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From left: Erol Egun, Criminalist II, and Kristin Honig, Criminalist II, at a crime scene demonstration.

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A Message From the CEO

# Mukai Scholars Show City's Great Promise

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

Have you read yet about our Club scholarship winners? Well, of course you haven't, since this column comes on page three, and the scholarship stories don't start until page 18!

I was just being rhetorical, of course. I can't help but talk about our winners, though. As I write this, it's Aug. 17, about a week after our committee finished its work and picked the recipients of our scholarships. And I'm still blown away by the quality of the applicants. With this level of smarts and initiative in the candidates, it's no wonder we gave out 20 awards. That's the most in recent memory, and we're proud to do it.

If you ever worry about the future of the world, do yourself a favor and read these profiles. I doubt that feeling will last long.

The late **Joannie Mukai**, former City Employee and Club Board Member who passed away in 2010, was a big believer in supporting our youths; that's why we named the scholarship program for her. She would be mighty impressed by this group. Medical students... jazz singers... bakers... rock-

et scientists... *fashionistas*... those who have succeeded despite long odds... and on and on.

So congratulations to our recipients. And I want to give a nod to those others who applied, but didn't make it this year. You're all winners in my book. Keep on being yourself, and I know you'll be just fine.

Moving on... and back to our friends and the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division (our cover story). We've done several of these stories now, featuring the faces behind the scenes of the LAPD's efforts to investigate crimes. We've worked a lot with **Lennard Henkhaus**, Supervising Criminalist, to coordinate the facts and the details. He was a part of our first meeting, I believe, several years ago. But up until this month, he's never been featured. Well finally we get around to a unit that includes him – the Field Investigation Unit. Our *Alive!* team had another interesting and informative week at the LAPD's SID, and I know you'll find our main feature as interesting as I did.

Oh, before I forget – have you bought your tickets to the L.A. County Fair yet? They are always big sellers here at the Club, so don't wait!

I'm delighted that so many Retired Members who have just started receiving *Alive!* are really enjoying it. Receiving *Alive!* instead of your previous paper is a change, I know. But it's clear how much more you're getting now. We're getting phone calls and letters of thanks... and you're sending in your own cool info! You're sending in photos of your grandkids... you're sending in photos of your travels while holding your copy of *Alive!*... and you're saying hi to us at your Retiree meetings. It's all awesome to see. Keep contributing, keep enjoying, and keep living full lives. That's what it's all about!

And don't forget to become full Club Members by next May. We'll talk more about that when the time comes.

I want to give a quick shoutout to **Geraldine Knatz**, Ph.D., head of the Harbor and strong Club Member. She won a big award – I'll let you read about it. Nice going, Geraldine!

And finally, I want to add a quick word about my brother, **Ed Hawkins**, who passed away just a few weeks ago. You can read a little about him in this issue. It's still a shock to my family that such a young, vital and great guy could leave this earth so soon. Way too soon.

I want to thank everyone who sent condolences, who stopped what they were doing to lend an ear or a shoulder, or who took care of business when I was called away. I had just had lunch with Ed the day before he died in his sleep, so I was lucky, if you can call it that. We were on great terms. Life is shorter than we think, my friends; never take for granted those people who mean the world to you. Tell them. Now.

Have a great September, and we'll see you again next month.

**JOHN**

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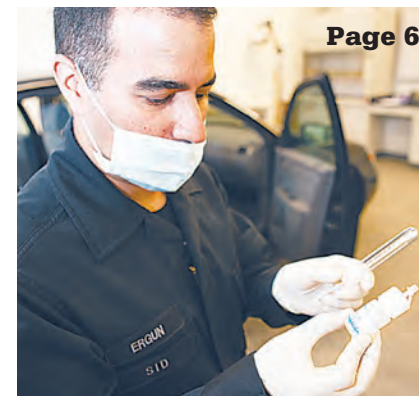
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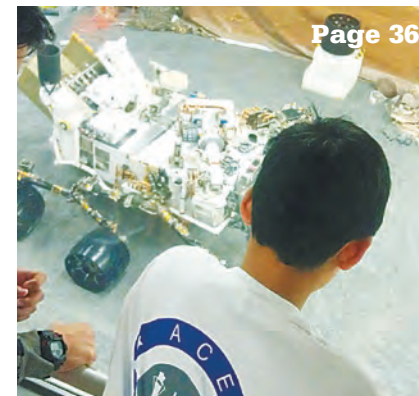
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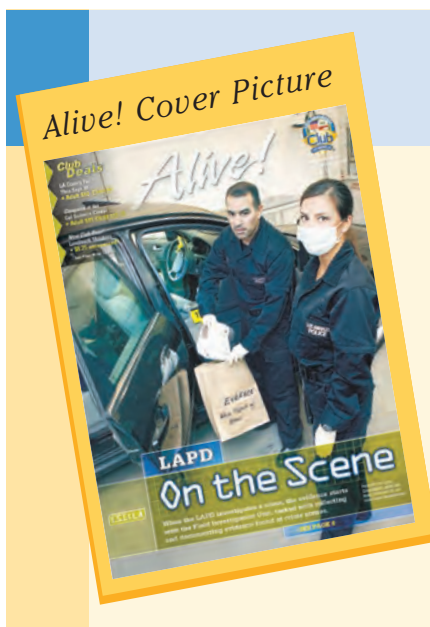
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Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, photographs Betsy Swanson, Criminalist II, 17 years of City service, as she looks for fluids, fibers or other evidence in this pair of jeans.

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— **Michael Munis, May 2010**

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— **Brenda Wells, May 2010**

The Club's claims service is "very good. The two times I needed to contact you were both pleasant and greatly appreciated. [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was a very nice story, soothing and very reassuring. I plan to read it to my grandson."

— **Jacqueline Prescod, May 2010**

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— **Orestes Martinez, May 2010**

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# Letters to the Editor

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

## LETTERS OF THE MONTH

### Alive! Is the Place To Be for Retirees

I love the new Retirees section! The RLACEI (Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.) section of *Alive!* is like a full-house for retirees. I like having all the news for and about us in one section. I've been a member of the City Employees Club for many years, and you're still meeting my needs. Keep up the good work.

– Marjorie Thayne, Retired

It's great to see more Retiree information in the newspaper. Sometimes, we feel a bit neglected by our former employer, but it is swell and dandy to know that the Club cares about us.

I look forward to reading about the Retiree news that the good people of RLACEI write. It is very informative, and I like the improvements they have made.

– John Steele, Retiree



Hi folks, I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the change from *El Pueblo* to *Alive!* I've never been more proud of being a Retired City Employee; your paper shows me a side of the City that warms my heart and shows how great of a work force we really are. It's about time! Thanks to you and to the RLACEI for making this bold decision. Keep up the awesome work!

– Robert Lechlinski, Retired, Public Works/Street Services

*Hi Marjorie, John and Robert, thanks for your kind words. We love being the official newspaper of the RLACEI, and we welcome any comments from our great Retired members. Remember that we begin the Best Years section on page 11 every month, to make it easy to find. – Ed.*

### This Information Is Classified – Alive!'s Ads Make a Great Section

Some of my coworkers and I think your classified ads section is the best out there for City employees. We have sold things there and get calls from serious buyers. Also, I have purchased a few things, and seeing the pictures of the items really helps. Thank you for making this one of the best-kept pages in the newspaper!

– Lawrence Ryder, Rec and Parks

### Office Depot Discount Makes Going Back to School a Breeze

I wish I could get on top of a City building and yell at the top of my lungs so that all employees could hear my sounds of joy over my savings with the Club's Office Depot Discount Program! I have three young children who are all attending elementary school,

and of course this is the time of year when I have to get them tons of school supplies as they return to school from summer break. The pain on the wallet was not so bad since I saved big time this year. The bill before the cashier swiped my card was \$235, but once my credit card was swiped, the total went down to \$189.34. Thank you, Club!

– Linsey Keller, General Services

### Super-Cool Military Bags Are Proof Positive of Club Greatness

Hi there Ticket Gal – I just wanted to say thanks for bringing us those super cool military-style City Seal bags. I mean seriously, where in the world did you find those? And the price is... well, ridiculously low. Guess that's why I've been a member for 17 years. Thanks, Ticket Gal!

– Tom Earndale, DWP

### Corrections:

■ On page 19 of last month's *Alive!*, in a story about the West LA Sanitation Yard Open House, we listed an incorrect number of years of City service for Rhonda Wright, RCTO II. She has 7 years of City service. *Alive!* apologizes for the confusion.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

# Question OF THE MONTH

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

## ? Growing up, who was your favorite teacher? ?



"Mrs. Goddard, who taught fifth grade at Parthenia Street Elementary School."  
– Eugene Tseng, Contractor, 22 years



"Dr. Page, who taught at Loyola Marymount University."  
– Carlos Rios, Transportation, 18 years



"Mrs. Olson, who taught at Santa Monica College."  
– Lt. Gloria Vargas, LAPD, 30 years



"Ms. Espana, who taught 12th grade at Bassett High School."  
– Glen Yee, Public Works/Street Services, 22 years



"Mr. Liechty, who taught at Berendo Junior High School."  
– Raul Juarez, Warehouse Worker, 5 years



"Mrs. Brook, who taught fourth grade at Perris Elementary School."  
– Officer Mario Ververa, LAPD, 6 years



"Mr. Mitchell, who taught ninth through twelfth grades at Serra High School."  
– Officer Ricky Davis, LAPD, 16 years



"Dr. Cowan, who taught at Cal State Long Beach."  
– Crystal Killian, Transportation, 24 years



"Ms. Maldonado, who taught at Cathedral High School."  
– Manuel Gomez, Public Works, 22 years



"Mr. Lew, who taught at Eagle Rock High School."  
– Officer Ed Dominguez, LAPD, 18 years

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Note: The Club Store will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day



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# LAPD

# On the Sc

## ■ LAPD evidence investigations begin with the Field Investigation Unit.

*Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, and courtesy LAPD*

To analyze evidence from a crime scene, first you have to collect it.

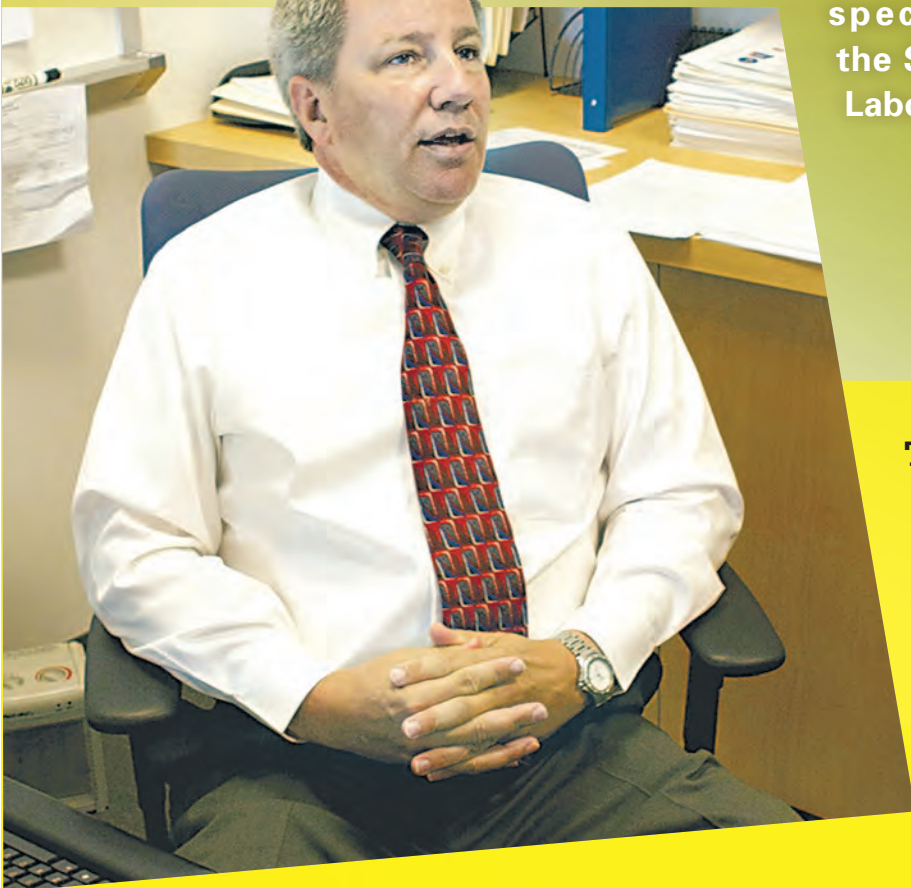
That's the job of the LAPD Field Investigation Unit, headed by Supervising Criminalist Lennard Henkhaus. The unit differs from all the other units within the department's Scientific Investigation Division (SID) in one important way – the unit's main purpose is to identify, collect, and document of evidence. The evidence

is analyzed by other specialties within the SID Criminalistics Laboratory.

The Field Investigation Unit is responsible for performing scientific investigations at crime scenes: scene assessment, evidence identification and collection, field tests and documentation of procedures performed. Follow-up activities include writing reports, packaging and booking evidence, consulting with detectives, and providing expert testimony about the results of the field and follow-up investigations.

*The following depicts a typical crime scene procedure. The scene was set up for the cameras and readers of Alive!, for instructional purposes only. ■*

Lennard Henkhaus, Supervising Criminalist and head of the LAPD Field Investigation Unit.



### THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

## 'The Evidence Starts With Us'

■ Supervising Criminalist Lennard Henkhaus talks about the unique role of the Field Investigation Unit.

*On June 22, Alive! editor John Burnes sat down with Lennard Henkhaus, the head of the LAPD's crime scene unit, to talk about the unit, which was formed five years ago. The interview took place in Lennard's office in the LAPD Scientific Investigation Division headquarters on the campus of Cal State LA. Lennard has worked for the City for 29 years. – Ed.*

**Alive!** Thanks for the tour today. As you mentioned, the Field Investigation Unit is fundamentally different than most of what happens here at the LAPD crime lab because you don't analyze, you collect.

LENNARD HENKHAUS: That's correct. Essentially my unit responds to crime scenes. These scenes could be homicides, sexual assaults, or serial-type burglaries. We look for, identify, collect, and preserve physical evidence. That's everything like blood, shoe prints, fibers, paint, DNA, and bullets. Any sort of physical evidence that might be left at a crime scene is what we're trying to collect and preserve, so that when we get it back to the lab, it can be analyzed by other units and then linked to suspects and victims.

**It's meticulous isn't it?**

LENNARD: That's a critical part of our work, especially with DNA. The way that we used to collect evidence 10 years ago is not the way that we do it today. We're all wearing masks. We're all wearing gloves. That's to prevent contamination or cross transfer.

**What kind of person is really great at this kind of a job?**

LENNARD: There are many traits that are important to success in criminalistics. You have to be mentally prepared. The subject matter is sometimes very traumatic. Homicide investigations are the typical crimes scenes we respond to. If you have an aversion toward violent crimes, this would not be the career for you.

In addition, you have to be prepared to think on your feet. When you go to a crime scene,

you follow a routine pattern of documentation. However, all scenes are different. We have to rely on our experience and insight on how we proceed. You have to use different techniques depending on the situation.

Also, you have to be able to function at 2 in the morning. Crime scene processing is not a 9 to 5 job. And finally, you have to be confident and have the ability to defend your findings in court.

**People might think that you're always out in the field, but the majority of your work is here doing your reports, doing your administrative work, really locking everything down.**

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See how  
**EVIDENCE**  
is collected  
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Erol Ergun, Criminalist II, places numbered cards next to materials that could be collected as evidence.

# LAPD

# Collecting the Evidence

The LAPD Field Investigation Unit demonstrates how it collects evidence.

## Arriving at the Scene



The Field Investigation Unit uses its own response vehicles to get to crime scenes. Here, Erol Ergun, Criminalist II, 5 years of City service, arrives, ready to work.



Field investigators remove necessary supplies from the crime scene kit. Kristin Honig, Criminalist I, 1 year of City service, shows how it's done.

## Coroner Coordination



Liz Nation, Lab Tech II, 7 years of City service, coordinates with the Coroner's office to secure evidence that is collected by Coroner Investigators at the crime scene. Liz is in charge of securing that evidence and entering it into the City's chain of custody.

## Crime Scene Survey & Scaled Diagrams

Sometimes reconstruction of a crime scene, where evidence has been collected, can play a critical role in a case. The LAPD FIU can create two-dimensional scaled diagrams in computer format or even three-dimensional scale models when necessary.



Yulie Contangco, Architectural Drafting Technician, 4 years of City service, produces two- and three-dimensional scaled models of crime scenes for court presentation. Here, she sits at her desk with a two-dimensional computer printout (foreground) and a three-dimensional scale model (right).

## Vehicle Bay

The Field Investigation Unit has set up a vehicle to be inspected.

The LAPD has Vehicle Examination Rooms at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center on the California State University Los Angeles campus. Vehicle searches also occur at Official Police Garages throughout the city. This is done to store and examine the vehicle in a secure and controlled location.

The first part of the investigation involves photographing the vehicle. Overall photos are taken to capture the vehicle in its original state. The criminalist searches for and identifies evidence. Yellow evidence markers are placed next to the item that will be collected. Then, close-up photos are taken of each item. The criminalist measures and documents the location of the evidence, prior to collection.

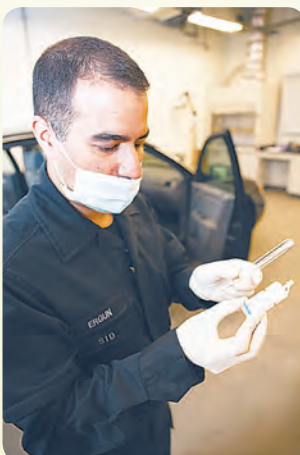
The SID Latent Prints Unit, featured previously in an *Alive!* article, collects the fingerprints from the vehicle. Fingerprints require specialized treatment; that's why Latent Prints is called in for this action.

The Field Investigation Unit typically recovers biological fluids (blood, semen, etc.), trace (paint chips, shoe prints, etc.), touch DNA and any other physical items that may be relevant to the case at hand.

Time is of the essence. "Evidence is sometimes perishable. DNA can degrade in warm vehicles," says Lennard Henkhaus, Supervising Criminalist of the Field Investigation Unit.



Evidence markers are placed near items that Criminalists believe are evidence.



Erol Ergun, Criminalist II, uses chemical reagents that assist in determining possible crime scene evidence.



Kristin Honig, Criminalist I, collects trace evidence from the vehicle seat with an adhesive lift.



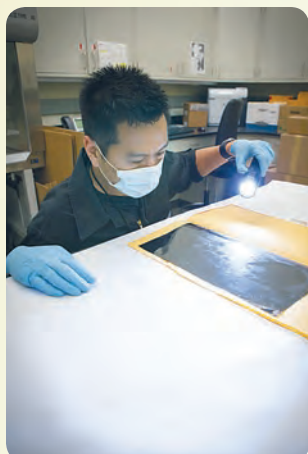
Erol Ergun, Criminalist II, is collecting blood evidence from the steering wheel.



## Accessioning Room

The accessioning room is a general processing room, where evidence recovered from crime scenes is processed. Further evaluation of evidence may be performed:

Bethany Streiffert, Criminalist II, 2 years of City service, Club Member, performs a phenolphthalein test, processing a stain to determine whether or not it's blood. A color change indicates a positive test.



Here, Mandel Medina, Criminalist II, 7 years of City service, uses oblique lighting to visualize shoe prints in dust on an electrostatic dust lift.



By using an alternate light source (ALS), Betsy Swanson, Criminalist II, 17 years of City service, is looking for body fluids, fibers or other materials on the evidence on a pair of jeans.



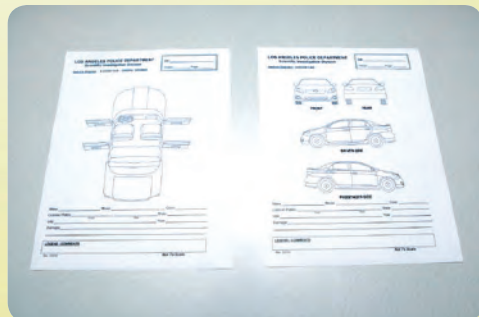
Chain of custody – keeping everything logged and documented – is a critical part of the process. Here, Jeff Lowe, Criminalist II, 11 years of City service, logs in evidence.

## Administrative

Paperwork plays a substantial role in the Field Investigation Unit's daily workflow.



Bethany Streiffert, Criminalist II, Club Member, produces property reports that are critical in the chain of custody of a piece of evidence.



Pre-made forms are an important part of standard documentation for case packages.

## The LAPD Field Investigation Unit Team

The LAPD Field Investigation Unit team, outside their processing areas:

**BACK ROW, FROM LEFT:** Mandel Medina, Criminalist II, 7 years of City service; Jeff Lowe, Criminalist II, 11 years; and Bethany Streiffert, Criminalist II, 2 years of City service and Club Member.

**FRONT ROW:** Liz Nation, Lab Tech II, 7 years; Erol Ergun, Criminalist II, 5 years; Lennard Henkhaus, Supervising Criminalist, 29 years; Yulie Contangco, Architectural Drafting Technician, 4 years; Kristin Honig, Criminalist I, 1 year; and Betsy Swanson, Criminalist II, 17 years.



## THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW, continued



Lennard Henkhaus, Supervising Criminalist, in his office.

LENNARD: That's absolutely correct. For every hour that we spend at a crime scene, we spend two to three hours in the laboratory preparing the evidence for booking, writing reports, going over our field notes, doing tech reviews, admin reviews, double-checking our work, and looking at photographs. These things are all necessary to ensure case notes are accurate and complete in order to recall activities and results that took place at the crime scene years from now.

phrase – the "CSI effect" – a lot of those TV programs create the illusion that things get solved in 60 minutes and that of course is not true. They are a little more creative with the speed at which results are generated. We do have some equipment seen on shows, such as the 3D laser scanner. That's relatively new to crime scene processing. But for the most part, what we do is good old fashioned astute observations. It's not as whiz-bang as much as it is hard work.

### Real Criminalists

The crew that works here, they actually come from other parts of the crime lab. They might come from trace analysis or firearms, for example.

LENNARD: That's correct. This unit is composed of Criminalists who have transferred from other units (Serology/DNA, Narcotics, etc.) in the laboratory. They have specialized training to perform evidence analysis. The FIU Criminalists are qualified to analyze evidence in other units, but also have additional training in crime scene processing. The FIU Criminalists work as a team at crime scenes with detectives, photographers, latent print personnel, coroner investigators and arson investigators.

**What are the myths that aren't true that some people commonly think of with the Field Investigation Unit?**

LENNARD: There's a well-known

### A Job Well Done

**Is this satisfying work?**

LENNARD: It is satisfying for me, and I think I could say the same for my crew. Crime scene processing is critical so that analysts in the lab have relevant evidence to analyze. We take pride in identifying and properly recovering evidence used to help solve crimes.

I think criminalistics is a great career. It's very practical. It's applied science. For me, fieldwork has always been the most interesting part of my job. I like getting out there in the real world working with detectives who take their job seriously. It is rewarding.

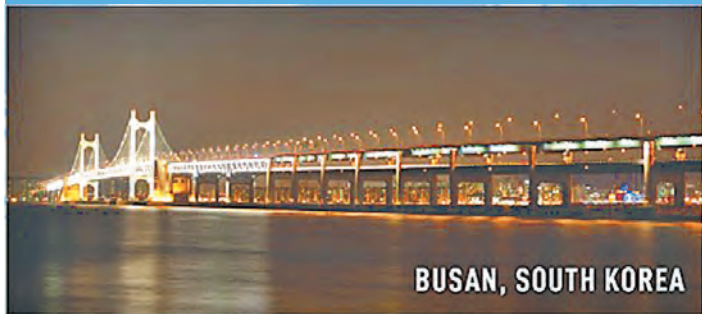
As a supervisor, I coordinate the activities of this unit. However, I continue working in the field by being on-call for the Hazardous Chemicals Team.

**I think you enjoy it that way! In any event, thank you for the tour today.**

LENNARD: You're welcome.



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**By Ed Harding, RLACEI President**

Congratulations to Commissioner Rick Rodgers on being re-elected President of LACERS' Board of Administration, and also congratulations to Commissioner Jerry Bardwell on his re-election to Vice President. Both of them have been good friends to RLACEI and to all our retirees.

At our yearly picnic held

Aug. 9, we had a little more than 100 attendees. We expected more than 200 as we have had in the past. I believe that the lack of attendance was due to the "hot" weather. However, it was probably 20 degrees cooler due to the continuous breeze passing through the high-sputting columns of water coming from the large fountain and flowing into a large pool of water. Most people were very comfortable.

I also want to remind you to please mark your calendar for

**RLACEI**

our annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, scheduled for Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m., to be held at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr.

On a different note, Secretary/Treasurer Hal Danowitz and I met with Dolores Foley, President of the Retired Water and Power Retirees; and Bill Quinn, President, and Lee Kebler, Director, of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association to discuss issues pertinent to our Retirees.



*Michael Karsch*

**RLACEI Legislative Report by Michael Karsch**

News from the public pension world has some good signs and some not so good. While our City retirement system looks pretty safe and healthy, there are stories of other pension systems experiencing terrible stress. By the time this appears in *Alive!*, the California Legislature should have accomplished some pension reform for its State systems, at least according to the Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg. He acknowledges that labor will not be happy, but some comprehensive reforms will be delivered by the end of August.

He wants to cap benefits, possibly install hybrid plans that include a 401(k)-type savings plan. The Governor wants to raise the retirement age for non-safety state workers. A spokesman for Californians for Retirement Security, a labor group, wants to get rid of abuses, noting that only 2 percent of pensions are more than \$100,000, but get 98 percent of the attention.

Los Angeles' City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana reports that L.A. has made significant progress to reducing its deficit (increasing employees' contribution to their pensions and health care, layoffs, and the elimination of certain City departments). It looks like the City will

put on the next municipal ballot a measure to increase the document transfer tax, currently \$4.50 for each \$1,000 of the sales price of real estate, according to Santana. Other cities in the state are also facing deficit problems but do not appear to be looking at bankruptcy, although Stockton, San Bernardino and Vallejo have gone that route. Most recently, Duarte and other San Gabriel Valley cities are considering local sales tax increases by one-quarter of one percent or 1.2 percent, to counter severe losses in property tax and losses from reimbursements they were relying on from the dissolved redevelopment agencies.

**Administrative Changes to Health Plan Management**

**LARFPA**



*Lee Kebler*

**By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director**

I want to remind our members that there are several health care issues that may affect them. The first is that Medco, one of the mail order prescription drug programs has been purchased by another prescription drug company, Express Scripts. All of your medication and notices will be labeled Express Scripts, but you will still use the method (auto-fill, phone-in or via the Internet) to get your prescriptions like you did with Medco.

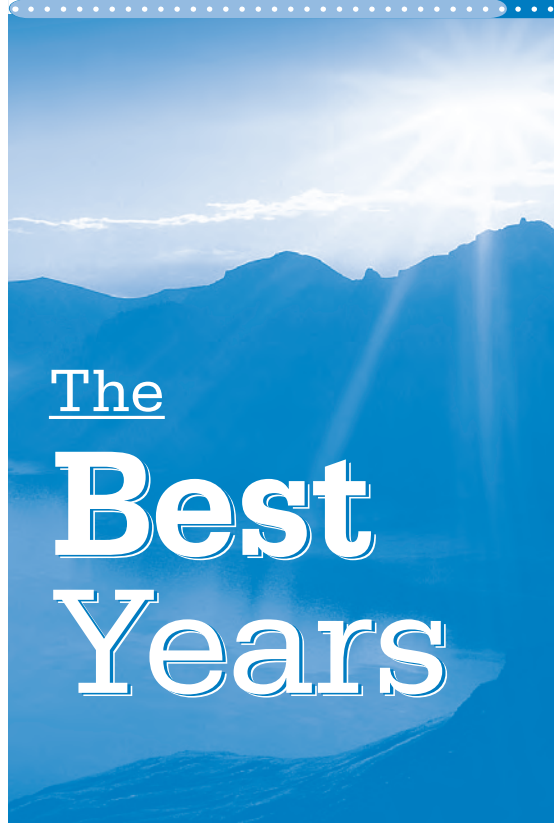
Something else all of our members should be aware of

is when your doctor retires, all refills on your prescriptions are canceled. You need to get yourself another doctor before you run out of your medications.

The second item is changes in the City's Third Party Administrator (TPA) program, when the new contracts take place in November. These are the companies that receive and process the Workman's Compensation and IOD pension claims. There will be three separate contracts. Tristar Risk Management will continue to provide services for sworn Police personnel. Acclamation Insurance Management Services (AIMS) will service sworn Fire personnel. ACME Administrators will handle

claims for all civilian workers. Let's hope that the service improves and our members get better help than they have been receiving.

Don't forget our general meeting at 10 a.m. Sept. 5 at Grace Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Our guest speaker will be Councilman Joe Buscaino. Also on the calendar for September are the annual 9/11 celebrations at the LAFDHS Museum at old FS 27, 1355 N. Caheunga Blvd. in Hollywood, to be held at 7:30 a.m. on 9/11, and at the Frank Hotchkin Training Center at 2200 Stadium Way at 10 a.m. *Don't forget 9/11.*



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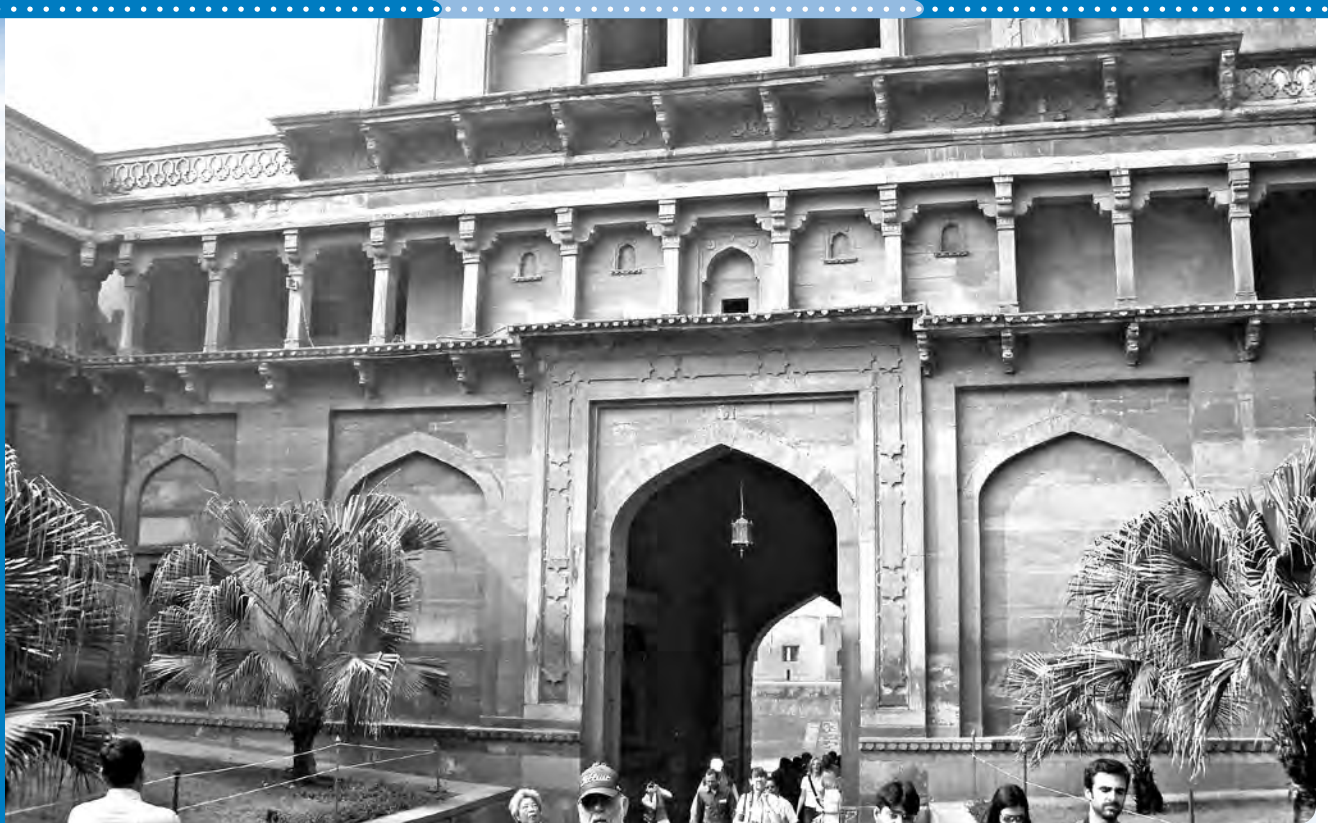
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Entrance to the Red Fort.

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# More Taj Mahal

On a 28-day cruise, Hal and Co. continue their side journey to the Taj Mahal.

PART NINE



On Oct. 11, Evelyn and I, with our cousins Don and Myrna, left for Rome, where we were going to board the Ocean Princess Oct. 15 to sail for 28 days to Singapore. On the cruise we were scheduled to visit Sorrento, Italy; Athens; Ephesus, Turkey; through the Suez Canal; two ports in Egypt; Aqaba, Jordan; Dubai in the United Arab Emirates; Muscat, Oman; and India. In India, we were scheduled to take a side trip to the Taj Mahal. Finally, the cruise would take us to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, before ending in Singapore. We both had reserved mini-suites on deck eight. The Ocean Princess is a small ship, which accommodates only slightly more than 600 passengers and a crew of 250.

The day before, we drove from Delhi to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal. Early on our current day, we began our tour of the Taj Mahal.

The gate we entered is part of a three-sided walled fort that encloses the Taj. The remaining side is protected by the Yamuna River. The entrance gate and the walls are red sandstone and beautifully carved.

Our guide took his time to give us the history of the Taj and then led us toward it. There, we took a group photo, which was included in our tour. The photographer also took individual photos, which we could purchase, and we did. He was an "authorized" photographer. His assistant took our camera and started to take photos of us; he posed us in different locations on our way toward the Taj and the reflecting pool, where visitors can get both the Taj and its reflection in one picture, if framed right. He probably took about 20 different shots, mostly with us in them and a few without. We asked him to stop a few times, but he kept leading us to a better or different photo opportunity. Finally we got our camera back after a \$20 tip... or was it ransom for our camera?

Even in the poor air quality, the Taj is amazing. Its white marble and inlay work is superior to most craftsmanship today. The architecture has such balance that from all views it appears symmetrical. We approached the platform, which is as high as a palm tree. We had been provided with shoe covers; we didn't need to remove our shoes, so we could go on the platform and enter the Taj.

The entire complex consists of the Taj, a mosque, and a building identical to the mosque intended to be a guest-house for visiting royalty; it's all built upon a platform. There are gardens and a large pool that reflects the image of

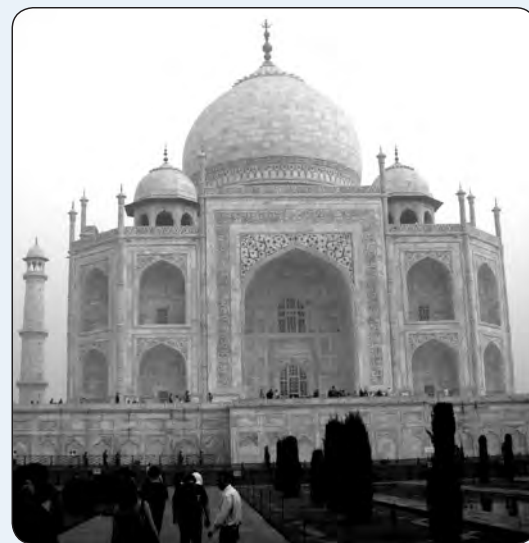
the Taj. Up close you can really see the artistic work that it has. As we entered, the first thing we saw was the "tomb" of the Queen. It's the real tomb; the real one is deep within the Taj. We walked through the various rooms, which are bare of any item, and then exited. The Taj Mahal has four minarets, one at each corner that is angled slightly out so if there were an earthquake, the minarets would not fall on the Taj. We walked around the platform and saw how close the river is to the Taj at the back. When the Taj was built, the river was much wider and carried greater volume.

the river by underground ducts. While the gardens have changed much since they were first designed, we got a good idea of what they would have looked like. Overall, we spent about 75 minutes inside. The Taj is truly a wonder of the world.

Outside the entrance we rode back to the bus on a cycle rickshaw, which was good because the walk would have been uphill. I tried to have our driver take our picture, but I wasn't sure he had ever seen a camera up close, and we never got the shot. All during our time at the Taj, we were besieged by vendors selling books, magnets, postcards and glass snow globes with the Taj Mahal inside. Hindsight said that we should have taken the time to buy some of the souvenirs, because we never had time for shopping.

We returned to the hotel where breakfast was waiting for us. After we finished eating, we grabbed our bags and boarded our bus to visit the Red Fort, which contained the palaces of the royalty, the harem, and other high-position residents during that time. Originally it had a moat and was basically a walled city. The royals held court and conducted business here.

Red Fort was constructed of red limestone, hence the name. The detail in the stone was still in very good condition for the most part and, although it didn't rival the Taj, the craftsmanship was noteworthy. After fighting our way through the vendors, we entered the fort. Over the years, part of it had become a



The Taj Mahal.

The river and water table are causing some erosion of the supports and will require work to keep the Taj from falling down in the future. There are two other structures, the mosque and guest house, on either side of the Taj, and we walked back to the entrance through the gardens, which were watered from

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military installation, first by the British and currently by the Indian army. We could see the Taj from one side of the fort because the Emperor wanted to see the Taj from his rooms in the fort. He spent the last years of his life imprisoned by his son in a room with a view of the Taj. About half the fort is military and the rest contains the various palaces. We stayed there for more than an hour and then boarded the bus to drive to the "shopping" stop. It was a government-run co-operative with cashmere rugs; we had to sit through another demonstration of rug making like the one we saw in Turkey. After that we looked through the rest of the "store," but we just couldn't see paying for things that we couldn't determine the value of or even liked. For most of us the stop was a waste of time and would have been better spent either driving back to Delhi or at least stopping for souvenirs.

We left Agra at noon for our five-and-a-half-hour ride back to Delhi. We finally reached our hotel at 7:30 p.m. The ride back to Delhi seemed to have less traffic, but the scenery was the same. By the time we reached Delhi it was dark and we all would have liked to go to the hotel, but our tour included a drive around Delhi to see some of the sights supposedly on the way to the hotel. In any event, we finally reached the Le Meridian Hotel, a definite five-star hotel. I know it was five-star because it had a 45-inch flat-panel TV on the wall in the room. We had time to get our room and freshen up before our buffet dinner. Our wake-up call for the morning was 3:30 a.m., so we didn't have much time to enjoy the amenities of our room or the hotel. Just a note that the parts of Delhi that we saw, even in the dark, looked more like a first-world country than what we had seen elsewhere. The British-built buildings are still beautiful and most still were in reasonable repair.

We awoke at 3:30 a.m.; there were two wake-up calls just to make sure everyone was up. We had the buffet breakfast and were loaded on the bus at 4:45 a.m. for the



Evelyn and Hal at the Taj Mahal.



Evelyn's tu-tu (taxi).



bus was the twin of our last bus, the little bus that could. We were scheduled to have a tour of Cochin, but because we would be required to go through immigrations again, Princess felt there might not be enough time, so the city tour of Cochin was scrubbed.

As we drove to the port area our guide, a schoolteacher and part-time guide conducted a classroom session on the history of Cochin area, and the caste system and

drive to the airport. Our flight to Mumbai was scheduled for 7:20 a.m., where caught a flight to Cochin at 10:20. We had only 55 minutes between flights, and we were told we would have to go through the security screening in both Delhi and again in Mumbai.

Our flight on Kingfisher Air left on time, and we had bulkhead seats in the front of the plane, which provided a little more legroom. We were served breakfast, some form of Indian pancake; it was different, but tasty. We arrived in Mumbai about 10 minutes early and were held on the plane while there was a discussion on how we could avoid going through the security check.

In the end we left the plane by way of the jet way stairs and were put on buses, driven in a circle, had our boarding passes looked at and the re-boarded the same plane. I think the reason they just didn't let us stay on the plane was that everyone's seat was changed. We still had bulkhead seats, but on the other side of the aisle. Anyway it all worked out and we left on schedule. We were served a snack, which was some type of chicken and noodles and very spicy. It made my lips tingle.

We arrived in Cochin at noon. Cochin is in southern India and it is very tropical, with lots of water and palm trees. When taxiing down the runway, the view from the window was reminiscent of Mexico or Hawaii. Our buses were waiting when we left the terminal, and would you believe our

arranged marriages, of which his was. It was more information than most of us wanted to know. He was very clear to say that the area had no beggars and a very high standard of living. *Right!*

We reached the port area and found the immigration office (a stucco one-story building left by the British and now looking more like an abandoned shack) and found that we were as usual the last bus to arrive, and the wait would be about an hour. This did not sit well, but somehow our wait was shortened to about 30 minutes. The weather was much hotter and more humid than Agra. The security measures were very tight since the bombing and attack on Taj Mahal hotel and other places in Mumbai.

Prior to getting to the port, our guide gave each of us a gift from the tour company. The gift was a model of a snake boat, which is like a dragon boat.

We arrived at the ship around 2:30 p.m. and again had to go through security.

The tour was well worth the time and effort. We talked to a couple of people who took it on their own without any problems at I'm sure a cheaper price, but we felt more comfortable having Princess responsible for making sure we got back to the ship on time. Whether we would come back to India is a question better left to a later time. I'm sure there are many places that would be nice to visit if the occasion should arise.



Evelyn at the Red Fort.

## For Retired Club Members

### LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz,  
RLACEI  
Publicity Chair

LACERS has moved its headquarters closer to City Hall. The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System has relocated its headquarters to 202 W. First St., Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90012-4401, in the Los Angeles Times building. The building is near public transportation routes and City Hall.

All other contact information has remained the same:

Phone: (800) 779-8328  
Website: [www.LACERS.org](http://www.LACERS.org)  
Email: [LACERS.services@lacity.org](mailto:LACERS.services@lacity.org)

**Get Healthy: Take Your Next Step Toward Wellness – Stay Fit!** In June, LACERS introduced the *Take Charge of Your Health* campaign and invited retired Members to participate by registering at [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell). If you haven't registered, it's not too late – you have until Sept. 30. If you are one of the first 1,000 to register, you will receive a \$25 gift card.

The *Take Charge of Your Health* campaign includes three steps. Last month, LACERS sent you a flyer outlining two of the three steps. The first step involves knowing your numbers (blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose levels, body mass index, etc.), while the second step involves using those numbers to take a Health Risk Assessment (HRA) so that you can know your health status. At the LACERS Well Webpage at [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell), you can download a copy of *Your Health Checkbook* to record your numbers, and then link to the HRA tool provided through your LACERS medical plan's

### RLACEI

Website. Once you complete your HRA, you can discuss the results with your physician to ensure that you are receiving the necessary care to maintain optimum health. None of your personal health information will ever be shared with LACERS.

Now it's time to take the third step and "Stay Fit!" Following an exercise schedule or engaging in activities approved by your physician can go a long way toward maintaining your mental, emotional, and physical health. LACERS invites you to "Stay Fit" by participating in *Thrive Across America*, a physical activity program sponsored by Kaiser Permanente's HealthWorks, and available to all LACERS registered Members.

Register for *Take Charge of Your Health* and Participate in *Thrive Across America*. If you are registered for *Take Charge of Your Health*, you will receive more information about *Thrive Across America*. *Thrive Across America* allows you to keep a daily online log of your physical activity (e.g., aerobics, dancing, swimming, tennis, walking, etc.). Each entry will move you along a virtual route across America where you can view and read about some of the country's most interesting outdoor attractions. If you are registered for *Take Charge of Your Health*, once you complete the *Thrive Across America* route, you will be "in the running" to receive a \$50 rewards card for your participation. You must be registered for *Take Charge of Your Health* by Sept. 30. You may register at [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell).

### LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

This message is for **Nate Palmer**, former Street Tree City Employee: "Mr. Columbus Jones, Retired Street Tree Employee, called stating he would like to contact you. He authorized us publish his telephone number for you to contact him. His number is (760) 754-1908." (Note: Due to our confidential policy, we cannot give out any information without written consent).

#### Tell Us Your News!

*Alive!* has a special section – the Best Years – for Retired City Employees. If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it to: Mary Beetz, 137 Westmont Dr., Alhambra, CA 91801, [mbeetz4841@aol.com](mailto:mbeetz4841@aol.com)

### Thought for the Day

#### Gifts

To your enemy, Forgiveness.  
To an opponent, Tolerance.  
To a friend, Your heart.  
To a customer, Service  
To every child, A good example.  
To yourself, Respect.

### New Officer Lineup

LACERS

The following is a list of Officers and Members of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) Board of Administration for fiscal year 2012-13.

#### Officers:

Rick Rogers\*, President  
Jerry Bardwell\*, Vice President

\*Re-elected on July 24, 2012.

#### Members:

Robert A. Chick  
Elizabeth L. Greenwood  
Michael F. Keeley  
Jeffrey Penichet  
Ken Spiker

For more information, contact Armando Bencomo, Commission Executive Assistant II, at (213) 473-7169.



"Hawaii."  
– Carol Takafuji, ITA,  
Retired 1996



"Lake Tahoe."  
– Phillip Orland, Rec  
and Parks, Retired 2010



"Tahiti."  
– Bebe Jacobson,  
LAPD, Retired 2003



"Europe."  
– Shirley Tan,  
Controller's, Retired 2009



"A Las Vegas buffet!"  
– Norma Rosen, wife  
of Leo Rosen, Public  
Works, Retired 1996

## Where was your most memorable vacation?



"Israel."  
– Bob Cutler, Public  
Works, Retired 1996



"A Panama Canal  
cruise."  
– Wilma Rebbe, LAPD,  
Retired 1970



"Walt Disney World in  
Florida."  
– Beverly Anderson,  
LAPD, Retired 2010



"The Ozarks."  
– Don Baldrige, Public  
Works, Retired 1990



"A cruise down the  
Rhine, Maine and  
Danube rivers."  
– Dorothy Tamahiro,  
Controller's, Retired 2002

## For Retired Club Members

# Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! In an upcoming issue, we intend to begin running a small section of retirees and their grandkids. So send 'em in!

Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
2. Photos with you in them are better... but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.

5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

Print photos can be sent to:  
**Grandkids**  
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
 120 W. Second St.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90012  
 (800) 464-0452

If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.



**Dianne Kartiala, former Field Deputy** to Councilmembers Hal Berson and Greig Smith, celebrates her granddaughter Ella's second birthday at Shane's Inspiration in Griffith Park. With them is Dianne's husband, Tapio.



**Here's Consuelo Anthony with her granddaughter, Kharla.** "I am so proud of her. She's now starting her second year in high school, having all honor classes and also being one of the top ten students in her year."



# Retirees

## AROUND THE WORLD



### 1 Washington



"We spent a week hiking in Olympic National Park and places near Seattle. These pictures are from Hurricane Ridge, Butchart Gardens, and Cape Flattery."

**- Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**

### 2 Montana



Here's **Frankie Gonzalez, Retired**, at Glacier National Park, Montana.

### Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a **high resolution** photo with you **holding a copy**, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

### Sending Digital Photos:

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!

# Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Ali, Saeed M.	Council Aide VII	Council	18	Johnson, Willie	Wast. Coll. Worker II	Public Works	26	Paulo, Sharon	Sr. Clerk Typist	Cultural Affairs	26
Betancourt, Mario	Air Condition. Mech.	Airports	34	Jump, Laurel Lynn	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Public Works	25	Pleasant, Beverly	Exec. Admin. Asst. III	General Services	37
Cabral, Paulino R.	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	32	Kelsey, Cordelia	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	35	Prator, Theresa	Ch. Mgmt. Analyst	Airports	32
Cox, Carol J.	Crossing Guard	Transportation	10	Kemp, Sherry Anita	Sr. Police Ser. Rep. II	LAPD	32	Reed, Lillian	Legal Secretary III	City Attorney	16
Ekland, Janet S.	Exec. Admin. Asst. III	Transportation	35	Kimble, Ronnie	Hvy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	15	Sanchez, Renato	Constr. Inspector	Airports	22
Eldridge, Michael D.	Sr. Wast. Treat. Oper.	Public Works	32	Kingsland, Celine	Police Service Rep	LAPD	14	Schwieh, Gregory	Hearing Officer	City Attorney	1
Evans, Linda E.	Exec. Legal Sec. I	City Attorney	13	Martin, Gwendolyn	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	31	Slaughter, Deborah	Pr. Clerk	Finance	31
Fisher, John Edward	Pr. Transport Engr.	Transportation	39	Matthew, Brian	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	22	Smith, Montwayne	Tax Comp. Ofcr. III	Finance	6
Garcia, Carol J.	Payroll Supervisor II	Public Works	11	Mears, Thomas	Backgd. Inves. Mgr.	Personnel	15	Spinks, Norma	Child Care Assoc. II	Rec and Parks	9
Glass, Jimmy Gale	Sr. Electrician	Rec and Parks	21	O'Donnell, David	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	10	Stawicki, Michael	Traf. Mrk./Sign Supt. III	Transportation	31
Huss, Thomas E.	Off. Engr. Tech. III	Public Works	24	Olliff, Rexford	Finance Specialist V	CAO	41	Stayton, George	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	27
Lee, John R.	Motor Sweeper Opr.	Public Works	11	Patino, Albert III	Trk. Opr./One Man	General Services	25	Thornton, Mark	Park Maint. Supv.	Rec and Parks	31



# Coloring with Lupe!



The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest  
Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

Look for our next contest in the October edition of *Alive!*

**Congratulations to the WINNERS!**  
of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of your choice!



**Winner**  
6 to 7 YEARS OLD

**Charity Carrasquillo, 7**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Electric Company" • FAVORITE SNACK: Apples
- BEST FRIEND: Sydney • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I would like to go to Six Flags because I have never been there I want to experience something new.
- PARENT: Charlotte Carrasquillo, General Services



**Winner**  
5 & under YEARS OLD

**Omar G. Reza, 4**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "CBBIS" • FAVORITE SNACK: French Fries • BEST FRIEND: Angel • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: LEGOLAND, because I like to play with legos. • PARENT: Guillermo Reza, Rec and Parks

## Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT	CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Jessie Tovar	3	Katherine Tovar	Rec and Parks	Aresha Echols	9	Charles Echols	Retired
Emma Zepeda	4	Graciela Vera	Airports	Kaylee Gabon	9	Audie Gabon	DWP
Nolan Davis	5	LaShonda Brewer	Rec and Parks	Daisy Garcia	9	Fernando Garcia	Housing
Ernie Vigil	4	Ernie Vigil	DWP	Terrence Lazo	9	Rea Lazo	General Services
Banyan Kline	5	Paul Kline	LAFD	Talisa Mateos	9	Carlos Mateos	Rec and Parks
Madison Kuzichev	5	Alfred Kuzichev	LAFD	Madison McNair	9	LaCarol Bailey	LAFD
Rumaisa Malik	5	Fawad Asmat	DWP	Gracel Mutuc	9	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP
Nicolas Pelayo	5	Ulisis Pelayo	Airports	Zachary Oghigian	9	George Oghigian	General Services
Jack Rigney	5	Patrick Rigney	Public Works	Peter Otoshi	9	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Lily Rigney	5	Patrick Rigney	Public Works	Brandon Roberts	9	Satoru M. Tanaka	Retired
Jacob Rodriguez	5	Jesus Rodriguez	DWP	Jessica Valadez	9	Jesus Valadez	DWP
Jaylen Smith	5	Dustin Smith	DWP	Marisol Alvarez	10	Louie Alvarez	Rec and Parks
Zachary Urbina	5	Linda Urbina	DWP	Leslie Cobian	10	Juan Cobian	LAPD
Garrett Viado	5	Leticia Lopez	Rec and Parks	Lilac Cobos	10	Raul Cobos	Public Works
Maria Alvarado	6	Joel Alvarado	Rec and Parks	Vian DeLa Torre	10	Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Natalia Cole	6	Barbara Cole	Retired	Nathan Fischer	10	Russ Fischer	DWP
Alicia Daniel	6	Irary Daniel	LAPD	Kate Gabon	10	Audie Gabon	DWP
Alexa Espiritu	6	Jose Espiritu	Public Works	Alyssa Garcia	10	Maria Gaspar	Retired
Kiarra Hackett	6	Robin Odell	Retired	Jackie Ibarra	10	Elvia Ibarra	LAPD
Sydney Hernandez	6	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks	Raphael Mutuc	10	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP
Isabella Jimenez	6	George Jimenez	DWP	Arcly Navarro	10	Julio Navarro	Public Works
Angel Reza	6	Guillermo Reza	Rec and Parks	Arleen Padua	10	George Padua	General Services
Alana Ruiz	6	Philip Ruiz	LAPD	Alyssa Rodriguez	10	Arlene Hoffman	Retired
Cheyenne Tevar	6	Katherine Tovar	Rec and Parks	Sophia Torres	10	Gerardo Torres	Airports
Samantha Velasquez	6	Robert Contreras	Retired	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Meliya Alvarez	7	Clifford Milar	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Mia Brisenno	7	Nicole Brisenno	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Alyssa Caton	7	Thomas Caton	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Isabella Galoostian	7	Raymond Galoostian	Airports	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Zoriana Garcia	7	Carlos Garcia	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Victoria Guevara	7	Hugo Guevara	Public Works	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Jordan Hernandez	7	Arthur Hernandez	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Isabel Isahakian	7	Rouben Marrero	Public Works	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Tyanna Johnson	7	Bobera Johnson	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Leah Jones	7	Mattie Shields	Retired	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Rebecca Lee	7	Bobby Lee	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Alejandro Lopez	7	Lisa DeRonde	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Anekin Lopez	7	Alejandro Lopez	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Brillana Munoz	7	Martha Castaneda	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Donavan McGraw	7	Elizabeth Simmons	Airports	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Ashley Muradian	7	Caroline Langka	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Mekhi Navarro	7	Jeanette Carter	Harbor	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Arianna Roberts	7	Satoru M. Tanaka	Retired	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Leah Jones	7	Mattie Shields	Retired	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Victor Tario	7	Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Francine Valencia	7	Yadira Valencia	Animal Services	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Uriah Vigil	7	Ernest Vigil	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Savannah Ulloa	7	David Ulloa	Building & Safety	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Aamiyah Beridon	8	Dimitrius Lynch	LAFD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Ashley Brymer	8	Bob Brymer	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Andres Calderon	8	Maricela Calderon	General Services	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Giovanni Contreras	8	Salvador Alcantara	Rec and Parks	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Angel Cooper	8	Aracely Galicia	Transportation	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Lisset Duarte	8	Mario Duarte	General Services	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Reyna Fletes	8	Raul Fletes	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Kristin Kohles	8	Christopher Kohles	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Jamie Lopez	8	Ozzie Lopez	CDD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Angela Miranda	8	Dynl Miranda	Public Works	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Mikhail Morrison	8	Michael Morrison	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Stephen Payne	8	Diane Jenkins	Retired	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Dennis Reza	8	Raymond Reza	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Natalie Rodriguez	8	Jesus Rodriguez	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Kennady Rowlely	8	Jaren Rowley	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Elisa Ruiz	8	Robert Ruiz	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Lyna Vasquez	8	Edward Medina	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Joshlyn Aguirre	9	Robert Aguirre	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Kayana Alonso	9	Jorge Alonso	Public Works	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Jacob Cavanaugh	9	Rosalyn M. Cavanaugh	LAPD	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Alena De Los Rios	9	Ruben De Los Rios	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP



**Winner**  
8 to 10 YEARS OLD

**Paul Barrera, 10**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob" and "National Geographic" • FAVORITE SNACK: Pizza • BEST FRIEND: Tommy and C.S. • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Seaworld because I have never been there and I would love to pet a stingray and see the whale Shamu. • PARENT: Mark Barrera, General Services



**Winner**  
11 to 13 YEARS OLD

**Haley Chun, 11**

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "iCarly" • FAVORITE SNACK: Apples • BEST FRIEND: Taylor • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: California Adventure because there is a new ride. • PARENT: Reggie Chun, Public Finance



# Canoga Park Fire

Intense flames gutted a three-story apartment complex in Canoga Park

*Photos by Juan Guerra*

Intense flames gutted an under-construction, three-story apartment complex in Canoga Park early on July 7. Nearby buildings were spared destruction, but three firefighters were injured.

The LAFD was summoned to 7050 N. Vassar Ave. just after midnight to find an apartment complex on fire. The building was under various stages of construction with scaffolding reaching the third floor. Flames on top of the structure stretched more than 20 feet into the sky, exposing nearby buildings. Firefighters responded by rushing inside with hand-lines and aggressively cutting holes on the roof. Due to the diligent work of firefighters, the flames were extinguished in just more than one hour by nearly 100 Firefighters, all under the command of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley. Although nearby buildings were spared destruction, approximately seven units in nearby buildings were damaged, displacing some residents.



One Firefighter suffered a hand injury and was taken to a local hospital in fair condition, and placed off-duty. Two other Firefighters were evaluated, one for an eye injury, another for illness. Both remain on duty.

The cause of this early morning blaze remains under active investigation by the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section, and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.

Everyday  
Heroes  
*in* Action



# Club Honors 20

The Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship Program for 2012

  
*Congratulations!*

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 2012. 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 2012.

**Here are the recipients of the 20 scholarships:**

- Jacob Muñoz, son of Oscar Muñoz, DWP;
- Ashley Arikawa, daughter of Norman Arikawa, Harbor;
- Anthony Kissinger, son of Bernard Kissinger, DWP;
- Alexandra Bell, daughter of Alan Bell, DWP, Retired;
- Ashley Cooke, daughter of Allen Cooke, Public Works;

*Here are brief profiles of the awardees:*



**JACOB MUNOZ**

**Jacob** graduated from California High School in Whittier and plans to attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, studying mechanical engineering.

In high school, Jacob was an honor student and was involved in the water polo and swim teams for three years. He was

also involved in community service, including assisting the Special Olympics and acting as an educator at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

"I am very pleased with my life so far, and if I could go back and change anything, I definitely would not, because all my actions have made me the person I am today," he wrote in his application essay. "My proudest moment of my life so far is getting accepted to college. I have never been so excited to be starting school again."

He's the son of Oscar Muñoz, DWP.



**ANTHONY KISSINGER**

**Anthony** attends the University of La Verne, where he studies business.

He has participated in a number of charity activities, including the ALS Foundation Walk, the March of Dimes, the MS Foundation Walk, and Habitat for Humanity. At

La Verne, he plays baseball, participates in student government, and social activities including Welcome Back Week and pep rallies.

"Upon graduation, I want to get a job with a baseball team and do marketing for them," he writes. "I then want to rise in the ranks and become a general manager for a baseball team. I also want to open my own restaurants to go along with my love of cooking. I would also like to marry and start a family like most people because I am a very family-oriented person. I want to continue to coach baseball in the future as well."

He's the son of Bernard Kissinger, DWP.



**ASHLEY ARIKAWA**

**Ashley** received her associate's degree from El Camino College, and plans to attend the University of California, Irvine, majoring in business.

At El Camino, she was involved in a number of groups, including the El Camino

College Japanese Cultural Club (which she co-founded) and the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, and she made the dean's list every semester. She volunteered at the Nisei Week Japanese American Cultural Festival, the South Bay Keiro Nursing Home, and the Tanoshii Japanese Youth Camp. She also studied ballroom and Latin dance.

"Over the past few years, I have become very involved in the Japanese American community and have further developed a passion for my culture and heritage," she writes. "[My activities] have taught me to be passionate about something greater and have connected me with many like-minded individuals in the community who share this passion.

"I have learned about the importance of introducing more American companies, especially small businesses, to potential markets abroad and hope one day to play a role in connecting small American businesses with larger foreign trading partners."

She's the daughter of Norman Arikawa, Harbor.



**ALEXANDRA BELL**

**Alexandra** graduated from Calabasas High School and plans to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz, in the fall.

At Calabasas, she was involved in the Girl Scouts, and TUNS – Teens United for

Neighborhood Services. She was in the choir for four years, and she was on the honor roll.

"I woke up dazed and confused, to a steady beep in my ear and a contraction attached to my arm," she writes. "What happened to me? I was dying and [the doctors] had no idea why. [Later], I was diagnosed with SLE, or Systemic Lupus Erythematosus; it sounded horrifying and confusing to me. Lupus is a disease that affects the immune system. In a way, I learned through all the hardship to be strong enough and stand up on my own with the help of friends and family.

"Fully healed and back on my feet, I have continued school at Calabasas, to learn from the bumps in the road that came across my path."

She's the daughter of Alan Bell, DWP, Retired.

THE CLUB

# With Mukai Scholarships

awards \$500 to 20 members of the Club family.

- Kyle Campbell, son of Lantz Campbell, Public Works;
- Raven Burrell, daughter of Adriane Buchanan, Building and Safety;
- Bethany Costa, daughter of Samuel Costa, Airports;
- Nadia Aguirre, daughter of Veronica Diaz, Rec and Parks;
- Deepak Atyam, son of Suneeta Atyam, Building and Safety;
- Taylor Harvey, daughter of Theresa Walker, Rec and Parks;
- Aryel Gilmer, daughter of Tonja Bellard, Personnel;
- Justin Matute, son of Linda Matute, DWP, Retired;
- QueJonné Smith, daughter of Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions;
- Sabrena Edwards, daughter of Brenda Edwards, Public Works;
- Garrett Dunlavey, son of Margot Ramirez, formerly of the Harbor Dept.;
- Bernadette Lim, daughter of Frank Lim, Personnel;
- Andrew Linaac, son of Ellen Linaac, Aging; and
- Azarria Mathews, daughter of Neika Allen, CDD;
- Tiffany Lee, daughter of Kam Lee, Transportation.

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



**ASHLEY COOKE**

*Ashley* graduated from Royal High School in Simi Valley, and plans to attend the University of San Francisco in the fall.

At Royal, she was in the National Honor Society, student leadership board, the French Honor Society, and she ran track. She was also involved in the Make-a-Wish Foundation and the California YMCA Youth in Government program.

"I always forget that this is my life," she writes. "The fact that I have control over my own future seems so intimidating. I can either sit back and let life come at me, or I can attack it, and set a path for my own future. I try to take inspiration from every aspect of my

life and integrate it in to my own aesthetics. I work to build my own cultured life out of the things I love and am passionate for. I hope to graduate from the University of San Francisco and go on to become a successful publicist in fashion or media.

"In life, you get up and you go, you do, you see. It is up to me to do something that my future self will thank me for: continue on with a life of knowledge, wisdom, kindness, and love, always with my eyes open."

She's the daughter of Allen Cooke, Public Works.



**KYLE CAMPBELL**

*Kyle* attends Cal State Long Beach, studying business.

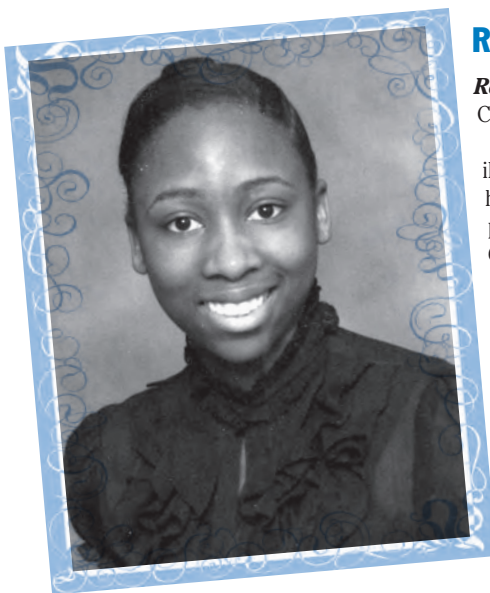
At Gardena High School, Kyle was a member of the Key Club (service), a volunteer at an elementary school, and was heavily involved in bands, including the marching and jazz bands. He was a section leader of the marching band's drum line, and he received academic and music honors.

"Once I get my degree, I plan to go to Universal Technical Institute and learn how to work on cars and work towards becoming a certified car mechanic," he writes. "My main goal is to open up my own auto shop

so I can fix my cars and those of others

and keep people from getting ripped off as much as possible. I plan on tackling each of these goals listed above, one at a time, until they become a reality, and I am determined to do so."

He's the son of Lantz Campbell, Public Works.



**RAVEN BURRELL**

*Raven* attends the University of California, Irvine.

At UCI, she's co-chair of 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 works for the UCI Early Academic Outreach program. She volunteers for beach clean-ups, and she was president of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students.

"Entering the health field has been my passion since I was five years old," she writes. "My ultimate goal after UCI is to become a physician assistant, specializing in obstetrics. To serve people, especially the underserved minority communities,

is my passion, because no one deserves to be left out, no matter what their financial standing is."

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



**BETHANY COSTA**

*Bethany* graduated from Centennial High School in Corona, and plans to attend Pacific Union College in Napa Valley in the fall.

Bethany lists more than 13 volunteer and 11 school activities, including academic, music, cultural and service-based involvements.

"For the past 18 years of my life, I can say that I am undeniably proud of both my academic and personal achievements," she writes. "I have defined myself as an independent and diligent student, evident through my academic successes.

"As an accomplished student and performer, I do aspire of becoming a doctor. Although my decisions to study music and become a doctor are two contrasting ideas, I believe

that I will be able to accomplish this goal with compassion, perseverance, and optimism. My past achievements inspire me to become a better person every day, and continue to motivate me to work toward my future."

She's the daughter of Samuel Costa, Airports.





**NADIA AGUIRRE**

**Nadia** attends the University of California, Santa Barbara, majoring in linguistics.

In high school, she was the class historian and representative. She was also involved in the yearbook and in dance/cheerleading. She volunteers at the Foshay School Library and at Planned Parenthood.

"Beginning in the sixth grade, I was enrolled in the Neighborhood Academic Initiative (NAI) program provided by USC, to two at-risk middle schools and high schools. It was a very demanding program, and as the years went by I saw fellow classmates drop out or get kicked out. It has not been an easy path, and I always had to push myself to remain in it. I learned many valuable things about my education and how important it is to obtain one.

She hopes to "continue providing support for those who are younger, encourage them to stay in school, and make them realize they can achieve everything they want and more."

She's the daughter of Veronica Diaz, Rec and Parks.



**ARYEL GILMER**

**Aryel** attends Azusa Pacific University.

She is on the dean's list, is a member of the Scholars for Business Achievement club, and helped lead personal finance workshops for students. She has also worked at Faith Community Church as a ministry leader and media volunteer. She volunteers with children whose parents are in prison, and helps clean the lawns of the elderly.

"For as long as I remember, I have always loved school," she writes. "There is a feeling that is intrinsically satisfying to me when I set standards, try to achieve them, and earn good results. I want my accomplishments in school to be a testament to my character and a gesture of respect to those that have invested their time and finances into my education.

"My career goal is to work in the field of television or film production." She's the daughter of Tonja Bellard, Personnel.



**DEEPAK ATYAM**

**Deepak** attends the University of California, San Diego.

In high school, he interned at the Jet Propulsion Lab, where he worked on the Curiosity Mars rover; the Langley Research Center (NASA); and the Marshall Space Flight Center (NASA). He volunteered at Cerritos in Motion, Beta Labs, and Antidote International. At UCSD, he created and is the president of the Triton Rocket Club.

"My current educational objectives at UC San Diego are obtaining my bachelor's degree and successfully designing, building, and launching a liquid-fueled rocket," he says. "After my undergraduate education, I plan to continue my passion and get a master's degree while being employed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) or another NASA facility.

"The experience that I will gain with the Triton Rocket Club allows me to gain the knowledge necessary to mentor students at UCSD so that they can gain the hands-on experience necessary to work in the new space-based industry."

He's the son of Suneeta Atyam, Building and Safety.



**JUSTIN MATUTE**

**Justin** graduated from Rio Hondo College with an associate's degree in psychology, and plans to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, in the fall.

At Rio Hondo, he has been on the dean's list during four semesters.

"Growing up, I was always considered to be the troublemaker and would do anything to get attention," he writes. "After high school, I know I did not qualify to go directly to a four-year university, so I enrolled at Rio Hondo. During my fourth semester there, I was struck by the biggest loss I will ever know, the passing away of my father.

"The heart of a champion beats inside of me, and I finally know why. It is because of the love and support that my parents have shown me. Now, it is up to me to make my family proud and be a role model." He's the son of Linda Matute, DWP, Retired.



**TAYLOR HARVEY**

**Taylor** attends Columbia University in New York.

Her volunteer efforts include the Foundation for the Junior Blind festivals, St. John's Convalescent Hospital, and an organization at Columbia that collects items and donates them to shelters. As a jazz vocalist, she has many honors and accolades, including from the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts; the Grammy Jazz Ensemble; the Marlborough High School choir; and the Columbia University Society of Hip Hop. She interned at Sony Records and took part in the Tavis Smiley Youth Institute.

"I value both my persistence to overcome obstacles and my ability to reflect back on them and achieve greater self-knowledge. In my sophomore year, I sustained a vocal injury that prevented me from performing most of the year. The time away allowed me to keep my mind open for other career paths and, more importantly, discover more of who I am apart from my music. Looking back with full vocal health now, I see that the injury taught me determination and flexibility, and it offered me an opportunity to locate my strengths in other areas."

She's the daughter of Theresa Walker, Rec and Parks.



**QUEJONNÉ SMITH**

**QueJonné** graduated from Frederick Douglass Academy High School and plans to attend the University of California, Riverside, in the fall.

She has volunteered at the Bethany Prayer Temple Holy Church, the Urban Media Program at Our Weekly Magazine, the LAPD's National Night Out, reading to children, Our Children One Village, the Sutton Recreation Center, the LA All Stars Afterschool Program, and Upward Bound at USC.

"Despite the graphic nature of South Central Los Angeles and my premature exposure to the world and what it possesses, my steadfast mindset keeps me motivated to succeed," she writes. "Just as every other student in the world, I face challenges in school, at home, and in my social life, but a steadfast and driven mindset is what got me through school thus far, and it will continue to keep me going in the right direction.

"I look forward to the challenge of the University of California, Riverside, and I cannot wait to see what doors will open for me. I know, without a doubt, that I will reach my goals and all of my 'realistic' dreams if I continue to have a steadfast mindset. Staying on the right path to success is my ultimate goal."

She's the daughter of Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions.



**SABRENA EDWARDS**

**Sabrena** attends Whittier College.

She volunteers at the UCLA Medical Center, the Hicks Family Daycare, and Ramona Park. She has been a member of the Olive Grove Choir and the Olive Grove Library.

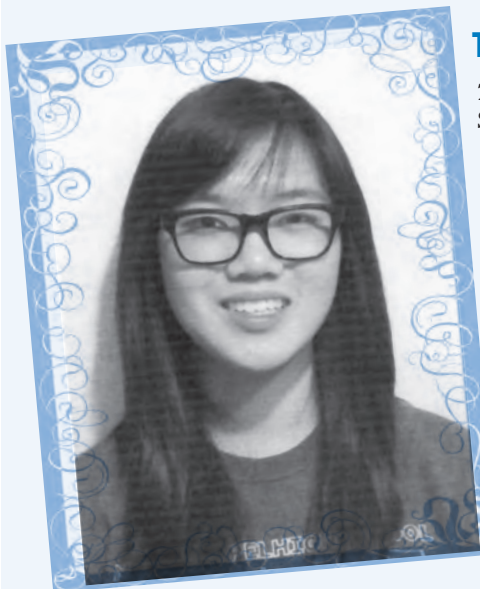
"Things that I like to live by are, put God first and family second; that education is the key that will unlock any door that is in front of me; and never lose sight of my goals in life.

"My ultimate goal in life is to get into sports medicine and eventually be a medical surgical physician, but I also want to mentor younger children. My mission is to encourage, influence and help others within the community to reach their full potential."

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

# Mukai Scholarships

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## TIFFANY LEE

**Tiffany** graduated from Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra, and plans to attend the College of Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., in the fall.

She's volunteered at TAG Away Graffiti, Junior Friends, the Union Station Thanksgiving in the Park, and at the Rose Parade. In high school, she was on the debate team, the math club, on the senior council, and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

"My experiences with my grandfather prompted my interest in biological engineering as my future career," she writes. "Over the years, I watched my once-vibrant grandfather slowly deteriorate into a wheelchair-bound man. I wanted to help my grandfather receive better treatment, and I found the

opportunity to do so by majoring in bioengineering.

"With my experiences in leadership and service to both the school and the community, and with my aptitude for science and mathematics, I will succeed as a bioengineer and, through my future research, give others healthy bodies, longer lives, and most importantly, hope for generations to come."

She's the daughter of Kam Lee, Transportation.



## AZARRIA MATHEWS

**Azarria** attends Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

She has volunteered as a Pop Warner cheer coach, a math tutor, a youth volunteer at the Bradley Milken Center, and as part of the Jewels to Gem group at the Maranatha Community Church. In high school, she was on the cheer squad and the swim team, and she was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the class steering committee.

"My career goals are to become a television host and radio personality," she writes. "With the money I would earn from working, I would open my

own business that focuses on recycling clothing and providing families that have nothing with clothing. I tend to set a lot of goals for myself, but I know that, with determination and drive, I can achieve them.

"I know determination is key to my success, and with that I can achieve any goal that is set forth for me and my future."

She's the daughter of Neika Allen, CDD.



## BERNADETTE LIM

**Bernadette** graduated from St. Lucy's Priory High School in Glendora, and plans to attend Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., in the fall.

In high school, her research activities were at the City of Hope Dept. of Tumor Cell Biology, the Southern California Junior Academy of the Sciences, and at the American Association for Cancer Research. She has worked at UCLA Dept. of Radiation Oncology, and as a pianist/organist at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in La Puente. Her volunteer activities include the March of Dimes, the Key Club International, the Science Olympiad, the California Scholarship Federation, and others.

"Combining these two interests into one profession, I one day aspire

to be a doctor/scientist specializing in maternal and neonatal health, hoping to combine my love of science with my passion to promote the well-being of women and children worldwide," she writes. "I care deeply and intend to work to secure every individual's right to a healthy life.

"With my love for learning and hopeful aspirations to serve others, my education has been the basis for my passion for life itself."

She's the daughter of Frank Lim, Personnel.



## GARRETT DUNLAVEY

**Garrett** attends the University of Oregon.

In college, he's been a facilitator of the University of Oregon Earth Week, the Sustainability Center and the Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living. His activities include Net Impact, which he founded and is president; the Climate Justice League; the International Business and Economics Club; and ASUO student government. He received the university's Centurion Award.

"For the first two years at the University of Oregon, I felt as if I did not really have a purpose on campus," he writes. "Then, during last summer, I interned at the Port of Los Angeles and discovered my interest in integrating business and the environment. Realizing that true passion was within the field of sustainability, the very next term I became so enthralled with this newfound motivation that I went straight to the dean's list for the first time.

"I have big plans to make a difference in the future within this field. I am convinced that my accomplishments thus far, as well as the extensive network I have begun to assemble, is not only representative of my dedication but also the extent of the people I will be working with."

He's the son of Margo Ramirez, formerly of the Harbor Dept.



## ANDREW LINAAC

**Andrew** graduated from La Salle High School in Pasadena, and plans to attend the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Andrew volunteered at the Project Angel Food as a kitchen volunteer; at the AIDS Walk; at Ability First, as a tutor in the Pasadena Unified School District. His school activities included the swim team, the astronomy club, Science Outreach, the Robolancers, the Chamber Choir, the tennis team, and the theatre tech crew. He received numerous academic and service awards.

"My greatest passion in life is to become a pastry chef and open my very own bakery business some day," he writes. "Why did I choose this instead of becoming a doctor or engineer like my parents would want me

to be? My grandmother was a great influence in my decision by teaching me basic kitchen skills. Growing up in a Filipino family, food is and will always be at the center of our gatherings. By becoming a pastry chef, I can combine my creative talents and my passion for food.

"The motto of the Culinary Institute of America is, 'Food is life,' and it sure is."

He's the son of Ellen Linaac, Aging.



REC AND PARKS

# Banning Seeks Volunteers

The Banning Museum seeks volunteers and will host two "Get to Know Us" receptions from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 -15.

Volunteers at the Banning Museum attend a training class to gain the background necessary to offer public tours and special group tours of the interior of the Museum, Stagecoach Barn and grounds. Once the training class is completed the volunteers are able to participate in a full range of Museum programs such as conservation and maintenance of antiques, participating in decorative arts exhibitions, special events, Museum Shop assistance, lecture and discussion committees, volunteer activities, Living History Program and School Program.

The Museum's school program is designed to introduce fourth grade students to local cultural and historical heritage and may require additional training to familiarize new volunteers to the program details.

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the receptions above, please contact Cristina Lovett at (310) 548-7777.

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



At a previous Banning Museum event.

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# Pottery At Banning

**Banning Museum opens pottery exhibit.**

The Banning Museum has opened its much-anticipated exhibit, "The Art That is Life," which features a collection of exquisite American art pottery pieces from Ohio manufacturers. These pieces were produced during the end of the Victorian era through the Arts and Crafts movement, 1890-1925.

Included in the exhibit are pieces from the Rookwood Pottery Company founded in 1880 and the Roseville Pottery Company, which entered the art pottery market in the early 1900s to compete with Rookwood. The Rookwood Pottery Company was the first art pottery company in the United States.

The exhibit will open to the public now through December in the new Harlyne and Kenneth T. Norris Visitor Center.

The Banning Museum is at 401 East "M" St., in Wilmington. The Museum, Transportation Exhibition and Visitor Center are open Tuesday through Thursday for guided tours at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday tour hours are the same with an additional tour at 3:30 p.m. The Visitor Center is open during tour hours and may be visited without taking the guided tour.

For more information, please visit [www.thebanningmuseum.org](http://www.thebanningmuseum.org). The Banning Museum is a facility of Rec and Parks and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum.



## The Friends of Banning Museum Presents "The Art That is Life" Ohio Valley Pottery Exhibit featuring Rookwood and Roseville Pottery

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The exhibit opens August 19, 2012 and is located in the Harlyne and Kenneth T. Norris Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is open during regular tour days and hours. Please visit our website or call 310-548-7777 for more information.

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# In Memoriam: Ed Hawkins

The Club mourns the loss of Ed Hawkins, brother of Club CEO John Hawkins, and avid supporter of the Club.

*Story courtesy MaryRose Lovgren*

Ed Hawkins, brother of Club CEO John Hawkins, died peacefully in his sleep July 20 at his home in Sierra Madre. He was 50.

Like four of his five brothers, Ed served in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Meg; children, Sophia and Keaton; parents, Yvonne and Bob Hawkins; brothers, Bob and his wife Jackie, Joe, John and his wife Kelley, Tim and his wife Eva, and Tom Hawkins; and sister, MaryRose Lovgren, and her husband Ken.

Ed Hawkins founded the design company Cool Military to, in his words, "invite friends, family, even strangers to ask about our own personal military story." From custom designed T-shirts to hats, stickers and other cool military gear, "Edi Roy" put his creative energy into celebrating the military service of others.

Being the humble guy that he was, he didn't often talk about his own story. But we know how proud he was of his service. Ed was an AW, or "Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator," on a P3 Orion anti-submarine aircraft. During the Cold War, he spent many long hours patrolling the seas in his flying "office," a cramped space on board the aircraft. Weighted down in full flight gear, he monitored his electronic equipment for objects lurking beneath the deep, dark waters of the ocean – objects such as enemy submarines. (The irony that Ed and his brother Tim were both involved in anti-submarine warfare while their brother John was a serviceman aboard a submarine was not lost on any of them.)

Ed's top-secret job was dangerous, as several P3 Orions had already been lost at sea. Worried about this possibility, his dad asked him if his helmet and protective gear would help him survive a crash. Ed

looked at him and said with his typical dry humor, "At 300-plus miles per hour, I would instantly become a part of my equipment in front of me."

To prepare for the possibility of being captured, Ed also had to endure SERE training, or "Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape" (as did his brother Tim, who was a Navy rescue swimmer). He shared few details of his ordeal, but his dad remembers one thing in particular. "The interrogators would try to pry information from him, and when they stuffed him in a concrete box and closed the lid, he just kept saying the 'Hail Mary' over and over out loud so he wouldn't lose his mind." When they finally released him while playing "The Star Spangled Banner," Ed acknowledged that he had cried.

Ed loved being an aircrewman and even thought of serving four more years. In a move that foreshadowed his future business creating military designs to celebrate military service, he had his aircrew wings tattooed on his left wrist. We think he may have another set of "wings" now.

At his funeral service, held July 27, his brother, John, Club CEO, read the following prayer. Rest in peace, Ed, from your friends at the Club, and the Club wishes its sincere condolences to Ed's family and friends.



## DO NOT STAND

*by Mary Elizabeth Frye*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sun on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the soft star-shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there; I did not die.*

A photo taken by the Navy Times in the late 1980s showing the five Hawkins brothers, who were all serving in the Navy at the same time. From left: Joe, Tim, Bob, Ed (in white) and John Hawkins, Club CEO.



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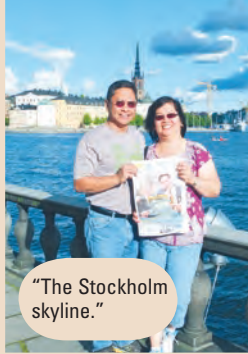


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## Scandinavia and Estonia



"At the harbor area Bryggen, in Bergen, Norway."



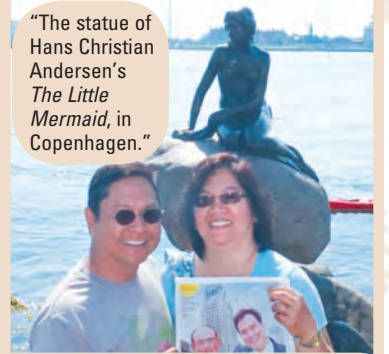
"The Stockholm skyline."



"Helsinki Cathedral, Finland."



"At the Viru Gate in old town Tallinn, Estonia."



"The statue of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*, in Copenhagen."

"Here are some pictures from our recent trip to Scandinavia and Estonia." – Norman Faner, DWP, and Florian Faner, LAPD

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## Peru



Here's **Tommy Kitahata, LAFD**, at Machu Picchu with his children (from left) Bryce, Grant and Lia. Taking the photo was Mom, Cheryl.

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## Hawaii



"I'm holding my latest issue of *Alive!* near Nahiku on the road to Hana in Maui. The rainbow photo was taken from our condo in Ka'anapali."

– James Littleton, Airports

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## California



"I'm on the road again, this time in San Francisco's Chinatown, but this time I embraced technology. Now that there are online subscriptions to *Alive!*, it presents a problem on how to hold the paper up for a vacation photo. I've found a way to solve the problem."

– Bob Hill, DWP

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## California



"At our favorite spot on beautiful Coronado Island. Beautiful beachfront digs... relaxation city!"

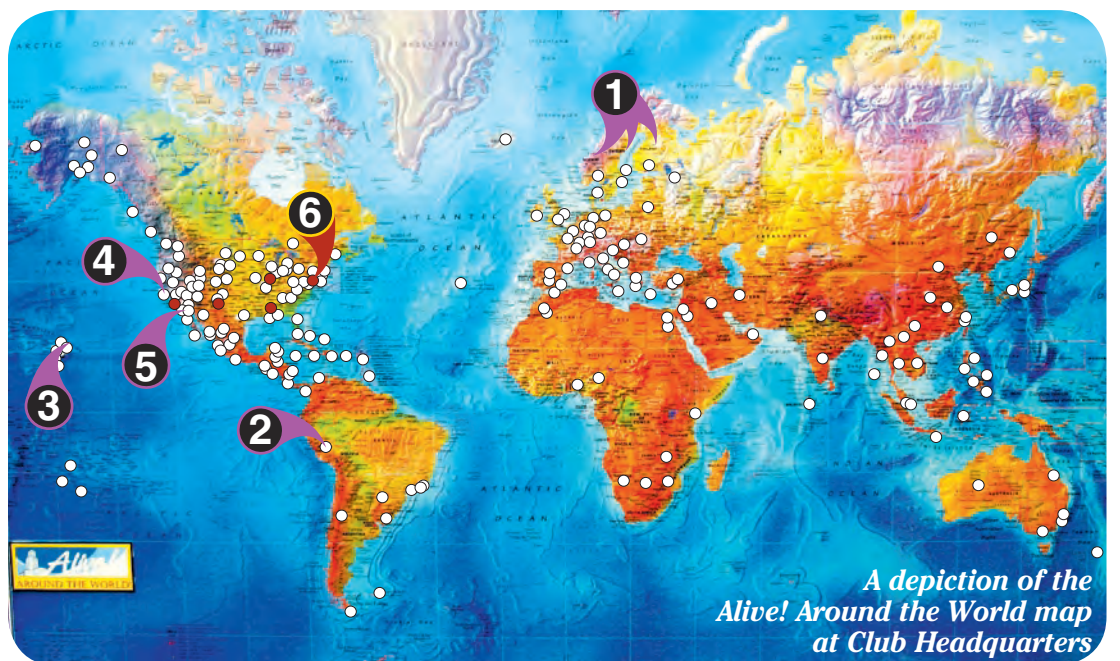
– Michael Mack, Public Works/Street Services, and Debra Mack, Building and Safety/CEB

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



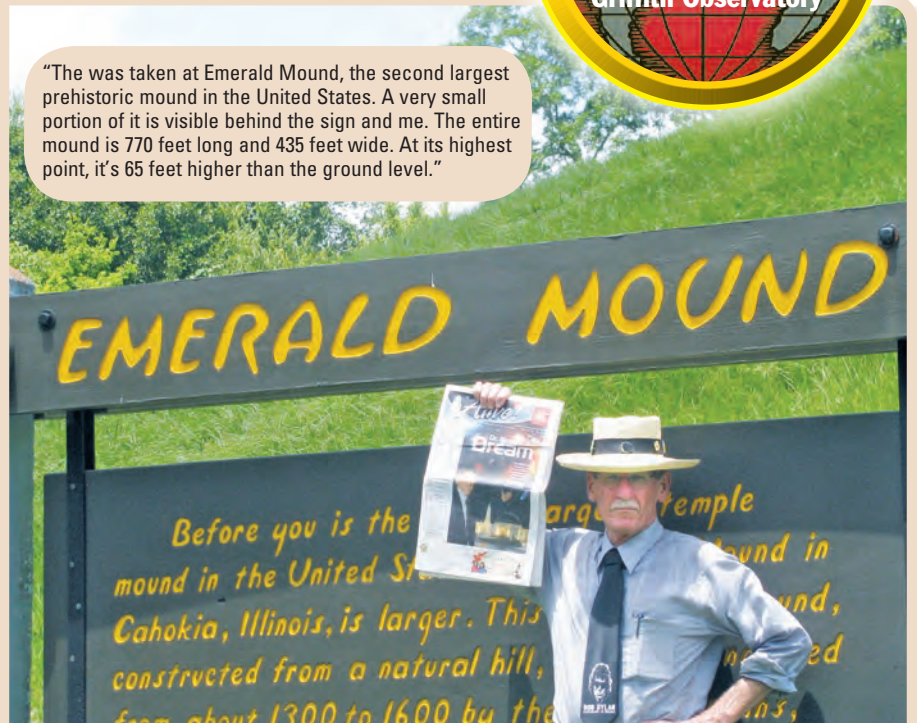
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## Krupp Across America

Our intrepid traveler and favorite observatory director, **Dr. Ed Krupp**, has sent us more photos of his adventures. *Alive!* loves that we learn something with every trip and submission. Thanks, Dr. Krupp!



"This was taken at Griffith Observatory and so it doesn't seem like *Alive!* Around the World, but it counts because it's Venus. The picture was taken during the transit of Venus on June 5. Venus is the small dot on the white disk of the sun projected by a telescope on the little screen on the right. Thousands viewed the transit from Griffith Observatory. There won't be another Transit of Venus until 2117 A.D."



"This was taken at Emerald Mound, the second largest prehistoric mound in the United States. A very small portion of it is visible behind the sign and me. The entire mound is 770 feet long and 435 feet wide. At its highest point, it's 65 feet higher than the ground level."



"This is the Dunn Solar Tower at the National Solar Observatory at Sunspot, N.M. The tower is 136 feet tall, and there are 193 more feet of telescope underground."



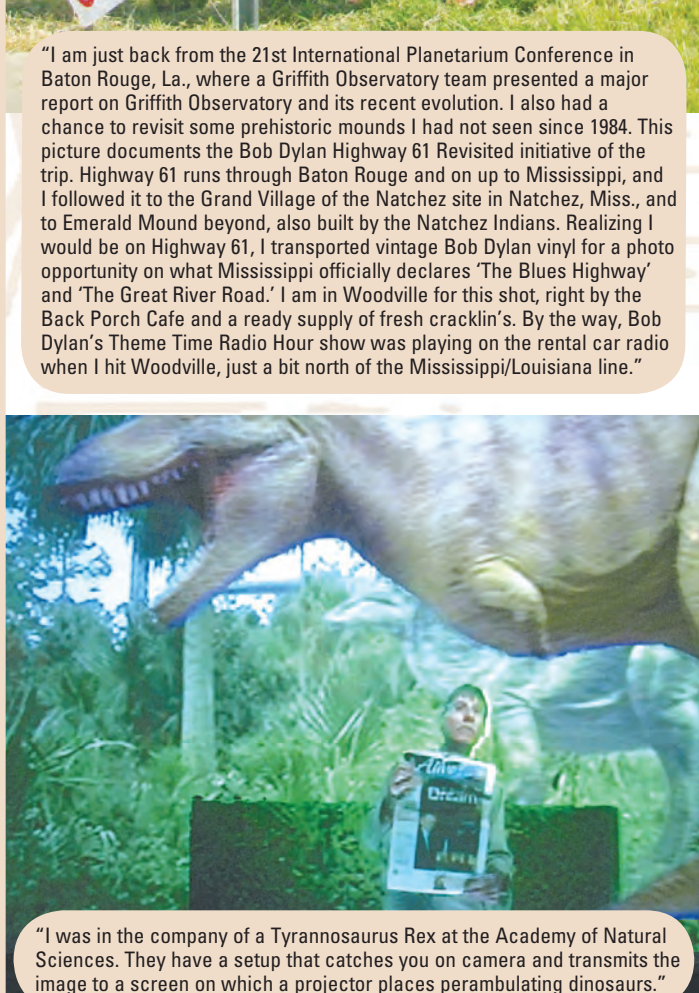
"I am just back from the 21st International Planetary Conference in Baton Rouge, La., where a Griffith Observatory team presented a major report on Griffith Observatory and its recent evolution. I also had a chance to revisit some prehistoric mounds I had not seen since 1984. This picture documents the Bob Dylan Highway 61 Revisited initiative of the trip. Highway 61 runs through Baton Rouge and on up to Mississippi, and I followed it to the Grand Village of the Natchez site in Natchez, Miss., and to Emerald Mound beyond, also built by the Natchez Indians. Realizing I would be on Highway 61, I transported vintage Bob Dylan vinyl for a photo opportunity on what Mississippi officially declares 'The Blues Highway' and 'The Great River Road.' I am in Woodville for this shot, right by the Back Porch Cafe and a ready supply of fresh cracklin's. By the way, Bob Dylan's Theme Time Radio Hour show was playing on the rental car radio when I hit Woodville, just a bit north of the Mississippi/Louisiana line."



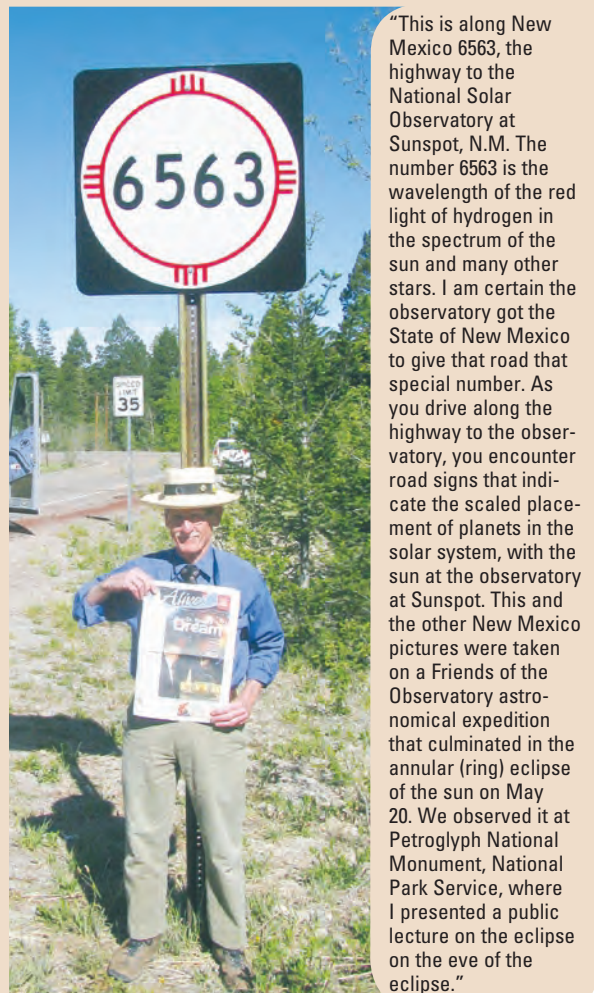
"This is the Very Large Array, the huge multi-antenna radio telescope about 50 miles west of Socorro, N.M., on the Plains of San Augustin. This instrument was featured in the movie *Contact*, and we watched the film on the bus."



"In June, I went to Philadelphia to visit my grandchildren. We hit every major museum in the city. This photo documents a visit to the Zeiss 10.5-inch refractor telescope on the roof of the Franklin Institute of Science. This telescope is a sister telescope to Griffith Observatory's 12-inch Zeiss refractor. They had it open for viewing the sun, but it operates far less frequently than Griffith Observatory's instrument. The Franklin Institute also is the home of the Fels Planetarium, which was the second planetarium to open in the United States. Griffith Observatory was the third, in 1935. Guides at the Franklin Institute certainly knew Griffith Observatory and its Zeiss telescope and urged me to go the roof to see the Franklin Institute's Zeiss."



"I was in the company of a Tyrannosaurus Rex at the Academy of Natural Sciences. They have a setup that catches you on camera and transmits the image to a screen on which a projector places perambulating dinosaurs."



"This is along New Mexico 6563, the highway to the National Solar Observatory at Sunspot, N.M. The number 6563 is the wavelength of the red light of hydrogen in the spectrum of the sun and many other stars. I am certain the observatory got the State of New Mexico to give that road that special number. As you drive along the highway to the observatory, you encounter road signs that indicate the scaled placement of planets in the solar system, with the sun at the observatory at Sunspot. This and the other New Mexico pictures were taken on a Friends of the Observatory astronomical expedition that culminated in the annular (ring) eclipse of the sun on May 20. We observed it at Petroglyph National Monument, National Park Service, where I presented a public lecture on the eclipse on the eve of the eclipse."

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**Baja Adventure On Sale**

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's annual Baja California whale-watching adventure now taking reservations.**

You're invited to join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium March 7 – 15, 2013, for a trip that truly is the journey of a lifetime! During this nine-day ocean voyage, the adventure will spend three days anchored in San Ignacio Lagoon, where friendly gray whales and their curious calves swim within arm's length of the skiffs.

The trip will also visit Todos Santos Island

and land on San Benito, Cedros and San Martin Islands, where guests will enjoy natural-ist-led hikes on these remote, offshore islands that are home to elephant seals, endangered Guadalupe fur seals, a multitude of birds, diverse geological formations and a wide range of native vegetation.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's experienced naturalists, including experts on gray whales



Seeing whales up close is a strong feature of the Baja whale-watching trip.



Cabrillo's Larry Fukuhara on a whale-watching adventure.

and other marine mammals, birds, native island plants, and marine biology, will lead hikes and give shipboard presentations to add to the educational aspect of the trip. Each passenger will receive an illustrated natural history guide containing information about animals sighted and locations visited.

The 113-foot *Royal Polaris* out of San Diego will provide comfortable accommodations, a roomy galley/lounge and a friendly crew that furnishes hardy, flavorful meals. This trip is priceless, but the cost per person is \$2,550. For more information visit the Cabrillo Website: [www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org](http://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org), or to reserve your spot call Larry Fukuhara at (310) 548-7562 x223.

The Aquarium is a Rec and Parks facility and is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro.

REC AND PARKS

**Sea Fair!**

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium prepares for its autumn sea fair.**



At a previous Sea Fair.

The richness and diversity of the sea, combined with fun-in-the-sun games and hometown spirit, are planned to be featured at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's autumn sea fair from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

This unique event offers ocean-related activities for every age, including face-painting, an exciting marine life puppet show, and a giant origami demonstration. Adventurous pirates of all ages can join in the search for buried treasure in the "Great Treasure Hunt," learn how to cast a fishing line, and for those with the competitive spirit, join in on the "Beach Olympics," taking place just a few steps away on Cabrillo Beach.

Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and chat with more than two dozen marine-related organizations that will be present to share their information and activities with you; or visit one of our artisans and check out their beautiful and unique handcrafted pieces of art. Enjoy our live music playing throughout the day; experience the unique jazz stylings of Harold Greene on the Chapman Stick; the Japanese Drum group Kokoro Taiko, the smooth sounds of Stucco Rainbow and join Geoff Agisim in singing his sea chanteys.



The Sea Fair includes tours of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



**MEET ME AT THE FAIR!**

**LA County Fair tickets**

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# Life's Important Moments

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### CAROLYN IN THE HOUSE:

Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, announced Aug. 3 that Carolyn Ramsay, his former Deputy Chief of Staff, will return to his office to serve as Chief of Staff. Ramsay, a 21-year resident of Council District Four, has served as the Los Angeles Director for the Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization, for the past 15 months.

"I am very fortunate to have Carolyn Ramsay as my Chief of Staff. As a community leader, she has a great impact on the life and times of this district," LaBonge said. "She will be a tremendous asset to me, my staff, and every person in the district."

Ramsay facilitated the development of municipal park and construction projects as Councilmember LaBonge's Deputy Chief of Staff. Before that, she had served as his Communications Director during the successful campaign with the Trust for Public Land to acquire 138 acres beside the Hollywood Sign and expand Griffith Park. She previously worked as a newspaper and magazine reporter for 15 years, including three years as a correspondent for *People* magazine.

Her work in green space development includes the founding of a nonprofit organization, Olive Branches, to raise funds to develop school gardens and landscape features in Los Angeles. A former president of the Windsor Square Association, Ramsay served as the fundraising chair for the Larchmont Median project. Ramsay serves on the board of trustees of Temple Israel of Hollywood and the advisory board of the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities.

"I moved around a lot growing up, and I have loved Los Angeles since the day I arrived," Ramsay said. "I love Councilmember LaBonge, one of the first people I met in Los Angeles. I am thrilled to return to City Hall as his Chief of Staff, to once again roll up my sleeves and work with communities, businesses, and City officials on the issues of the day. I missed working with Councilmember

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LaBonge, my colleagues in his office, and with the community."

Chief of Staff Jeanne Min, who has served Council District Four in a variety of capacities for over ten years, will remain on as Senior Adviser to the Councilmember, to focus on issues both district and Citywide.

### PORT CLEAN TRUCK PROGRAM:

The Port of Los Angeles Clean Truck Program and its leadership team, headed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, received top honors June 21 from the Coalition for Clean Air with the California Air Quality Award for 2012.

The Coalition for Clean Air recognized Mayor Villaraigosa for his visionary leadership in the groundbreaking Port of Los Angeles Clean Truck Program, along with Los Angeles Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski, former Harbor Commission President David Freeman, and former Harbor Commission Vice President Jerilyn López Mendoza and Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member, for their clean air stewardship.

"Our Clean Truck program is proof that economic growth and environmental sustainability are not mutually exclusive," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "I'm proud to play a role in a program that has greened our port for the long haul and ensured that Angelenos will breathe cleaner air."

"Prior to the start of the Clean Truck Program in 2008, there was no accountability for the thousands of trucks that called at the Port of Los Angeles," said Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski. "Today, we've slashed harmful emissions by approximately 90 percent and each of the trucks hauling



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cargo meets the strictest clean air and safety standards of any port in the world."

The Port of Los Angeles' Clean Truck Program, which established a progressive ban on polluting trucks to improve regional air quality, has also introduced about 900 alternative-fuel trucks to the fleet and the testing of electric trucks.

Other honorees included *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno for his longstanding dedication to the promotion of zero-emission vehicles, and Martin Daum, President and CEO of Daimler Trucks North America, for achievements in alternative fuel technologies in the Freightliner truck line.

The Coalition for Clean Air is California's only statewide nonprofit dedicated exclusively to advocating for healthy air. CCA events raise funds to support vital work in reducing air pollution across California and the organization is committed to restoring clean, healthy air to all of California and strengthening the environmental movement by promoting broad-based community involvement, advocating responsible public policy and providing technical expertise.

### NEW AIRPORT POLICE WEBSITE:

The Airport Police has launched its newly revamped Website at [www.lawa.org/airport-police](http://www.lawa.org/airport-police). The user-friendly site provides visitors with comprehensive information so they may gain an understanding of Airport Police operations at Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA's) three Southern California airports: Los Angeles International (LAX), LA/Ontario International (ONT) and Van Nuys (general aviation).

Visitors to the site will find information about the Airport Police Recruitment Unit

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and the hiring process; Lost and Found units at each airport where they may check on lost items; crime statistics; the recently implemented cadet program; and descriptions for the types of duties performed by Airport Police officers assigned to a wide range of operational units, including: Patrol, Motor, Bike, Canine, Traffic, Detective, Dignitary Protection, Crime Scene Investigation, Security, etc. Also provided is biographic information about the Airports Deputy Executive Director of Homeland Security and Law Enforcement, the Chief of Police and command officers.

### MORE FLIERS AT LAX:

Passenger volume at LAX between January and June rose 3.6 percent to 30,943,155 passengers from 29,873,512 during the same period last year, according to statistics released recently by airport officials. International passenger level grew three percent during the first six months of 2012 to 8,333,316 from 8,090,708 last year. Domestic traffic grew 3.8 percent to 22,609,839 passengers during the first half this year from 21,782,804 in 2011.

Total air cargo tonnage increased 5.4 percent during the first six months of 2012 to 964,360 tons from 915,147 in 2011. Freight increased 4.5 percent to 914,522 tons during the first six months of this year compared to 875,317 last year. Airmail increased 25 percent to 49,838 tons during the first half 2012 from 39,830 tons during the same period last year.

For June 2012, total passenger volume rose 1.9 percent to 5,742,834 from 5,631,716 last year. Domestic traffic rose one percent to 4,181,350 passengers from 4,139,190 passengers in June 2011. International traffic increased 4.6 percent to 1,561,484 passengers from 1,492,526 passengers in June 2011.

For June 2012 air cargo tonnage was down 2.2 percent to 161,011 tons from 164,618 tons last June. Airmail tonnage decreased 5.7 percent to 5,985 tons from 6,345 tons last year. Freight also declined two percent to 155,026 tons in June 2012 from 158,273 last year.

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 52 in a series.



# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

## Meet Johnny Mueller.



**AGE:** "I'm 49."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Bayonne, N.J."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Married twice, divorced."  
**FAMILY:** "I have one sister, but she's not with us anymore. I have a little brother who's 43 and a foster brother who's 56."  
**PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED?** "My dad was never around. He was never in my life. But I had a step-father who was awesome."  
**MILITARY SERVICE:** "I served in the U.S. Army for three years. I dropped out of high school to join the Army. I was in a combat brigade."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Not sure right now. I just lost my apartment yesterday."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "I moved to Alameda back in 1977. My dad at the time was a recruiter for the Navy."  
**EDUCATION:** "I have my GED."  
**PLAYED SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL?** "I played 'em all – football, baseball . . ."  
**RELIGION:** "I'm Catholic but not practicing."  
**FAVORITE T.V. SHOW:** "Married, with Children."  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "Pizza, last night."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Jack Nicholson."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Demi Moore"  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Jujubes."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Chinese."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "I like it all, rock and roll . . . anything with a good beat."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "McArthur Park."  
**LAST BOOK READ:** "It was a book about a father and a son . . . I can't remember the name."  
**HIS STORY:** "I seriously got off to a bad start in high school. It started when we were the only two white families living in the projects in New Jersey. I hung around the wild crowd and ended up doing drugs, recreational at first and then ultimately I became addicted to heroin. The heroin habit got me into even more trouble because then the need for quick cash became a constant. I began stealing, petty theft and such. I ended up in prison four times. At one point, back in 2001, I got off heroin and became very productive. I bought a house in Palmdale, had my own PT Cruiser and was making good money in a multilevel marketing business. But that didn't last long; heroin has a vice grip hold on you that lasts forever. You never shake it. I ended up using again, and my life spiraled downhill from there. Currently I'm on methadone. It has helped, but all in all it's just another addiction but without needles. Now I'm back on the streets, making sure I stay out of jail. The heroin addiction is still there, but I do notice that as I get older, now approaching my 50s, the need slightly decreases."  
**MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION:** "The VA."  
**WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS?** "Dead, in prison, or living good."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "My stepdad, who was awesome, always said, 'Never be fooled by a smile and a handshake.'"  
**MAKE A WISH:** "A million dollars, and then I would parlay it."  
**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:** "My mind."

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

The interview took place July 19 at Hill and Fourth Streets downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.

## Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



**Buckets and Blankets** is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Creative Solutions** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:

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

HARBOR

# Shaun Is 'Top Public Servant'

**Chief Harbor Engineer Shaun Shahrestani named 'LA Public Servant of the Year.'**

*Story and photo courtesy Harbor*

Port of Los Angeles Chief Harbor Engineer Shaun Shahrestani received the "LA Public Servant of the Year Award" during the third annual Greater Los Angeles Engineer of the Year Gala, presented by The Friends of Engineering and Computer Science Technology, a nonprofit organization affiliated with Cal State LA.

Shahrestani was recognized for his role as chief harbor engineer of construction at the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest container port in the nation, where he is responsible for construction management and delivery of a wide variety of infrastructure and maritime-related facilities at the 7,500-acre Port complex.

"We're fortunate to have Shaun's experience, talent and leadership here at the Port," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "We're spending about a million dollars a day on infrastructure, and Shaun and his team have done an outstanding job making sure that those projects are completed on time and on budget."

A 29-year City employee, Shahrestani has



Shaun Shahrestani.

been responsible for the design and construction of several major Port development projects during his career. He served as program manager of the \$500 million Pier 400 container terminal construction project, and has managed key capital improvement projects, such as the Berth 100 container terminal and Main Channel Deepening projects.

Shahrestani is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), and American Public Work Association (APWA), past board member and membership chair of the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference (CMANC), and past member of the Technical Council of Lifeline and Earthquake Engineering.

The Friends of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology was created to inspire students to become engineers, computer scientists and technologists, with the core mission of supporting educational programs at CSULA. The awards gala is held to inspire, support and transform students and recognize the top engineers and companies that contribute to economic prosperity.



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# FAIR TIME!

## LA County Fair tickets

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# Off to Sturgis

**A trio of friends, two from the DWP, hits the road for the famous annual Harley-Davidson meetup in Sturgis, South Dakota.**

*Story and photos courtesy Ron Shepherd, DWP*

Recently, two friends and I made the long journey by motorcycle to the 72nd annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Annual crowds are estimated at more than half a million, in a town with just 6,000 residents.

Here's the story of our journey, which started at 4 a.m. on July 27. Like many around the country had done, we packed our motorcycles and ready to set out on the pilgrimage to Sturgis. One by one the three of us met at a gas station in Lakewood for the first of many fuel stops.

We had been planning our trip for months. Our group included three longtime friends that have been riding motorcycles for many years. I, Ron Shepherd, a Truck and Equipment Dispatcher with Fleet Operations, DWP, was the only one of us who had ever been to Sturgis. The other two were Tim Touhey, an MCH with Trunk Line Construction, DWP, and Les Wilkes, a Maintenance Supervisor at



From left: Tim Touhey DWP/Trunk Line, Club Member and Ron Shepherd, DWP/Fleet Operations, Club Member, in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Loyola Marymount University.

Our first day's plan was to make Kanab, Utah, which we did after an unplanned stop along the way. We had planned to get through the heat of the desert early. So, after we passed through Mesquite, Nev. in 115-degree heat, it finally started to cool off some.

Day Two put us through the four corners region (where Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico join) and on to Durango, Colo. By Day Three, we had seen enough red dirt and found ourselves crossing over the Rockies via Wolf Creek Pass. At this point we turned North on Highway 285 and made our way to Loveland, Colo. along the east side of the Rockies. Day Four took us along the east side of Wyoming and into the Black Hills of South Dakota. After lunch in Spearfish Canyon, we checked in to our hotel in Spearfish, S.D.



Day Five started with a visit to Mount Rushmore and then to Rapid City Harley-Davidson for T-shirts. After we put ourselves on T-shirt restriction, we set out for Sturgis to walk down Main Street and visit the Motorcycle Museum. After that we made our way back in time to Deadwood.

Day Six took us through Montana on Highway 212 to Red Lodge for the night. Day Seven took us over the Continental Divide via Beartooth Pass, into Yellowstone National Park and onto Jackson Hole for the night. From this point we made our way across Utah and Nevada, then turning south at the Owens Valley, arriving home at noon on Aug. 5.

Three friends got the opportunity to get to know each other a little better. For the other two, this was their first time to ride through the Western part of our beautiful country. They got to mark another adventure off their "bucket list."



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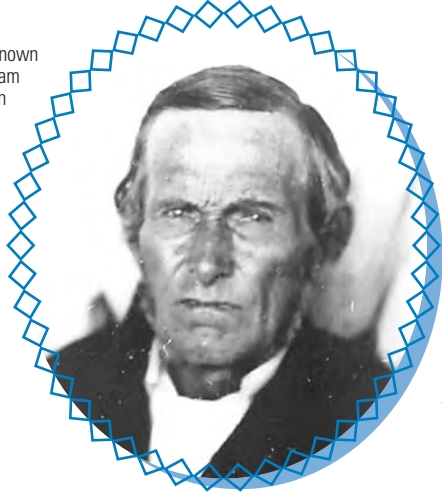
# History Comes *Alive!*

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Hynda Rudd  
City Archivist (Retired) and Club Member

The only known photo of William Wolfskill, taken Sept. 27, 1866. Photo courtesy Joan Hedding.



## Wagons, Wine and William Wolfskill

Early LA settler and agronomist  
William Wolfskill was an agricultural pioneer.

### From Hynda –

Hello, readers: Let me introduce you to this month's guest columnist, Conchita Marusich. The daughter of Elena Wolfskill, Conchita is writing a book on her great-great grandfather, William Wolfskill. If you haven't heard of him, consider this a delightful introduction to an important man.

Conchita's husband, Richard Marusich, worked in the Community Development Department for more than 20 years before his retirement from the City in 2010. Conchita and Richard have traveled across the country in pursuit of information about William Wolfskill. Enjoy!



Conchita and Richard Marusich

– Hynda

By Conchita Marusich

On Sept. 4, 1941, Elena Wolfskill, then 26, rode in a horse-drawn carriage from the San Gabriel Mission to downtown Los Angeles to commemorate the founding of El Pueblo de Los Angeles by Felipe de Neve in 1781. Selected as Queen of Los Angeles for the City's 160th birthday festivities, Elena participated in a prayer spoken to remember those 44 early settlers from Mexico who had left San Gabriel Mission in 1781 and headed toward the land that would eventually become the City of Los Angeles.

As the Queen of Los Angeles, Elena had been chosen for this honor because she was a descendant of a number of leading California pioneer families. Her great-grandfather was William Wolfskill, one of the leading citizens of early Los Angeles. Born in Boonesborough, Ky. in 1798, William grew up in Missouri and was on the second expedition that traveled over the Santa Fe Trail in 1822. Often referred to as one of the fathers of the Old Spanish Trail, William left Abiquiu, N.M. in September 1830, leading an expedition of 20 trappers. They were headed to California to trap beavers and then return to New Mexico. William arrived penniless in the Pueblo de Los Angeles in 1831 after

a long and dangerous six-month journey through parts of Colorado, Utah, Nevada and the Mojave Desert in California. At that time, the Pueblo de Los Angeles was a small Mexican town of adobe houses and mud streets, clustered around the main plaza with a population of around 1,000. Instead of returning to New Mexico, William decided to stay in the pueblo. In 1833, he acquired a small piece of land between present-day Spring and New High Streets where he could grow grapes and build a home near the main square of the town. William had two children with his common-law wife, Maria de la Luz Valencia. Wanting to expand his vineyard, in 1838 William acquired a plot of 100 acres in what would become the heart of today's downtown Los Angeles, stretching from present-day Alameda to San Pedro and Third Street to Ninth Street.

On the Wolfskill homestead, William built a large rectangular one-story adobe with walls three to four feet thick that kept the temperature inside cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Its many rooms opened onto the wide veranda that ran around the outside of the adobe where William could sit in the evening, looking out over his vineyard and orchard.

No longer living with his common-law wife, in 1841 William married Magdalena Lugo, who came from one of the leading families of Santa Barbara, and they had six children together.

In the Pueblo de Los Angeles, William continued planting citrus and fruit trees so that by 1862, his orchard contained two-thirds of all orange trees in the state of California. William's vineyards also grew in reputation as did his brandy (*aguardiente* in Spanish) and his wine. His son-in-law, H.D. Barrows, took a barrel of William's best port to President James Buchanan when Barrows went east on the steamship *California* in September 1857. By 1862, William had 85,000 vines in cultivation, making his vineyard one of the largest in the state.

In the 1860s, William acquired a number of large ranchos, including Rancho Santa Anita, which eventually became the current Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden in Arcadia. In fact, William planted the first eucalyptus trees in California from some seeds given to him by Australian friends. Today visitors to the arboretum can see the 70-foot-tall "Wolfskill" Blue Gum Eucalyptus tree, reputed to be 140 years old, in front of the Queen Anne Cottage.

William bought Rancho Lomas de Santiago from Don Teodosio Yorba, paying \$7,000 for the 47,227-acre rancho in 1860. William hoped to graze cattle on the hilly land located north of present-day Irvine. But then the terrible drought years of 1863-64 hit and caused most rancheros to lose their cattle. Prior to the drought, cattle were selling as high as \$12 per

head, but by 1864, after two dry years, cattle were going for as little as 37 cents per head. Eyewitnesses reported seeing thousands of dead carcasses covering the land. William managed to save almost 75 percent of his cattle by moving them to the Mojave Desert, where there was water from the Mojave River and grass. But by March 1866, he decided to sell Rancho Lomas de Santiago for \$7,000, the same price he had paid six years before. Eventually, the land was sold to James Irvine, who incorporated it into his Irvine Ranch.

William Wolfskill, a giant in early California history, died Oct. 3, 1866. He is considered the founder of the California citrus industry as well as an important figure in the infancy of the wine industry in California. His spirit lives on through the Wolfskill descendants who are proud of their heritage.



Elena Wolfskill, Queen of Los Angeles, Sept. 4, 1941. Photo courtesy Conchita Marusich.

# DON'T BE IN DE-NILE!

## Cleopatra Tix at Club Discount!

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HARBOR

# A Benchley For Geraldine

Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member, receives prestigious award for conservation.

Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member, has been named the 2012 recipient of the Blue Frontier Campaign's Peter Benchley Ocean Award for "Excellence in Solutions." The Blue Frontier Campaign is a national marine conservation activist organization working to improve ocean policies in coastal states. The Peter Benchley Award is named in honor of lifetime marine wildlife conservationist Peter Benchley, best known for writing the bestseller novel *Jaws* in 1974.



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

Dr. Knatz was recognized for her environmental efforts as executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest container port in the nation, and her role as president of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), where she has become a global leader in the Greening Ports movement. She will receive her award at a ceremony Friday night in San Francisco.

"Combining her savvy as a long time port official and her knowledge as a marine biologist and environmental engineer, Dr. Knatz has transformed 'America's Port,' at Los Angeles into 'America's Greenest Port,'" said David Helvarg, co-founder and executive director of the Blue Frontier Campaign. "Through collaboration with the neighboring Port of Long Beach, she has led successful efforts to clean the air and water, demonstrating the link between environmental clean-up and economic prosperity."

"I am honored to receive the Peter Benchley award," said Dr. Knatz. "It's exciting and rewarding to see how the work we've done at the Port of Los Angeles impacts other ports worldwide and spurs change in our industry." Dr. Knatz noted that inaugural 2004 Peter Benchley Award winner Dery Bennett hired Dr. Knatz in 1973 to do environmental water sampling in New Jersey, her first professional position.

The fifth annual Peter Benchley Ocean Awards acknowledge the broad range of achievement in the ocean and coastal community, providing a way to celebrate outstanding achievements that lead to the protection of our coasts, oceans, and the communities that depend on them.

In January 2006, Dr. Knatz became the first female executive director of the Port

of Los Angeles. Moving the Port forward with an agenda that focuses on responsible Port growth and environmental leadership is an aggressive goal that Dr. Knatz has tackled from day one. Accommodating the Port's future growth involves reducing air emissions, eliminating health risks and expanding capital development programs, all top priorities of the Port under her leadership.

After graduating from Rutgers University with an undergraduate degree in zoology, Dr. Knatz attended the University of Southern California, where she earned two

degrees (a doctorate in biological science and a Master of Science in environmental engineering) and has taught Civil Engineering courses. Included in Los Angeles magazine's "Power List" of L.A. influentials, Dr. Knatz began a two-year term in May 2011 as the President of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) and was the 2008-2009 Chair of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA). Born and raised in New Jersey, she resides in Long Beach with her husband and two sons.



Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., on the cover of our August 2007 issue of Alive!

# CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



From the Water Distribution North Yard, on site at Spring Street and 101st, from left: **Les Peacock**, Club Member; **Alberto Valencia**, Club Member; **Joe Hickman**, Club Member; **Charlie Alarcon**, Club Member; and **Jeffrey Dash**, Club Member.



From Transportation: Here's **Marvin Bailey, Traffic Officer II**, 16 years of City service, Club Member.



In the Owens Valley: Here's a DWP team building an irrigation distribution turnout station for water operations on Owens Lake. The team pictured is comprised of the concrete crews from Owens Lake Construction and the Mojave Construction Yards. They are, front row: **Norm Harris, Building Repairer**. Middle, from left: **Jake Emory, Building Repairer**; **Marin Parra, Reinforcing Steel Worker**; and **Dave Borchert, Building Repairer**. Back: **James McMurry, Maintenance and Construction Helper**; **Todd Emory, Building Repairer**; **Ian Greer, Maintenance and Construction Helper**; **Robert Turner, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor**; and **Jerry Ross, Maintenance and Construction Helper**. *Special thanks to Larry Patrich, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, Club Member, for sending us the photo.*

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# National Police Night Out

Safety forces in Harbor area combine for awareness event.



From left: Tricia Decastro, guest; Sr. Lead Officer Tom Yamamoto, Port Police, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Ill Kiyu Amano, Port Police, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Art Urrutia, LAPD, 11 years of City service; and Sr. Lead Officer Shawn Crabbe, LAPD, 15 years.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

Aug. 7 was National Police Night Out! To honor our Police, Port Police and Firefighters, a barbecue was held on the patio of Banning's Landing in Wilmington and was hosted by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and Wilmington Coordinating Council.

Councilman Joe Buscaino presented awards to honorees from the LAPD/Harbor Division, Port Police, and the LAFD Station 38. *The names of the honorees are as follows:*

**LAPD/Harbor Division (Wilmington SLOs):**

- Sr. Lead Officer Ria Garcinela
- Sr. Lead Officer Sean Crabbe
- Sr. Lead Officer Brett Hayes
- Sr. Lead Officer Art Urrutia

**From the Port Police (FTOs - Field Training Officers):**

- Officer Kiyohiko Amano
- Officer Ishmael Flores
- Officer Scott Gaines
- Officer Eddie Hernandez
- Officer Cheryl Morris
- Officer Ryan Mullany
- Officer Derick Pittman
- Officer Tony Reitz
- Officer Tom Yamamoto
- Former FTO Sgt. Michael Alva

**From LAFD Fire Station 38:**

- Capt. Anthony Senior
- Firefighter Jerry Paiz
- Firefighter Timothy Saldana

Congratulations to all the awardees, and thanks for keeping the Harbor safe.



Planning Committee: Shirley Atencio, Co-Chair, 25 years of City service; and Mary Gutierrez, Co-Chair, 20 years.



From left: Capt. Anne Clark, LAPD/Harbor Division, 26 years of City service; and Dep. Chief Pat Gannon, LAPD, 34 years.



Capt. Leon Nixon, Port Police, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Salvador Lara, Executive Director for Clean Wilmington; and Sr. Lead Officer Ria Garcinela, LAPD, 9 years of City service.



From left: Officer Aldo Morales, Port Police, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Roberto Ramirez, Port Police, 6 years, Club Member; and Sgt. Ryan Howley, Port Police, 10 years, Club Member



From left: Lt. Titus Smith, Port Police, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Sr. Lead Officer Ryan Mullany, Port Police, 10 years, Club Member; Councilman Joe Buscaino; and Sgt. Jerome Niles, Port Police, 6 years, Club Member.



Children dancers performing at the event.



At the check-in table, from left: Carolina Burrola, Diana Medel, and Luis Rivera.



Port Police honorees.



Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Port Police, 7 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Dianna, and children, Leilano and Isaiah.



From left: Sgt. Michael Alva, Port Police, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Port Police, 22 years, Club Member; and Lt. Jaime Navarro, Port Police, 22 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Il Danny Meadows, Port Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Christopher Crispino, Port Police, 4 years, Club Member.



LAFD Station 38 honorees.



From left: Capt. Tony Senior, LAFD, 32 years of City service, Club Member; Firefighter Jerry Paiz, LAFD, 28 years, Club Member; Firefighter Tim Saldana, LAFD, 12 years; and Engineer Jeff Braff, LAFD, 20 years.



From left: Dep. Chief Pat Gannon, LAPD, 34 years of City service; Firefighter Jerry Paiz, LAFD, 28 years, Club Member; and Councilman Joe Buscaino.



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Port Police, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Sr. Lead Officer Scott Gaines, Port Police, 12 years, Club Member; and Lt. Titus Smith, Port Police, 26 years, Club Member.





# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,  
Club CEO

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"I would like to submit this picture of my granddaughter, Claudia Huitzinatzin. She and her mother spent July with us. They live in Seattle. We were folding laundry, and I decided to wrap Claudia in this small tablecloth. She made her little 'ojitos' (eyes) face, and I was glad I had my camera nearby. We called this picture the 'Little Virgin.'"

– Rose Serrato, LAPD

**John's comment:** Rose, this is simply precious! It makes you want to give little Claudia a big squeeze!



"This picture was taken in Denali National Park in Alaska. This seagull was following close, looking for scraps of food, so my friend decided to see if the bird would be bold enough to try and take a tidbit from his hand. Sure enough, the seagull swooped right down and delicately took the bit of granola from between his fingers. This was taken with a Sony Super Steady Shot DSC-H1. When I reviewed the picture I was amazed at how lucky I been to capture such a clear picture at just the right micro-second! This has become one of my favorite pictures."

– Tom DeSha, DWP

**John's comment:** Tom, what an amazing picture. For some reason it brings to memory of a book I read as a child, *My Side of the Mountain*. It was about a kid who ran away and lived in the mountains. He ended up having a pet falcon – a little different than a pigeon, lol. Great shot and great memories. Thanks, Tom!



"This was taken at Disneyland during the performance of Mickey's Soundsational Parade. The picture was actually a mistake. I was trying to take a picture of Mary Poppins not Bert, but he got on the way while I was focusing the camera. I instantly decided to try and take a picture of both instead and moved to the left. As I moved I pressed by accident the shutter button all the way and since I had it in continuous mode it took two before I released the shutter button. The results came out better than the ones I took of both of them."

– Rogelio Cuevas, Airports

**John's comment:** Rogelio, don't you just love perfect mistakes! Very nice shot; I love how the background motion blurred without the use of Photoshop. Thanks for sharing!



"I captured this snapshot of a dog wearing fancy eyewear driving around in Pasadena. Safety first."

– Eddie Garcia, Airports

**John's comment:** Ha!! I need to get a pair of goggles for my dog, Isabella. Great shot, Eddie!

"In Paris."

– Rona Berns, Retired

**John's comment:** Well, Rona, I am just a sucker for Eiffel Tower pictures, and this one is super unique. I love the rain rushing past it – perfect angles!



## 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@cityemployees-club.com](mailto:pictureperfect@cityemployees-club.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.



Angel Jr. in the garden.

Angel Jr. in front of the St. Francis wishing well.

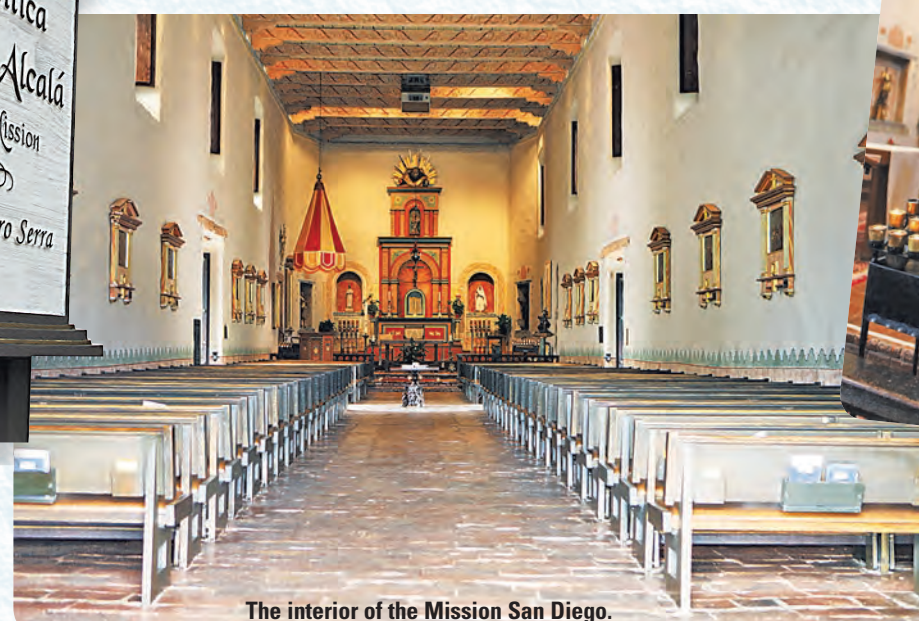


# Angel's *Be Alive!*

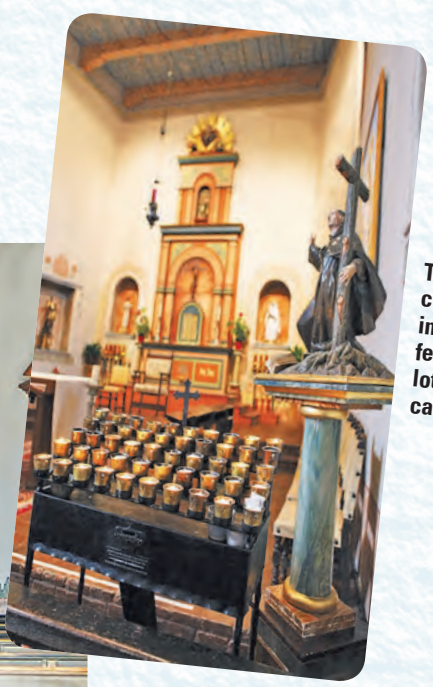
Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

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

## Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá



The interior of the Mission San Diego.



The church's interior features lots of candles.

### Our Visit

Wow! This area has so much history. I invite everyone to make the trip and see living history right now.

The mission is a site to see. If your child attends fourth grade, this would be an ideal place to visit and get a head start. Take some photos (add to the school report) and maybe bring back some hand-made replicas.

Just remember to bring some lunch or eat before you arrive, as there is no food available.

Also, you are in beautiful San Diego, there are a lot of things to do.

Thanks again for always reading this column and for saying hello. Just this weekend, I was out with my family in Old Town Pasadena, and I ran into a fellow Club Member and his lovely wife. It is always a pleasure meeting readers of *Alive!* Thanks again for being part of our ever-growing family.

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

**As always, Be Alive!,  
Angel**

### Hello again!

For this month's edition, we traveled to San Diego and stopped by California's very first mission church. Your children might have already visited a California mission for their school's fourth-grade project.

Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá was founded in 1769 by Junipero Serra, a Franciscan monk from Spain, and it remains an active Catholic parish today. This mission was the very first of many more to come along the coast of California. California has so much history Let's begin!

### History

For thousands of years, the American Indians lived in this area that we now know as the great state of California.

In 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, an explorer commissioned by the monarch of Spain, arrived in San Diego Bay and named it San Miguel after the saint whose feast day was closest to the landing according to the Spanish tradition. In 1602 Sebastian



Angel Jr. is inside a typical American Indian hut used during the mission days.

Viscaino, leading another Spanish expedition, entered the harbor and renamed it San Diego after St. Didacus of Alcalá, Spain whose feast day was closest to the landing. San Diego was also the name of the flagship for this expedition.

Five expeditions were dispatched from New Spain (Mexico) – three expeditions by sea and two by land. Fr. Junipero Serra led the last land expedition, which arrived on June 29, 1769. On July 16, 1769, Fr. Serra established Mission San Diego, and the California mission system was begun on a site overlooking the bay. The mission remained at this site for only five years; the water supply was not sufficient for sustaining the crops, the soil was not fertile enough, and the American Indians were intimidated by the military. The mission was moved six miles east, but second one was burned to the ground by a mob led by two American Indians who were discontented with the mission's rules. The pastor, Fr. Luis Jayme, was killed; Fr. Jayme became California's first Christian martyr, and he's buried under the altar in the present church.

Fr. Serra rebuilt the mission according to the specifications of an army fort, and, through hard work, it became productive. In 1821, Mexico gained its independence from Spain, and the Mexican government did not have the same allegiance to the missions. The Decree of Secularization

in 1834 removed the administration of the mission from the Franciscans and gave it to Santiago Arguello.

After the United States acquired this area from Mexico, two companies of the artillery occupied the mission beginning in November 1853. For the next several years, various companies of artillery and cavalry were at the mission until 1858 or early 1859. They made some repairs and added a second floor to the church. Subsequently, the mission was abandoned for several years. In 1892, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet moved onto the mission compound and conducted an American Indian children's school for 17 years.

In 1931, the mission was rebuilt to mirror the 1813 church. It is an active Catholic parish and is visited by thousands of fourth graders from throughout the state studying California history.

We thank the Mission Basilica's official website for much of this information.



The 1806 convent area.



A statue in the front corridor.

### Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá 10818 San Diego Mission Rd. • San Diego, CA 92108-2429 (619) 283-7319

**MUSEUM HOURS:** 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**SUGGESTED DONATION:** \$3

Mass is said every day at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Food is not allowed on the premises.

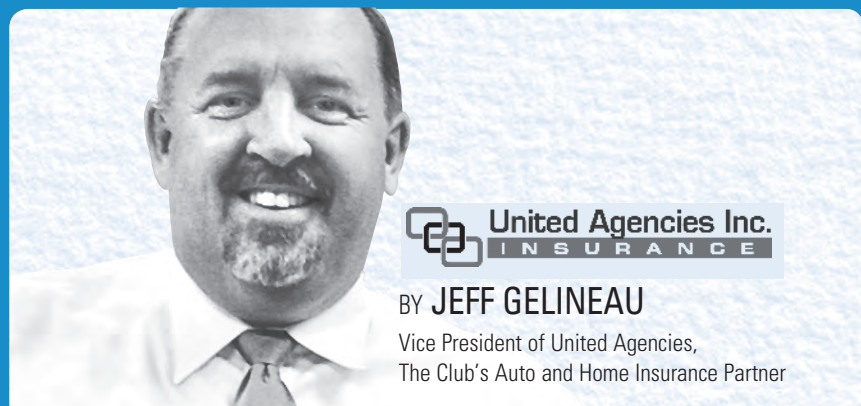
**DIRECTIONS:**

Take I-5 south, to I-805 south, to I-52 east, to I-15 south. Exit Friars Road east. Turn right at the first signal onto Rancho Mission Road. Turn left at the first signal onto San Diego Mission Road. The mission is one-half-block on the left.



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## One Minute There, Next Minute Gone

It happens when you least expect it: You're enjoying a nice dinner out, you walk across the street to the parking lot and can't find your car. It's not that you parked it someplace else, it just slowly dawns on you that it's gone. Bummer!

Auto theft is covered under the comprehensive section of a car insurance policy. Theft coverage applies to the loss of the vehicle as well as parts of the car such as air bags or stereo equipment. Comprehensive coverage, which is not mandatory, also pays for fire, vandalism and weather-related damage, including damage from flooding and earthquakes. Premium rates for comprehensive insurance are affected by the risk of loss, meaning the likelihood that an insured car will be stolen or damaged, and also the car's value at the time of the loss. The dollar size of claims has been going up, reflecting the higher value of new cars on the road, the value of the cars that are targets for theft or damage, and the cost of vehicle bodywork. Vehicle bodywork costs include replacing stolen components. Nationally, more than 75,000 air-bags are stolen every year.

According to the FBI, the value of stolen motor vehicles is more than \$4 billion a year. The average value of a motor vehicle reported stolen in 2010 was \$6,152. The nationwide rate of motor vehicle thefts was 238.8 per 100,000 people. A car is stolen in the United States every 43 seconds. The odds of a vehicle being stolen are about 1 in 323.

The average premium for comprehensive insurance coverage in the United States is only about \$133 per year.

A survey conducted on behalf of Lo-Jack, a manufacturer of an electronic vehicle tracking and recovery system, found that almost four out of five Americans (79 percent) always lock their vehicles and that nine out of ten (93 per-

cent) never leave spare keys in their vehicle. However, one-third admits they have left their car while it was running, which makes the vehicle an easy target for theft. The survey also found that 47 percent of Americans don't always park in a well-lit area, and 40 percent don't hide their valuables. In fact, nearly half leave mail in their vehicle, a quarter have left a purse or wallet, and almost a third have left bank statements, all of which can put them at risk for identity theft. Although 75 percent of respondents know that there are costs associated with vehicle theft in addition to paying the insurance deductible and the cost of replacing the vehicle that are not covered by insurance, virtually none (one percent) knew that there are additional costs such as insurance premium increases, the cost of time spent dealing with police, vehicle rental costs, and the cost of time off from work.



### Here are five good tips to remember:

1. Remove the keys! Many cars are stolen with the keys in the ignition.
2. Use an anti-theft device that is visible to the thief. Steering-wheel clubs and pedal locks are enough to cause most casual thieves to move on. One such device cited repeatedly by police and insurance consultants is the Ravelco ([www.nohotwire.com](http://www.nohotwire.com)), a steel-encased engine disabler activated by removing a small dash key.
3. Park in your garage or, while away from home, in high-visibility areas where thieves can't operate in private.
4. Have the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched on the glass and other parts of the car. This discourages chop shops.
5. Use tracking services such as Lo-Jack. This may help get the car back, if you want it back.

## Be safe and have fun!

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### Have a question?

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

## THE CLUB

# Happy Grandparents Day!

Grandparents Day is Sunday, Sept. 9. Thank your grandparents, and tell them you love them!



"To our grandmother, Alejandra Alcaraz, thank you for continuing to be part of our lives every day!"

— From Arlene, Jeanette, Christine, Fina and Milo. Arlene Herrero is the Club's Product Manager.



Dylan, Ryan and Christian, as they celebrate the 92nd birthday of their great-grandmother, Alejandra Alcaraz. They are the nephews of Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager.

## HARBOR

# Michael Goes for Gold!

## Capt. Michael Barnes enjoys an LA invite to the Olympics.

While many Club Members were glued to their TVs for tape-delayed coverage of last month's summer Olympics, Capt. Michael Boyd, Club Member, cozied up with some local Brits to enjoy the festivities here in LA.

"Along with my long-suffering wife, Rebecca, we were lucky enough to be invited to attend the Olympic opening ceremonies celebrations at the residence of the British Consulate, Dame Barbara Hay, here in Los Angeles.

"I even got to hold the Olympic torch, so you can say I was a torch bearer! (One had been flown in later for public display.)"

Nice going, Capt. Michael!



Holding the Olympic torch.



With British Consulate Dame Barbara Hay.



Celebrating at the British Consulate in Los Angeles.

# Aviation Careers Take Flight

Aviation careers spotlighted at LAX Aviation Careers Education Academy.

Story and photos by Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member

Students from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools learn about careers in aviation at Los Angeles International Airport's (LAX) Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy. ACE is a free weeklong motivational program that provides students with a basic understanding of career opportunities within the aviation industry, as well as a general knowledge about LAX. The event took place in July.

The academy is geared toward middle- and high-school students from neighborhoods surrounding LAX interested in aviation and aerospace. The teens use flight simulators and go on field trips to aviation sites while learning about aviation-related careers. Presentations were provided by organizations such as the Federal Aviation Administration, TSA, airlines, LAFD and Airports. Additional areas of study include aviation history, planning a flight, the physics of flight, and the design and maintenance of aircraft.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools visits Van Nuys Airport Encore Flight Academy.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class views the new Mars Rover in a "clean" room while learning about careers with NASA at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools learn about a career as an FAA Air Traffic Controller during a visit to Van Nuys Airport.



Superintendent of Operations Hyder Shah (left) explains his work as an aircraft docking gate controller to the LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education (ACE) class from Orville Wright, Century Community Charter and other middle schools learn about careers in aviation at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where NASA was planning a rover landing on Mars.



The LAX Aviation Careers Education class visits Van Nuys Airport Fire Operations.

THIS MONTH AT THE

# Griffith Observatory

Sept. 7:

## All Space Considered

Griffith Observatory holds this exciting, free public program on the first Friday of every month in the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon. Join the Observatory's curatorial staff as they examine and explain the most-talked-about subjects in astronomy and space science. Seating is first come, first served. Subjects this month: Latest space news; beautiful astronomical images; and the September sky report.

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# Softball, for Charity

Firefighters play for widows, orphans fund.



Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Capt. Steve Romas; Photos by Capt. Steve Romas

More than 300 spectators and LAFD Firefighters played in the Lane Kemper Softball Classic. This annual charity tournament benefits the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund to help the families of firefighters during times of crisis and tragedy.

The event was held May 4 at the Hjelte Sports Center, the Van Nuys Recreational Center, and the Balboa Sports Complex.

This fun event is named in honor of Capt. Lane Kemper, who raised significant money for the charity before he died of cancer in 2006. As a tribute to him, firefighters come together for this longstanding tradition.

The winner this year was Fire Station 15 by USC. In second place was Fire Station 33 in South LA.



First-place winners: Fire Station 15.



Second-place winners: Fire Station 33.



Such a great event!

## Reviews by Fellow Club Members

## ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

• In the cinema

**Safety Not Guaranteed**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

What would you do and how would you change things if you could go back in time? This question is the central premise of *Safety Not Guaranteed*, an excellent, genre-busting independent film about relationships, rediscovering the past, and making new friends.

Set in modern-day Seattle, the film centers on a group of three magazine writers who come up with the idea to respond to a personal advertisement asking for a partner to travel back in time. The time traveler who placed the ad is eccentric, paranoid, and a little crazy. He lives alone in his parents' house in the middle of the woods. The way in which his character is exposed is the arch of the film. I recommend it to melodrama and light comedy fans.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**The Dark Knight Rises**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Christopher Nolan's third and final movie of the Batman franchise under his direction has an excellent story with some pleasant and unpleasant surprises. Thankfully he retains all the same stars for the main characters. This time the villain is called Bane (Tom Hardy), who is bent on fulfilling Gotham City's destiny by destroying it. If there were anything about this movie I would change, it would be Bane's voice. With his intimidating physique, Darth Vader-like face mask and merciless demeanor, as soon as he speaks, you can't help but chuckle a bit and say, "Whaat?!" The introduction of Cat Woman as Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) was a welcome dynamic to an already captivating movie. Don't miss this summer's best blockbuster.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

**The Dark Knight Rises**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Christopher Nolan certainly knows how to end his Batman trilogy in epic fashion. *The Dark Knight Rises* may not be the grand

spectacular that its predecessor *The Dark Knight* may have been, but it is still just as memorable. The returning cast of Christian Bale, Gary Oldman, Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman is wonderful as always. But it is the new cast members of Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy, Marian Cotillard and Joseph Gordon-Levitt that really elevate this movie. Hardy in particular as the villain Bane is a marvel to see on the screen. This Batman trilogy really is a perfect counterpart to the comic book source it's from.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**Hope Springs**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

To rejuvenate her 30-year marriage, Kay (Meryl Streep) manages to get her emotionless spouse (Tommy Lee Jones) into a weeklong therapy session with Dr. Feld (Steve Carell), a relationship counselor.

*Hope Springs* offers plenty of tears and laughter. It is a serious story about a couple desperately trying to save a nearly moribund marriage. This movie is not a comedy, but the light touch and terrific love songs of the soundtrack make you root for the couple and care about the outcome. Wonderful acting makes this film difficult but worthwhile viewing.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Total Recall**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

If you are a fan of the original *Total Recall* film that came out in 1990, you may or may not like the new *Total Recall* film starring Colin Farrell and directed by Len Wiseman. The fun and wit of the original film, which featured a fantastical trip to Mars, has been replaced by an Earth where two warring superpowers vie for superiority. There are some great action sequences and some intriguing plot points, but they get lost in the political overtones of the film. While it is still a good action flick, there have been better ones this year.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

**The Book of Unwritten Tales**

Not Rated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Finally being released in North America after debuting in Europe in 2009, this point-and-click action adventure game parodies some of pop cultures' most iconic references while still delivering a solid game full of wit and character. The game is easily accessible to all players, whether you are adventure game fans or not, and delivers a funny yet predictable story to lure you into its charm. The graphics are a bit dated, but the gameplay is just as fresh as when it first debuted. This fun little romp is definitely worth installing into your PC.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## Megan Recommends

Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich, Customer Service Associate at the Club Store

**Justin Love**Celebration Theatre  
Sept. 21-Nov. 18

The Celebration Theatre in Hollywood kicks off its 30th season with the world premiere of a new musical, *Justin Love*. It follows Justin Rush, Hollywood's biggest superstar who is having a hard time staying in the closet in our modern world full of TMZ, Twitter and the paparazzi. Between his wife (rumored to be on "contract"), his publicist, his assistant and his secret life all vying for his attention, Justin has his hands full. *Justin Love* is a new look at what's really going on in Hollywood. And of course, being a musical, there are some great songs sung

by some real talents.

*Justin Love* was written by Patricia Cotter, David Elzer and Bret Calder and choreographed by Janet Roston. *Justin Love* stars Joe Donohoe as Lou (who you might remember from last month's *Are You There God, It's Me Karen Carpenter*), Steven Good as Justin, Grant Jordan as Syd, Tyler Ledon as Chris, Ciaran McCarthy as Mitch, Afton Quast as Sue, Terrance Spencer as Donovan, Carrie St. Louis as Amanda, Alet Taylor as Buck, Gina Torrecilla as Mary, and Sabrina Miller and Adam Joseph Reich as everyone else.

Previews begin Friday, Sept. 7, and the show officially opens Sept. 21. It runs through Nov. 18. Tickets are available from [www.celebrationtheatre.com](http://www.celebrationtheatre.com)

## Book Reviews

**The Fallen Angel**

Daniel Silva

Thriller fiction, 416 pages, Harper

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Art restorer and former Israeli intelligence agent Gabriel Allon is called to investigate the mysterious death of a Vatican antiquities curator. And thus begins the latest Daniel Silva thriller that starts in the Vatican and concludes deep beneath the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. On the way, the story involves the pope, mafia, and a few assorted terrorist groups.

Silva's novels are uniquely entertaining, enlightening, witty, and hard to put down. Best of all, Silva's take on history and storytelling has just enough back story to make today's headlines understandable and sensible.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Stolen Prey**

John Sandford

Thriller fiction, 402 pages, Penguin

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Det. Lucas Davenport must try to solve the brutal murder of an entire upscale family, including their dogs, in Minnesota. Written on the wall in blood at the crime scene are the words, "We're Coming". It looks like the Mexican drug gangs may be behind the

murder. The DEA, the Mexican *Federales* and other police agencies arrive in town to try to help solve the crime, but there are stumbling blocks, which Davenport must try to overcome. Davenport believes there is a connection with the Brooks family murder and a slew of armed robberies.

This suspenseful novel with all its twists and turns will keep you wondering why these murders were committed, and who did them.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

**The Innocent**

David Baldacci

Thriller fiction, 423 pages, Grand Central

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Will Robie is a political assassin hired by the government and sent to kill a political figure in Washington, D.C., but decides not to kill his target when something goes wrong. Robie meets a 14-year old runaway girl from a foster home. Her parents were murdered and her life is in danger, and Robie decides to protect her and discovers there is a cover up in her parents' murder. Robie not only tries to protect the girl but also must look over his shoulder because his life is in danger too.

This suspenseful novel will keep you at the edge of your seats.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

## On a Screen Near You

• Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

**Meek's Cutoff (2010)**

Rated: PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A group of migrants in the 1800s becomes lost and stranded in the Oregon high desert. They befriend a local wild man who is not afraid to express his opinions, as clouded as they may be, and who may be leading the group to their deaths. They also capture a Native American man whom they hope will

lead them to a water source so they may continue their journey.

This beautifully photographed period piece is a slow-moving exploration of the interpersonal relationships that develop between the band of travelers and the two outsiders. The acting is impressive, and the costumes appear to be authentic, 1800' Pilgrimwear. I couldn't take my eyes off the screen.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

## 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

■ 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.

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■ Have fun!

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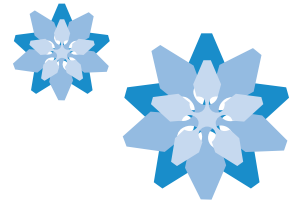
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# Life's Important Moments



## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

#### Airports

Michael Allen  
Eddie Carrera  
Josh DeZiel  
Dean Dorantes  
John Foster  
Anita Green  
Toi Harvey  
Mark Matson  
Michael Mendoza  
George Moore  
Vince Moutsatson  
Robert Obilana  
Chivon Turner  
Kent Wynn  
Yuri Zaich

#### Aging

Monica Nunez

#### Animal Services

Pam Hanna

#### City Council

Joshua Palacios

#### CDD

Sheldon Cruz

#### Emergency Preparedness

Kacy Williams

#### Office of Finance

Nicole Horn

#### LAFD

Cairo Palacios  
Veronica Sanchez  
David Zucker

#### General Services

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Richard Binder  
Grenada Canada  
Victor Coronado  
Juan Delreal  
Javier Mosley  
Timothy Ochoa

Oscar Sanchez

Jim Schulz

#### Housing

Thomas Fisher  
Zeydi Stewart  
Raquel Tejada

#### Library

Albert Capili

#### Neighborhood Empowerment

Jose Rincon

#### Personnel

Imari Washington

#### LAPD

David Cedeno  
Jennifer Francis  
Maria Garcia  
Richard Garibay  
Antonette Gray  
Le-Mond Hudnoll

Douglas Oldfield  
Juan Padilla  
Stacy Pierce-Rogers  
Lorenzo Quezada  
Lydia Retana  
Yolanda Reyes  
Ricardo Rodriguez  
Abegaye Scianni  
William Sera  
Denise Sinclair  
Ronnie Walker  
Shawntrice Watkins

#### PUBLIC WORKS

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Nona Colorado  
Jolynn Duvall  
William Galicia  
Squire Morgan Jr.  
Jonathan Polk  
Jonathan Strong  
Charles Trussell  
Wayne Watson

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Kristina Briones

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Raul Hernandez

#### Rec & Parks

Jonathan Avila  
Whyte Barney  
Johnnie Dixon  
Steven Durazo  
Martha Gonzalez  
Anthony Gordon III  
Anthony Montiel  
Antoinee Nailor  
Rachel Olmos  
Michael Schaadt  
Omar Solorio

#### Transportation

Vaughn Dorsey

Louis Garcia  
Charles Kidd  
Aaron Marsh  
Victor Vasquez

#### Zoo

Maribel Albarran  
Jose Bonilla

#### Retired

Lourdes Leyden  
Ruben Mireles  
David Robinson  
Lena Washington

#### DWP

Engracia Campos  
Robert Haupt  
Yekaterina Kreinbring  
Edward Lee  
Mirna Marin  
Richard Morales  
John Parviainen  
Jeffrey Pulanco  
Joseph Reynoso

#### Other

Nydia Alberio  
Marke Bridge  
Eric Buckley  
Alice Farrar  
Rodolfo Hernandez Jr.  
Timothy Herrera  
Kimberly Horstmeyer  
Brett Kalish  
Steve Kunzer  
Felipe Morales  
Rene Rodriguez  
Ilene Shapiro  
Jean Steel  
Angela Thompson  
Ivan Tkatch  
Macario Torres  
Dennis Vanderhook  
Myra Vines  
Inez Williams



## In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

#### Active

Dean, William, LAPD, 5  
Fancy Anderson, Angela, Zoo, 27  
Hall Smith, Jeanette, Public Works, 35  
Martinez, Mike, Transportation, 26  
Perea, Robert, Rec and Parks, 9  
Scheen, Anthony, DWP, 31  
Sierra, Christina, Airports, 4

#### Retired

Arps, Joyce, City Clerk, 31  
Boccignone, James, DWP, 31  
Brown, Ronald Gene, Public Works, 30  
Butler Gamble, Lorna, Building and Safety, 20

Carl, Walter, Public Works, 10  
Clemons, Johnnie, Public Works, 31  
Clevenger, Fred, Public Works, 27  
Cook, Richard, DWP, 26  
Cummings, Robert, Public Works, 41  
Darwick, Joseph, DWP, 26  
De Los Reyes, Arsenio, General Services, 19  
Dent, Howard, Rec and Parks, 35  
Duddles, Madeline, LAPD, 20  
Fiorille, Thomas, DWP, 27  
Floyd, Clarence, Rec and Parks, 31  
Garcia, Alberto, Rec and Parks, 15  
Gates, Richard, DWP, 30

Gibbs, Milton, Public Works, 8  
Green, Henry, Airports, 29  
Harmon, Francis, Public Works, 34  
Hutchinson, W.H., DWP, 35  
Jackson, Waver, Transportation, 6  
Jones, William, Public Works, 25  
Kingsland, George, DWP, 9  
Knox, Erle, DWP, 33  
Kyle, Tommie, DWP, 23  
Lee Morgan, Michael, Harbor, 32  
Martinez, Gregorio Diaz, Rec and Parks, 22  
Matsushige, Chizuko, DWP, 32  
McVey, Leon, Public Works, 26

Mendoza, Francisco, Convention Center, 29  
Nakagawa, Edward, DWP, 34  
Newby, Robert, DWP, 25  
Paioni, Charles, Rec and Parks, 22  
Peek, Stanley, Transportation, 34  
Roberts, Paulette, DWP, 23  
Ruffin, Lewis, Public Works, 21  
Ryan, James, DWP, 10  
Sandorf, Mary, Rec and Parks, 7  
Turner, Roy, Transportation, 21  
Walters, Harry, DWP, 32  
Watts Jr. Alexander, DWP, 33  
Woods, Anderson, DWP, 23,



## 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)



## Quinceañera

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# Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy  
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



## Protect Your Family With Club Products

*Covering your family and dependents is important*

If you are anything like me when it comes to protecting your family, I would consider my child as my dependent for the rest of my life and try to protect her as long as I am able. In the eyes of the insurance carrier, depending on the coverage offered, different rules apply.

There are several insurance carriers and policies with the City Employees Club that allow City Employees to provide insurance coverage to your dependents.

First off, let's define "dependent" from the insurance carrier's viewpoint. Your dependent is your daughter, son, stepchild, adopted child, or eligible foster child up to the age of 19, or in some cases a permanently disabled adult descendant (as long as the permanent disability occurred as a child).

Senate Bill 220 (SB 220), which passed and came into effect in California as of Jan. 1, authorizes dependent children to be eligible for coverage under group life insurance

polices up to age 26 regardless of marital status or attending an educational institution full-time. This is comparable to those made for dependent children under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

The Club also provides other ancillary insurance plans that are not subject to the healthcare reform act. In these cases, the insurance carriers have their own standards to determine an eligible dependent.

For clarification of which carriers considers your child an eligible dependent, I've comprised a chart to serve as a guide. If you have a specific case you'd like to address, feel free to email me at [tsy@lacea.com](mailto:tsy@lacea.com) or call me at the Club Store, (213) 620-0388 ext. 202.

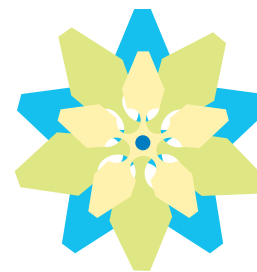
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# Share your moments!



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

## Weddings

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



Armando and Janelle Parra, March 17. Janelle works for the DWP.



Martha Lopez and Jeff Winkler, June 24 at the Laguna Village in Laguna Beach, exactly one year after they got engaged. Congratulations to the beautiful couple! Martha is an Account Manager at the DWP.



John Burnes and Dearbhla McNulty, July 7 in Dublin, Ireland. John is the editor of *Alive!*

## Births

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



Jayden Alyssa Cisneros, born May 18 to Jeremy and Toni Cisneros in Pasadena. Jayden is the granddaughter of Rito H. Cisneros, ITA/Communications, 27 years of City service.

## 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)



James Laurence Owen graduated *magna cum laude* from Cal Poly Pomona, with a degree in urban regional planning. He is the son of Retired parents Lourdes P. Owen, General Services/Asset Management, and Jeff Owen, DWP/Geology. "Outstanding work, James!"

## 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)

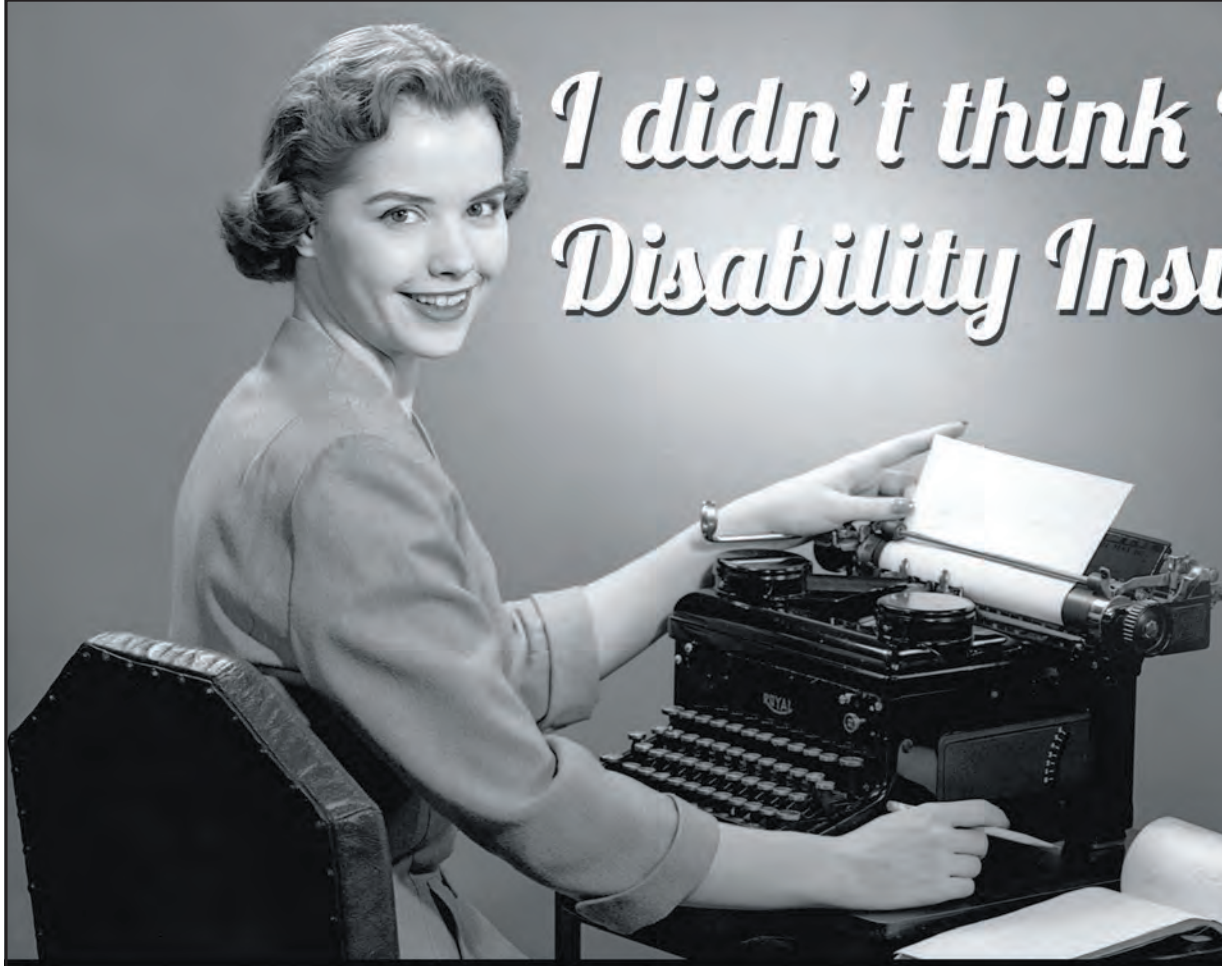


Henry Guder, 11, finished third in his age group on the five-meter platform during the USA Diving National Championships, held recently in Greensboro, N.C. He's the son of Karl Guder, General Services. "I'm so proud of him." Good going, Henry!



You know him as Chef Larios, the Sports Dude, and the Discount King... but you can add the Scholar Dude to that list. Congratulations go to our very own Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, for being accepted into the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, to earn his master's degree in business administration. The Ross School of Business was recently ranked number seven in the country.

Robert will be studying at Michigan's extended campus here in Los Angeles while continuing to provide Club Members with his usual flair and high level of service. Congratulations, Robert!



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# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## CAESAR SALAD

The Caesar salad is one of my favorite salads. It has such a robust and complex flavor unlike most other salads. The secret is in the dressing, of course. All of the ingredients can be purchased from the grocery store, but if you want the ultimate in flavor like Chef Caesar Cardini would have made it in Tijuana, Mexico in the 1920s, then make your own mayonnaise and seasoned bread cubes. But if you don't have a lot of time on your hands, then buying the ingredients is a great alternative.

Total preparation time should be about 30 to 45 minutes.



Chef Caesar Cardini

### Caesar Salad

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 head Romaine lettuce
- 2 teaspoons anchovy paste
- 1/2 cup bread cubes
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Fresh cracked black pepper and sea salt to taste
- 1/4 cup olive oil or canola oil
- 1/4 cup pepita seeds
- 1 boneless chicken breast

#### Cooking TIDBIT

*You may add sliced boiled egg to the salad as well.*

#### DIRECTIONS:



1

Season the chicken breast with black pepper and sea salt on both sides, then place on the grill at medium heat and cook until lightly browned on both sides. In a small bowl, mince garlic cloves and combine with mayonnaise, anchovies, one tablespoon of the Parmesan cheese, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Refrigerate until ready to use. Turn over the chicken breast to make sure it is cooked on both sides.



2

Remove chicken and let cool.



3

Place lettuce in a large bowl. Toss with dressing, remaining Parmesan cheese, chicken (cubed with knife) and seasoned bread cubes.

### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]



#### Caesar salad:

*A salad consisting of greens (classically, Romaine lettuce) tossed with a garlic vinaigrette dressing (made with Worcestershire and lemon juice), grated Parmesan cheese, croutons, a coddled egg and sometimes anchovies. It is said to have been created in 1924 by Italian chef Caesar Cardini, who owned a restaurant in Tijuana, Mexico.*



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### Food Quote

"He that sups upon salad, goes not to bed fasting."

– Thomas Fuller,  
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## SEEN Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford  
Club Application Coordinator

### CicLAvia

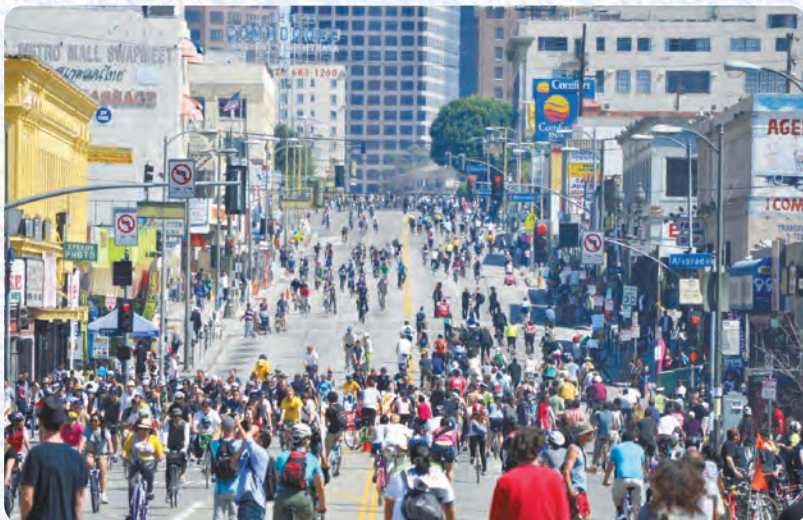
Over thirty years ago, in Bogata Colombia, a project was launched to give people a weekly break from the traffic and to allow them a chance to connect with communities throughout the city. In 2010, a similar project started here. CicLAvia is 10 miles of Los Angeles streets turned into a safe open space for walking, skating, jogging, and biking! It's a chance to connect with your city as never before.

My first experience with CicLAvia was in April of this year. There was just so much to see. Bikes of all shapes and sizes, from high seats to lowriders. I saw a lovely Victorian couple who were ever so proper. There were little ones on their tricycles, teens on ten speeds and groups

of friends laughing while they cruised down the street. There were bands and music in different places all thru the route and a large group of people began to jump rope in the middle of 7th street. It was a day made for play. For lunch, I snagged parking in front of City Hall and got a burger from one of the food trucks parked along the road. I biked up the 4th street bridge and watched the trains come and go. The food, music and company made this truly an experience to remember.

So tell your friends! The next CicLAvia will be on Sunday, October 7th from 10am to 3pm. I hope to see you there!

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	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Theatre Tickets</b>				
<b>AMC</b>				
Restricted Tickets	\$13.50	<b>\$6.25</b>	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$13.50	<b>\$7.75</b>	X	= \$
Small Popcorn	\$5.50	<b>\$3.25</b>	X	= \$
Small Drink	\$4.50	<b>\$3.25</b>	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$35.00	<b>\$24.50</b>	X	= \$
<i>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</i>				
<b>California Science Center IMAX</b>				
Adult	\$ 8.25	<b>\$6.00</b>	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$5.00	<b>\$4.50</b>	X	= \$
<b>Cinemark Theatres</b>				
Good Any Time	\$10.75	<b>\$7.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Harkins Movie Theatres</b>				
Restricted	\$10.00	<b>\$6.25</b>	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$10.00	<b>\$7.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.00	<b>\$7.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.00	<b>\$6.25</b>	X	= \$
<b>Landmark Theatres</b>				
Good Any Time	<b>New</b> \$5.50	<b>\$8.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D.</i>				
<b>Pacific Theatres</b>				
Restricted	\$12.50	<b>\$6.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight.</i>				
Gift Book	\$40.00	<b>\$27.75</b>	X	= \$
<i>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 medium popcorn.</i>				
<b>Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18"</b>				
Restricted Formerly "The Bridge"	\$14.00	<b>\$6.25</b>	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$14.00	<b>\$7.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists</b>				
Restricted	\$12.50	<b>\$6.75</b>	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$12.50	<b>\$7.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Regency Theatres – Good Any Time</b>				
	\$11.50	<b>\$7.25</b>	X	= \$
<b>UltraStar Cinemas</b>				
Good Any Time	\$10.00	<b>\$6.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</i>				
<b>Attraction Tickets</b>				
<b>Adventure City</b>				
Adult/Child	\$14.95	<b>\$10.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Angels of Anaheim</b>				
Tickets	\$48.00	<b>\$34.00</b>	X	= \$
<i>Limited games still available. Please visit <a href="http://www.cityemployeesclub.com">www.cityemployeesclub.com</a> for more info.</i>				
<b>Aquarium of the Pacific</b>				
Adult	\$24.95	<b>\$17.25</b>	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	<b>\$10.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 11/30/2012.</i>				
<b>Boomer's Family Fun Centers</b>				
All Day Pass	\$24.99	<b>\$16.25</b>	X	= \$
<b>Catalina</b>				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$72.50	<b>\$60.75</b>	X	= \$
	Child \$57.00	<b>\$51.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Not valid 5/26-28, 7/3-5, 9/1-3.</i>				
<b>Cleopatra at the California Science Center</b>				
Adult	\$15.00	<b>\$15.00</b>	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$12.75	<b>\$12.75</b>	X	= \$
<i>Child ticket not discounted, must redeem at the box office for timed ticket.</i>				
<b>Davey's Locker</b>				
Whale Watching	Adult \$30.00	<b>\$21.00</b>	X	= \$
	Child \$25.00	<b>\$17.00</b>	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$40.00	<b>\$30.25</b>	X	= \$
	Child \$29.00	<b>\$25.75</b>	X	= \$
Sportfishing – Full Day	Adult \$69.00	<b>\$56.25</b>	X	= \$
	Child \$55.00	<b>\$47.75</b>	X	= \$
<b>Disneyland/California Adventure</b>				
1-Day 1-Park	Adult \$87.00	<b>\$83.75</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$81.00	<b>\$78.00</b>	X	= \$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$125.00	<b>\$114.50</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$119.00	<b>\$109.25</b>	X	= \$
2-Day 1-Park	Adult \$170.00	<b>\$158.50</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$158.00	<b>\$147.25</b>	X	= \$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$200.00	<b>\$180.25</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$188.00	<b>\$169.50</b>	X	= \$
SoCal Select Annual Passport	\$269.00	<b>\$255.75</b>	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 170 days.</i>				
SoCal Annual Passport	\$329.00	<b>\$312.75</b>	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 215 days.</i>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$469.00	<b>\$445.75</b>	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 315 days.</i>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$649.00	<b>\$616.75</b>	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. No blackout dates.</i>				
<b>Golf N' Stuff</b>				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	<b>\$16.25</b>	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	<b>\$15.25</b>	X	= \$
<b>Hurricane Harbor</b>				
General Admission	\$36.99	<b>\$23.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Good for the 2012 season.</i>				
<b>K1 Speed Racing</b>				
Admit one	\$25.95	<b>\$15.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</i>				
<b>Knott's Berry Farm</b>				
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$57.99	<b>\$31.25</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$28.99	<b>\$22.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
Halloween Haunt – Available Mid-September. <i>Check website for details</i>				
<b>Knott's Soak City</b>				
Adult	\$33.99	<b>\$24.25</b>	X	= \$
Child (3-11) and Senior (62+)	\$23.99	<b>\$20.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Good for the 2012 season.</i>				
<b>LA County Fair: August 31–Sept 30th, Wed-Sun</b>				
Adult	\$12.00	<b>\$10.00</b>	X	= \$
Child (6-12)	\$7.00	<b>\$6.00</b>	X	= \$
<b>LA Zoo</b>				
Adult	\$16.00	<b>\$11.25</b>	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$11.00	<b>\$8.25</b>	X	= \$
<b>Legoland</b>				
Adult	\$75.00	<b>\$55.25</b>	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$65.00	<b>\$55.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.</i>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$95.00	<b>\$65.25</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$85.00	<b>\$65.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
Annual Pass	Adult \$179.00	<b>\$169.50</b>	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$149.00	<b>\$139.50</b>	X	= \$
<i>Available online through our website only. Pass must be activated within 90 days of purchase. Expiration 1-year from activation.</i>				
<b>Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction</b>				
Adult	\$25.00	<b>\$12.25</b>	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	<b>\$10.25</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				

Only available online through our website as e-tickets

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
<b>Attraction Tickets, continued</b>					
<b>Magic Mountain</b>					
General Admission (3 and up)	\$61.99	<b>\$31.99</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Expires 9/30/2012.</i>					
<b>Medieval Times</b>					
Adult	\$57.95	<b>\$43.75</b>	X	= \$	
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	<b>\$31.75</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Not valid 12/31/2012.</i>					
<b>Mulligan's Family Fun Center</b>					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	<b>\$16.75</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>					
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	<b>\$10.25</b>	X	= \$	
<b>Pirates Dinner Adventure</b>					
Adult	\$56.95	<b>\$32.25</b>	X	= \$	
Child	\$37.95	<b>\$27.75</b>	X	= \$	
<b>Queen Mary</b>					
Adult	\$24.95	<b>\$20.25</b>	X	= \$	
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	<b>\$10.50</b>	X	= \$	
<b>Raging Waters</b>					
General Admission	\$36.99	<b>\$24.25</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Good for the 2012 season.</i>					
<b>San Diego Safari Park</b>					
Adult	\$42.00	<b>\$34.25</b>	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	<b>\$26.00</b>	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	<b>\$57.25</b>	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	<b>\$42.25</b>	X	= \$	
<b>San Diego Zoo</b>					
Adult	\$42.00	<b>\$34.25</b>	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	<b>\$26.00</b>	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	<b>\$57.25</b>	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	<b>\$42.25</b>	X	= \$	
<b>Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park</b>					
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	<b>\$13.00</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Expires 9/30/2012.</i>					
<b>Sea World San Diego</b>					
1-Day	Adult \$73.00	<b>\$48.25</b>	X	= \$	
	Child (3-9) \$65.00	<b>\$48.25</b>	X	= \$	
<b>Speedzone</b>					
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	<b>\$25.25</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf. Expires 1/25/2013.</i>					
<b>Splash Kingdom at Pharaoh's</b>					
Adult	\$29.99	<b>\$20.25</b>	X	= \$	
Child (under 48")	\$16.99	<b>\$15.25</b>	X	= \$	
<i>Good for the 2012 season.</i>					
<b>Universal Studios</b>					
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!					
	Adult/Child (under 48")	\$77.00	<b>\$69.00</b>	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>					

## Gift Certificates

<b>See's Candies</b>				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.90	<b>\$12.75</b>	X	= \$

## Shipping & Handling

<b>Tax</b> (only applicable to all merchandise, not on tickets)	X	8.75%	= \$
<b>Tickets: First Class Mail w/ Delivery Confirmation</b>	\$2.99	x	1 = \$
<b>Tickets: Certified Mail (requires a Signature upon Delivery)</b>	\$4.99	x	1 = \$
<b>Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)</b>	\$7.00	x	1 = \$
<b>Hats, Watches, Clothing, etc. (all merchandise)</b>	\$7.50	(any quantity)	= \$

<b>SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$</b>
<b>Merchandise</b>	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ITEM:	= \$				
ITEM:	= \$				
ITEM:	= \$				
ITEM:	= \$				
ITEM:	= \$				
<b>TOTAL (please include shipping)</b>					<b>\$</b>

*\*\*Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.*

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Member's name		
Home Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone		Work Phone
Club Member Number		

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
- All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- **Maximum 12 tickets per event/theatre/attraction per order.**
- Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.

# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Sept. 2012



## Softball in Mid-Season Form

The Club's summer 2012 softball season is well under way! Photos by the Sports Dude



**DROP BY AND CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE CITY EMPLOYEES!**

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**Enforcers**  
**Guzzlers**  
**Slammers**  
**Warriors**  
**Sluggers**  
**Dot-Gers**  
**Transformers**  
**I'd Hit It**  
**Hitmen**  
**Blue Dragons**  
**LAX Jets**

Softball games are played at 7:30 and 9 p.m. every Wednesday at the following locations:

- Yosemite Recreation Center**  
1840 Yosemite Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90041
- Shatto Recreation Center**  
3191 Fourth St., Los Angeles, CA 90020
- Downey Recreation Center**  
1772 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90031

### Running and Fitness Club

All events are closed for Club Sponsorships this year. Please look in the next edition of the newspaper to see events for 2013.

### Sign Up Mondays!

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

- Club Soccer League
- Club Basketball League
- Club Softball League
- Running Club

**Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude**



## Chinatown Firecracker Race Discount!

The Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker 5K, 10K, and bike ride is offering a discount to all Club Members. The bike ride is planned for Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. The 5K and 10K races are set for Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013.

Club Members get a \$5 registration discount if they register by Jan. 19, 2013. Normal registration during this period will be \$35. Enter discount code of "CITY" when registering at [www.firecracker10k.org](http://www.firecracker10k.org)

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