 2, I hit a high of seeing five stations! Captains were in epic moods, and Firefighters were full of enthusiasm about seeing a new face in their stations.

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Gedina Bergstrom, and I am happy to be the Club's Member Services Counselor for the LAFD.

I started off at FS 25, where Capt. Backstrom was cooking up lunch. After chatting with some of our new Club Members (Firefighters Neil Romine and Ryan Penrod), I headed over to FS 44, which had some energy. Capt. Mcleod was eager to hear about our Long Term Care insurance product, as we are the only organization in the City that offers it!

From there, I made my way up to FS 50, with Capt. Myron Ross (a new Club Member). What a crew! I'm very happy to call seven of them new Club Members (Dennis Hong, Armando Jurado, Capt. Myron Ross, Rick Reyes, Fred Magalona, Antonio Jones, and Roger Camunas). By the end of our conversation, we were figuring out our best poses in front of the rigs with *Alive!*

Next on the list was Fire Station 56, and was I in for treat! About halfway through my presentation, the guys got a call for a run, and then there were only two Firefighters left. We made excellent use of our time. Did you know that Station 56 has the only Heavy Rescue Rig in the City? This baby was a sight to behold. She looked like a semi truck on steroids! Fire Fighter/Apparatus Operator Domingo Albarran (new Club Member) and Firefighter/Swamper Jesse Franco (new Club Member) gave me all the details on this truck pictured here. There are approximately six people who can operate this vehicle that goes to work when a heavy-duty rescue is needed, for example: cliff rescues, car crashes, collapsed structures, and industrial accidents. These guys even pulled out some of the heavy-duty tools that they use. Just as we were finishing up, the rest of the crew returned, and we finished, signing up two more members.

I finished my day visiting Station 20, which was just getting ready to sit down for dinner. They were a focused group that had great questions and were excited about the Club and all the benefits they could receive by becoming members.

All that in one day! I look forward to visiting the remaining stations!



Back to front: Hydraulic spreaders or "Jaws of Life," which can spread up to 32 inches; hydraulic cutters, which can cut up to 208,000 pounds; combination hydraulic cutter (spreader and shears, which can spread up to 11,000 pounds and cut up to 49,000 pounds; and a large hydraulic ram, which can push and spread up to 65 inches.



Firefighter/Apparatus Operator Domingo Albarran.



FS 50, C Shift. New Club Members, from left: Dennis Hong, Ricardo Reyes, Armando Jurado, Fred Magalona, Antonio Jones, Roger Camunas, and Capt. Myron Ross.

## My Impromptu Ride-along

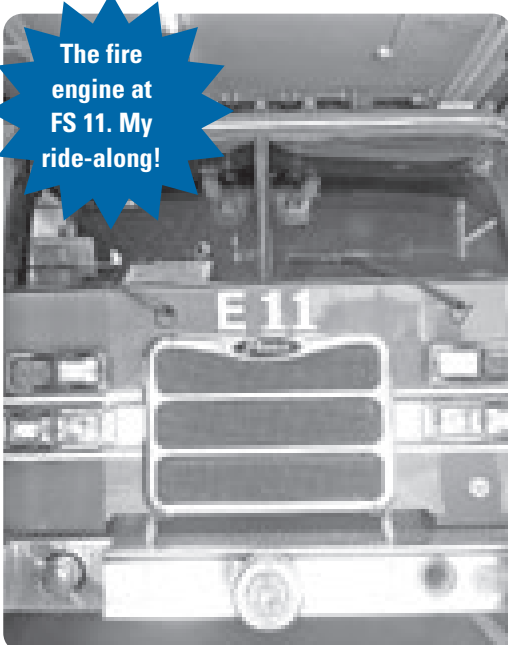
In my adventures on Aug. 8, I was privileged to an impromptu ride-along with Firefighter Mike Villata. Lucky me!

No emergencies were involved – we just went around the block, but it was epic because it was my first time on an engine! They had me put on a heavy-duty headset and strap into the passenger seat. Firefighter Villata filled me on their neighborhood and how the engine works. Did you know that the lights and sirens we see and hear are activated by buttons Firemen push with their feet? I didn't.

It was a real treat, and I would like to extend my thanks to Capt. Gregory Malais (new Club Member), Capt. Kesserton, and Firefighter Villata for giving me the opportunity to learn more and more about the LAFD.



Firefighter Mike Villata pulls out of the station.



The fire engine at FS 11. My ride-along!



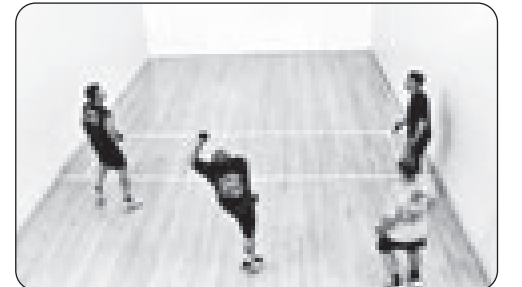
Firefighter Mike Villata, 3 years of service with the LAFD.

## Handball at FS 92

And then, four days later... it was handball!

When I visited FS 92, they were training for a handball tournament in Venice. Have you heard about the 12th annual Venice Beach 3-Wall Doubles Tournament? When I stopped in on 92, I got a chance to see our new Club Members in action. Check them out!

Thanks to Firefighters Jeff Escalante, Ryon Jones, and Alfred Kuzichev for welcoming me!



ABOVE RIGHT: Station 92 personnel get their practice in before the 12 annual Venice Beach 3-Wall Doubles Tournament. From left: Firefighter Alfred Kuzichev new Club Member; Firefighter Ryon Jones, new Club Member; and Firefighter Jeff Escalante, new Club Member.

# Hyperion!

Let's Play Golf in October

San Dimas Canyon Golf Course

Friday October 28, 2011  
9 a.m.

2100 Terrebonne Ave.  
San Dimas, CA 91773  
Phone: 909.599.2313

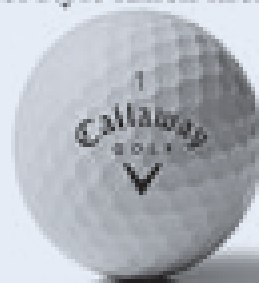
\$ 85 Per Player

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- Golf /w cart, includes GPS.
  - Longest /drive Contest.
  - Closest to pin on a Par 3
  - Raffle
  - Dont forget lots of fun.
- (Best Ball Scramble Format)



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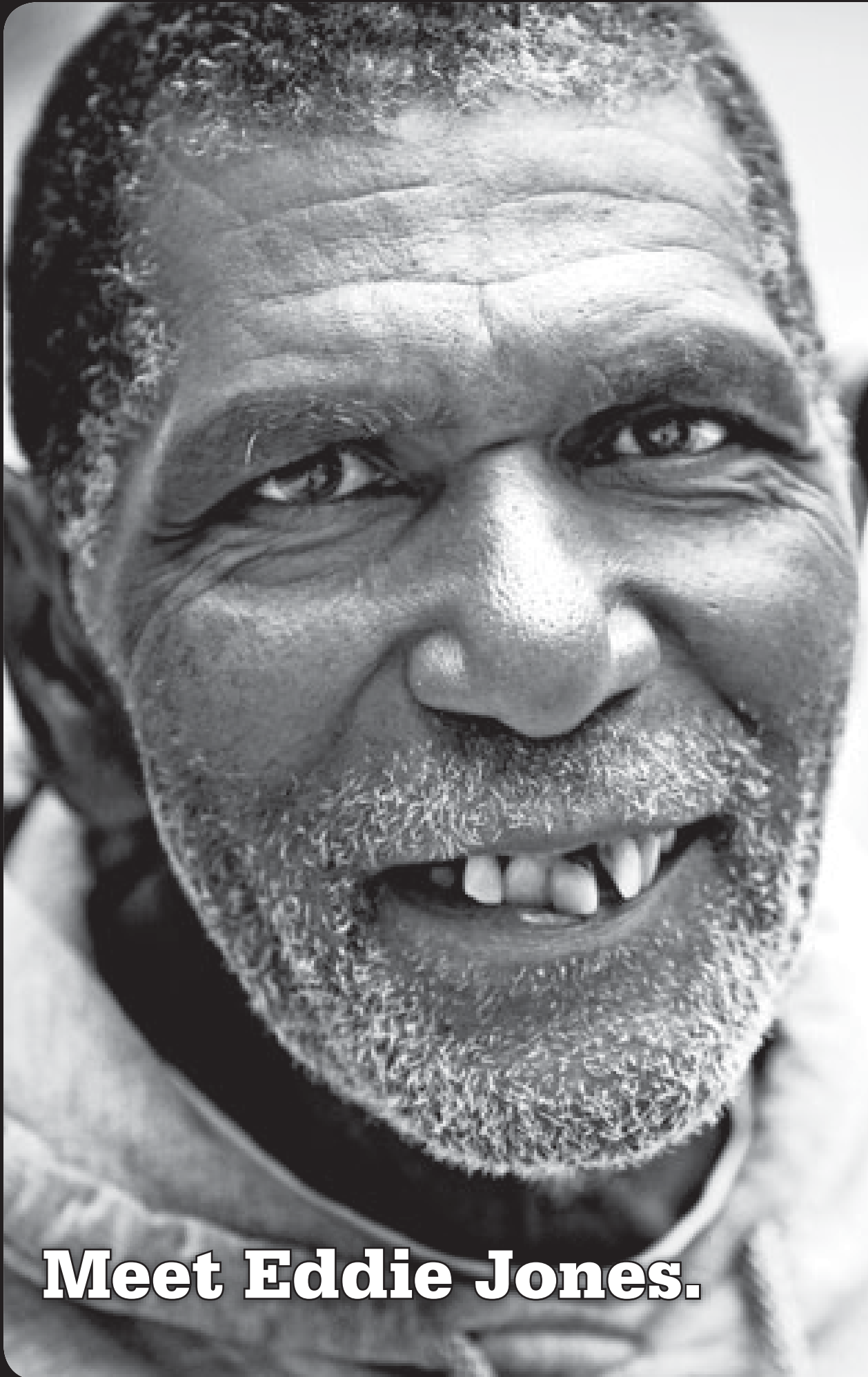
The sooner you sign up, the earlier your TEE-Time. Must be paid by October 18, 2011 minimum of 20 players.



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



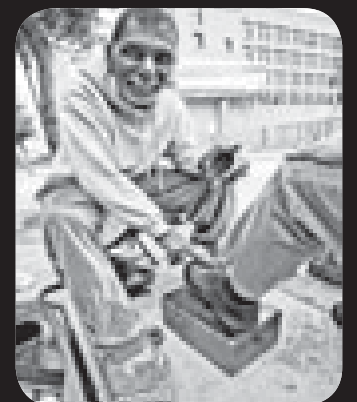
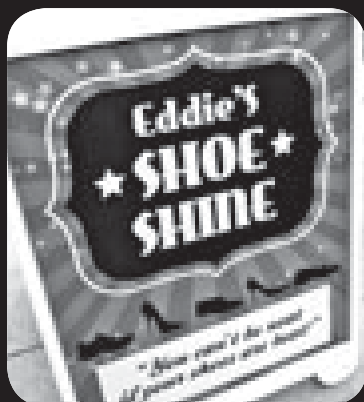
## Meet Eddie Jones.

**AGE:** "I'm 59."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Shreveport, La."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Single."  
**FAMILY:** "I'm an only child."  
**ARE YOUR PARENTS DIVORCED?** "No, but they passed away."  
**MILITARY SERVICE:** "No."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "I moved to Los Angeles back in 1988. I was on a hitchhiking road trip across the country, and once I got to the West Coast and saw the ocean I was hooked. Been here ever since."  
**EDUCATION:** "I dropped out in the ninth grade. Why, you ask? Because my 'friend' dropped out, so I was just following the leader. A big mistake; in fact, that was the greatest mistake of my life. Never cave in to peer pressure and 'be your own leader'."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "When I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I was nine years old or so. I actually ran into a car; the poor driver was scared to death that I was badly hurt, but I was okay."  
**RELIGION:** "I was born Catholic but don't really have time to go to church."  
**FRIENDS:** "No. I pretty much stay to myself."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "I live in a tent in the jewelry district. The owner pays me \$3 a night to pitch my tent in front of his door. That way no one will break in. I'm like a security guard of sorts."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "Right now I'm shining shoes. St. Mary and St. Verena Coptic Church in

Anaheim helped me out with all these supplies. Before this I was driving a forklift in Sun Valley. I did that for four-and-a-half years until I got laid off."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "I love the ocean and the beach."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Harrison Ford."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Sharon Stone."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Air Force One."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "Wheel of Fortune."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Reese's Peanut Butter Cups."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Chicken, fried Southern style!"  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Soul."  
**LAST BOOK READ:** "A cookbook by Adele Davis."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Don't do drugs or drink. Definitely stay in school. Do not drop out!"  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "I had a breakfast sandwich from Subway."  
**ON MEDICATION?** "No."  
**WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU?** "St. Mary's and St. Verena's in Orange County."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "A home."  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?** "Hopefully in a home."  
**IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?** "Buy a motor home, or a home."  
**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:** "My shoeshine equipment."

*The Club gave Eddie shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water*

The interview took place Aug. 11 at Third and Spring Streets downtown. Photos by Club CEO John Hawkins.



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





PUBLIC WORKS

# Remembering Jonathan

**Jonathan Polk Sr., Superintendent of the South Sanitation Yard, passed away. He was 49.**

A memorial service was held June 18 for Jonathan Polk Sr., Superintendent of the Public Works/Sanitation South Yard and Club Member. He was 49. The service was held at New Testament Church in South Los Angeles. He died June 9 after an illness and surgery.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Cynthia; his children, Jonathan Jr. (also a City Employee) and Joel; and other family members, close friends and church family.

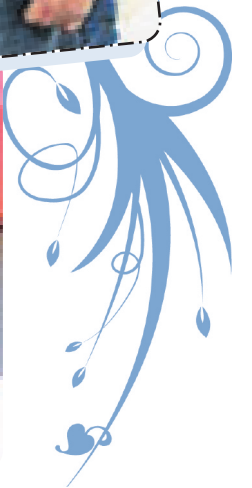
He was born in Oxnard in November 1961, and raised in Los Angeles. He and his family were active in the Revelation Church of Christ Holiness. He worked for BFI Sanitation as a driver until moving to the City in approximately 1989.

His nickname was Spanky, and his wife's was Piggy. "That is what our family called us – Spanky and Piggy," his wife, Cynthia, says.

The Club sends its sincere sympathy and condolences to Jonathan's family and friends, and anyone who remembers him fondly.



**Jonathan Polk Sr.  
1961-2011**



## Annual 9-11 Memorial Program

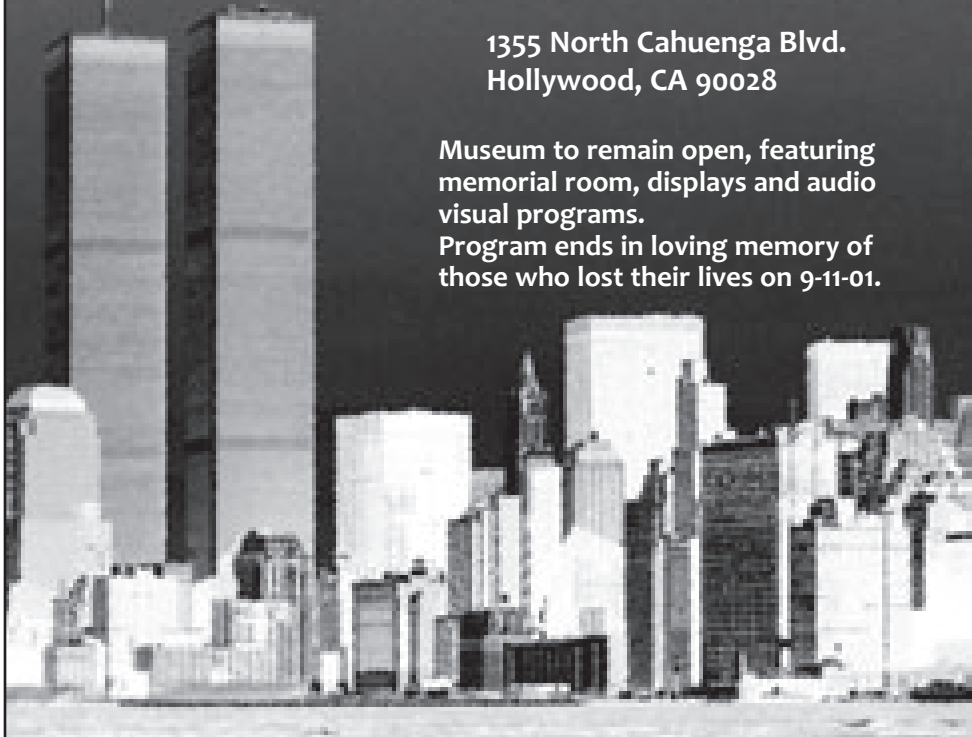


Sunday,  
**Sept. 11, 2011**  
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

LAFD Historical Society  
Museum and  
Fallen Firefighters Memorial

1355 North Cahuenga Blvd.  
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# Inspiration Point

John and Angel at Inspiration Point, job well done!



Castle Canyon Trail, going down.

— Above Echo Mountain, Altadena, Calif.



**H**ello again, everyone! Thanks for your good comments about my story about last month's journey, Yosemite. Wow, that was great!

This month, we went hiking in Altadena. Last year we covered the hike up to Echo Mountain, and this time we took it a bit higher, about 2 miles higher, to be more specific. Inspiration Point, here we come!

I was ready for the challenge. Once you get to Echo Mountain, I suggest taking a short break at the picnic tables at Echo Mountain location, then continue up Castle Canyon Trail to inspiration Point. Happy trails!

## The History

This Inspiration Point is just below Mt. Lowe, above Echo Mountain, in the Mt. Wilson area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Inspiration Point (4,714 feet in elevation) is one of five officially named Inspiration Points in Los Angeles County alone. The Pacific Electric Railway built an open-air shelter there in 1924-25, with locating tubes showing the location of points of interest ranging

from nearby sites to Catalina Island. The locating tubes are pieces of pipe that are oriented so that the view through the pipe is centered on the point of interest.

Pacific Electric was the owner of the Mt. Lowe Railway when Inspiration Point became famous. The Mt. Lowe Railway was the creation of Thaddeus S.C. Lowe and David J. Macpherson, who built it from 1892-95.

As is often the unhappy case, the dreamers responsible for the railway lost control of it due to bankruptcy in 1896, and the railway was operated by Henry Huntington through his Pacific Electric Railway Company (of the Red Car fame) from 1902 to 1936. The Mt. Lowe Railway ended at Ye Alpine Tavern, later the Mt. Lowe Tavern, a half-mile north of Inspiration Point. The tavern burned in 1936; the site is now the Mt. Lowe Trail Camp.

The original shelter long ago disappeared, but the volunteers of the Scenic Mt. Lowe Historical Committee rebuilt the shelter, dedicated on Nov. 16, 1996. Some of the original tubes at Inspiration Point remain today, with missing ones replaced by the committee. There are several picnic tables under

the roof of the shelter.

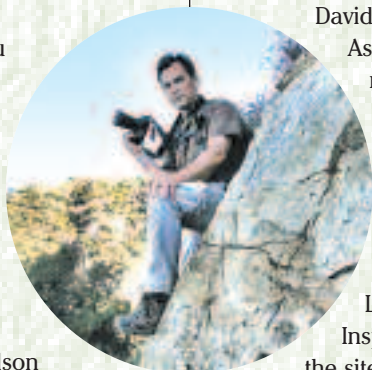
The official Inspiration Point is the northwest end of a fairly flat ridge that descends to the actual Inspiration Point and continues for one mile to a knoll. The Ridge is easily seen from the Pasadena area.

## The Hike

A year or two ago, we traveled up to Echo Mountain, took some photos and then came back down the mountain. This time we were going to take the opportunity to go up another two miles. I love a challenge!

We must have been the first people going up that day because I was getting spider webs (on my face) the entire time we were hiking up the Castle Canyon Trail. Let me warn you, it's a steep climb. There were switchbacks most of the way. This trail is a natural stair climber and leg-burner. Just stay motivated and you will get to the top, I promise.

You can't really see the Inspiration Point pavilion until you're almost there. So when you've just about lost your motivation, you get it all back again in one nice visual. If you just keep moving, even if they are smaller steps, you will reach your ultimate goal, Inspiration Point. You need to do this, it is truly inspirational! Got for it!



Meet my photographer, Club CEO John Hawkins.



Mount Lowe Railway and Inspiration Point sign.



Inspiration Point to Los Angeles, look closely.



## Inspiration Point

Lake Avenue and E. Loma Alta Drive, Altadena

The Inspiration Point is just below Mt. Lowe, above Echo Mountain, in the Mt. Wilson area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

### TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- SEASON:** Anytime of the year, but early spring is the best.
- DISTANCE:** About 10 miles roundtrip, 1,380 feet net elevation gain.
- HIKE TIME TO ECHO MOUNTAIN:** 2.7 miles
- HIKE TIME TO INSPIRATION POINT (VIA CASTLE CANYON TRAIL):** An additional 2 miles and 2 hours up at an easy pace.

### DIRECTIONS



From the 210, take the Lake Avenue exit north until you cannot go any farther. Lake Avenue will end at Loma Alta Drive. You do not need an Adventure Pass to park on the street here.

Angel's

# Be Alive!

Send your photos to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com)  
I would love to see them!

Angel Gomez,  
Club Director of Sales

Castle Canyon Trail and Inspiration Point.



Sam Merrill Trail sign and information.

You should always have these with you: water, safety gear, sunscreen and snacks.



Funny, I don't see anything!

**Inspiration Point (4,714 feet in elevation) is one of five officially named Inspiration Points in Los Angeles County alone.**

If I can get there, so can you. Drink plenty of water before, during, and after. The next day you will feel as they say "the burn" on your upper quads and upper rear end. Also, make sure you check yourself for ticks; the trail is a one-person lane with bushes on both sides.

This is a strenuous trail but well worth the struggle. Your reward is accomplishing something that most people will just read about – and you get an amazing view, too. Start off by going up to Echo Mountain, and then next time take the challenge and get to Inspiration Point. It is worth every step.

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

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

## Special Notes:

Congratulations to Matt and Carmel Tobin on winning the Picture Perfect Contest. The photo you sent in for Picture Perfect was the inspiration for us to visit Inspiration Point, pun intended! I believe that our CEO, John Hawkins, also used this line. Great minds think alike. Thank you, Matt, for sending us this important warning about the plant life you may encounter during your hike up to Inspiration Point. "Watch out for the plant called turricula (a.k.a. poodle-dog bush). See the attached picture. I wasn't even sure about what had caused the bad rash that left me scratching like crazy for



Lookout for this Poodle-Dog Bush!

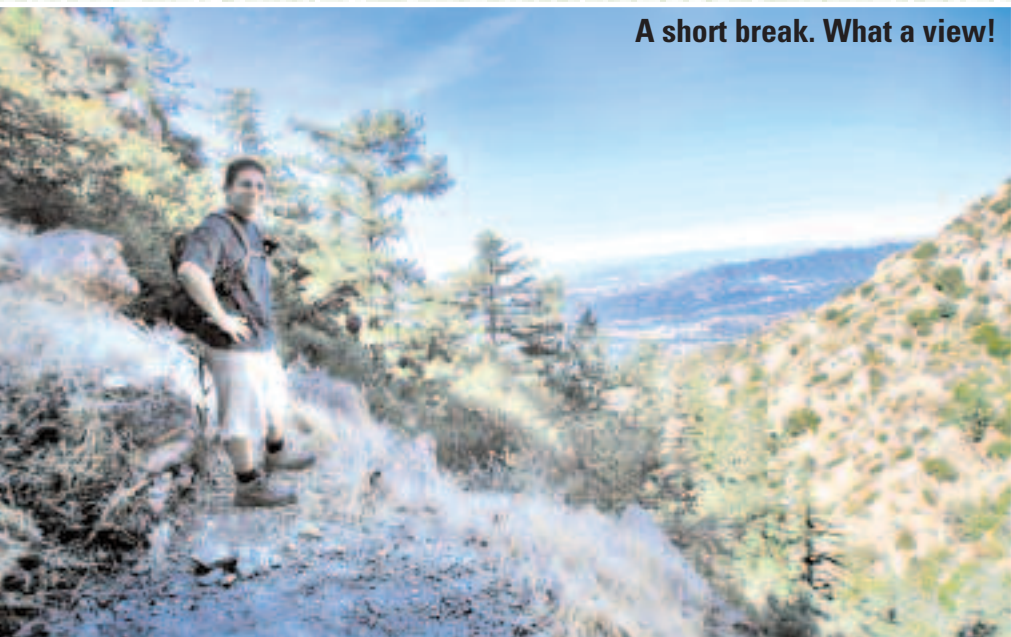
over two weeks." Be well, Matt, and thanks again for all the info.

Secondly, to everyone who shared a few kind words about my Yosemite National Park trip, thank you! It really means a lot to all of us here at the Club when we get your feedback. Please keep your email replies coming.

Finally, I want to send a very special thank you to John Hawkins (our beloved CEO and my photographer) for always being inspirational

to all of our Club Staff and me. Thank you, John; without your leadership and praise, none of this would be possible.

A short break. What a view!



Inspiration Point I see you!



# REST INSURED



**United Agencies Inc.**  
INSURANCE

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

## Insure Kids At College

It's the time of year when a lot of families are packing their kids up to head off to college or university. Squeezed into the trunk along with books and clothes are all of the must-have items of today's college set: a laptop computer, a cell phone, a digital tablet, a television and a top-of-the-line mountain bike.

That's a lot of expensive stuff. That's why it's not a bad idea to also pack an insurance policy.

"Children take a significant amount of personal property with them at college, and the likelihood of theft or fire loss is increased while they are away at college," says David Thompson, a staff instructor with the Florida Association of Insurance Agents (FAIA) in Tallahassee, Fla.

Parents generally have two choices when insuring the possessions of their college-bound kids. They can get a child covered under their existing homeowners policy, or they can buy renters insurance. Both approaches have advantages and disadvantages.

### Adding to an Existing Policy

The cheaper option is putting your child on your existing homeowner's policy. Parents can do this provided the child's primary residence remains the family home and it usually costs nothing.

Coverage is generally 10 percent of your homeowner's insurance policy. For example, if your family has a \$200,000 policy for its home, then your college-bound youngster would be covered up to \$20,000.

Depending on your existing policy and what sort of property coverage your child may need, you may need to add a rider, which would add to the cost.

The disadvantage of using your insurance to insure your child: Any claims made by your child will be made toward your policy. Repeated claims can raise your rates and can even make it difficult to keep or get another insurance policy.

In addition, having your child ride on the coattails of your homeowner's policy may not be enough coverage because of caps and high deductibles.

If you do the math, it may not work out so well: Most homeowners' policies have a \$500 or \$1,000 deductible. If you have a \$1,000 deductible and lose a laptop valued at \$3,000, with your \$1,000 deductible you'll get only \$2,000. There's no way you can replace the laptop for that kind of money.

### When a Renter's Policy Makes Sense

If adequate coverage or putting your child on your own homeowner's policy is a concern, the other option is to get renter's insurance for your college-bound child.

The advantage here is that any claims won't affect your homeowner's insurance. In addition, the policy can be tailored specifically for your child's situation. A customized insurance policy can ensure that your child's possessions are adequately covered.

Indeed, many college students find that renters insurance is the only way to get property properly insured. Approximately 22 percent of college students aren't covered by their parents' property insurance either because they are foreigners or they don't permanently live with their parents.

The biggest disadvantage of renter's insurance is the higher cost. That said, a renter's policy doesn't have to be overly expensive. Some companies offers college student policies ranging from \$2,000 up to \$25,000 in coverage. The average student can buy a \$5,000 policy with a deductible of \$250 and an annual premium of only a few hundred dollars.

### What to Consider

How do parents decide the right course? Start with what you've got. Ask your own agent exactly what your property insurance covers and whether your child can be added to the policy (and at what cost).

If you determine that renter's insurance is a better choice, again start with recommendations from your agent. And check with your child's school. Many universities and colleges strike deals with insurance companies or, at the very least, know what companies offer insurance to college students.

Check whether the policy covers replacement or the actual value of an item. You'll want a policy that pays replacement costs, that is the cost of getting a new item to replace the lost or stolen one.

Find out what's included or excluded from the policy. For example, if the policy excludes fire or flooding, you may want to look for a more inclusive insurance policy.

Look for a policy that covers losses not just in living quarters, but for school-sponsored trips.

You'll also want to make sure that coverage for liability claims is included, regardless of whether your child is covered on your homeowner's policy or a separate policy.

**Be safe and have fun!**

### About United Agencies

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

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

### Have a question?

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

## AIRPORTS

# Play Ball!

## LAX Airport Police hosts softball tournament.



From left: Anthony Ortiz, Warehouse Tool Worker, LAX, 10 years of City service; Nick Evaro, Warehouse Tool Worker LAX, 6 years; and David Turrietta, guest.



From left: John Judy, Police Officer, 10 years of City service, with umpire Brad Wiley.



Shane Young, Police Officer, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Director

On July 31, the Airport Police participated in a softball tournament at the Edison Community Park in Huntington Beach. The team is composed of 10 players.

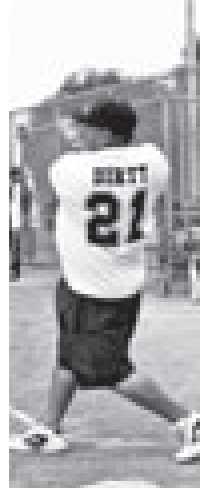
This event served as a steppingstone for the team as next Saturday they will participate in the championship games in Las Vegas. They were also preparing for the Nevada Police and Fire Games.

The players rooted each other on as each inning came to an end. With such great sportsmanship and dedication, it's no wonder the team won three games in a row... on the same day!

Special thanks to Officer Shane Young, Club Member, for assisting *Alive!*



Alana Gallegos, 4, daughter, Robert Gallegos, Police Officer, San Fernando PD, 5 years with his daughters Alana, 4 (left), and Audrey, 5.



Santiago Sanchez, Police Officer, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



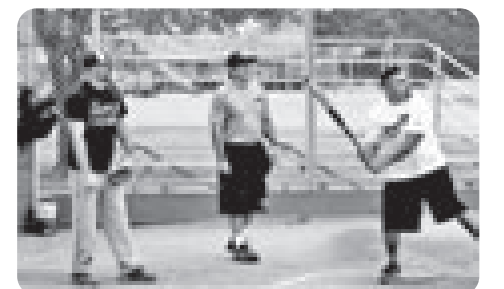
Mike Rasmussen, Safety Officer, Ontario Airport, 14 years of City service, Club Member, with his daughter, Averi.



From left: Madeleine Flanagan, Sr. Management Analyst I, LAX Airport Police, 24 years of City service, Club Member; and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor.



Glen Huggins, Police Officer, 7 years, Club Member, with his girlfriend, LeAnne Liang.



Anthony Ortiz, Warehouse Tool Worker LAX, 10 years of City service.



Top row, from left: Nick Evaro, Warehouse Tool Worker, LAX, 6 years of City service; Mike Rasmussen, Safety Officer, Ontario Airport, 14 years, Club Member; Glen Huggins, Police Officer, 7 years, Club Member; Santiago Sanchez, Police Officer, 4 years, Club Member; Robert Gallegos, Police Officer San Fernando PD; John Judy, Police Officer, 10 years; and David Turrietta, guest. Bottom: Andrei Soto, FTO, 7 years, Club Member; Anthony Ortiz, Warehouse Tool Worker, LAX, 10 years; and Shane Young, Police Officer, 7 years, Club Member.



## Reviews by Fellow Club Members

# ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

• *In the cinema*



### Zookeeper

Rated PG

My Score: 5 out of 5

This movie is about a 40-something-year-old man working in the zoo. His girlfriend leaves him because she feels he could do better, like working with his brother at the car dealership.

The animals are his best friends. They begin to talk with him and help with his problems. Each animal has its own personality. It was fun just trying to figure out which celebrity was what animal. Kevin James is hilarious.

It is funny and refreshing to watch. You can take the kids to see this one.

– Ruth Chaney, LAPD



### Crazy, Stupid, Love

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Cal and Emily Weaver (Steve Carell and Julianne Moore) are the perfect couple — nice house, good jobs and great kids. But when Emily announces she has been unfaithful and wants a divorce, Cal heads for the singles bars. Cal is taken on as “a project” by the slick and handsome Jacob (Ryan Gosling).

This romantic comedy has strong, smart characters, a good story, and wonderful acting. Most notable is Emma Stone as Hannah, the object of Jacob’s pursuit.

I’m not usually a fan of rom-coms, but this one works. The characters are believable, and the story’s heart is big and genuine.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



### Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

It’s not a remake of the original *Planet of the Apes* — in fact the title is misleading because of that. However, it has its own original story line that makes the movie interesting. A young research doctor tries to find a cure for Alzheimer’s Disease and through ape tests discovers that one of his apes, which he secretly acquires, is learning at an incredible pace and thinking more like a human and a leader.

The movie is slow at the beginning but it gets better as it progresses. My score was for the good special effects.

– John Gonzalez, LAFD



### The Guard

Rated R

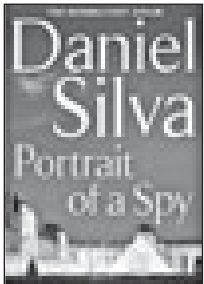
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Brendan Gleeson is Gerry Boyle, the guard (Irish police officer) of the title, whose beat takes in the cottages and bogs of Galway, Ireland. Agent Wendell Everett (Don Cheadle) is a straight-by-the-book FBI officer who cannot fathom Boyle’s casual racism or his lack of charm.

Full of bizarre characters including Nietzsche-quoting criminals, a cowboy IRA man and amiable hookers, *The Guard* tries a little too hard but then wins over with occasional bursts of unexpected behavior and emotion. Stay with *The Guard* for Brendan Gleeson’s first-rate performance. Be warned that there is very strong language throughout.

– Dearbhla McNulty, Club fiancé

## Book Reviews



### Portrait of a Spy

Daniel Silva  
Thriller fiction  
464 pages  
Harper

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Silva’s latest spy novel brings master assassin and art restorer Gabriel Allon to today’s world of post-bin Ladin’s death,

and the terror networks that are trying to carry on his agenda. Silva’s books always give great insight into the headlines, and the backstory of the Arab Spring and a wonderful (fictional) heroine offer Silva’s hope for a positive outcome in today’s Middle East.

Spy novel fans will not be disappointed in Silva’s latest, an excellent story that could have been written this morning.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

happens when time travelers Charles Winslow and Andrew Harrington travel back in time to meet with H.G. Wells, author of the novel *The Time Machine* and convince him to use his time machine to travel back in time to prevent Jack the Ripper from committing his murder spree. They also travel to the future to the year 2000 and arrive in a parallel universe of evil robots controlling all of London.

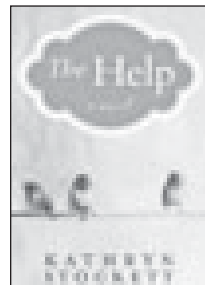
This science fiction novel transports the reader back and forth in time and makes the reader wonder if they can travel back in time, would the present and future outcome be different for them?

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

deaths. Jay’s family becomes a target of revenge once the truth comes out about Evan’s death.

This stand-alone psychological thriller will keep the reader fascinated until the very end.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel



### The Help

Kathryn Stockett  
Adult Fiction  
544 pages  
Berkley Trade

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I just finished reading *The Help*, and now I can’t wait for the movie to come out. This book is so good. It’s about a

white female and budding author writing about the lives of black maids in Mississippi during the 1960s. Although it’s not the first time this concept has been used, I love it when authors inject historical events within the story. This book is a must-read for all generations, all colors from all walks of life.

– Marilou Romney, LAPD



### The Map of Time

Felix J. Palma  
Science Fiction  
611 pages  
Atria Books

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

What if you could travel back in time in a real time machine and alter history in a parallel universe? That is what



### Eyes Wide Open

Andrew Gross  
Thriller Fiction  
352 pages  
Harper Collins

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This novel explores the tragic event of Jay Erlich’s nephew, who committed suicide. When Jay meets with his brother, Charlie,

to comfort him after his son, Evan’s, tragic death, Jay discovers family secrets that may prove that Evan’s death may not have been a suicide. Jay finds Charlie’s involvement with Russell Houvnanian, a 1970s terrifying cult leader and uncovers clues of suspicious past and present



## 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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate “thank you” if we publish your review.



# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Sept. 2011

## It's Softball Season!

Season three kicks off; basketball right behind.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

### Softball

Here we are – the third season of the Club's coed softball season! Teams like the LAX Jets, I'd Hit It and the Dot-gers have started red hot. The Club can see the excitement for the young season around water coolers throughout the City.

The Club invites City and DWP employees to check out the games each Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. at Shatto Place and Downey, along with an 8 p.m. game at Yosemite Rec Center. Come on out and root on your fellow City Employees!

### Basketball

The Club has secured the Expo Center for the league games for the upcoming season. Games will be played on Thursday nights. Only a few more team spots remain, so register ASAP!

Registration packets for the fall Club Basketball League are now available. The season lasts 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](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com)

### Running Club

Check out photos of a Club Member running the first race called the *Spirit of LA 5K Run* in the next newspaper, the Website and Facebook.



## STATS

### Team Standings

(as of August 16, 2011)

	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
LAX JETS	3	3	0	-	0	6
I'd Hit It	3	0	0	-	0	6
DOT-gers	3	2	0	-	0	4
Sluggers	3	2	1	-	0	4
Hitmen	3	2	1	-	0	4
Enforcers	3	1	1	-	0	2
Transformers	3	1	2	-	0	2
Guzzlers	3	1	2	-	0	2
Blue Dragons	3	0	2	-	0	0
Warriors	3	0	3	-	1	-1
Unstrikeoutables	3	0	3	-	0	0

### Game Scores

July 20, 2011

Yosemite	SCORE
LAX Jets	17
Transformers	3
Shatto	SCORE
Unstrikeoutables	8
I'd Hit It	10
Shatto	SCORE
Guzzlers	10
Warriors	1
Downey	SCORE
Sluggers	13
Enforcers	11
Downey	SCORE
Blue Dragons	10
Hitmen	12

BYE: Dot-gers

July 27, 2011

Yosemite	SCORE
Sluggers	23
Warriors	6
Shatto	SCORE
Blue Dragons	2
Dot-gers	6
Shatto	SCORE
Unstrikeoutables	7
LAX Jets	18
Downey	SCORE
Transformers	13
Hitmen	3
Downey	SCORE
Guzzlers	7
I'd Hit It	12

BYE: Enforcers

August 3, 2011

Yosemite	SCORE
Hitmen	13
Unstrikeoutables	11
Shatto	SCORE
LAX Jets	12
Guzzlers	1
Shatto	SCORE
I'd Hit It	14
Sluggers	7
Downey	SCORE
Warriors	0
Enforcers	7
Downey	SCORE
DOT-gers	10
Transformers	9

BYE: Blue Dragons

### GAME LOCATIONS:

Downey Recreation Center  
1772 North Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Shatto Recreation Center  
3191 Fourth St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

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



### 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

Contact Robert Larios, the Sports Dude, for registration information:

- [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com)
- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134
- [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)







Have fun, get in shape and join a Club Sports team or event today!



Central City Police Boosters

# CENTRAL CITY POLICE BOOSTERS

## 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

### Friendly Hills Country Club

8500 S. Villaverde Drive • Whittier, California 90605

**Monday, October 3, 2011**

10:00 am – Registration / Lunch • 12:00 pm (Sharp) – Shotgun Start  
5:30 pm – Awards / Buffet Dinner

### Four-Man Scramble Format

Tee Prizes / Longest Drive / Closest to the Pin – all Par 3's / Trophies 1st thru 5th place  
Includes Goody Bag / Hot BBQ Lunch / Buffet Dinner / On-course Beverages  
**FREE RANGE BALLS • CURBSIDE BAG SERVICE AT FRONT ENTRANCE**

**Hole # 13- "Hole in One" wins a Scotland Golf Vacation!**

- Round trip airfare for two
- 8 days "lights" accommodations at the St. Andrews Old Course Hotel
- Four Rounds of Golf, per person, at these British Open Courses: St. Andrews Link / The Old Course • The Jubilee Course • Kingsbarns Golf Links and Carnoustie Golf Links
- \$1,500 Spending Cash

Courtesy of  
**TOYOTA OF WHITTIER**

1-800-843-2002

The Central City Police Boosters have been proud supporters of the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area and the downtown community. This Charity Golf Tournament is the major fundraising event of the year to gather necessary funds to support the community and crime prevention programs. Please join us for a fun-filled day of golf!

Contributions to the Central City Police Boosters are Tax Deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

[www.centralcityboosters.org](http://www.centralcityboosters.org)

RSVP Golf Reservations by September 23, 2011

Forward company logos by September 16, 2011 to insure display of tee markers

Platinum Tee Sponsor \$5000

Invitation for 8 players • Tee-Marker • Plaque • Two Year Booster Membership  
Banner with your Business Name and Logo • (3) Complimentary raffle tickets for each player  
Booster Platinum Member benefits: Premier recognition at all Booster Events • Ride-along with Supervisor  
Lunch with the Captain • Reserved seating at all events • All Gold Member benefits

Diamond Tee Sponsor \$2500

Invitation for 4 players • Tee-Marker • Plaque • One Year Booster Membership  
Banner with your Business Name and Logo • (2) Complimentary raffle ticket for each player  
Gold Member Benefits: Your name in LAPD Central Division Lobby • Two Tickets to Officer Recognition Luncheon • Booster Member Recognition Plaque • Newsletter Recognition • Wall Certificate

Gold Tee Sponsor \$1000

Invitation for 4 players • Tee-Marker • Plaque • One Year Booster Membership  
(1) Complimentary raffle ticket for each player

Silver Tee Sponsor \$500

Invitation for 1 player • Tee-marker • One Year Booster Membership

Golf Participation \$150

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$125 IF PAID BY SEPTEMBER 3RD!**

Police Officers \$99

Donation Only \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

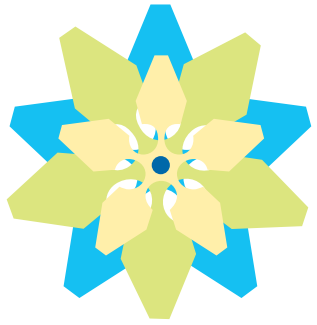
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Number of Golfers:	Amount Paid:
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3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	6. _____
7. _____	8. _____

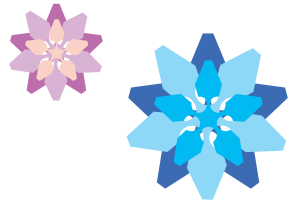
Dress Code: All golfers must have collared shirts • Denim / Jeans of any sort not permitted  
No halter tops or tank tops allowed • Spikeless / soft spike shoes mandatory  
Shirts must be changed in locker rooms only • Shorts must be no more than 4 inches above the knee

Please make checks payable to:  
**CENTRAL CITY POLICE BOOSTERS, INC.**  
Post Office Box 332643  
Los Angeles, California 90053

For further information:  
Contact Officer Marie Kadhon  
(213) 972-1876  
27975@lapd.lacity.org



# Life's Important Moments



BELOW: New Club Member Claudia Jones, Bike Enforcement Officer, Transportation, 5 years of City service.



## New Members

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.

- Airports**  
Juan Arellano  
Dorothy Brooks  
Angela De La Rosa  
Dionze Douglas  
Alesha Hawkins  
Luz Murillo-Reyes  
Sepou Ohanian  
Samuel Pittman  
Trichelle Price  
Rachael Ramos  
Richard Sandoval  
Melba Spencer
- Animal Services**  
Torrie Straw
- City Attorney**  
Angelica Lomeli
- CDD**  
Hotae Min
- Department on Disability**  
Daisy Bonilla
- LAFD**  
Mark Arguelles  
Clint Arrigoni  
Adrian Barnes  
Dustin Barnes  
Jarrett Barton  
Enrique Borboa  
Clint Cadena  
Brian Carranza  
Salvador Castillon  
Justin Clayton  
Joseph Coleman  
Paul Croghan  
Ira Douglas  
Jeffrey Escalante  
Jeffrey Fox  
Edward Gallagher  
Steven Garcia  
Jorge Garibay  
Donald Green
- Christopher Hart  
Roy Harvey  
Robert Hawkins  
Paul Hilleary  
Wonmeen Jun  
Sean Kennedy  
Scott Kwasiaroch  
Vincent Leong  
Frank Lewis  
Steven Looney  
Ruben Lopez  
Danny Lopez  
Marc Lundgren  
Santino Marcione  
Elton Mashack  
Don Matthews  
Sean Millet  
Nima Mortazavi  
Mark Muus  
Joseph Porras III  
Beau Porter  
Jim Prevo  
Brant Pulliam  
Bryan Quick  
Alex Quintana  
Robert Rivera  
Marshall Rodgers  
Chad Rolish  
Kevin Rudd  
Paul Seaborn  
Jason Shickle  
Ted Smyj  
Scott Souter  
Greg Sturdyvin  
Timothy Toledo  
Michael Trombello  
Timothy Van Dusen  
Douglas Van Norden  
David Zar
- General Services**  
Allen Garbutt
- Andrei Santos  
Jose Vizcaino
- Harbor**  
Edwin Contreras  
Jane Heitkemper  
Edcon Lacuesta  
Charles Middleton  
Virgilio Torres
- Convention Center**  
Meredith Gaines
- LACERS**  
John De La Rosa
- Library**  
Martha Contreras
- Personnel**  
Jude Carranceja
- Planning**  
Darlene Navarrete
- LAPD**  
Francisco Alvelais  
Maria Andrade  
Alejandro Carbajal  
Melva Carter  
Jason Cook  
Marshall Davis  
Maria Dimacale  
Arturo Gomez  
Dion Gourdine  
Catherine Hardy  
Elvis Hernandez  
Raul Jovel  
Ian Marabe  
Sandra McDowell  
Daniel Nee  
Rogelio Nunez  
Elizabeth Perales  
Martin Rodriguez  
Susan Torres  
Evoone Vogel  
Lloyd Williams  
Janette Zambriano
- Caroline Zavala

## Welcome New Members!

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

- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**PW-Engineering**  
Teresa Cajahuaringa  
Glenda Penate-Zuniga  
Pablo Vasquez
- PW-Sanitation**  
Kim Huynh  
Robert Perez
- PW-Street Lighting**  
Ramon Leriget
- PW-Street Services**  
Cameron Buffington
- Rec & Parks**  
Adriana Lopez  
Melissa Morales  
Jimmy Newsom  
Michael Signorelli  
Daniel Thompson  
Rafael Vega
- Transportation**  
Elizabeth Gutierrez  
Dale Loftin  
Claude Mitchell
- Retired**  
**DWP**  
David Alvarez  
Lucia Alvelais  
Juan Artiea  
Mark Belanger  
Genoveva Bersales  
Anselmo Cabral  
Jolyn Cebedo  
Gloria Chavez  
Rudolph Collins Jr.  
Paul Costa  
James Cowgill  
Martha Cuevas  
Juan Del Real  
Ramos Dela Cruz
- Fabiola Enriquez  
John Erbacher  
Kapiolani Floresca  
Emmanuel Genova  
Patricia Giles  
Gilbert Gonzalez  
Darrell Gully  
Stanley Hall  
Jeffrey Halstead  
Vivian Hawes  
John Hemphill  
Helen Hoac  
Leticia Jimenez  
Javad Keshavarz  
Gary Kim  
Peter Kwa  
Kenneth Lane  
Bobby Lee  
Joseph Lucero  
Martha Manriquez  
Michelle Mao  
Belinda McConnell  
Huong McMahan  
Mario Mosesman  
James Noltensmeier  
Bedros Okhanes  
Eric Pham  
Priscilla Quach  
Aviva Raskin  
Jane Rector  
Florita Requena  
George Rofail  
Theron Rucker  
Brian Serazio  
Sharon Session  
Andrew Shima  
Armando Solis  
Steven Starks  
Shalonda Taylor  
William Truefitt  
Telesforo Vallejos

- Mary Wilk  
Dennis Witherspoon  
Kikuma Yoshida
- Other**  
Oscar Arce  
Antonia Arroyo  
Guillermo Barajas  
Donna Boyd  
Tijuana Carter  
Jackie Causillas  
Jorge Chavez  
Teresa Colpo  
Kevin Dunn  
Saul Felomino  
Genevieve Fernandez  
Thomas Gackstetter  
Casey Garland  
Mark Gatto  
William Gerdon  
Arica Giandomenico  
Tammy Gideon  
Carlos Ginyard  
Carol Grant  
Arthur Gross Jr.  
Ingrid Guembes  
Gerry Guzon  
Valencia Harvey  
William Jung  
Richard Kemeny  
Yuen Lai Kong  
Daisy Lam  
Gladys Lasso  
William Laurence  
Irma Lezama-Kumar  
Rosann Lopez  
Richard Lopez  
Larry Madrid  
Jesus Martinez  
Daniel Martinez  
Humberto Martinez  
Steve Mata



- Sharon McCarthy-Igo  
Jay Mirseyedi  
David Mitchell  
Gerald Morey  
Michael Moussean  
Douglas Mull  
Devika Nair  
Rosemary Nunez  
Jeffery Peltola  
Alan Rawles  
Jaime Rivero Jr  
Chance Rossi  
Christopher Saenz  
Steven Saffell  
Debbie Schroyer  
John Steiner  
Bruce Stevens  
Sandra Tanaka  
Lillian Tang  
Roy Tietjen  
Miguel Torres  
William Tyner  
Rito Venegas  
Eliseo Villalovos  
Nicole Vinh  
Tommie Walker  
Brian White  
Rodney Williams  
Bryan Williams  
Betty Willis  
Chuan Wong  
Liisa Yoshioka  
Steve Zamora



## In Memoriam

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- Active**  
Baker, Rhonda, Transportation, 23  
Clayberger, Brad, Transportation, 29  
Crandall, Ruth, CDD, 10  
Harding, Julie, Finance, 12  
Webb, June, Rec and Parks, 7
- Retired**  
Abenilla, Dennis, LAPD, 32  
Adams, Archie, DWP, 31  
Alacar, Cesar Collo, Controller, 26  
Barrios, Andy, General Services, 13  
Bowes, Stephen, DWP, 33
- Chandley, Roger, Public Works, 35  
Coleman, Fred, Transportation, 13  
Davis, Robert, DWP, 31  
De la Barcena, Armando, DWP, 22  
Delgado, Dennis, Building and Safety, 5  
Dennis, Marie, DWP, 15  
Farmer, Milton, Housing, 38  
Faudree, John, Public Works, 24  
Fuller, Donald, DWP, 33  
Gafner, Donald, DWP, 31  
Holmstrom, John, DWP, 35  
Horton, James, DWP, 17
- Icarangel, Leopoldo, DWP, 11  
Jones, Frank, Transportation, 45  
Kirtos, John, DWP, 28  
Noble, Larry, Public Works, 25  
Opdyke, Stephen, Rec and Parks, 13  
Oshiro, Richard, DWP, 26  
Presser, Marshall, Public Works, 42  
Prout, Nancy, DWP, 23  
Roberts, Yvonne, City Attorney, -  
Rosas, Homer, Finance, 20  
Saenz, Robert, Public Works, 25  
Sanchez, Ernest, Public Works, 20
- Sanders, Donald, Public Works, 37  
Shaw Gomez, Claudine, Airports, 11  
Simon, Louis, ITA, 22  
Tappy, George, DWP, 30  
Trigg, Mary Ellen, DWP, 34  
Valenzuela, Edward, DWP, 31  
Wallace, Billy, Transportation, 21  
Walsh, Mary, DWP, 10  
Wecker, Gerard, Harbor, 17  
Wooster, William, Airports, 16  
Wright, Gladys, Airports, 11  
Ynigues, Lynn, Rec and Parks, 32

# Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy  
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



## Lamar Odom: Life Insurance Is Slam Dunk

Our City's very own Lamar Odom from the Los Angeles Lakers has agreed to be the Spokesperson for Life Insurance Awareness Month this September. Odom's mother passed away from cancer when he was only 12. Fortunately, she purchased a life insurance plan, which provided enough coverage for Odom to complete his education and later discover his amazing court skills, which landed him on one of the best NBA teams in the nation.

If you have dependents who rely on your income, take advantage of our Open Enrollment for Life Insurance. It ends Sept. 30 for actively working City Employees and DWP employees and spouses. Contact your Club Counselor for details on eligibility.

The Open Enrollment is an exclusive event held for existing Club Members only. It is one of the many great perks and benefits we offer here at your association.

You can also add additional coverage on our group exclu-

sive Accidental Death & Dismemberment, which will pay a benefit on top of your life insurance in the event of an accident leading to death or dismemberment. This affordable coverage is only \$1.25 per month for \$25,000 of coverage.

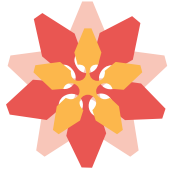
Take advantage this September!

Contact me at  
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# Share your moments!



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

## Graduations

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



Josh Berry

Joshua and Jacob Berry graduated from Carson Senior High School and attend El Camino College in Torrance, where Joshua will study biology with an emphasis in oceanography, and Jacob will study linguistics. They are the twin sons of Sescillie Berry, Public Works/Sanitation.



Jake Berry



De Jane' L. Brooks graduated from Westchester High School and plans to pursue a nursing career. She's the daughter of Ernestine Love, DWP.



Angela R. Frias graduated from Central East High School in Fresno, with a GPA of 3.7. She plans to attend Fresno State University this fall. She's the daughter of Frank Frias, Club Member.

## Special Achievements

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



Devin E. Rodgers (front row, third from left), a member of SoCa XploXion travel ball baseball team, won the first Triple Crown World Series 12U Division 1 title hosted in Park City, Utah. The team went 8-0 with 14 home runs. XploXion won the championship in extra innings with a trilling walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the 7th inning to win 10 to 8. Devin went 2 for 2 with a single, double, and a walk that contributed to the victory. He is the son of Earl and Zebra Rodgers, Commercial Field Supervisor and Electrical Engineer respectively, DWP. Wow, good going, Devin! Congratulations!

## Births

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Tyce Kyo Yoshida, born July 29 to Makiko and Eric Yoshida. Eric is a Civil Engineering Associate, DWP.

## Quinceañera

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## Weddings

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

**There are a number of Frieres serving our country! They're related to Mariella Friere-Reyes, Dept. on Aging; Karen Friere, LACERS; and Lenin Friere, LAPD. What a great family!**

Staff Sgt. Archivaldo (Archie) Friere is serving in Afghanistan. This is his fifth combat tour. Sgt. Maj. Jose Friere and Maj. Armando Friere both serve in Iraq. All are brothers of Mariella Friere-Reyes, Aging. Another member of the family, Sgt. Lucia (Friere) Cowsert, is retired from the military. Maj. Armando Friere is married to Karen Friere, LACERS.



Staff Sgt. Archie Friere in Iraq.



Sgt. Maj. Jose Friere.



Sgt. Lucia (Friere) Cowsert, retired from the military.



Maj. Armando Friere.

## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Abalos, Danilo	Sr. Civil Engineer	Harbor	26	Gamido, Julieta	Accountant II	Treasurer's Office	34	Redwine, Patricia	Sr. Personnel Analyst II	LAPD	34
Ahoraian, Esfandiar	Instrumental Mechanic	Public Works	23	Heredia, Robert	City Planning Associate	Planning	38	Reilly, John	Build. Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	26
Alonge, Louis	Sr. Plumbing Inspector	Building & Safety	21	Johnson, Gwendolyn	Pr. Accountant II	Aging	33	Rogde, Cathleen	Forensic Print Spec. IV	LAPD	36
Bellamy, Angel	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	30	Jones, Robert	Rec Supervisor	Rec and Parks	36	Scanlon, Debbie	Legal Sec. III	City Attor. Office	29
Burt, Brian	Maint. Constr. Helper	Public Works	33	Klapper, Linda	Mgmt. Analyst II	Transportation	36	Schmoyer, Amy	Paralegal II	City Attor. Office	12
Caughlin, Kenneth	Property Manager IV	Harbor	16	Larsen, Pilin	Database Architect	ITA	26	Serevo, Ofelia	Systems Analyst II	Airports	22
Chu, Chungmin	Financial Manager II	Harbor	23	Lavature, Edward	Wastew. Trmt. Oper. III	Public Works	22	Smith, Greig	Councilmember	Council	31
Combs, Brenda Marie	Sr. Tax Auditor	Office of Finance	32	Martinez, Adeline	Secretary	LAPD	31	Sumilang, Josefino	Custodian	General Services	22
DeCastro-Santos, Rosalinda	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Public Works	22	Martinez, Robert	Property Officer	LAPD	40	Vitek, Judith	Dep. City Attorney II	City Attorney	12
Dorame, Jose	Garage Attendant	LAPD	31	Perry, Frederick	Sr. Constr. Inspector	Public Works	43	Weinstein, Robin	Sr. Hearing Officer	City Attorney	31
Doshier, David	Equipment Mechanic	General Services	30	Pulone, Frances	Legal Secretary II	City Attorney	15	Wilson, Betty	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Disability	27
Dworshak, Rose	Secretary	Harbor	41	Quigley, Susan	Mgmt. Analyst II	CDD	20	Woolery, Robert	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	22
Elayda, Aurora	Chemist II	Public Works	20	Reber, Mary	Deputy City Attorney III	City Attor. Office	33				



John Hawkins, Club CEO

# John's Picture Perfect Contest



"We were on vacation in Mexico and went fishing off the coast of Guerrero. We caught 15 fish and thought we had a good day, when another boat arrived with a sailfish approximately 8 feet long. What made this a Picture Perfect shot is that the boat was named 'Dia Perfecto' ('Perfect Day'). It can't get better than that."

– **Antonio Mendieta, Transportation**

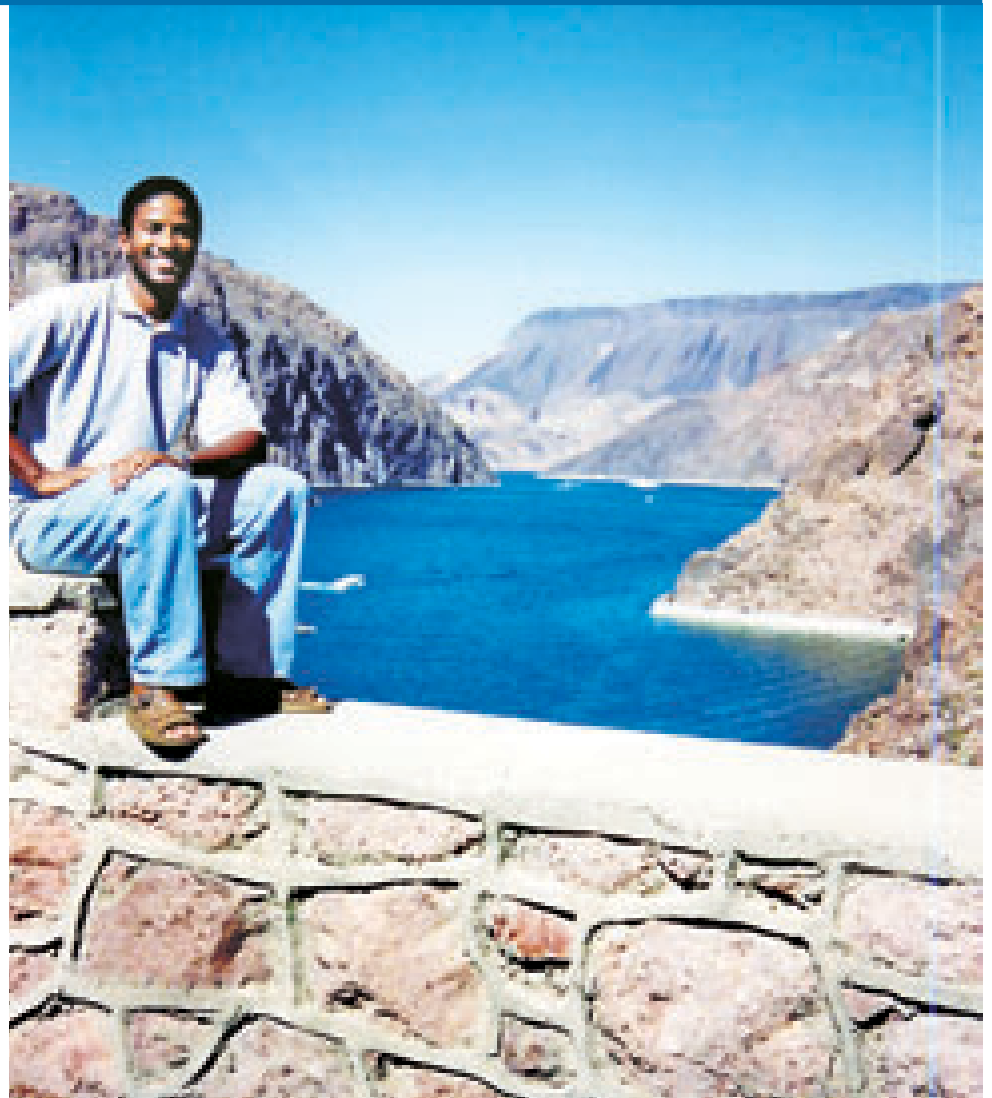
**John's comments:** You're absolutely right – it just doesn't get better than that! Thanks for sharing this "perfect" shot!



"We were celebrating my birthday and stopped to get a birds-eye view of this aircraft carrier. I believe it to be the first time the Navy has ever docked a ship in San Pedro."

– **Karen Kishita, Public Works**

**John's comments:** An aircraft carrier in San Pedro? Doesn't happen too often, which is why this is a Picture Perfect! Of course, this was for the Port's first Navy Week – so I hope we'll see more Navy gear next year. Thanks, Karen!



"This is one of my favorite photos of my husband taken during a trip through Hoover Dam."

– **Marilou Romney, LAPD**

**John's comments:** This is one of the most happy-go-lucky expressions I've seen in a long time... and it's what makes this picture a Picture Perfect. Thanks, Marilou, for sharing!



"I took this photo of the Capitol Building from the west side of the property. I was visiting D.C. on a recent vacation last week and got a tour of the building."

– **Liz Carlin, Council District 10**

**John's comments:** Liz, what a crisp photo; the blue sky and eager clouds give the waving flag such purpose in the midst of the Capitol Building. You just raised my patriotism up a notch!

## RULES:

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



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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

# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



Marilyn Holley is one of the Club's great Board Members, and she is sharing her recipe for jambalaya.

## MARILYN'S JAMBALAYA

What a special treat we have in this month's "Cooking With the Club"! Marilyn Holley, Club Board Member, invited us into her kitchen for her spectacular jambalaya recipe. While I have seen many jambalaya recipes, I have not seen the kind of care and love placed into cooking it like Marilyn has. As a result, the dish is full of flavor – the kind of flavor that you wish all recipes had.

While most of the ingredients you'd expect are present in the jambalaya, a few might seem new, including the cayenne pepper or chicken bouillon. But believe me, they add a set of flavors that place this recipe on top of all other jambalayas.

Marilyn knows this recipe so well that she does not measure the ingredients and adds more of something by taste – the mark of a true cook. I did my best to figure out the quantities needed to make this recipe, so keep in mind they are estimates. There is a secret ingredient that Marilyn used, and if you would like to know what it is, email me at [chef@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:chef@cityemployeesclub.com).

### Marilyn's Jambalaya

Makes 8 Servings

#### INGREDIENTS:

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- 1 pound sausage
- 1 pound shrimp
- "Secret ingredient"  
\* *contact Chef Larios to get it*
- 1/2 cup diced green pepper
- 1/2 cup white onions, diced
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 bouillon cubes
- 2 large chicken breasts, diced into small cubes
- 1 cup canned diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons thyme
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock or broth
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Cooking TIDBIT

*If you have too much chicken stock in the pot, remove the lid to dehydrate the ingredients.*

#### DIRECTIONS:



**1** Place these ingredients in a Dutch oven or large pot – the diced green pepper, diced onions, diced celery, salt and pepper. Begin cooking these ingredients on medium heat.



**2** Now add the sausage, chicken, shrimp, chicken stock with the chicken bouillon, canned tomatoes, thyme, minced garlic, white rice, cayenne pepper and bay leaves. Mix lightly.



**3** Marilyn says, "Place the pot with the jambalaya in the oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit and cook for about one hour." Make sure the lid for the pot is oven-safe. Remove the lid if there appears to be too much broth to help dry the jambalaya. And always, make sure it tastes the way you like it.



**4** Plate and serve! Thank you, Marilyn!

#### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

##### Jambalaya:

*One of Creole cookery's hallmarks, jambalaya is a versatile dish that combines cooked rice with a variety of ingredients, including tomatoes, onion, green peppers, and almost any kind of meat, poultry, or shellfish. The dish varies widely from cook to cook. The name is thought to derive from the French jambon, meaning "ham," the main ingredient in many of the first jambalayas.*



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#### Fun Food Quote:

"Vegetables are a *must* on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie."

– Garfield

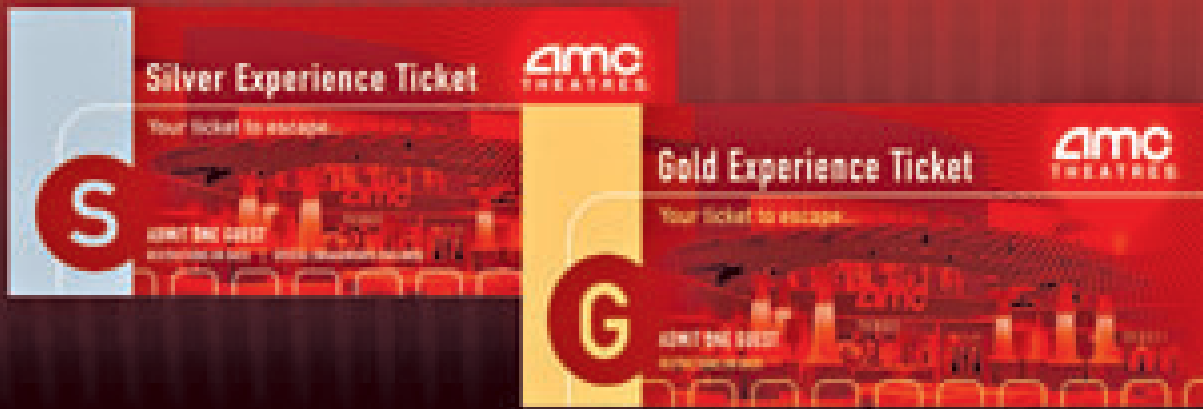




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	Bucky Larson: Born to be a Star - 9/9	Dolphin Tale (3D) - 9/23
	Contagion (IMAX) - 9/9	Margaret - 9/30
	Lion King (3D) - 9/16	50/50 - 9/30
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# CLASSIFIED ADS



## New Ads This Month!

**For Sale:** House in Quintas Del Mat Development - Rosarito. Development has 2 restaurants. 2 BD/2BA home. Has lots of shopping nearby & tons of amenities w/walking distance. Property ready for \$154,000. Sam @ (818) 787-1426. 9/11

**Snow Chains:** Brand new for pickup truck or SUV. Never been used, sold truck before I could use them, \$25. John @ (626)757-5341. 9/11

**1999 Ford CNG police interceptor:** carpool lane sticker expire 2015, 74k miles, v8, ice-cold a/c, average cng prices \$2.05/gge, Riverside price \$1.38/gge. Marcus @ (626) 232-7794. 9/11

**Bedroom Furniture Set:** light wood finish, good condition: 2 nightstands, 6-drawer dresser w/mirror, sleigh style bed, \$200. Pictures available. Art @ (626) 991-9054. 9/11

**Cemetery Plot:** One plot located at Rose Hills Cemetery, Garden of Affection (across from memorial chapel), asking \$2000 but will negotiate. Info @ (909) 561-3985. 9/11

**Men's Marin Bike:** Stinson Model, in excellent condition, aluminum frame, 26" x 1.95" tires. REDUCED: \$150 (sells for \$450 new). Margaret @ (909) 450-1636. 9/11

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

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

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

### Homes/Rentals/Land

**For Rent:** West Covina- 3 BD/2 BA 1826 sq.ft. large family room, large master bedroom, C/A, new windows, paint & carpet. \$2000 monthly. Javier @ (626) 384-7915. 8/11

**For Sale:** 3BD/2BA beautifully landscaped Palmdale home. Large backyard w/ spectacular mountain view. Won't last at \$115K. Rocio @ (562) 201-7704. 7/11

**For Rent:** 3BD/2BA house w/detached garage, big backyard & new paint (in & outside). Near Imperial & Western Ave. Robert Jones @ (310) 534-3028. 7/11

**For Sale:** Lake Elizabeth, 2 buildable view lots. Great place to build your future retirement home w/ lakes & golf, located 25 minutes from Santa Clarita. One lot is 7500 SF, \$20,000. The other is 15,000 SF, \$45,000. Negotiable on financing & terms. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 7/11

**For Rent:** Townhouse located in Ontario. 3 BD/2.5BA. Large enclosed patio, laundry hook-ups, 2 parking spaces & no pets. \$1350 monthly plus security deposit. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 7/11

**For Rent:** Inglewood house. Lg BD in a 3 BD/2.75BA home. Excellent location, responsible person. Avail-6/15/11. 3 months or more lease. Full house privileges; gated community, wifi, laundry, own bath. \$850/mo, \$400 deposit. Supri @ (310) 674-3536. 6/11

**For Rent:** 2BD house in nice part of N. Long Beach. Recent upgrades include granite countertops, new carpet, tile, laminate floors, private yard & garage. Near schools & freeways. W/D hook-up. No pets. \$1500/mo. Call for appt. (562)537-5972. 6/11

**For Rent:** IBD/IBA apt. in Highland Park. 10-15 min. from PAB, and 5-10 min. from Academy. Courtyard, hardwood floors, new windows, walls, ceiling fan, blinds, paint. Walk-in closet. No pets. 1 year lease. Street parking. \$700 month. (323) 919-1163. 6/11

**For Rent:** Lake Tahoe Cabin, 3BD/2BA, quiet forest setting, large deck, bbq, satelliteTV. Completely furnished. Close to beach, bike path, stables, casinos. Jess @ (626) 797-5992. 6/11

**For Rent:** 2BD/1BA apartment near Sunset Bl/Alvarado, 10 min from downtown. \$950/mo. Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 5/11

**For Sale:** Acton land, 10 acres, 360 view, Graded 1 acre level pad, ready to build! \$220K, OBO. Owner will carry w/ 50% down. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 5/11

**For Rent:** Inglewood, single family dwelling, 2BD/1BA, living room, dining room, back yard & detached garage. Recent upgrades. Quiet community. Call Char @ (323) 600-4615 after 7:00pm. 3/11

**For Rent:** 2 BD house. Near Long Beach, sharp, clean, near school & freeway. \$1,450/mo. Call for appt @ (562) 537-5972. Sec 8 ok. 3/11

**For Rent:** House in La Crescenta, 3 BD/1.75A in nice & quiet neighborhd, upper Glendale. Good schools, walk to Crescenta Valley HS. \$2,100/mo. Call (818) 621-7758. 3/11

**Room For Rent:** Inglewood, furnished LG bdrm in 3BD/3BA home. Own bath, house privileges, pool, gated community, wifi, quiet, close to all. Responsible & clean person. Avail 2/1/11. References required. \$900/mo. Marilyn Williams (310) 674-3536, sissygal7m@yahoo.com 2/11



**For Sale:** Mobile Home, canyon & ocean views, San Clemente north, Orange County.

Large lot, 3BD, separate dining & large living area w/views. Senior park w/pool, sauna, spa, exercise room, etc. \$299,000. Beth Larranga: rosel@caltech.edu 1/11

### Household Items

**Air Conditioning Unit:** "New" 3 Ton/10 Seer self contained heating/cooling unit. Gas/Electric. \$1500. Info @ (818) 361-8917 or iokc7@yahoo.com. 8/11

**Portable Pet Crate:** Never used, 3'D x 2'H x 2'W. Has removable pan. Paid \$125, asking \$75. Call Richard @ (818) 399-9730. 3/11

**Maytag Washer & Dryer:** Top of the line, in excellent condition, \$245. Larry @ (818) 883-5870. 2/11

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

### Miscellaneous

**Zumba Class:** \$8 per class. Curves 16000 Paramount Bl Unit A Paramount Bl 90723 (corner of Paramount & Alondra) Saturday's @ 9-9:45am zumbaswag@yahoo.com 8/11

**French Mastif Pups:** Mona @ (661) 724-1335. 8/11

**Swiss Army Watch:** silver band, \$80 OBO. Carlos @ (424) 212-5473. 5/11

**Roll-A-Ramp:** 14 feet long, railing 36 inches high w/sturdy railing. 1500 lb capacity. Excellent condition. \$2,000. John @ (661) 946-5937. 5/11

**Polygraph:** Discount to city employees, www.lbdpolygraph.com 2/11



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Enjoy ATV & m/c riding in our area but no one to ride with? Making list of families interested in **camping & riding** together. Rick (DWP) @ (805)433-3195 or email: rhinohd@dslextrreme.com. 12/10

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

**Scenic Flights Over LA:** Fly Ricchiazzi Aviation, LLC over the city of LA for a spectacular aerial tour. See local landmarks such as Downtown LA, Dodger Stadium, Rose Bowl & much more. Based at El Monte Airport (EMT). Reserve today. (818) 415-7253. 9/10

**Feng Shui onsite consultation:** by retired City employee. American Feng Shui Institute certified report package include rooms, occupants, goals, health, buy/sell analysis. Peter @ (310) 854-8952. 9/10

**On-site Taco Bars** for your special events. Treat your guests to mouth watering tacos! Info @ (562) 884-6069 for pricing & booking. 9/10

### Travel / Timeshare

**Wyndham Resort Timeshare:** No meeting to attend! 1BD or 2BD, sleep up to 8. Various USA locations including Hawaii, Mexico, Caribbean & more! \$700-\$1400 depending on location and season. Mary @ makay91@yahoo.com or (310) 936-4853. 6/11



**Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trip & Tailgate Party:** come join us on our annual trip to Oakland. Information contact: Joe @ (909) 519-8683 or raiderjo@roadrunner.com 6/11



**Vacation rental** in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake.

Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 2/11

**Mountain Lake campground membership:** 2 life time. Paid \$9,000 asking \$4,500 OBO. Details @ (909) 606-5633. 4/11

**Monterey Bay Timeshare:** \$875, 2 BD/2 BA, kitchen, fp, bbq, pools, etc. Dates: 7/25/11 - 8/1/11 (Monday to Monday, 7 nights). Sleeps 6 max, however 4 adults is comfortable. Terry @ (818) 769-3382. 3/11

**Sunset World Timeshare:** Cancun, Mexico. Sleeps 4 facing ocean. Avail: anytime except weekends of July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year. \$600/7 days Saturday to Saturday. Available starting April. Gina @ (818) 265-5940. 3/11

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

### Collectibles

**Mint Comic Books:** from the late 60's, 70's & early 80's. Many large runs: Spiderman, Thor & many others, most \$2.50 - \$6 each, a collector's dream. John @ (951) 203-4438. 7/11

**ESTATE SERVICES** - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Michael @ (626) 592-2929.

### Wanted

**Wanted:** 35mm slide projector, Kodak Carousel 850 Auto-Focus. Harold @ (818) 892-9328. 7/11

**I purchase:** Coins, Stamps, WWII items, Hunting/ Pocket Knives, Trains, vintage tools, Fishing reels & lures, Almost anything old! Collections or single items. Michael @ (909) 592-4332 1/0

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

**Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes.** I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Cheryl @ (208) 855-2430 or (818) 822-5369.

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

### Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

**Snugtop Camper Shell:** Black, was on 6' Toyota Tacoma Bed, carpet kit included. Good condition, \$350 OBO. Info @ (661) 992-4664. 8/11

**1975 Dodge Dart Sport:** Great project car, not running but has new Disc brakes, tires & rims. Many new parts still in the box. \$2100 OBO. Greg @ (818) 771-6777. 8/11

**Ford Mustang:** 98 white convertible, 190,000 miles, mint condition, tan convertible top, \$2500 OBO. Nyra @ (310)634-6768. 8/11

**2006 Harley Davidson:** Like new, 1200 Custom Sportster, black cherry, 617 miles. Warranty, original owner, garage stored. Vance & Hines Pipes, lowered struts & clip-on windshield: original parts (pipes and struts) included. Asking \$9,500 OBO, more photos on request. Info @ (562) 884-0675, divebunie@hotmail.com 7/11

**Tire Chains:** Alpine sport SUV & light truck, fits various stock truck rims & tire sizes, easy installation. Used once \$50. Dwain @ (323) 754-8382. 6/11

**2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser 4x2:** White/titan, black interior, auto 5-speed 4.0L V6, like new! 106K miles, LoJack included. \$18,500 OBO. Armando @ (323) 252-7065 or pk4wiz@sprint.blackberry.net 6/11

**2007 Harley Davidson Soft Tail FXSTC:** black custom bars, grips, seat, sissy bar, saddle back. Great condition, low miles. Fernanco @ (626) 393-7349 or email me at fernandod1698@aol.com 5/11

**1996 Oldsmobile Ciera SL:** 118K miles, maroon color, V6, very clean, power windows, 4 door, tinted windows. Runs great! \$1,700 (Kelley Blue Book). Linda @ (310) 833-6801. 5/11

**1969 Dodge Dart GTS** with Scat-Pak, 340, 4 Barrel, 355 gear, ready for the street or track. This car is a Turn Key ready to GO! \$30,000 invested & looking for \$23,000. Harry @ (714) 222-2210, (714) 997-7471 or harryhunold@sbcglobal.net 4/11

**2001 Monaco Diplomat:** 38ft w/ 2 slides, 330 HP Cummins,43,000 miles. 4 door refrigerator, Alcon wheels, washer & dryer, good cond., well equip., 4 new tires. Asking \$50,000. Info @ (909) 229-6540. 4/11

**Mazda 626 LX:** 1999, 4 door, clean interior, green color, 140,000 miles (salvage). No major accident reported, runs great, moving out of town. \$1,700. Shaq @ (404) 209-2492. (2-8pm). 2/11

**Truck parts for 1995 Chevy:** One air-conditioner part & one exhaust system part. If you can figure out what they are & offer a negotiable price, call Marieta @ (626) 912-6195. 1/11

### Cemetery Plots

**2 side by side Cemetery Plots:** Located Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Veterans Section. Las Cruces, New Mexico. \$2000 each OBO or consider trade. Harold @ hshaw43@charter.net 8/11

**Cemetery Plot:** Valhalla Memorial Park, Sec 2530, Lot C -Track 6618, 10621 Victory Park, N. Hollywood, 91601. \$3500 or OBO. Call (661) 251-0362. 3/11

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

### Electronics/Computers

**Apple Macbook Pro:** Core Duo Laptop computer. 1.83 ghz, 1.5GB RAM, 80GB HD, 15" 128VRAM 10.5.8 OSX. Great condition, will sell for \$1,000. Orig price was \$2,500 w/upgrades. Larry @ (818) 521-3517 or trueblue22@sbcglobal.net. 12/10

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

### Furniture

**Everything Sale:** Marietta @ (909) 218-7586. **Reclining Couch & Love Seat:** center console, couch vibrates, \$900 OBO. **TV Stand:** black glass & wood, 3-tiered, flat panel tv stand, holds up to 55" tv, \$100 OBO. **Big Fridge:** white, 23 cu. ft., french doors w/ bottom freezer w/ ice maker, \$900 OBO. **Deep Freeze:** large chest freezer, \$200 OBO. **Coffee Table:** w/2 end tables, dark wood w/ glass & has lower shelves, \$175 OBO. **Dining Room Table:** dark wood w/ 4 chairs & bench w/ leaf, \$450 OBO. **Home Theatre System:** dvd player w/sound system, \$150 OBO. **Video Game:** DSI w/4 games & case, \$175 OBO. 7/11

**Bed Frame:** w/ headboard, all wood, 2 side cubby shelves w/doors & mirror, in great condition. \$200 OBO. Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 7/11

**Merit Electric Wheelchair & battery charger:** 2 new batteries recently installed, in good condition. \$500 OBO. Cece @ (909) 973-4214. 4/11

**Exercise Machine:** Elliptical Pro-Form 15-5S, good condition, asking \$250 but will take a reasonable offer. Jaime @ (310) 955-8871. 1/11

**Mobile Wheelchair:** Excellent condition collapsible for easy transportation. \$800 O.B.O. Call Mark @ (909)322-5140 or tspgtr@msn.com. 12/10

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



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**City Seal Hat Overstock Sale**  
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<p><b>\$65</b></p> <p>Los Angeles City Stainless Steel Watch</p>	<p><b>\$39.99</b></p> <p>Mens Silver "MA" City Watch</p>	<p><b>\$64.99</b></p> <p>Ladies Classic City Service Watch</p>

<p><b>\$24</b></p> <p>Bear - DOT</p>	<p><b>\$20</b></p> <p>Bear - DWP</p>	<p><b>\$20</b></p> <p>Bear - Sanitation</p>	<p><b>\$2.49</b></p> <p>City Retractable Badge Holder</p>	<p><b>\$4.99</b></p> <p>Lanyard - City of LA</p>	<p><b>\$8</b></p> <p>City Seal Lapel Pin "Classic Enamel"</p>
<p><b>\$25</b></p> <p>City of Los Angeles Professional Bag</p>	<p><b>\$34.99</b></p> <p>City of Los Angeles Expandable Computer Bag</p>	<p><b>\$2.31</b></p> <p>DECALS LACITY</p> <p>Decals - City &amp; DWP</p>	<p><b>\$5</b></p> <p>One Color City Seal Mug</p>	<p><b>\$19.99</b></p> <p>City of Los Angeles Classic 2 Tone Pen</p>	<p><b>\$5</b></p> <p>Los Angeles City Seal Key Chains</p>

## Club Apparel

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<p><b>\$8.99</b></p> <p>City of Los Angeles Kids T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>Women's Los Angeles-City Classic T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>City Girl Classic T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>City Girl Retro T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$8.99</b></p> <p>Women's Tank Top City of LA</p>	<p><b>\$8.99</b></p> <p>Men's Tank Top City of LA</p>
<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>Go Green City T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>City Seal One Color T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>"B Label" T-Shirt with Departments</p>	<p><b>\$10</b></p> <p>LA Hall T-Shirt</p>	<p><b>\$37</b></p> <p>Los Angeles City French Terry Zip-Hoodie</p>	<p><b>\$35</b></p> <p>City Seal One Color Hoodie</p>

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