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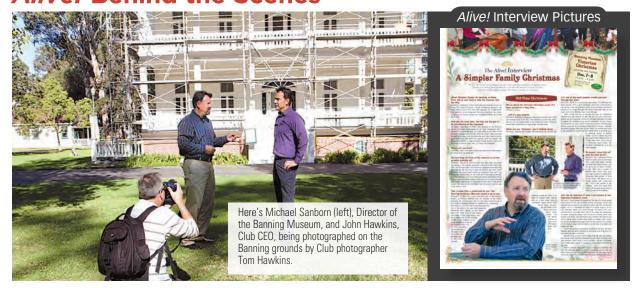
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A Message From the CEO

Going Back, **Slowing Down**

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

Been to an awesome Christmas party lately? We've got one for you — a different kind of Christmas party.

Since you're reading this probably in the beginning of December, when Alive! hits the streets and tablets, your holiday social calendar might not have filled up yet. Mark this one down: the Victorian Christmas event at the Banning Residence Museum, a City facility.

I've been around the City most of my life, and I don't know of another Christmas party that focuses on the Victorian era, when lots of the things we think of as being Christmas actually began. You can read plenty about Christmas in the Victorian era. You can even read A Christmas Carol, or see any of the few hundred (it seems) adaptations on TV and the movies. But where else can you live it?

In my interview with Michael Sanborn, Director of the Banning Museum, he mentioned family — the Banning Victorian Christmas event is a quieter, more family kind of event, and maybe even slower. Boy that sounds good. The Christmas season seems to get busier and more frenetic each year. But the Victorian Christmas event is a way around that - low-tech, a little slower, and maybe more meaningful. So give it a thought.

If you're interested at all in how we put the paper together, there's another interesting aspect of time as it relates to this event. Well, interesting to me as one of Alive!'s managing editors! Here's the scoop — we've wanted to place the Victorian Christmas party at Banning on our cover for several years, and have been in contact with Melanie Streitfeld, Banning's marketing rep, to try to make it happen. But the event usually lands on the first few days of December. Meaning: It wouldn't



Banning Director Michael Sanborn (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins on the Banning Museum grounds.

give enough lead time for Alive! readers to read all about it in these pages, and still have time to attend. But the calendar worked for us this year. Because Thanksgiving was so late, the Victorian Christmas event was pushed to Dec. 7-8. That gave us the time we needed to get the paper to our readers, so you still would have a few days to make arrangements to head down to the Banning Museum. We're happy we were finally able to make it happen in Alive!

Another thing I really look forward to this time of year is attending the retiree holiday parties, if I can make them, whether it's the RLACEI party with Ed Harding, Hal Danowitz, Mary Beetz and the whole RLACEI gang; the LARFPA party with Lee Kebler; or the DWP Retirees party with **Dolores and Vince Foley**. That reminds me - I've noticed over the last few months that the list of retirees in our paper has started to grow again. After the budget crunch and the early retirement offers a few years ago, the list had grown smaller. But it's creeping back up again. I want to encourage all the recent retirees to join the appropriate retiree association. They're fun, they're social, and they provide good information on pensions, healthcare, and other important topics. If you're retired, why not get involved and stay connected?

In other holiday news... Of course Mariana Guevara at the Club Store brought back the great Club deals on See's Candy and Honeybaked Hams. We know what Club Members like, and we work hard to get you a great deal on these two perennials. But I also have to love the Club Store's newest addition — the prepackaged ticket bundles. Whoa, great idea! I can stop by and get my wife, Kelley Hawkins, and the kids tickets to their favorite movie houses, for a set price, and I don't even have to wrap it. What could be more awesome! Again, the Club Store does all the work, and all you have to do as a Club Member is take advantage.

Speaking of my family: From the Hawkins family and everyone here at the Club, we wish you a joyful Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Please spend slow, quiet quality time with your loved ones. It's the greatest gift you can give them.

Until next year!



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– Ed.

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- Kiley Grosso, July 2013

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- Hideko Anzai, July 2013

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- Kathleen De Widt, July 2013

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Ann's At It Again



 \mathbf{M}^{y} wife, Ann, likes to purchase those cheap movie tickets on the user-friendly LA City Employees Club Website. Last week she purchased amusement park tickets so we could visit

We loved Disneyland's Halloween celebration. Go Club LA! You make us feel Alive!

- Ken Kochakji, Transportation, Retired

Hi Ken and Ann, we're glad to see you're using one of the Club's most popular offerings - the excellent and easy-to-use Club Website for your ticket purchases. And the more you use it, the more valuable Club Membership is. Keep up the good work, let us know how things are going... and thanks for sending in your photos! - Editor

Good Times at Medieval Times For Jerry and His Cheering Family

Our family and friends had one of the best times together at the Club's Private Party at Medieval Times. We were all smiles and had nothing but festive thoughts throughout the afternoon. It feels so much like a sporting event with the fans cheering for their knights. I lost my voice yelling for the Green Knight - who ended up winning the battles, by the way. My eight-year-old son, Jimmy was fired up and waved his flag throughout the show. And who can forget Dragon Soup! A great time and we thank you, Club!

- Jerry Jimenez, Rec and Parks

Club Sports Champions Game Is Festive, the Best One Ever

My family and I were at the Club Softball League Championship game. What a turnout! There were two umpires handling the game; there was a food truck with delicious lobster dishes; the Sports Dude, Robert Larios, was throwing shirts and hats into the stands to get the fans to cheer; the Commish, Lady Smith, set up audio and music introductions for the players; and there was a photographer from Alive! taking photos. Oh, and I have to mention that there were kids with signs promoting the teams. The Jets prevailed and beat the Enforcers in a hard-fought game. We loved being there, and it was the best one we have been to and I can say that because I have been to all them since the Sports Dude started it in 2009.

- Tim Jones, General Services

I want to thank the Club, the Sports Dude Robert Larios and Softball Commissioner Lady Smith for making this a wonderful softball season for all of us that played. It was definitely fun and a good break from the stresses of the day at work. It seemed like we all anticipated playing each week, and it was the buzz around the water cooler. The memories of the season won't be forgotten, and I wish to thank you all and I look forward to getting back on the field next year.

- Lisa Gomez, LAPD

Maria Waits All Year for **Club Holiday Candy Deals**

The See's Candies Certificate sale is the one sale I look forward to taking advantage of. The price is incredible! For a family of chocolate lovers, the savings helps. I also heard you have Honeybaked Ham gift cards? And they are discounted? Man, it really pays to be a Club Member. I can't wait to see what other discounts and sales you will showcase next!

- Maria Sandoval, LAFD

Plumbing Instructor Laura Is

I wanted to let you all know what a great City Employees.

- Richard Kendall, Retired

Role Model for City Employees

story you did on Laura Biggie [October]. What a great story on her as a plumber for the City of Los Angeles. Her accomplishments are outstanding, and I think it will begin to change the mindset of our culture as young girls may start thinking that a career in plumbing or similar trade is "cool." Laura is a great role model for kids and a fine representative for

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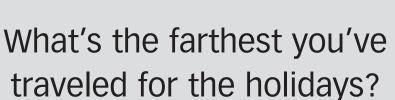
last month's Alive!, in the event infobox on page 34, we published the wrong days for celebration of Victorian Christmas at Banning Residence Museum. The event takes place on Saturday and Sunday. The dates, Dec. 7-8, are correct.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE..

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OF THE MONTH

as collected from around the City by your friendly club counselors





"El Salvador."

Jean Giraldo-Castro, Zoo, 8 months of City service



"Zero miles; it's usually at my house.'

- Simone McDade, LACERS, 29 years of City service



"1,500 miles to Idaho.'

– John Hawkins,



"Durham, N.C., to see my twin brother, Daniel.

- David Tulanian, LAPD, 27 years of City service



"Buffalo, N.Y."

- John Moody, Transportation, 9 years of City service



"Almost 2.000 miles, to Des Moines, Iowa, this year."

– Megan Evanich, Club Store Customer Service Associate



"From Bosnia to L.A."

– Brian Hospodar, LAPD, 33 years of City service



"Alabama."

- Ida Brawell, Transportation. 27 years of City service



"Montebello."

- Richard Corralez. Transportation, 14 years



"Palmdale."

– Thomas Gudino, Public Works, 14 years of City service

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Agencies reps are appearing at the

Club Store every other Thursday:







Xavier Rodriguez





Condors on the Mend

LA Zoo treats record high 21 California condors for lead toxicity in October.

he Gottlieb Animal Health and Conservation The Gottiled Allinia Fleding and Botanical Center at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens bustled in October with the admittance of 21 California condors, a record high brought in by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for lead treatment.

"We're extremely alarmed at the high number of condors coming in during this hunting season," said Dr. Curtis Eng, Chief Veterinarian and Manager, California Condor Program at the Los Angeles Zoo. "Normally when the birds are brought in they appear perfectly healthy, and when we test their blood we find high levels of lead. As a result, they need treatment. In addition to the high number of birds, what is even more alarming lately is a few of the birds brought in this time have been sickened by the lead, which is unusual. These birds have been coming in at a low body weight, not eating at all, and showing signs of crop stasis, when the

stomach stops moving food. That's scary to see so many clinically sick birds."

Due to the risk of lead exposure to California condors being so great, the wildlife biologists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service trap these endangered birds twice a vear for routine lead blood testing, typically once in June and once at the end of the hunting season in November or December. If positive, typically the birds are brought in to the Zoo by the wildlife biologists for intensive treatment. The Los Angeles Zoo oversees the medical treatment for all of the condors in the state of California. Upon arrival, the birds receive a thorough physical examination, radiographs to determine if any metal particles are within the bird, blood drawn to assess organ function of the animal, and then the animal is treated for lead toxicity. Most birds respond quickly to the treatment, being released within 3 weeks.

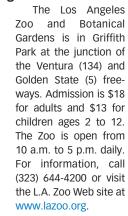
Some take much longer, but overall the prognosis is very good when they do not show signs of illness.

On Oct. 11, Gov. Jerry Brown signed historic legislation into law that makes California the first state to require hunters to use non-lead ammunition, to be phased in by 2019. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service believe this to be a step in the right direction toward preserving these rare and beautiful birds.

In the meantime, the Los Angeles Zoo will continue its support of the California Condor Recovery Program, a conservation group. The Zoo and the California Condor Recovery Program have been working

together since the 1980s.

About the Los Angeles Zoo





California condors.

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for the holidays

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LAFACE

Help the Typhoon Victims

Filipino Employees **Association** asks for your help in assisting **Philippines**

he Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) is asking Club Members to help support relief efforts in response to Typhoon Haiyan, reportedly the largest typhoon ever to hit land. Winds of up to 195 miles per hour and gusting to 225 mph, hit the Filipino island of Leyte, Nov. 7. At press time, the typhoon is estimated to have killed more than 1,800 and displaced hundreds of thousands. Most of those who survived are living in dire circumstances. The number of dead is expected to rise substantially.

Those wishing to assist the relief efforts may visit these relief organizations recommended by LAFACE:

Filipino Red Cross:

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ere come the refund checks... to your mailbox! The Board of Directors has approved a Club Life Insurance

refund of approximately \$150,000 to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club continues its tradition of rewarding Club Life Insurance policyholders with a return of unused premiums (total premiums collected less paid claims and expenses). The 2013 refund will be the Club's 82nd refund in the Club's 85 years of existence

The refund checks will be distributed via the U.S Mail. The checks will be mailed in late December.

"The Club's life insurance refund check is a reward for healthy living," says Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer, "And we're delighted to return these monies to those eligible.

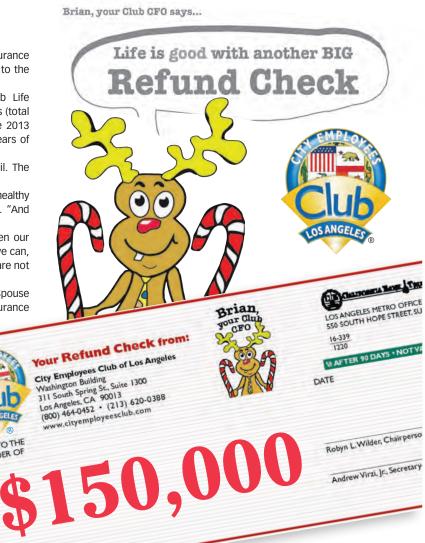
"The Club Life Insurance is all about being there when our Members are in need. That's our first priority. And when we can, we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed. We've returned funds in 82 of our 85 years.'

Who is eligible for the refund? Anyone who had Life, Spouse Life, Dependent Life, Retiree Life or Retiree Spouse Life Insurance in force for July 2013 is eligible for a refund.

The actual amount Members receive is determined as a percentage of the total premiums paid by an individual for the period of August 2012 through July 2013. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2013, are not eligible for any refund.

Do you want to be eligible for next year's refund (if any)? It's simple. Purchase any Life product from the Club, and you could be eligible for next year. Insure your family's future and receive a little reward each year for living!

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



Holiday Happenings





Be a Holiday Angel

This Christmas, help Club Angels bring goods to those in need.

hristmas is the time of giving. Remember those all around us in need by giving to Club

Club Angels is the Club's umbrella organization that supports the Club's charitable outreach and includes the Buckets and Blankets program, the Club Holiday Toy Drive, the Joanie Mukai Club Scholarships, and other initiatives.

John Hawkins, Club Angels board member, said: "A bucket of personal goods and a blanket during the cold months, or a toy to a child who has very little, can make a huge difference to those living on the streets this Christmas. We all can make a difference."



Thank you for helping us help the homeless!

Club Angels

Yes! I want to help those in need. Count me in.

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The Club

Club **Holiday Schedule**

Club Members: The Club Store will be closed all day Dec. 24 and 25, and all day Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, to celebrate the holidays. Happy Holidays from the Club!



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Rec and Parks

Civil War Christmas

Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.

he community is invited to welcome the holiday season by traveling back in time at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 14th annual "A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 - 8. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horsedrawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

Drum Barracks Museum is a Rec and Parks facility.

A Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 7-8

Regular hours Tuesday – Thursday, and Saturday - Sunday Closed Christmas Day.

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

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington

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



Holiday Happenings

Rec and Parks

Great Skate

Rec and Parks-sponsored skating venue now open!

n LA tradition and favorite holiday destination, Downtown on Ice is now open. The community rink boasts a medley of free events, including a winter concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival Dec. 14, championship skating exhibitions, broomball games, and more.

Celebrating its 16th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, the facility is open every day (including holidays) through Jan. 20. Framed by towering skyscrapers and stun-

ning historical landmarks, the spacious rink has become a popular holiday destination for families, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks and Councilman José Huizar.

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. An alliance with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing their transit receipt/pass. Montebello Bus lines also features a \$1 dis-

count coupon available on buses. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.



Downtown On Ice

When: Through Jan. 20

Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across

from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel

Hours: Now through Dec. 20:

Monday – Thursday: 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday – Sunday: 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 – 30 Daily: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Dec. 24: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Dec. 25, Dec. 31 - Jan. 1: 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Jan. 2 – Jan. 20:

Monday - Thursday: 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. laparks.org/pershingsquare/ or call (213) 847-4970.

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Lodge, a historic building. The lodge was originally built so automobile

travelers would have a place to stop in

shop and tourist center inside; in 1981

Historic Places.

(Benson Bridge).

it was listed on the National Register of

is nice and easy, and then you will find

yourself walking on the Benson Bridge.

Simon Benson, one of the original build-

ers of the old highway, built the bridge

in 1914. (Be Alive! trivia: The bridge

is probably the most photographed

piece of architecture in Oregon.) If

you are traveling with someone in a

wheelchair, you can go up to this point

Continuing up the trail, you will

While walking up the trail you will see

the Columbia River and the awesome views. Once you get to the top, about

an hour later, there will be a balcony-

ascend up the trail going up a lot of

switchbacks, at least 10 or more.

Getting back to the trail, the first part

the 1920s. The lodge has a restaurant, gift

A closeup of Multnomah Falls.

moment here because, guess what? You will have to walk all the way back down to the lodge, the second hike of your day. By the time you reach the bottom you will have walked at least 2.6 miles.

I really liked this trail; it was challenging at times, but hey, we were out to get some much-needed exercise and of course enjoy the great outdoors.

If you are ever visiting Oregon, you need to visit this trail and the lodge. I wish we had more trails like this one in California. Every time I think about Oregon and Washington, I realize how much I miss all the trees and wonderful landscapes right outside any window in both states. If you visit these two states, please take a day to drive along the Columbia River and stop by any of the trails. You will be amazed at all the beauty 360 degrees

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

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

Multnomah Falls

5000 E. Historic Columbia River Highway Bridal Veil, OR 97101

Distance: about 2.6 miles round trip **Elevation gain: 700 feet**

Difficulty rating: Moderate to strenuous, with lots of switchbacks

Hike time: about two hours

Trail condition: some paved areas and a dirt trail

Hours: 8 a.m. to dusk Parking: Day pass, \$10

Directions: I-5 North to I-84 East, then take exit 28 toward Bridal Veil Road. Continue onto E. Historic Columbia River Highway. This trip is about 1,000 miles from Los Angeles.



Aden and Angel Jr. in front of the Multnomah Falls sign.



Kathy and I at Multnomah Falls



Our Palm Tree

Pictured here is what is thought to be the oldest living palm tree in Los Angeles. Originally believed to have been transplanted from believed to have been transplanted from an oasis sometime in the early 19th century, it was placed in front of Southern Pacific's Arcade Station in 1888 and remained there until 1914. After that, it was moved to the front of Exposition Park where it still stands to this day.

This tree is located at the entrance of Exposition Park on South Figueroa Street.

The plaque before it reads:

"This historic palm tree stood for more than twenty-five years at the entrance of the Southern Pacific Station. At this railroad portal of the city it became a familiar landmark to many thousands of Los Angeles and Southern California citizens and visitors from elsewhere, and was a mute witness to the growth of Los Angeles from a community of Pueblo days to a great world metropolis of today. When construction of a new Southern Pacific Station necessitated removal, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Examiner it was presented to the city of Los Angeles by the Southern Pacific company. On September 5, 1914, it was placed here, where it and its sentimental associations will be permanently preserved."



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December 10: 4:30 - 5:30 PM FREE!

Sunset Walk

Enjoy a free hosted walk and talk, starting at the Observatory west terrace, continuing up to Berlin Forest, then returning. The walk is led by a Park Ranger from Rec and Parks and a museum guide from the Observatory.

Information:

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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Mary Beetz, call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 711.

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 DWP events: (626) 445-7376 (Dolores Foley) LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m. to noon. **Dec. 3:** Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Drive

Dec. 5: RLACEI holiday party, noon. Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles

Dec. 8: LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sportsman's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Studio City

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health

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Dolores Foley, President Phone: (626) 445-7376 E-mail: vincedolores@gmail.com www.dwpretirees.org

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Bill Quinn, President Phone: (323) 283-4441 Fax: (626) 285-1461 9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4, Temple City, CA 91780 www.larfpa.org

Pensions and Parties Are Topics as Holidays Near



Ed Harding

Thope everyone had a happy

By Ed Harding,

RLACEI President

Thanksgiving. Christmas seems to come faster every year. As I write this, I'm looking forward to our holiday party, with all that great food from Stone Fire Grill. Some of our Directors

Enrollment meetings. I wish to thank Mary Beetz and Phil Orland for attending Ontario, Los Angeles and San Pedro. Phil also attended the one in Las Vegas. Both say that attendance in these four areas was at least 150 to 200

I also wish to thank all of

attended all of LACERS' Open my Directors for re-electing me President again for the 19th year. It has been a very enjoyable 18 years for me. It also has been a very busy year, but I loved it! I would like to celebrate 20 years if they will let me, then someone else can have it. If not, I am still available.

RLACEI

Merry Christmas.

LACERS Reports Strong Investment Returns



Wilkinson

Michael R.

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

ACERS' Chief Investment LOfficer Rod June reported that the system's investments returned nearly 15 percent for the one year ending Sept. 30. This figure far exceeds the assumed rate of investment return set by the Board of 7.75 percent, but we should not expect this high return to continue.

This might be a good time to look at how actuaries help LACERS make sure the money will be there to fund the retirements of retirees, active employees and beneficiaries far into the future. While the higher math of how the actuaries work out the projections is beyond most

of us, the overview is relatively simple. The pension payments and administrative expenses of managing the pension plan must equal the sum of the employee contributions, the City contributions and the investment returns.

The actuary helps the plan come up with an estimate of how much the plan expects the investments to grow on a yearly basis to set the assumed rate of investment return. Although no one knows for sure what the actual investment return number will be in the future, setting a realistic number is important so that enough money will be set aside to fund the pensions. If the number is set too high, there is a serious risk that not enough money would be set aside in contributions and the City could be blindsided with a big bill later

to cover the required contributions when investments returns are low in a down market.

The key to using the planning of an actuary is to smooth out the ups and downs of the investment cycle. The costs of a pension plan are much easier to forecast than the investment returns. Without the use of the planning of an actuary, there would be a temptation to think that all was well in the good years and not properly budget and save for the down market years.

LACERS has done a good job of budgeting and putting money aside for both pension and healthcare costs. This is one of the reasons that Pew Center ranked LACERS number one among large cities in a recent survey for its percentage funding of retiree health care.

The Pension Reform Act of 2014



Legislative Report: **Pension Law and Policy By Michael Karsch**

The mayor of San Jose, Chicken Reed, has filed an initiative The mayor of San Jose, Chuck with the Secretary of State and requested the Attorney General to prepare a title and summary of the proposal. Once the AG's title and summary is provided, the advocates will have 150 days to collect signatures to qualify for the state ballot. Reed is joined by the mayors of four other California cities: Santa Ana's Miguel Pulido, Anaheim's Tom Tait, San Bernardino's Pat Morris, and Pacific Grove's Bill Kampe. The various required time periods would likely place the initiative on the November 2014 general ballot if the requisite number of signatures (807,615) is obtained.

Piecing together summa-

Jose Mercury News, Bloomberg News, and the Sacramento Bee, the following can be said of the proposal: It "would eliminate a 'vested rights' doctrine established through a series of court rulings that effectively prevents California governments from ever reducing their workers' pensions over their career, protections not afforded private employer retirement plans" (Mercury News). The Sacramento Bee describes it as giving local governments the "authority to lower current employees' pension and retiree health benefits prospectively." The initiative seeks to make government pensions changeable, as in changing the rate at which a worker accrues future benefits, per Bloomberg's analysis. To wit, Reed's City of San Jose was facing such a budget crunch that he promoted a local ballot measure in June 2012 that authorized the

ries of the initiative by the San City to require employees to pay up to 16 percent more of their salary towards their pension. Alternatively, the local measure gave the option to an employee to remain at whatever he or she was paying for the pension, but that henceforth that employee would receive a lower benefit in the pension for the remaining career of that person. The employee could make the higher contribution to continue to receive the original defined benefit pension. The local measure was approved by 70 percent of the voters. It is, however, being challenged by the unions. The mayor decided he would now have to seek changes to the State Constitution to make the June 2012 local vote binding on that

The initiative would add Section 12 to Article VII of the

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The Pension Reform Act of 2014 By Michael Karsch

nothing could "affect a pension or retiree healthcare benefits earned and accrued for work already performed by employees or retirees." The key here is that an employee in mid-career has earned whatever he has accrued in pension rights and healthcare, but subsequently a city's

State Constitution providing that decision makers could reduce those benefits for future time served. Another provision, Section 12(i)(1) (ii), would allow a city or county to reduce the rate of cost of living adjustments for pension or retiree healthcare benefits to be earned in the future. Thus, an employee could retire with assurance that

his/her benefits earned prior to a decision to reduce benefits would still accrue to him/her. The total pension benefit would, however, reflect the change(s) that the city or county would make if this initiative is approved.

continued

This measure will be hotly contested by public labor unions.

LACERS



RLACEI Publicity Chair

By Mary Beetz,

LACERS Update

Year two of LACERS Well draws to a close with free classes for December 2013

The LACERS Well, Find Your Balance wellness campaign for 2013 is coming to a close, marked by the conclusion of two unique wellness opportunities for retirees:

• Zumba is the last free fitness class to be offered in December as part of the Anthem Blue Crosssponsored LACERS in Motion program. Zumba classes will be offered at two Los Angeles County locations, as well as at one location in Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. We encourage all interested LACERS retirees to support this fun, unique, and free program created especially for you by attending these sessions, regardless of your current fitness level.* For further details about the classes and the locations nearest to you, please visit the LACERS Well webpage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell. Space is limited and registration is required. To register and for more information on LACERS in

Motion fitness classes scheduled for December 2013, visit the LACERS Well webpage or call LACERS at (800)779-8328. *Please consult with your physician before starting this or any other exercise program.

• Stress Less is a webinar, and the sixth and last in a series of health education classes for LACERS retirees, sponsored by Healthworks by Kaiser Permanente. The Stress Less webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. - noon, Pacific Time.

LACERS in Motion Graduation

LACERS will celebrate those LACERS retirees who attended these classes by holding a LACERS in Motion Graduation Celebration on Thursday December 19, 2014. LACERS will contact all LACERS retirees who signed in at individual locations between August and December with further details about the graduation celebration in the near future. Stay tuned for news about the new LACERS Well 2014 wellness campaign, currently under development for LACERS retirees.

1099-R forms for 2013

LACERS will mail Retired Members their IRS Form 1099-R (Distribution from Pensions,

Annuities, Retirement, etc.) by the end of January 2014. If there is a dollar amount in "Box 5" of your 1099-R, this amount equals your pension contributions that were made on a post-tax basis, which is excluded from your taxable income for tax year 2013. Members who do not receive their 1099-Rs by February 15 should contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328. Please note: Regenerating a 1099-R may require a few working days to process. Also, retirees who recently moved may print out a Change of Address Request form to fill in and return to LACERS by visiting LACERS online at www.LACERS. org/retired, or they may request a form to update their address information by calling LACERS at

any new deductions reflecting the 2014 LACERS health plan choices that were made during the recent LACERS annual Open Enrollment period will appear on the December 2013 monthly allowance statement.

(800) 779-8328. 2014 Health Plan deductions appear on December 2013 allowance Just a friendly reminder that

RLACEI: The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers event is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

ARFPA: For Retired Fire and Police, your Christmas party is ■ scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8, at Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Contact LARFPA for more info.

RETIREES HOLIDAY PARTIES IN DECEMBER

Life After Retiremen

As a Reminder:

If you have news about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.

If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

Note: Due to our confidentiality policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.

Mail information to:

Mary Beetz at 137 Westmont Drive. Alhambra, CA, 91801 mbeetz4841@aol.com

Changes in Healthcare Could Affect Premiums



Lee Kehler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

s we always do at the end of the to the New Year to see what our future is going to bring. There are a lot of issues out there that could have an effect on our future; i.e. pension and healthcare reforms and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as the requirements start to take effect.

The first pension issue in 2014 will be the Pension Reform Act of 2014. The mayors of five cities have joined forces to place this initiative on the ballot for the November election. They have private financing to pay workers to get voter's signatures for the initiative. This initiative is a State Constitution amendment will allow the administrative bodies of government subdivisions to modify existing contracts for current employees so that their vested

rights will be frozen as of that date, and future pension and healthcare benefits will start at the date of the modified contract. This initiative should not affect retiree benefits, but if it passes it would be a foot in the door for future initiatives to try and amend pension and healthcare benefits. There will be more proposals by reformers or legislators to challenge retiree benefits.

There is so much controversy going on about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that the insurance consultants used by both the Fire and Police Relief Associations are waiting for information before making any predictions about future premium increases and benefits. The ACA has 14 new taxes that may not directly affect the individual member and 11 new taxes or fees that could directly affect the individual member. Most of the insurance plans that our members purchased are considered Cadillac plans and will be subjected to a 40 percent tax increase. The good news is that tax won't take effect until 2018.

On Jan. 1. our insurance providers will begin to pay \$1 per month for each member of the insurance plan to help fund the ACA. I don't know how long this fee will be imposed on the insurance companies, and it could be increased. It is just one of the many changes that will increase costs and affect our health care subsidy. Be aware that your insurance premiums and co-pays will rise. The government just makes up rules as they go along.

Enough of the gloomy future. I'm hoping to see some of you at our general membership meeting at Grace E. Simons Lodge Dec. 4 and/or our Christmas party at the Sportsman's Lodge Dec. 8. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

Merry Christmas and Happy New

For Retired **Club Members**

RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

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By Hal Danowitz. Secretary, RLACEI

Doing the Charleston

Hal and Evelyn explore the Old South.

PART ONE



 $E^{\text{velyn and I have always wanted to visit}} \\ E^{\text{charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., and}}$ the time had come. We spent four nights in Charleston, five nights in Savannah and two nights in Atlanta during the last two weeks of October 2012. We flew Southwest Airlines to Charleston and drove the rest of the trip, returning from Atlanta.

We were by ourselves in Charleston and met friends (who live in Atlanta) in Savannah for the remainder of the trip.

It took most of the day to fly to Charleston. We left LAX about 9:30 a.m. and, with a connection in Nashville, we arrived in Charleston around 7 p.m.

We stayed at the Embassy Suites (337 Meeting Street) in the historic district, which is the site of the old Citadel. At first I was going to rent a car at the airport, but after talking to friends who have visited the area, we decided we didn't need to get the car until we were ready to drive to Savannah.

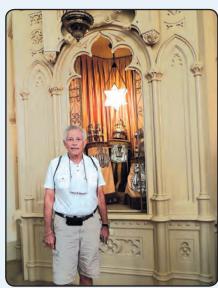
We arrived in Charleston on time and, after retrieving our luggage, we took a taxi (\$31 with tip) to the hotel. After we unpacked, we took a walk to find ice cream.

We thought we knew where we were going, but it seemed that the street names didn't always stay the same, and we must have walked an extra five or six blocks before we discovered our error. We did find the ice cream shop and enjoyed the treat.

Even with the three-hour time change, we slept pretty well and got up at 7 a.m. the next morning so we could have breakfast (included with the hotel room) and take our carriage tour. We had to be there at 9:15 a.m., and it was a 20-minute walk to the meeting place. I had booked the tour with Classic Carriage Works [(843) 853-3747] in advance at \$20 per person.

We arrived with some time to spare and took a walk through the City Market, which had a large selection of local handicrafts and souvenirs. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney ceded the land on which the market was built to the city of Charleston in 1788. He stipulated that a public market be built on the site and that it remain in use as a public market into perpetuity.

Our carriage guide was Todd, and our horse was named Jake. There were three



Hal at the historic Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim.

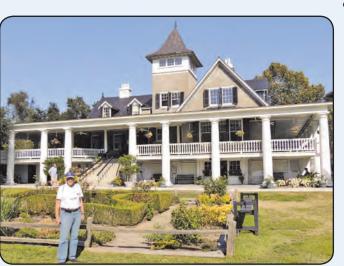
different tour routes, and which one we were to take was decided by a random draw at the starting point. We got route one, which included the area south of Board Street (SOB). This is the area of old mansions of the City's wealthy and includes Battery Park. We learned a lot about Charleston, which at one time was the richest area in the country.

After the tour, we decided to walk back to Battery Park so we could get a closer look at the homes and businesses in the area. We walked down Church Street to Battery Park and then walked back up Meeting Street to the Confederate Museum.

The museum had a very nice collection of Civil War artifacts. The Articles of Secession were signed here, and the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter. Admission to the museum cost \$5 per person.

We had lunch at a pub and ate light to save room for dinner. Charleston has some very good restaurants, and we were looking forward to trying them.

After lunch we stopped at Kahal Kadosh



Hal at the Magnolia Plantation.

Beth Elohim synagogue for a tour. It is the oldest Jewish temple in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere. It was founded in 1749 and is the founding reformed Jewish congregation in the United States. The present sanctuary was built in 1840.

We had dinner at Fish Restaurant on King Street a short walk from the hotel. The area was very busy with lots of people walking around. We decided to share a number of small plates. We thought the food was very good, and we enjoyed the experience. There were a number of good restaurants in this area, but we found getting a reservation difficult. If you are coming to the area, we suggest you make your dining arrangements before you leave home.

The next day we had two tours scheduled. The first was a visit to Fort Sumter. Fort Sumter is in Charleston's Harbor and it's where the first shot in the Civil War was fired on April 12, 1861. The National Park Service runs a ferry provided by Spirit Line [(800) 788-3678] to the monument and provides a tour of the fort. We walked to the harbor area, about 20 minutes from the hotel. The Park Service has an exhibit that you can tour before the 30-minute ride to the fort. They give you an hour to tour the fort. There is an orientation film and Park Service guides to answer questions. You can visit the museum, and there is a small gift shop. An hour seemed enough time, but the ferries run every hour or so, and you can catch a later

one if you want. The cost is \$15 per person; the Golden Eagle card gets you on the island, but you still need to pay for the ferry ride.

After we got back from the fort, we walked to the Charleston Visitors Center to catch our tour to the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens (Charleston Tours, [843] 571-0049). The plantation was built in 1676 and is still owned by the same family, the Draytons. The Magnolia Gardens has been famous

since the late-1800s. The original plantation included more than 2,000 acres and was a large producer of Carolina Gold rice. At the end of the Civil War, the plantation was burned by Union troops. After the war, without slave labor to plant and harvest the rice crop, the owners sold 1,500 acres and turned to tourism to get the plantation going. It also seemed that there were a couple of good marriages that seemed to provide funds for the maintenance. The plantation is 10 miles from Charleston, and the drive took about a half hour. We started out with about 45 minutes

of free time, which gave us

time to eat lunch and find the petting zoo. We then enjoyed a walking tour of the formal English garden and then a tram tour of the nature trails, where we saw a lot of alligators, turtles, some ducks and lots of different trees and flowers. The plantation is on the Ashley River, which in many places is very wide, almost looking like a lake. The water is covered by duckweed, which looks like pond scum, but is an important food for wild fowls. After the nature ride, we took a tour of the plantation house, which has been rebuilt and expanded since the end of the Civil War. It started out as a small, four room hunting lodge and now has expanded to more than 4,000 square feet of living space. The

last permanent resident was in the 1970s, but the current owners have other residents on the plantation. The cost of the tour was \$44

For dinner we were looking for barbecue, and we walked to a place on Meeting Street we researched on the Internet. When we got there we found it was not the same place and decided to try another place on King Street. As we were walking there, we came upon Jestine's Kitchen (52½ Wentworth St.), which had been recommended by our afternoon tour guide. It turned to be a good choice. The fried chicken was great and Evelyn really enjoyed her flounder. They served a lot of food, and we skipped dessert.

The next day was our last day in Charleston. That morning we scheduled a walking food tour with Bulldog Tours [(843) 722-8687]. Our guide was Sara, who is retired from being manager of the Saturday farmers market. There were eight of us on the tour - seven women and Hal. Sara was very knowledgeable on the cuisine of the low county and how it evolved from the early settler to now. We learned a lot of interesting information on the development of

Carolina Golden rice and the effect the civil war had on the economy in this area. We highly recommend this tour but suggest that you do the tour on your first day, so that you have the benefit of the knowledge of the tour guide. The tour was schedule to last two-anda-half hours, and we did almost three.

After the tour we walked back to the hotel where the farmers market is held and



Hal at Fort Sumter.

stopped by the "Knot Maker's" tent. He is Sara's live-in, and he gave Evelyn a very nice pin and made a chew toy for Rex, our grand-

After a brief rest stop, we walked back to the City Market Place. Evelyn brought a sweet grass basket. These baskets are handmade only in this area and are not cheap. A small six-inch basket cost \$70. We were told that the cost is computed at \$10 per hour for the effort. So that little basket took about seven hours of work.

After a stop for a local beer, we walked back to the hotel. I think our hotel was well located for visiting the historic district. We could get most places by walking 15 or 20 minutes. There was also a free trolley system, which had three routes, but most people walk. That last day, being Saturday, the streets were very busy. It was parent weekend at the Citadel Military College. It was interesting to see the different college shirts that were worn on the streets.

That night we ate at 39 Rue De Jean [(843) 722-8881], a French restaurant just around the corner from the hotel. The food was French bistro with large portions. The prices and service were excellent. That weekend was also prom week, and there were a herd of young people all dressed up and out on the town.

Except for the high (more than 10 percent) tourist tax, prices in Charleston were very reasonable, at least 20 percent cheaper then home.

They next day, we are going to pick up our car at the airport and drive to Savannah.



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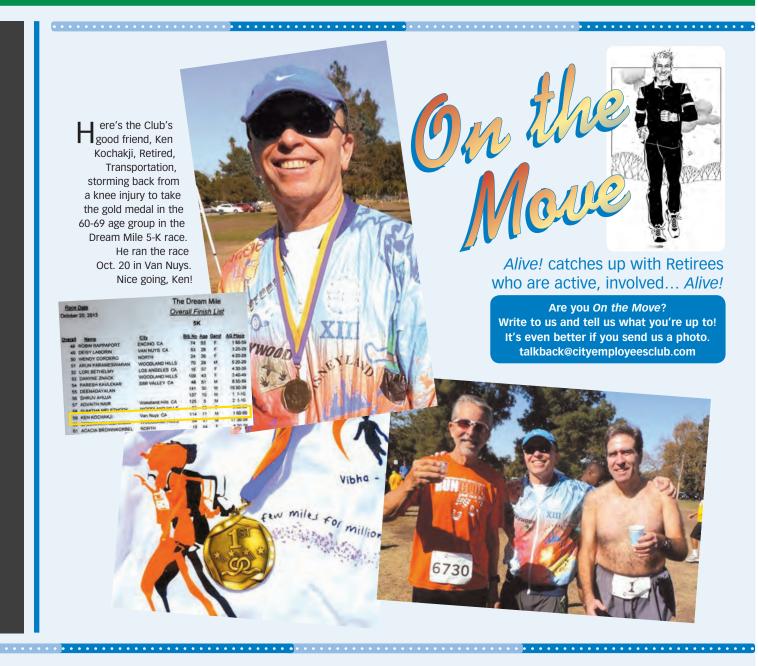
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Retirements

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 Y	EARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT YEARS	S
Abbassi, Peykan	Civil Engineer	Public Works	28	Hicks, Ralph T.	Traffic Manager	Harbor	1	Noble, Ann M.	Clerk Typist	Zoo	25
Aguilar, Maricela	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	33	Hunter, Edward T.	Sr. Security Officer	Airports	22	Peraza, Hector	_	DWP	_
Arciero, Joe	_	DWP	-	Irwin, Michael J.	Deputy City Att. III	City Attorney	19	Polan, Jeffrey R.	Systems Analyst II	Public Works	19
Argueta, Armando Sr.	_	DWP	-	Isaac, Benny	-	DWP	-	Powell, Heikes Jr.	Sr. Build. Mech. Ins.	Building and Safety	46
Ausmus, Curtis John	Plumber	LAPD	26	Johnson, Dianne	-	DWP	-	Pugeda, Godofredo	_	DWP	_
Berkowitz, Marsha	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	38	Jones, Indrawati	Civil Eng. As. IV	Public Works	26	Raisch, Patricia	_	DWP	_
Berlin, Sharon S.	Recreation Coor.	Rec and Park	ks 18	Kekina, Sam K.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	18	Register, Lloyd	_	DWP	_
Bryant, Mark	_	DWP	-	Knox, Matthew	Asst. Park Srv. Att. II	Rec and Parks	1	Reynoso, Efrain	Crossing Guard	Transportation	4
Burrows, Geoffrey	_	DWP	-	Kozdrey, Steven	-	DWP	-	Rounds, James M.	Water Biologist III	Public Works	15
Centeno, Adelfa C.	Manag. Analyst II	LAPD	13	Ladd, Victor T.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	28	Shaw, Valerie Lynne	Member, Board PW	Public Works	23
Cole, Ronald	_	DWP	-	Laetano, Margo	-	DWP	-	Shephard, Daryl	–	DWP	20
Dellinger, Jimmy H.	Council Aide IV	Council	12	Lewis, Eric	-	DWP	-	' '		DWP	
Dong, Dawson	_	DWP	-	Marshall, Brenda	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	14	Simpson, Teresa	_		_
Duffy, Margie	-	DWP	-	Mestayer, Donald C.	Safe. Eng., Elevators	Building and S	afety 32	Strohm, Steven	Almost Delles Off II	DWP	_
Engelbach, Jean A.	Librarian III	Library	18	Morris, Christine	-	DWP	-	Tapia, Mart	Airport Police Off. II	Airports	20
Ferroli, Irma Gomez	Deputy City Att. III	City Attorney	6	Mould, Judith	-	DWP	-	Tong, Philip	_	DWP	_
Flynn, Mike	_	DWP	-	Munoz, Manuel J.	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	20	Wang, Julie Ling Yi	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	24
Galvan, Jose P.	Librarian III	Library	27	Muir-Ktiri, Linda	-	DWP	-	Williams, Robert	_	DWP	_
Haley, James	-	DWP	-	Nazemi, Hassan	Civil Engineer As. IV	Public Works	21	Wong, Ben	-	DWP	_

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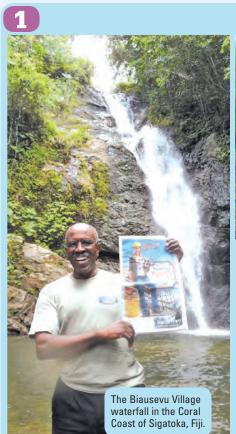
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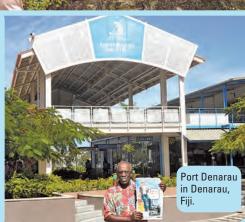








Emmett "Rico" Hall, Retired, **DWP**, with his wife, Willa, and friends, Roy, Pat, Claude, Pam, Kevin and Lashunta, vacationed in the Fiji



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Western Europe



Jerry Lee, Retired, Airports, visited the Berlin Wall in Germany...

Philippines

Shirley Gatlin, widow of James A. Gatlin, Building and Safety, and her best friends Lyn, Dolly and Selvie showed off what made the Boracay Island, Philippines, famous: the white, sandy beach.

Show Us Your Grandkids!

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Here's how:

- 1. Make sure to have the 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: talk back @cityemployeesclub.com

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Story and photo courtesy Bettye J. Bailey, Dinosaurs Member

Hooray, Dinosaurs!

Airport Police support group of retirees celebrates its 11th anniversary.

he Dinosaurs – a group of retired Airport The Dinosaurs – a group of the current Police employees that supports the current staff – celebrated its 11th anniversary Sept. 29. The luncheon was held at the IHOP restaurant

The Dinosaurs is an organization of retired Airport Police, Operations and Security Officers. The Dinosaur organization was formed in 2002. The idea and concept of assisting and mentoring fellow law enforcement officers, active and retired, was in development over several years and came to fruition through the effort and leadership of Sgt. Alfred Turner.

The Dinosaurs' mission is to promote and maintain a close personal relationship with fellow law enforcement officers, retired and active, while sustaining and perpetuating the growth, stability and well being of the group through various initiatives and undertakings.

The Dinosaurs have set some goals and objectives, including:

- Research and document the history of the Los Angeles World Airports Police for the benefit of past, present and future officers. The Airport Police has a rich history that began in the 1940s.
- Establish and develop a counseling program for active and retired Airport Police personnel.
- Establish a scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of Airport Police personnel (active and retired).
- Develop and maintain programs, seminars, lectures, etc., which will provide assistance to the Dinosaurs members that may need information and assistance relating to items such as estate planning and health care issues.



The Dinosaurs celebrated the group's 11th anniversary Sept. 29 in Westchester

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Guests welcome!

QUESTIONS: Eric Yoshida (213) 367-3962

L.A. Aqueduct **DWP** Some of the native vegetation planted in the oonie or uie nauve vegetation pianteu ii LA Aqueduct Centennial Garden project. L.A. Aqueduct Centennial 2013 A rendering of the new garden. L.A. Aqueduct An overhead rendering of the new



Happy 100th, Aqueduct

DWP formally opens the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden in Los Feliz.

On Oct. 23, Mr. LA, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, joined DWP officials to mark the public opening and dedication of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden. The new, enhanced space at the Mulholland Memorial Fountain in Los Feliz is a gift to the City of Los Angeles in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Special guest Christine Mulholland, great-granddaughter of William Mulholland, community members and

DWP staff joined to cut the ribbon and officially open the garden to the public.

The garden was commissioned to commemorate the Los Angeles Aqueduct's centennial on Nov. 5, while also serving as a showpiece of the beautiful and water-wise benefits of California-friendly landscaping. The new space complements and enhances the recently renovated Mulholland Fountain while highlighting the historic significance of Mulholland's engineering achievement through an interpretive path of the Los Angeles Aqueduct from the Eastern Sierras to Los Angeles, a cross-section of the original aqueduct pipe, interpretive signage and sitting areas.

Councilmember LaBonge said, "We are celebrating the anniversary of the Los Angeles Aqueduct at the home of the William Mulholland Memorial Fountain. I am pleased with the walkways and destinations that memorialize the Los Angeles Aqueduct. In the wise words of William Mulholland, 'There it is, take it.' And to add on to his words, I say, 'Come, take a walk and enjoy it!""

DWP General Manager Ron Nichols added, "The L.A. Aqueduct Centennial Garden celebrates our water history and serves as a living tribute to William Mulholland and his genius. It also serves as an example of LA's water future - one in which greater water conservation and development of local water supplies through increased stormwater capture, use of recycled water and cleanup of the San Fernando Valley groundwater basin will play an even greater role in our city's water supply."

The Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden was built entirely by DWP crews, and designed by landscape architectural firm Pamela Burton and Associates.

"In this centennial year, we're proud to have transformed the Mulholland Memorial Fountain site from a public fountain into a living, water-wise garden that pays tribute not only to the man, but to his masterwork - the 233 mile long, entirely gravity-fed, Los Angeles Aqueduct," said Jim McDaniel, Sr. Assistant General Manager, Water System.



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge; Christine Mulholland, great-granddaughter of Aqueduct engineer William Mulholland; and DWP officials and local representatives cut the ribbon on the new LA Aqueduct Centennial Garden in Los Feliz.

John's -Picture Perfect Contest

"I love the sunlight falling on the face of my two-yearold granddaughter in this picture."

comment: Larry, what a wonderful picture of your granddaughter. The lighting couldn't have been better and the expression on her fact is priceless. Thanks!

- Larry Campita, Retired

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"Here's the Clifton A. Moore Administration Building (Administration Building East) at LAX."

- Harold Johnson, LAX

John's comment: The juxtaposition of the light towers to landcover is eerily beautiful. Nice shot, Harold!



"I took this picture when my son, Jack, was four months old. The perfect pair!"

- James Christopher, **DWP**

John's comment:

A perfect pair, indeed! Can't wait to see Jack's face when he's 16 years old and sees that this was published to thousands of City Employees. I love it!



"Here's another image from my recent trip to Greece in the Pelion region. It was taken at an old taverna on the plaza of Lafkos village."

Yves Didier, Airport Police

John's comment: Everything about this picture is perfect – the rock on the windows ledge, the worn wood shutters, the cracking stucco wall, the worn blue chairs, even the patchy dirt ground. This could be used for a "Travel to Greece" ad. Thanks, Yves!

"Leo's first day home."

- Ray Gonzalez, DWP

John's comment: What a cutie! The expression and pose is priceless. Thanks, Ray!



"This photo of the moon was taken from Cabo San Lucas with my handheld

- Demian Wyma, LAPD

John's comment: Wow, two moon shots in one month! But instead of on a crane, this one's a super closeup. The detail is amazing, Demian, and I know how hard it is to photograph the moon since it's moving so fast. Nice work!

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!
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- 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-
- 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.

"This was taken outside of the West Los Angeles Animal Care and **Control Center during** the construction of the Metro line to the beach. The crew brought the moon in a little early."

- Andrew Redfield, **Animal Services**

John's comment:

I have to admit it took me awhile to see the moon hanging from the crane. But when I found it, it suddenly became a wow shot!





Convention Center

Last Call For Conv. Center

Council signs AEG to run the facility privately.

On Oct. 9, the City Council voted unanimously to move management of the Convention Center to an outside contractor, AEG, for at least the next five years. The decision came after years of discussion. According to Club Members at the Convention Center, most employees have been moved to other jobs in the City. A core staff of City Employees remains to help manage the facility during the important L.A. Auto Show this month. After that, a City crew of 13 will remain.

The City retains ownership of the facility.

A final celebration is being planned in December for full-time employees of the present and past. For information, contact Adria Ybarra, Executive Office, Convention Center: aybarra@lacclink.com

Alive! plans to say goodbye to the City's operation of the Convention Center with our own story and retrospective, coming up in a future issue

Airports

Story courtesy Airport Police

Child Safety Group **Honors** Chief Gannon

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon was honored Nov. 1 with the Angel Award by the Justice For Murdered Children (JFMC) organization during a four-day Festival and Carnival in San Pedro. Chief Gannon was honored for the role he played in supporting the organization while a member of the LAPD.

The presentation took place during a candlelight vigil on the second day of the festival, held at the Ports O' Call Village. Guest speakers included State Assemblyman Isadore Hall III and City Attorney Mike Feuer.

The mission of JFMC is to reduce the number of homicides, the number of unsolved homicides, and to assist those families that have lost loved ones to homicide.

The organization was founded in 1996 by LaWanda Hawkins following the murder of her only child, Reggie; and other parents who had lost children in the same manner. During that time, Chief Gannon was LAPD Deputy Chief, Operations-South Bureau, which served 800,000 residents from South Los Angeles to Wilmington and San Pedro.

Hawkins said, "Chief Gannon was honored because of his efforts above and beyond the call of duty to help assist the families in finding those responsible for the deaths of their children."

Chief Gannon said, "I am honored to be



Police Chief Patrick Gannon honored by child safety group

a part of such a passionate cause involving murdered victims and their families. Serving the community is our responsibility and we take it very seriously." Other law enforcement officials will also be honored at this event.



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

Battling the Burglars

he worst feeling you can have on a Friday night is to come home late from the movies, and see that your house has been robbed, and your favorite things are gone.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Statistics, property crime makes up slightly more than three-quarters of all crime in the

United States. Not only that, in about 84 percent of all burglaries, the offender gained entry into the victims' residence or other building on the property.

This month, I want to focus on protecting yourself and your loved ones from burglary and crime. How do you improve security at your home?

Here is a great story from Good Morning America's safety expert, Bill Stanton:



Ridgewood, N.J., schoolteacher Noreen Clark was sure her home was safe from an intruder invasion. The daughter of a retired police officer thought a security system she had installed when she purchased her home last December would prevent burglary.

She also changed all the locks, and if that didn't work, there was always her golden retriever, Jack.

"I feel very secure here. I feel that, on a scale of one to 10, I'm close to a nine or a 10," Clark said.

She was so confident that she

agreed to let "Good Morning, America's" safety and security expert, Bill Stanton, come out and audit her home.

All she knew was that sometime over a two-week period – day or night Stanton would come out and attempt to penetrate her home's security.

One Tuesday afternoon, just after 1 p.m., Stanton went to Clark's neighborhood to case her home while she was at work.

It took him less than two minutes to grab a ladder from the back of the house and make his move. He forced himself into a second-story window without any of Clark's neighbors noticing. No one called 911.

As for Jack, Stanton was able to subdue him with some doggie treats. Even though the home's alarm was set, Stanton found its weak point.

"The weakest link in this chain was the second floor - your bedroom where you have your heater air-conditioning unit. You gave me about six inches, and that's all I needed to open this house a mile wide," Stanton later told Clark. "I knew that window wasn't alarmed because you gave me that six-inch leeway. I also knew if it wasn't alarmed, you didn't have the motion on because you had old Jack here on the first floor."

He was able to go through the residence and find money and presents. His accomplice moved the ladder when he was inside and staked out Clark's car at school.

When she arrived home, a shocked Clark screamed when the accomplice surprised her in her home by walking in behind her.

"I came in and I made your home my home. If I were a burglar, I would have been out and gone. If I was something more, it could have been a lot worse" Stanton said.

"I don't even know what to say," said Clark, who is now getting her window alarmed

Home Burglary Prevention

Here are some tips to battling the

- *Use your locks*. Even the best locks can't protect you if you don't use
- Do some yard work. Trim hedges and bushes so thieves can't hide out.
- *Know your neighbors.* Neighbors who look out for each other are among the best, and least expensive, defenses against crime.
- Secure your spare. Leave your spare key with a trusted neighbor. Never hide it on the property. Burglars have more experience looking for keys than you do hiding them.
- Guard your garage. If you park your car outside of your garage, never leave the garage door opener in the
- Let there be light. Make sure all outside entrances – front, back and side - have good lighting so burglars can't easily hide.
- Invest in an alarm. An alarm system controls access points to your home and lets you know if someone has invaded your space.

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Airports

Story courtesy Airport Police; Photos by Madeleine Flanagan, Airport Police



An Airport Police Officer at the

TSA Officers in formation.

Joining, in Sadness

Airport Police Honor Guard helps honor fallen TSA Officer Gerardo Hernandez.

he Airport Police Honor Guard – along with units from the LAFD and LAPD, and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection - participated in a ceremony to honor fallen TSA Officer Gerardo Hernandez. Hernandez was killed in the line of duty Nov. 1 as a lone gunman opened fire in Terminal 3 at LAX.

The Honor Guard ceremony took place Nov. 6.

The Airport Police Honor Guard unit helped welcome the U.S. Honors Flag to LAX, present the flag to the TSA Honor Guard, transport the flag via motorcade for two laps around LAX, and then deliver the flag to a memorial ceremony at the LA Arena just south of downtown. The LAFD executed a water cannon salute to the arriving plane that carried the honors flag to LAX.

Alive! offers its condolences to the family and friends of TSA Officer Hernandez.



A TSA Officer stands guard at the L.A. Sports Arena.



A TSA Officer.



An Airport Police representative accepts the hono



Airport Police Officers in formal dress march in formation at the L.A. Sports Arena.



cials stood shoulder to shoulder to honor fallen TSA Officer Gerardo Hernandez

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Ralph Lucas of the Prescott, Ariz. Fire Dept., speaks to the



From left: Don Dodd in a vintage LAFD Uniform; Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Frank Borden, Retired, LAFD, of the



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, speaks





LAFD

Remembering The Fallen

LAFD Historical Society pays its annual tribute to fallen firefighters. This year's event included a tribute to firefighters who died in an Arizona wildfire.



The names are read of those who lost

On Oct. 12, the LAFD Historical Society held its annual charity event to pay tribute to the department's fallen firefighters.

The event took place at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the LAFD Historical Society in Old Fire Station 27 in Hollywood.

The program was very well attended by about 200 LAFD retired and active members and family and the families of many of the department's fallen members. Mayor Eric Garcetti; Mr. LA Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; and then-Fire Chief Brian Cummings were joined by several speakers, including a special addition to the program from the Prescott, Ariz. Fire Department. Battalion Chief Ralph Lucas thanked the LAFD Historical Society for paying a special tribute to the 19 firefighters who died in a wildland fire. The Historical Society had several memorial pavers engraved with their names in the Memorial Plaza. An emotional speech was made by Emily Pizinger, who remembered her father, who died while on active duty in a diving accident.

A special part of the program featured the donation of a huge piece of art made in honor of Firefighter Glenn Allen, who died from injuries at a house fire in the Hollywood Hills. Artist Tim Lampros made the beautiful badge, which is on display in the museum.



Officers line up at the event.

About the Memorial:

The LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial, 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd. in Hollywood is located in front of restored Old Fire Station 27, the home of the LAFD Historical Society Museum and William Roland Firefighter Educational Institute.

The ten-year journey to restore the fire station, built in 1930 and to dedicate a Memorial for Fallen Firefighters has been developed and sponsored by the LAFD Historical Society and a dedicated group of volunteers.

The design for the memorial began with a sketch of five life-size figures presented by active duty LAFD Capt. H. Dwayne Golden. The sculpting and production of the bronze statues were undertaken by Honors for Excellence, Ltd. a Minnesota-based company specializing in police and

fire commissions.

Financial donors to the project are able to read their names and those of loved ones on the brick pavers throughout the plaza - an opportunity for a firefighter, family member or friend to be part of this unique tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

This unique memorial in the heart of Hollywood is a place where family and visitors can come to remember and appreciate the sacrifice made by the members of the LAFD for the people of the City.



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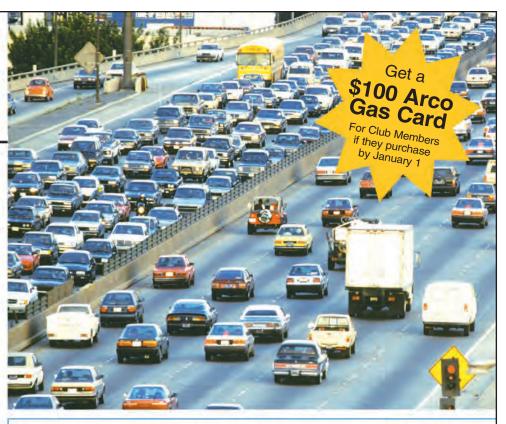
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The High Cost Of Cancer

f you are diagnosed with cancer, you have two battles ahead of you: to get well and to stay solvent. Fortunately, you can prepare for the latter, so it doesn't impede the healing process. The energy you spend worrying about paying your bills robs you of energy you need to focus on getting better. Unfortunately, most of us feel rather secure in knowing that we have a good health insurance policy in place. We vaguely understand that mysterious "Maximum Out of Pocket" cost on our health insurance policy, and fortunately it isn't enough to break us financially. What we are unprepared for are the non-medical costs that we will incur over and above our daily living expenses (mortgage or rent, utilities, food, taxes etc). Those bills can loom especially large if you're forced to miss workdays or go on disability which can significantly cut your income by as much as 40 percent.

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Alive!: Michael, thanks for meeting us today. First, tell us your history with the museum and the City.

MICHAEL SANBORN: I have been with the museum almost 18 years. Our nonprofit group, Friends of Banning Museum, has been with us since 1972. We work together; it's a team effort that allows us to do things like Victorian Christmas, our school programs, our lecture series, our changing exhibits, all of that good stuff.

How did you start here, and how did you get to be the director of the museum?

MICHAEL: Way back in 1990 I was working on my Master's degree in historic preservation at Cal State Dominguez Hills. I needed to do an internship, so I cold-called at the door of the museum, and basically I've been here ever since. I was fortunate enough to be able to do an internship with their historic photograph collection, and when the opening came for historic site curator I applied for it. I was fortunate enough to get it, and so it's just kind of evolved since then. I've been very fortunate.

Where are you from?

MICHAEL: Harbor City, which is the town next door to Wilmington. I've been here my whole life.

Did you hang out here at the museum or on the grounds growing up?

MICHAEL: One of my very first field trips that I ever remember was going to the Cabrillo Aquarium, which is in San Pedro next door. On the way home, the school bus stopped at the [Banning] park and let the kids out to just run around and have lunch. However, the house wasn't open as a museum then, and I can remember vividly being on the front porch and looking through the side windows of the front door and seeing absolutely nothing inside; it was just white hallway. In the back of my mind, I thought boy, I really want to get in there and see the rest of the whole house. That was the very first time I saw the place, and that had to be 1968 or 1969.

This is more than a profession for you. The Banning Residence Museum means a lot to you. MICHAEL: It does. It's a very important part of the harbor's



general pub-

lic who come

through.

Old-Time Christmas

Tell us about the Victorian Christmas event. It's been around for a long time...

MICHAEL: It has...

... and it's very popular.

MICHAEL: Originally it started as a luminary festival in the 1970s and through most of the '80s. They wanted to evolve that, thinking, let's do the entire inside of the house into what Christmas would have looked like in a typical late Victorian way.

When you say "luminary" you're talking about...

MICHAEL: Lighting the outside, just decorating the outside and



allowing people to come in at night for special tours, offered only for a very short time in December. Since about 1987 we've been decorat-

> ing the inside of the house; the luminaries went away and the whole concept of Victorian Christmas grew from that.

> > Michael Sanborn, Director, Banning Museum.

Is it one of the most popular events you host through the year?

MICHAEL: As far as a community open house, it's definitely our most popular. If it's a good weekend, we'll host 1,200 people a day during a four-hour period, which is an incredible amount of people for us to get through the house, especially with all the stairs and rooms that you have to get through.

Other events that we do through the year are completely different but very popular as well. We do a lot with school programs; we do a summer concert for Phineas Banning's birthday in August; for Valentine's Day we do a Victorian Tea and Tunes, a luncheon in our barn, which is also very popular; and then two weeks a year we do a complete living history program – we turn the whole campus here back to the 1880s. Our school kids come in and actually see everything from blacksmiths to spinning wool

to washing clothes to making butter, so it's a whole day that you would have experienced as a child back then. But as far as a community open house, the Victorian Christmas for us is our most popular.

Do people come from all over the area for it?

MICHAEL: Yes. Last year a whole busload came up from San Diego. They come from Santa Barbara and from the Inland Empire, and we get a lot of repeat families. In fact there are a couple of families who come every year and make a point of taking their Christmas card picture in front of the house. We have a lot of repeat people who come and say, "This is the kickoff to our holidays." After they leave here they're all charged up and they're ready to handle the holidays.

Give me an overview of what I can expect at the Victorian Christmas event.

MICHAEL: You're going to experience the way the house would have looked in the late Victorian period. Christmas wasn't celebrated and recognized the way it is today with the commercial aspect, so it's a simplified but more of a family version, so it's very intimate. When you come through the house, the commercial part is not really there. We try to stress the importance of family, having the dining room set up for a family dinner with friends and family. The bedrooms have minimal decorations but with a family sense of what they would be doing in the rooms; we do that through mannequins and the decorations. The outside of the house is plain, without lights, but with lots of wreaths and things like that.

You're also going to experience traditional dancing. We have dancers who will grab members of the public and bring them in, and they'll do dance sessions.

We also offer a horse-drawn trolley that will take our visitors two blocks down Banning Boulevard to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, which does a drum barracks Civil War Christmas. That trolley takes about 25 people at a time back and forth all

There's another thing that's a lot of fun, and it involves the kids. We will have Santa out front in a carriage, so the kids can talk to Santa and get their picture taken with him. We also have a one-room "schoolhouse" that offers an opportunity for the kids to



have the schoolmarm help them with a letter to Santa.

And then also in our stagecoach barn we'll have an arts and crafts table where they can make a Victorian ornament that they can take home and put on their tree. It's a good little memento for them. With that ornament we have people who come back every year because they keep adding to their tree.

With the Victorian era, what year are we talking about, maybe 1880 or so?

MICHAEL: Yes, that's a really good benchmark for it because Christmas is just starting to take off at that point. Christmas for America really doesn't take off until the 1920s and '30s and '40s, where it just keeps evolving. So back in the 1880s it was a very simplified but yet a very family-oriented event.

A lot of the traditions and things that we think about as very traditional Christmas actually come out of that era.

MICHAEL: Yes, absolutely.

It's very Dickens and A Christmas Carol.

MICHAEL: Absolutely. The decorated tree comes out of that of course... the stockings come out of that, and wreaths and food also comes out of that. When you left someone's house, they gave you a gift of a baked good for the trip home because you were traveling a great distance by a carriage, by a stagecoach or by train to visit relatives.

I think there was wassail at that time, too... MICHAEL: Wassail, punches, carols, all of that, exactly.

Some people would even say that Dickens really kind of invented our modern idea of Christmas.

MICHAEL: He did. A Christmas Carol was a very popular book

Why do we long for that era? Because it's simpler? Is it richer; is it more family-oriented?

MICHAEL: You nailed it. It is just a simpler, less confusing time. It's something that is centered around being thankful, having your family with you. It doesn't have that commercial bombardment. Before Thanksgiving, you're hit with Christmas all the way until Christmas. This is a way to actually get away from that. You're looking at the holiday with a completely different perspective, and a lot of people enjoy seeing a simpler time. And people come to see the house decorated - they'll bring sketchpads and try to capture the flavor of one of the larger rooms to give them

This is an enormous house. How many of the rooms do you decorate?

MICHAEL: Well, the house has 17,000 square feet, and we deco-

Eleven rooms, and some of those are very large.

MICHAEL: Especially the first floor. Those are all the big public rooms, the grand rooms. Every one except the office gets a good Victorian shining.

Do you also have a marketplace of small gifts and candies and foods and things like that?

MICHAEL: We do, and that's down in our lowest level of the home, which used to be a ballroom.



create a festive atmosphere for the event

The Christmas Connection

I noticed in some of the pictures that for Victorian Christmas you get dressed up. You also wear a period costume.

MICHAEL: Yes. That's fun.

Why do you love it so much?

MICHAEL: It takes you back. We actually have whole volunteer groups, and all they do is re-create costumes. They make them; they research down to the stitching. We have a lot of people who really enjoy it. I encourage people to have fun. It brings them to a different time in their mind

Victorian Christmas is a real tradition, isn't it? It seems like families can hardly have a Christmas now or at least a celebration of it without going to this event.

MICHAEL: Yes. We like to think so. We get a lot of people who come back and say, "Thank you. This is the kickoff for my holidays. We love coming here," and so it makes us feel good.

Does this kick off your holidays?

MICHAEL: It does, and by the time December is done, I'm happy. I get a lot of satisfaction out of the people who come here because they like to make this an annual event. We talk to many wonderful and nice people who will come up and say, "Thank you for what you guys do here. Thank you for taking care of this house and encouraging the learning of the history, the preservation, all of that."

Michael, thank you very much for this interview. MICHAEL: You're welcome. My pleasure.



The Museum's Importance

Why is the Banning Residence Museum important to L.A.?

MICHAEL: I'll answer it in several ways. Architecturally, it's Greek Revival, and we are the best example of Greek revival architecture in California as a residence. When you see Greek revival it's usually a courthouse. Everything is balanced, the number of columns, the number of windows. It's very mathematically designed, and so as a home it's very unusual.

We are also the oldest wooden home in Los Angeles.

And then, third, it's the family history. This is the guy who brought the railroad to town and who connected L.A. with the telegraph system. This is the guy who raised private dollars to create the harbor, to dredge it, to build a breakwater and to build a lighthouse. I don't think a lot of people realize that.

He's also credited for establishing a lot of the roads that we use, stage roads for freight wagons. He built them to move goods from the harbor to Los Angeles and then points beyond. There's a distance of 26 miles from the harbor to downtown, and there's no other place like that in the state. He spent his life working to improve that system and then letting others use it.

About Rec & Park's Banning Museum

The Banning Museum sits in the in the heart of Wilmington. Phineas Banning –entrepreneur, the founder of the city of Wilmington, and "the Father of the Port of Los Angeles" – built the 23-room residence in 1864. Subsequent generations lived in it until 1925;

in 1927 the residence, stagecoach barn, and the surrounding 20 acres of parkland were acquired by the City of Los Angeles.

The residence fell into disrepair over the decades, but the Friends of Banning Park (now called the Friends of the Banning Museum) spearheaded by Phineas's great-granddaughter, Nancy Banning Call, restored the mansion to its original Victorian beauty.

The Banning Museum engages visitors in a living history experience, showing how the family lived, worked, and entertained. Through its educational programs, it gives third, fourth and fifth-graders opportunities to experience life in the 19th century, enriching their curriculum.

History of the Banning Residence

The Banning Residence was built in 1864. This home's construction The Banning Residerice was built in 1664. symbolized Phineas Banning's confidence in the future of his com-

> The 23-room residence remains the finest example of domestic Greek Revival architecture in Southern California. The house interiors have been carefully restored to their Victorian beauty, and 18 rooms are open to the public.

Rooms reflect decorative elements added during 60 years of family residence and demonstrate the eclectic nature of a home lived in by several generations.

The house and surrounding 20 acres of parkland were acquired by the City of Los Angeles in 1927. The Residence is a city, state, and National Historic Landmark. Rec and Parks manages the residence, stagecoach barn, and gardens in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a private nonprofit corporation. Friends of Banning Museum develops the historical aspects of the museum and raises funds for its continuing restoration and educational programs.





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Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember Jose Huizar, Linda Granados, Cora Soriano, Mildred Jacla, and Joan Alexandria Tagle.



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Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, and Linda Granados

Bobby Romero, artist.



Joan Alexandria Tagle

LAFACE

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Filipino Heritage Month

Filipino Employees Association hosts a reception and ceremony to mark the month.

he Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception Oct. 11 to formally open the all-Filipino art exhibit at the Los Angeles City Hall's Henry P. Rio Bridge, and to celebrate the Council Proclamation of October as Filipino American Heritage Month. Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber De La Vega joined Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Felipe Fuentes; LAFACE President Linda Granados and LAFACE board members; the artists - Bobby Romero, Cesar De Vera and Alex Gantioqui; and Ms. Philippines-USA beauty contestant Jessica Lee.

The event was organized largely by LAFACE Vice President Amelia De Castro-Marucut, Management Analyst II, Economic and Workforce Development, working closely with Angelo Yenko, Field Deputy for Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (LAFACE's co-sponsor for the exhibit), Cultural Affairs, and other groups. The art exhibit was open to the public during October.

First established in 1988 by the Filipino American National Historical Society, the Filipino American Heritage Month (aka Filipino American History Month) was recognized statewide in California in 2006 (also marking the centennial celebration of Filipino migration into the United States), and nationally in 2009 after a Congressional Resolution.

The Filipino-American Heritage Month's art exhibit was one of the major events that LAFACE sponsors, in addition to providing numerous examination preparation training classes year round, and its annual picnic and Christmas party. LAFACE conducts these events to fulfill its major mission objectives: the advancement and expansion of career opportunities for Filipinos and other minorities in City service (empowering City employees by providing needed training and access to resources) and the promotion of the Filipino culture and heritage to enrich the ethnic and cultural diversity in Los Angeles (strengthen relations and understanding among diverse LA residents by sharing different aspects of culture - art, food, literature, music, dance, etc.). By extension, these events also provide opportunities for mainstream representation of Filipino Americans, reflecting their varied careers, positions, contributions and roles in today's Los Angeles. As Council Member Mitch O'Farrell said to the Filipino artists: "Through your talent, you are not only helping preserve and promote Filipino culture in the City, you are also inspiring the next generation of Filipino-Americans."

In addition to cultural and training events, LAFACE also awards scholarships at its Christmas party to deserving students, funded partially by membership/training fees and fundraising events and donations. Additional cultural events are being planned in the year ahead - for updates please check out www.laface.us.





Councilmember Felipe Fuentes



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From left: Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Gil Cedillo.



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Alex Gantioqui, artist. Cesar De Vera, artist.

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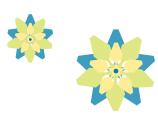
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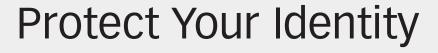
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Peace of Mind

by **Tiffany Sy**The Club's Peace of Mind Expert

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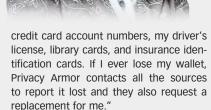
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Sharon J. Kotas graduated from Santa Clarita Christian School in Santa Clarita in May. Sharon attends California State University, Long Beach, studying sociology. She is the daughter of Gary Kotas, LAPD.

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Births



Madison Lucia Felix, born Oct. 16, the second child of Ildefonso Felix, Firefighter/Paramedic, LAFD and his wife, Lucia Felix. "We could not be happier to have her as the new addition to our family."

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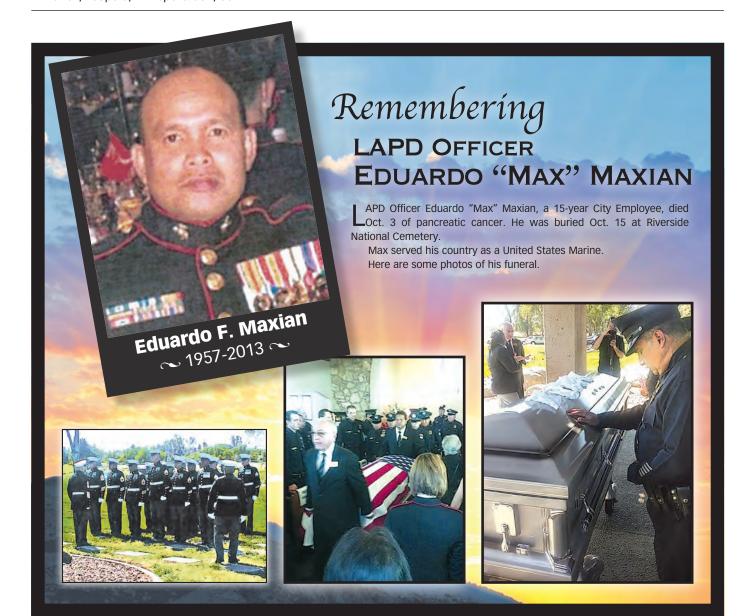
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LA's Bravest



Above and Beyond

Police Dept.'s annual event honors 43 heroes with Purple Heart and Medal of Valor honors.

On Sept. 19, the LAPD hosted its important annual "Above and Beyond" ceremony, honoring 43 officers who have demonstrated the highest level of courage and bravery in protecting the City.

The event was held at the Hollywood and Highland complex in Hollywood.

Similar to last year, this year's event was titled "Above and Beyond" because it contained the awarding of not just Medals of Valor, but also Purple Heart medals. Purple Hearts have been distributed only three times in the history of the event. This year, 41 LAPD Officers were honored with the Purple Heart, and two with the Medal of Honor.

The Purple Heart recognizes officers who have sustained grievous physical injury during a tactical situation and posthumously to the next of kin of those officers who did not survive their injuries.

The Medal of Valor is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer shall have preformed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

The medals are awarded by the Board of Police Commissioners and presented by the Chief of Police in the name of the Department at the annual ceremony. The award consists of a medal, ribbon, and citation. The Medal of Valor was first presented in 1925, and the Purple Heart was first awarded in 2009. The awards ceremony is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

The stories of their bravery follow.

Purple Heart Honors



Reserve Officer George Booker Mogle

Suspect **Shootout**

On July 31, 1946, Reserve Policeman George Mogle and his partner were assigned to 77th Patrol Division. They observed a suspect darting between houses on 60th Street. The policemen identified themselves and attempted to detain the suspect striking him in the abdomen. Mogle was taken to the hospital, where he was able to give information regarding the suspect and the incident. Reserve Policeman Mogle succumbed to his wounds Aug. 7, 1946.

Pinned by a Car



In the early morning of Oct. 25, 1970, Officer Dalton Postma was in the West Adams area assisting the fire department with traffic control when he was struck by a vehicle that pinned him between the hood of the vehicle and the door of his squad car. As the vehicle tried to escape, it carried Postma 10 feet until he landed on the ground, unconscious and severely injured.

Officer Postma's injuries included three separate fractures of his pelvic bone, the tearing of all cartilage and ligaments in his right knee, internal bleeding, a concussion, and numerous abrasions and lacerations on his face, head and body. He was hospitalized for approximately one month and returned to duty after five months of rehabilitation.

The driver of the vehicle was ultimately apprehended and booked for assault with intent to murder.

Pacoima Ambush



Officer Ron Traurig



Officer Sidney Riegel

In 1961, eight policemen were assigned to the Van Nuys Felony Unit, an elite divisional unit that worked in plain clothes and drove plain vehicles, known as "F" cars.

On May 6, 1961, Policeman Sidney Riegel and other members of the Felony Unit responded to a housing project on Pierce Street in Pacoima to arrest an exconvict wanted for armed robbery of a liquor store. Riegel was assigned to cover the back of the two-story building. As other officers

approached the front door, the suspect jumped out of the second-story window, landed on Riegel, and shot and killed him.

Officer Riegel's partner, Officer Ron Traurig, fired at the suspect but missed. As the suspect escaped, he shot and seriously wounded Traurig. The suspect surrendered to a newspaper reporter a week later, was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in

Traffic Stop



Officer Robert Parker

On Nov. 22, 1961, Officers Robert Parker and Robert Urista were assigned to 77th Street Patrol when they observed a 1941 Packard four-door sedan with six males inside turn northbound onto Broadway in an unsafe manner. They conducted a traffic stop and removed the six suspects

One of the suspects attempted to flee; however, Parker was able to stop him and return him to the group. The suspect then turned and jumped on Parker's back, and Urista came to his partner's aid. The suspect turned on Urista and grabbed him around the neck, while another suspect jumped on Urista's back. One of the two suspects removed Urista's police baton and began hitting him in the head.

Two other suspects had "jumped" Parker, who felt one

of the suspects tugging on his gun during the struggle.

Urista observed one of the other suspects grab Parker's firearm and point it in Urista's direction. Fearing he was going to be shot, Urista pulled his own firearm and fired

twice at the suspect, killing him. Urista then fired at the suspect who was struggling with Parker, accidentally striking Parker. Parker fell to the ground and was hit and kicked in the face.

Officer Parker suffered a gunshot wound to the mid-left humerus, a right frontal laceration, and contusions and abrasions to his forehead. He was able to return to regular duty, but medically retired from the LAPD in November 1979 as a Police Officer III out of Foothill

Foot Pursuit



Officer Rick Faulkner

On Feb. 4, 1973, Officers Rick Faulkner and R.P. McGrattan attended roll call where they received information on a vehicle and suspect wanted for attempted murder and robbery.

Around 1 a.m. Feb. 5, the policemen observed a vehicle and driver matching the description driving northbound on Western Avenue. They began following the vehicle and requested backup.

The policemen pulled the vehicle over. As Faulkner cautiously approached the driver's side of the suspect's vehicle, McGrattan observed the suspect reach beneath the seat and retrieve a metallic object. Knowing that the suspect was armed, McGrattan shouted a warning to Faulkner and fired one shotgun round at the suspect. Faulkner then fired three rounds as the suspect drove away, with two rounds

The policemen began a high-speed pursuit with the suspect who eventually pulled into a private driveway and

exited his vehicle with gun in hand. Faulkner stopped his vehicle and started a foot pursuit of the suspect who fired several shots at Faulkner, striking his left arm and causing a severe compound fracture that rendered his arm useless.

As the suspect ran away, Faulkner shot three rounds, striking him in the chest. Faulkner then fell from his injuries and sought cover behind the suspect's vehicle while he attempted to reload his gun with his good arm. The suspect ran toward McGrattan, firing shots. McGrattan fired the last round from his shotgun and struck the suspect, causing him to go



Officer Ken Shipp

Officer Eugene P. Officer Ron G. Mueller Fogarty

Surrey Street Shootout

On Sept. 10, 1965, Officers Ron Mueller, Eugene Fogarty and Ken Shipp responded to a "man with a gun, possible shots fired" call at a home in Hollywood. Mueller and his partner arrived first at the scene. As they entered the location, a suspect immediately opened fire on them. Mueller was shot in the arm, rendered unconscious and taken hostage by the suspect. Upon regaining consciousness, Mueller convinced his captor to release him but was shot at again as he was leaving.

Fogarty, who responded to the help call, found one of the suspect's victims hiding in the bushes. While attempting to rescue the victim, Fogarty was shot by the suspect who had barricaded himself in the house. Shipp, who also responded to the help call, immediately came under fire as he arrived. While attempting to rescue Mueller, he was shot by the suspect several times. Shipp continued a gunfight with the suspect, despite bleeding badly, until other officers persuaded him to seek medical aid.

The confrontation lasted nearly 90 minutes and involved 50 officers. The suspect was able to hold off the police using a rifle, a shotgun, and a revolver. He was finally apprehended only after policemen fired teargas into his house.

The "Surry Street Shootout" was one of the main incidents that led to the formation of the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT).

West Adams Incident



Officer Rudy Limas



Officer Norman J. Roberge

On Aug. 5, 1968, Officers Rudy Limas and Norman Roberge were on routine patrol in the West Adams area when they saw a black 1955 Ford with four men in it start up a private driveway, stop suddenly, then back down the driveway.

Finding the movements suspicious, the officers followed the Ford. Limas called in the plates to see if the vehicle had been reported stolen. Before a reply could be received, the Ford stopped at a gas pump and Roberge asked the driver for

The driver informed the officer that he did not have a license. Roberge ordered all four suspects to exit the vehicle and place their hands on top of the patrol car. Suddenly, one of the suspects pointed a gun at Limas and said, "Okay, m-f," and shot Limas in the abdomen and the thigh, with a bullet lodging in his hip. Meanwhile, Roberge was walking toward the police car when he was shot in both legs

In the gun battle that followed, Limas fatally shot two suspects and Roberge emptied his gun at a third suspect. The fourth suspect fled on foot. (All four suspects were later identified as members of the Black Panther Party.)

Both officers recovered from their injuries.

The incident was a huge morale booster for the LAPD, which was coming under fire by tactically trained members of the Black Panther Party. The Limas-Roberge shooting is exemplified in one of the most enduring training films the Department produced involving police involved shootings. The film epitomizes the will-to-survive message and is presented to almost every basic police academy class for recruits throughout California

Gas Station Robbery



Officer Robert Scheider

On Dec. 1, 1962, Officers J.L. Savino and Robert Schneider were on regular patrol in North Hollywood Division. At approximately 1 a.m. in the 4500 block of Lankershim Boulevard, the officers spotted suspicious activity at a local gas station. The policemen did not know they were about to confront three robbery suspects who had kidnapped a man earlier that evening and were holding him in the trunk of their car while they committed other

As the officers pulled into the gas station, the suspects rammed their car into the police vehicle. Two suspects fired several shots, hitting Policeman Schneider in the right bicep. The policemen returned fire, wounding one suspect. The suspects were later captured.

Gambling Leads to Gunfire

On May 6, 1972, 77th Division Vice Officer Jan McGaff and his partner were working undercover investigating a residence believed to be involved in illegal gambling activities when they heard the occupants discussing such activities. When the suspects took notice of McGaff and his partner, the officers immediately displayed their badges and demanded entry into the residence. After, again, verbally identifying himself as a Los Angeles Police Officer, McGaff forced his way through the front door and saw three males standing in the living room and kitchen area and observed a closed bedroom door. Believing there were more suspects inside, he ordered them to exit the bedroom. Instead of coming out of the bedroom, the suspect fired two rounds through the door at McGaff, who returned fire. The door swung open, and the suspect fired a round at McGaff, striking him in the chest.



Officer Jan McGaff

McGaff was taken to the hospital and treated for a gunshot wound that penetrated his chest, hit and shattered multiple ribs, shattered his sternum and came to rest against his heart.

McGaff was in the hospital for three weeks until a heart surgeon was able to remove the bullet. Due to his injuries, Policeman McGaff was forced to retire.

Out-of-Control Party



Officer A. Richard Nevarez

On January 21, 1972, Officer Arthur Nevarez and his partner were on patrol in the Northeast Area when they received a call about a possible hit and run.

Upon arriving at the scene, Nevarez observed 30 to 40 teenagers drinking and loitering near the area. The policemen approached the teens to ask if any of them had seen a hit and run or if anyone in the group was an accident victim. The teens were uncooperative and began yelling profanities at the policemen. Since there was no evidence of a hit and run and the teens were causing a disturbance, the officers instructed them to go inside the residence where the party was taking place and lower the noise. The group ignored the policemen's repeated requests and commands and continued to yell profanities

Nevarez called for backup assistance to safely shut down the party.

Once backup arrived, the policemen approached the

house where 50 individuals began cursing and throwing rocks and bottles at them. Nevarez, who had not had a chance to put on his protective helmet, was struck on the left side of his head with a concrete block, knocked unconscious and began to bleed profusely. His partner dragged him behind their vehicle for protection.

Nevarez was taken to a hospital for emergency surgery for his severe head injury. After several surgeries, Policeman Nevarez received a steel plate to cover the permanent hole in his skull and was granted medical retirement at the age of 29.

Hostage Situation

On Feb. 15, 1973, Officer Steven Nielsen and his partner were working the Special Problems Unit when they received a "Robbery in Progress" call. The policemen responded to a store on Vermont Avenue in Southwest Division. As they approached the store, a suspect exited the location holding a female hostage. The suspect, while holding the hostage, saw the policemen, walked toward them, and demanded that they drop their guns or he would kill the hostage. Nielsen could see that the suspect had one arm around the hostage's neck and was holding a shiny object against her head in the other

As the suspect approached him, Nielsen managed to grab hold of the suspect's arm and fired at him. The suspect then released the hostage who immediately ran away. By this time. several other officers had arrived and were positioned across the street. When they heard the shots from Nielsen's gun, they believed that the suspect had fired at Nielsen, and they began shooting at the suspect. One of the 10 rounds that struck the



Officer Steven Nielsen

suspect also struck Nielsen. The policemen eventually took the suspect into custody, and Policeman Nielsen was taken to the hospital

Unexpected Gun Fight



Officer Michael G. Sullivan

On May 30, 1975, Officer Michael Sullivan and his partner conducted a traffic stop on a Santa Monica Freeway on-ramp in the West Los Angeles area. Unexpectedly, the occupants of the vehicle opened fire on the officers. As both officers returned fire, Sullivan was struck by a bullet. The suspects escaped but were later apprehended in Venice.

The bullet that struck Sullivan traveled through his lung, liver, spleen and out of his chest, and required six hours of emergency surgery. On Jan. 13, 2012, Sullivan received a liver transplant as a result of liver disease that eventually developed into cancer. Doctors believe that the shooting contributed to the liver disease. Officer Sullivan served 26 vears with the LAPD.



Officer James Van Pelt Jr.

Burglary Shootout

On July 19, 1974, Officers James Van Pelt Jr. and his partner responded to a burglary in process call in Northeast

The officers discovered a possible suspect hiding in the bushes across the street from the call location and ordered him out of the bushes. While being handcuffed, the suspect turned and attacked the officers. A violent fight ensued, during which Van Pelt's partner was struck and thrown down a nearby hill. Van Pelt continued to fight the suspect who gained control of his service revolver. The suspect shot Officer Van Pelt in the chest and arm from point-blank range and then turned his attention to his partner, shooting twice and missing both times.

Though seriously wounded, Van Pelt got back up and continued to fight the suspect and attempted to regain control of his service revolver. The suspect threw him back down to the ground and shot him twice more in the stomach. Van Pelt was gravely injured, and the suspect escaped, leaving the officer for dead.

The suspect continued his crime spree, including attacking two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and murdering a State Police Officer. He was eventually captured and sentenced to 22 years to life in prison.

After numerous surgeries, Officer Van Pelt was released from the hospital; however, he was unable to continue his career with the LAPD and medically retired in 1974.

Armed Robbery Aftermath



Officer Tedford E. Severns

While on patrol on April 9, 1977, Officers Tedford Severns and Robert Yarnell pulled over a speeding car containing three individuals, unaware that the driver had recently participated in an armed robbery. The driver suddenly pulled out a gun and shot Officer Severns in the chest and abdomen. Officer Yarnell immediately offered himself as a target to save his fallen partner from further injury.

Despite shock and loss of blood, Severns was equally determined to protect his brother officer. With his legs paralyzed, he dragged himself to the police car during the exchange of gunfire. He engaged a forward gear, causing the vehicle to roll ahead and form a barrier between Yarnell and the armed suspect. He then managed to radio for help before collapsing

In the moments that followed, Yarnell ended the confrontation by fatally wounding the suspect. Keeping the two remaining suspects under control, Yarnell rushed to the aid of Severns.

For his actions that day, Officer Severns received the Medal of Valor. He retired from the LAPD in November 1999 as a Sergeant.



Sgt. Eric Birkeland

Burglary in **Progress**

On Jan. 9, 1982, while assigned to Newton Field Services Division, Officer Eric Birkeland and his partner responded to a "Burglary in Progress" call on East 41st Street. As the officers approached the location, they heard automatic gunfire. Birkeland and his partner stopped their car, called in their location and began to search the area for the source of the gunfire.

The officers were confronted by three armed assailants, so Birkeland drew his service revolver and broadcasted a help call. The officers took cover, identified themselves as officers and ordered the assailants to disarm. One of the suspects pointed his weapon at Birkeland and, believing the

assailant was about to shoot, Birkeland fired at him. Almost simultaneously, all three assailants fired back at the officers.

During the exchange of gunfire, 20 rounds were fired by the assailants, and Birkeland was struck in the face directly between his eyes. Despite being wounded, Birkeland countered the threat before finally losing consciousness and collapsing. Prior to falling unconscious, Birkeland was able to pull himself out of the assailants' sight and shouted, "I've been hit." Birkeland's partner came to his aid and broadcasted, "Officer needs help, officer shot."

The suspects were tracked to a nearby apartment building and surrounded by Metropolitan Division's SWAT Unit. After hours of negotiations, the suspects surrendered.

Officer Birkeland was pulled to safety and taken to a local hospital. After extensive medical treatment and therapy, Birkeland returned to full duty and later was promoted to Sergeant.

Motorcycle Collision



Officer Wayne Valdez

On Nov. 21, 1997, Officer Wayne Valdez, a motor officer from Valley Traffic Division, was conducting traffic enforcement at Roscoe Boulevard and Woodman Avenue, Valdez began pursuit of a violator at the intersection of Woodman Avenue and Lassen Street, turning on his police lights and siren. While in pursuit, a driver collided into Officer Valdez's motorcycle, causing catastrophic injuries. Officer Valdez was granted a Service Connected Disability commencing in 1999 and underwent 40 medical procedures as a result of the on-duty traffic collision. The collision ended Officer Valdez's LAPD career, but through the support of the Department and his family, he was able to walk again.



Det. Michael D. Lewin

Drug Sting

On Dec. 16, 1982, Officer Michael Lewin and his partner, Officer Nicholas Titiriga, were temporarily reassigned to the West Bureau Narcotics Unit to conduct undercover drug buys. Working in plain-clothes near Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue, the officers completed a drug buy and attempted to contact an arrest team to assist in the takedown of the suspects. Because their handheld radios were not working properly and fearing the suspects would flee, Titiriga detained and handcuffed one of the suspects.

Officer Lewin approached the other two suspects, identified himself as a police officer, and gave orders. One of the suspects refused to comply with Officer Lewin's orders and attacked him, breaking his nose and attempting to steal his gun. A violent struggle over Lewin's gun ensued

In a fight for his life, Lewin gained back control of his gun and fired at the suspect, who again re-gained a grip of Lewin's gun, now forcing it towards the officer's head. Additional officers arrived and further attempts to break the suspect's grasp with Lewin's gun failed. Officer Titiriga arrived after hearing the gunshots and observed Lewin's face now bloodied from the struggle. Believing that Lewin's life was in danger, Titiriga fired one shot at the suspect. The round traveled through the suspect's body, exiting and striking Lewin's left ankle.

Officer Lewin was taken to a hospital where he recuperated from his wounds and returned to duty. He was later promoted to detective.



Capt. Thomas McMullen

Battle With Deaf Suspect

In the early morning hours of Aug. 21, 1988, Southwest Patrol Division Officers Gregory Cottrell and Thomas McMullen received a "Man with a Gun" radio call.

McMullen and Cottrell met with Sgt. Mike Evers to develop a tactical plan because they faced significant challenges for entering the suspect's residence, which provided no cover and few exits. Most importantly, the suspect was totally deaf, and only eye contact with him would reveal his

As Cottrell opened the front door of the residence, he observed the suspect seated on the floor holding a handgun. Cottrell, concerned for his safety, moved to the south side of the doorway while making the other officers aware

of his observations. Suddenly, the suspect emerged from the front doorway with the gun in his hand and pointed his weapon toward McMullen. Seeing the deadly threat to McMullen and Cottrell, Evers fired three rounds at the suspect who then fired two rounds at McMullen.

A gun battle ensued between the three officers and the suspect.

As units began to respond to a "Help" call from the officers, McMullen realized he had sustained a gunshot wound to his hand. Despite his injury, McMullen maintained a position where he could cover the front door of the suspect's apartment should he emerge again and pose a renewed threat.

The suspect was ultimately killed in an exchange of gunfire with responding SWAT officers.



Officer John Hall



Hall and Liberty

On March 22, 1989, Officer John Hall was assigned to Metropolitan Division, K-9 Platoon when he and his partner dog, Liberty, a female Rottweiler, responded to an "Officer Needs Help-Shots Fired" request in Culver City. Once on scene, Liberty soon alerted officers to a suspect who was hiding in a garage.

Officer Hall and Liberty moved through the darkness of the garage, when Liberty went out of sight through a door. The dog barked at the hiding suspect. A shot rang out, and Liberty was struck. As Hall entered the storage room, he was shot in the left arm. With low visibility, Hall fired his weapon at the suspect's muzzle flashes only five feet away. Through the glimmer of light from the LAPD helicopter's searchlight, the officer could see Liberty regain her feet and continue attacking the suspect, disrupting his aim. Finally, the suspect collapsed from Hall's fire.

Hall was able to take his dog out of the garage so she could receive medical treatment. Although wounded with a gunshot that had fractured his arm, Hall knew that the suspect was not handcuffed and still had access to a firearm. He reformed his search team and, again, made entry into the garage. As the team approached, an additional suspect came out of the garage and Hall fired until the suspect fell to the ground.

Officer Hall was treated for a gunshot wound and a fractured arm and was awarded the Medal of Valor for his actions in 1990. He continued to work Metropolitan Division until his retirement from the Department on

After the incident, Liberty was taken to a veterinarian's office and unfortunately died from her wounds. In 1990, the Liberty Award was created in her name for police dogs that are killed or seriously injured in the



Det. Gabriel Rivas

CRASH Shooting

Just after midnight on July 9, 1994, Hollenbeck officers assigned to Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) were in full uniform and in a marked police vehicle. Officer Gabriel Rivas was the passenger officer on patrol when unknown suspects fired six rounds at him. The police vehicle was hit by several bullets, one of which struck Rivas in the face.

The bullet fractured his right jaw and shattered his cheekbone. Rivas was hospitalized for seven days and eventually underwent reconstructive surgery on his left cheekbone. Officer Rivas eventually returned to full duty and is now a Detective assigned to Rampart Division.

Residential Explosions





Officer Robert Gollhofer

Officer Daniel Johnson

On June 27, 1989, a man advised medical staff at a hospital that he had blown his fingers off with dynamite. With the possibility that there was an explosion at his residence, personnel from the Bomb Squad, Scientific Investigation Division, Criminal Conspiracy Section, Detective Support Division, and Rampart patrol officers responded to conduct a follow-up investigation to determine if there was an explosion and if there were additional explosives still present.

Officers entered the apartment and observed numerous dangerous fireworks and raw explosives. They immediately evacuated the remaining tenants due to the volatility of the situation. Officers Robert Gollhofer and Daniel Johnson remained to process the evidence.

While separating the explosive material, an explosion occurred that caused injuries to Gollhofer and Johnson. As the officers were evacuating after the first explosion, a second explosion occurred, resulting in additional injuries and the complete devastation of the apartment and damage to neighboring buildings.

Officer Johnson was treated for left arm and leg lacerations, a concussion, burns, chest pain and ear damage. Officer Gollhofer was treated for second-degree burns to his head, face and arms, lacerated corneas in both eyes, cuts to his face, and ear damage.



Officer Michael Chapman

Shot to the Eye

On April 16, 1993, Officer Michael Chapman and his partner were assigned to 77th Street Patrol. While driving on Manchester Avenue, they observed a speeding vehicle containing three males. As the officers followed the vehicle to run the license plate, the driver of the vehicle began driving erratically in an attempt to evade the officers. The officers pursued the vehicle throughout the 77th Street and Southeast Areas.

Suddenly, the suspects stopped, and the front passenger exited and fired a handgun at the officers. The round pierced the windshield of the police vehicle, striking Chapman's eyeglasses and shattering a lens that sent glass shards into his left eye. The round also fragmented and severely lacerated his left ear. In pain and with his vision impaired, Chapman took cover behind the door of the police vehicle

and engaged the suspect, who he could only make out as a silhouette. Additional units arrived and took the remaining suspects into custody.

Officer Chapman was taken to the hospital where he received care to repair the cornea of his left eye. Unfortunately, Chapman continues to have vision problems due to a buildup of scar tissue on his left cornea.

Car Impact



Officer Antonio Salazar

On Nov. 20, 2007, Officer Antonio Salazar was assigned to the Hollenbeck Narcotics Enforcement Detail (NED) and was working in plain clothes. Officers were conducting surveillance on a narcotics suspect in the Boyle Heights area when they observed him stop his vehicle, park and engage in a narcotics transaction.

At the conclusion of the narcotics transaction, the officers continued to maintain surveillance on the narcotics buyer as he walked into the rear yard of a nearby residence. At this time, a few NED personnel focused their attention on the seller. When officers approached and identified themselves, the suspect started his car and drove away before he could be apprehended.

After the suspect had driven away, officers refocused their attention on the original narcotics buyer. As Officer Salazar exited and rounded his police vehicle, he heard the screeching of tires coming from north of his position and saw the suspect's vehicle speeding toward him on the

wrong side of the street. The suspect swerved at Salazar and struck him, causing him to be thrown approximately 47 feet from the original point of impact.

Salazar was taken by paramedics and treated for several serious and life-threatening injuries, for which he underwent 10 reconstructive surgeries to repair his legs.

Officer Salazar eventually recovered from his injuries and returned to full duty at Hollenbeck Division



Det. Brian Mathews

Catastrophic **Blown Tire**

On Jan. 25, 1996, Det. Brian Mathews of LAPD's Bomb Squad, Scientific Investigation Division, responded to a "Code Three" emergency bomb call in the Harbor Division.

While driving southbound on the 405 Freeway at San Fernando Mission Road, Det. Mathews' Bomb Squad vehicle suffered a catastrophic tire failure, causing him to lose control of his vehicle. The vehicle overturned multiple times; Mathews' seatbelt failed, and he was subsequently ejected from the vehicle.

As a result of the injuries sustained in this collision, Det. Mathews was permanently paralyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair.

LA's Bravest



Lt. Darnell Davenport

Gang Intersection

On July 20, 1993, Officers Darnell Davenport and Jean Salvodon were driving westbound on Jefferson Boulevard when a Chevrolet Monte Carlo stopped abruptly alongside the officers' vehicle. The occupants yelled out, "They shot at us! Somebody's following us. They tried to kill us." Davenport asked, "Who?" "Them!" screamed a passenger, pointing at a Honda racing past them.

The officers immediately began a pursuit of the Honda and advised Dispatch of their location.

The Honda stopped at an intersection in an area known for heavy gang and narcotic activity. Dispatch, however, miscommunicated the intersection in the officers' broad-

Davenport jumped out of the vehicle, was instantly shot and fell to the pavement. Salvodon then flung open his door, as one of the suspects sent a bullet crashing through the window of his opening door. From the ground, Davenport observed the driver fleeing and the passenger walking deliberately toward him, firing his 9mm pistol at him. Another bullet struck Davenport's heel, and he immediately fired four times back at the gunman. The suspect turned and started firing again at Salvodon.

Though incapacitated, Davenport, fearing for Salvodon's life, exposed himself to the suspect's deadly fire and shot several rounds at the suspect. As the suspect moved out of sight. Davenport pulled himself up to a barricaded position, once more returning fire.

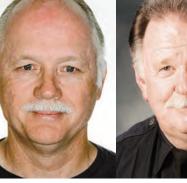
Salvodon emerged from the car and fired two rounds as the suspect turned to run. Davenport attempted to chase the suspect, but his injuries caused him to collapse

Salvodon saw his injured partner fall to the ground and, without concern for his own safety, rushed and grabbed Davenport and dragged him to cover. Salvodon tried calling for help, but Dispatch could not hear him over radio chatter. He continued to kneel over his bleeding partner, scanning in every direction, ready to return fire.

Finally, after several attempts, Salvodon's broadcast came across, "Officer down! We need help, my partner's shot," Suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officer Davenport was still able to coordinate the response of units that were en route to assist and cordon off the area. Responding officers quickly formulated an officer rescue plan to move Davenport to the waiting ambulance, which then rushed him to the hospital.

Robbery and Shooting





Sgt. Robert Hamilton

Officer Timothy Russell

On Sept. 6, 1995, Officer Timothy Russell and Sgt. Robert Hamilton were assigned to Metropolitan Division and were working a uniformed crime suppression detail in 77th Division.

The officers heard a radio call of a robbery in progress. Responding to the scene, the officers observed a male who matched the description of the call. As they pulled up to the suspect, Officer Hamilton exited the passenger door and was immediately shot in the arm and back. The gunshot to Hamilton's back did not penetrate the body armor

he was wearing, but the force of the impact caused him to fall back into his squad car. Officer Russell then exited the squad car and engaged in a gun battle with the suspect,

during which Russell sustained a gunshot to the left temple area, knocking off his glasses. Officer Hamilton re-exited the squad car and also engaged in the gunfire. Though the suspect was struck numerous times by the officers' gunfire, he managed to jump into the parked squad car and attempted to drive away from the scene. Russell and Hamilton began a foot chase after the suspect until the vehicle came to a stop when the suspect fatally succumbed to his wounds.

Both officers were taken to a hospital and treated for their gunshot wounds. The officers returned to duty at the Metropolitan Division and were awarded the Medal of Valor in 1997.

Apartment Disturbance



Officer Elizabeth Green

On Oct. 14, 1995, Officers Elizabeth Green and Camerino Mesina responded to a domestic violence call in the Van Nuvs area. Upon arrival, the apartment complex manager led the officers to the apartment with the disturbance. The officers announced themselves upon entering the apartment and found a woman, a teenager and a toddler standing in the living room. As the officers led them out of the apartment, the toddler ran back inside. Officer Green went back into the apartment to retrieve the child when she observed a second woman standing around the corner of a wall and a male suspect behind her.

The suspect aggressively moved forward and initiated a gunfight with the officers, resulting in the suspect's death. Officer Green sustained several gunshot wounds to her upper torso and left arm and subsequently retired from the Department due to her injuries.

LA's Bravest



Officer Steve Jenkins

Domestic Violence Call

On April 4, 2011, two officers responded to a domestic violence call in the Sylmar area. Upon arriving at the location, LAFD Paramedics, who were already at the scene, told the officers that the domestic violence suspect's vehicle had collided into a home at the end of the cul-de-sac. Upon finding that the suspect was not inside the vehicle or near the vicinity of the car, the officers returned to the initial location to interview the victim, who informed officers that her husband had access to firearms in the home and had been drinking alcohol.

The officers attempted to contact the suspect on his cell phone and via the public address system but did not get a

response. After having searched the area for the suspect with negative results, the responding officers called Officer Steve Jenkins' Metropolitan K-9 Unit, and a tactical plan was developed to enter the victim's residence.

Immediately after entering the residence, the suspect ambushed the officers and fired several gunshots, striking K-9 handler Officer Jenkins in the face and neck. The team, under fire, redeployed to a safer position. Though critically injured, Jenkins redeployed himself to provide cover to his other team members. Only after his team members were safely out of danger did Jenkins notify his team that he had been hit.

LAFD paramedics rendered critical lifesaving efforts to Officer Jenkins and took him to a hospital.

SWAT was called in to contain the location, and the suspect was later killed.

Gang Signs Lead to More



Officer Sal Obaidee

Officer Nuria Vanegas **Medal of Valor**

On Aug. 25, 2011, Officers Sal Obaidee and Nuria Vanegas were en route to 77th Street Station after conducting a follow-up investigation. When they approached the intersection of Western Avenue and Florence Avenue, the officers saw two groups of gang members yelling and throwing gang signs at each other. Aware of the increased number of gang-related shootings in the area, the officers initiated an investigation.

The officers followed the suspects in their patrol vehicle north on Western and lost sight of them as the suspects

walked east on 70th Street. As soon as they rounded the corner, Officers Obaidee and Vanegas were met with a barrage of gunfire. The patrol vehicle's passenger side door was struck twice, and the windshield exploded, sending glass shards into the faces of both officers.

Trapped inside of the vehicle with no available cover nearby, Obaidee returned fire through the windshield. Officer Obaidee was struck in the hand, wrist, right rib and the chest by the suspect's gunfire and had severe cuts on his face from the broken glass, but still continued the

Vanegas observed that her partner had been shot and was bleeding from his arm and face. Knowing that the suspects had every advantage over the trapped officers, Venegas exited the vehicle, exposing herself to the ongoing gunfire as she drew the suspects' attention from her wounded partner, still trapped inside the vehicle.

Seeing that his partner was engaged with and repelling the suspects, Obaidee aired the "Help Call" and began to direct responding units to their location.

Vanegas continued to assault the suspects with such force that they abandoned their position and fled. Upon seeing that her partner had collapsed out of the vehicle and onto the street, Vanegas abandoned her pursuit to aid her wounded partner. Vanegas then assisted the responding officers by providing critical information that led to the arrest of two "attempted murder on Police Officer" suspects and the recovery of one handgun.



Officer Guillermo De La Riva

Probation Search

On June 25, 2013, Officer Guillermo De La Riva and other members of the 77th Street Area Gang Enforcement Detail gathered to conduct a probation search for a subject in the South Los Angeles area. When it was confirmed that the parolee resided at a specific location, officers entered the residence to clear it. While attempting to clear an attic crawlspace, Officer De La Riva was shot by the parolee, who

The parolee unleashed a barrage of gunfire into the residence while officers returned fire and removed De La Riva. Officers established a perimeter and requested Metropolitan Division SWAT to respond for a barricaded suspect. Hours

after SWAT officers attempted to contact and negotiate with the suspect, they entered the residence and located him in the crawlspace, where he was pronounced dead by paramedics.

Officer De La Riva was taken to the hospital, where he received treatment for a gunshot wound to the face.



Officer Stuart Guy

Det. Earl Valladares



Sgt. Dean Larry Haynes

Officer Martin Whitfield

Det. John Wiliam Krulac

North Hollywood Bank Shootout

On Feb. 28, 1997, North Hollywood officers were on patrol when they observed two suspects wearing ski masks and armed with assault rifles walking toward a Bank of America. The officers then heard the sound of gunfire from inside the bank and immediately broadcast an armed robbery call. The suspects emerged from the bank armed with assault weapons and began firing toward officers who had arrived on-scene.

Sgt. Dean Haynes, Officer Stuart Guy, Det. John Krulac, Det. Earl Valladares and Officer Martin Whitfield were some of the first officers to arrive at the scene. Police personnel engaged the heavily armed suspects, and it was determined that during the 17-minute gun battle, the suspects fired at least 424 rounds.

Sgt. Haynes' police vehicle was shot 57 times, and Haynes was shot in his left shoulder and left leg. While crouching behind his squad car, Officer Whitfield was struck in the right thigh, resulting in a shattered femur.

Officer Guy sustained a severe gunshot wound to his right thigh and forearm while lying atop Det. Krulac, who was not wearing body armor. Det. Krulac was eventually shot in the leg.

Both suspects were mortally wounded. The North Hollywood Bank Shootout will long be remembered as one of the country's most shocking displays of criminal behavior and an outstanding example of professional, heroic law enforcement.

Medal of Valor



Sgt. Michael Flanagan

Gang Ambush

On July 10, 1989, Officer Michael Flanagan and his partner were on patrol in the Jordan Downs Housing Development in Southeast Area. Flanagan parked the patrol car in front of a parcotics location that he had closed down the week before to look for evidence of it possibly reopening.

The officers were unaware of a planned ambush by four members of the Grape Street Watts Crip Gang, who had parked their Chevy next to where Flanagan had stopped. As the officers drove away, a gang member armed with a 12-gauge shotgun, jumped up and fired two rounds into the patrol car. The first round struck Flanagan in his left arm and hand, and the second round struck him in his right hand, knocking it off the steering wheel. Unable to

move either hand, he threw himself onto his partner to protect him from being shot. Unable to open or close his hands, Flanagan made a wide right turn with the vehicle and jumped the curb onto the sidewalk. A second gang member then fired numerous rounds from a high-powered assault weapon, missing the officers. Flanagan then used the crease of his wrist to force the steering wheel to turn to get back on the street. Down the street, a third gang member began firing rounds from a handgun.

Again using the crease of his right wrist, Flanagan maneuvered the vehicle to avoid a fourth gang member armed with a high-powered rifle. Once they had passed the housing development, Flanagan told his partner to broadcast a help call.

Every vein in Officer Flanagan's wrists was damaged, causing him to lose a large amount of blood. As he was driving, he passed out and accelerated at a high rate of speed into an upcoming intersection. His partner yelled at Flanagan to stop the vehicle, causing him to regain consciousness and apply the brakes to stop the car. Flanagan later went to a hospital for treatment of his wounds.

Coloring With Marianal Property of the Coloring Street Colorin Look for our next contest in the January edition of The *Alive!* Children's

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!





Melissa Barragan, 5

BIRTHDAY: September 19
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Oso Special"
FAVORITE SNACK: Goldfish
BEST FRIEND: Haily
WHAT
AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, it is my favor<mark>ite park. • PARENT: Sergio Barragan, DWP</mark>



Lily Rigney, 6

- BIRTHDAY: December 11 FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Wild Kratts"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Crackers BEST FRIEND: Skyler WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland.

PARENT: Patrick Rigney, Sanitation

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PAKEN I/GUAKDIAN	DEPI	CHILD
Mason Siah	2	James Hsu	Retiree	Isabella Jimenez
Gemma Herbert	3	David Aguirre	LAPD	Johnell Lloyd
Brooke Negrete	3	George Negrete	DWP	Cameron Mullin
Pearl Valadez	3	Jesus Valadez	DWP	Brillana Munoz
Kimberly Ayala	4	Jenny Ayala	Building & Safety	Johnathan New
Andrew Choi	4	John Choi	LAPD	
Bruce Kwan	4	Shirley Lu	Library	Arianna Roberts
Ava Miranda	4	Patricia Miranda	Retiree	Marco Sandova
Ethan Phan	4	Linda Duong	DWP	Marisol Aguirre
Ella Villegas	4	Carlos Villegas	DWP	Audrey CdeBaca
Ethan Alvarado	5	Carlos Alvarado	DWP	Samantha Chave
Jack Christopher	5	Jim Christopher	DWP	Alyssa Estrada
Joshua Estrada	5	Ramon Estrada	Harbor	Cheyenne Garcia
Kaylin Ganier	5	Kimberly Ganier	LAPD	,
Brooklyn lasparro	5	Dominick lasparro	LAPD	Allison Kim
Jenel Mutuc	5	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP	Alejandro Lopez
Brody Perez	5	Michael Perez	LAFD	Anika Nichols
Omar Pena	5	Guillermo Reza	Rec & Parks	Natalie Rodrigue
Camille Sheppard	5	John Sheppard	General Services	Elisa Ruiz
Hailyn Topete	5	Paul Alvarado	Public Works	Samantha Baraj
Anthony Vasquez	5	Suzy Vasquez	LAPD	Aresha Echols
Talyla Aquino	6	Molly Prager	Retiree	
Selene Rose Barajas Tressa Blas		Miguel Angel Barajas		Angel Galicia-Co
Samantha Edemann	6 6	Fe Blas	Retiree Rec & Parks	Kayla Gerardo
Riley Edemann	6	Craig Edemann Craig Edemann	Rec & Parks	Reyna Johnson
Brooke Gonzalez	6	Frank Gonzalez	Retiree	Jeff Mararac Jr.
Madison Kuzichev	6	Alfred Kuzichev	LAFD	Gracel Mutuc
Jayde Martin	6	Mario Martin	GSD	Peter Otoshi
Noah Martinez	6	Renee Decker	Harbor	Nichelle Perkins
Peter Perez	6	Celso Perez	Public Works	
Jack Rigney	6	Patrick Rigney	Public Works	Joshua Reyes
Jacob Rodriguez	6	Jesus Rodriguez	DWP	Megan Romero
Adrian Torres	6	Sara Vega	Housing	Jewel Acosta
Mia Villegas	6	Carlos Villegas	DWP	Julissa Agustin
Mark Young	6	Maria B Young	Airports	Megan CdeBaca
Nicholas Ganier	7	Kimberly Ganier	LAPD	Leslie Cobian
Melanie Garcia	7	Yolanda Flores	City Attorney	Daisy Garcia
Maddie Kenya	7	Victoria Ramirez	Library	′
Kaylen Lopez	7	Ramiro Lopez	Airports	Ariel Hamilton
Kaitlin Mia	7	Lupe De La Cruz	LAPD	Shawn Jackson
Lily Pagnella	7	Rodney Dishman	Retiree	Giselle Madrid
Kaitlyn Phan	7	Ken Phan	Airports	Raphael Mutuc
Angel Reza	7	Guillermo Reza	Rec & Parks	Brandon Roberts
Alana Ruiz	7	Phillip Ruiz	LAPD	Hailey Rosales
Liyah Smith	7	Yvette Davis	LAPD	Megan Rudd
Raymond Trinh	7	Thai Trinh	Public Works	
Modest Valenzuela	7	Natalie Valenzuela	Harbor	Lilyan Cruz
Sophia Vasquez	7	Suzy Vasquez	LAPD	Priscilla Fuentes
Irish Velasquez	7	Robert Contreraz	Retiree	Ivy Maldonado
Ivan Villa	7	Jorge Villa	LAPD	Adrian Sunstrom
Macey Edemann	8	Craig Edemann	Rec & Parks	Natori Thompson
Joshua Fernandez	8	Ruth Salsman	Retiree	Isaac Truong
Isabella Galoostian	8	Ray Galoostian	Airports	Natalia Hernand
Laci Ganier	8	Kimberly Ganier	LAPD	
Zorianna Garcia	8	Carlos Garcia	DWP	Michael Mutuc
Sydney Hernandez	8	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec & Parks	Angela Quintanil

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Isabella Jimenez	8	George Jimenez	DWP	
Johnell Lloyd	8	Tracie Russell-Lloyd	Transportation	
Cameron Mullin	8	John McTigue	Retiree	
Brillana Munoz	8	Martha Castaneda	LAPD	
Johnathan Newman	8	Nathaniel Newman	Animal Services	
Arianna Roberts	8	Saturo Tanaka	Retiree	
Marco Sandoval	8	Noe Sandoval	DWP	
Marisol Aguirre	9	Marisol Venegas	Harbor	
Audrey CdeBaca	9	Craig CdeBaca	Airports	
Samantha Chavez	9	Ernesto Chavez	Public Works	
Alyssa Estrada	9	Jorge L. Estrada	DWP	
Cheyenne Garcia	9	Gilbert Garcia	DWP	
Allison Kim	9	Yang Kim	DWP	
Alejandro Lopez	9	Lisa De Ronde	LAPD	
Anika Nichols	9	Ryan Nichols	DWP	
Natalie Rodriguez	9	Jesus Rodriguez	DWP	
Elisa Ruiz	9	Robert Ruiz	DWP	
Samantha Barajas	10	Miguel Angel Barajas	Public Works	
Aresha Echols	10	Charles Echols	Retiree	
Angel Galicia-Cooper	10	Aracely Galicia	Transportation	
Kayla Gerardo	10	Albert Gerardo	Public Works	
Reyna Johnson	10	Rhonda Baychue	LAPD	
Jeff Mararac Jr.	10	Jeff Mararac	Airports	
Gracel Mutuc	10	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP	
Peter Otoshi	10	John T. Otoshi	DWP	
Nichelle Perkins	10	Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Retiree	
Joshua Reyes	10	Oscar Reyes	Not Disclosed	
Megan Romero	10	Juan Carlos Romero	LAPD	
Jewel Acosta	11	Antonio Acosta	Rec & Parks	
Julissa Agustin	11	Norris Eaton	Public Works	
Megan CdeBaca	11	Craig CdeBaca	Airports	
Leslie Cobian	11	Juan Cobian	LAPD	
Daisy Garcia	11	Fernando Garcia	Housing	
Ariel Hamilton	11	Jason Hamilton	Rec & Parks	
Shawn Jackson	11	Phyllis Massey	Retiree	
Giselle Madrid	11	Frank Madrid	Airports	
Raphael Mutuc	11	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP	
Brandon Roberts	11	Satoru Tanaka	Retiree	
Hailey Rosales	11	Rudy Corrales	Public Works	
Megan Rudd	11	Kevin Rudd	LAFD	
Lilyan Cruz	12	Mardoqueo Cruz	Public Works	
Priscilla Fuentes	12	Sonia Romero-Fuentes	DWP	
Ivy Maldonado	12	Gabriel Maldonado	DWP	
Adrian Sunstrom	12	Etta Armstrong	City Clerk	
Natori Thompson	12	Porretta Siders	General Services	4
Isaac Truong	12	Richard Truong	City Clerk	
Natalia Hernandez	12	Luis Hernandez	DWP	
Michael Mutuc	12	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP	
Angela Quintanilla	12	Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports	
Julia Rodarte	13	Manuel Mendoza	Retiree	

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Gregory Hernandez, 9

 BIRTHDAY: December 17 FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Spongebob" AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I would like to go to Disneyland becau<mark>se</mark> I have not been there in years. • PARENT: Mark Hernandez, DWP



Sofia Salcedo, 13

BIRTHDAY: February 2 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Gravity Falls"
FAVORITE SNACK: Takis Fuego Chips • BEST FRIEND: Victoria, Melissa and Katje • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because I wou<mark>l</mark>d like to take my little brother over there someday. • PARENT: Rafael Salcedo, DWP



From left: June Lagmay with Sharon Tso of the LA City Ethics Commission



June is honored by LAPD Det. Harry



June Lagmay and Mr. LA, City Councilman Tom



June Lagmay and City Councilman Mitch O'Farrell.



June Lagmay, Retiree, with her brother



June Lagmay with Mark Wolf, Club Member, Asst. General Manager, ITA.



June Lagmay and City Controller Ron



June Lagmay with City Attorney Mike





June Lagmay and City Councilman

From left: Gloria Sosa with June

Lagmay cut-out



City Clerk

Story by Richard Wuerth; Photos by Betsy Annas



0000000000000 June Lagmay with her wife, Rita Romero.

Goodbye **To June City Clerk June Lagmay retires after**

32 years of City service.

retirement party was held Aug. 8 for June Lagmay, who retired after 32 years

June was appointed City Clerk for Los Angeles by former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She served for three consecutive Los Angeles mayors and held a standing position of Legislative Coordinator for 15 years in the administrations of Mayor Richard Riordan, Mayor James Hahn and Mayor Villaraigosa.

She maintained legislative order for the mayor and his staff, managing all legislative records entering and leaving the Mayor's Office, and being personally responsible for all completed Council actions and ordinances submitted for the mayor's concurrence, in compliance with provisions of the City's City Charter and Administrative Code.

June also worked for the City's Personnel Department, Examining Division; in the Office of Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson, 13th Council District, as field deputy; and in the Office of Assemblywoman Gloria Molina, 56th Assembly District, as an assembly aid. She has worked at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center in Los Angeles, and has participated in a variety of civic organizations and campaigns.

June graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in sociology from UCLA, and compiled two years of graduate studies in sociology, also at UCLA.

We all wish June the best in her well-deserved retirement and know she will be missed by all. Thank you June for your service! And the Club congratulates June on a great City career, and wishes her a fantastic retirement.



Retired City Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg, Club Member.



Richard Wuerth honors June Lagmay, Retiree, with Bob Dylan's





From left: June Lagmay's colleagues Cindy Hernandez; Gloria Pinon, Club Member; and Vera Mendez.



From left: Pamela Finley; Karla Cortez, Club Member; and Tim McOsker.



From left: Holly Wolcott, Club Member, with June and Greg Allison, the event's master of ceremonies.



June Lagmay and her wife, Rita Romero, stand behind June's father, surrounded by friends

THIS MONTH AT THE

Underwater ROV Workshop

Saturday, December 7th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Discover the amazing world or underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) by building your own from scratch! In this beginner level, hands-on workshop, participants will construct underwater ROVs in groups. We'll do everything from constructing the frame to wiring the control box and waterproofing motors.

At the end of the workshop day, participants will compete in a challenge that will help determine the design of the ROV. Hints and tips will be provided for how to add this activity to your classroom or club and what to expect if you decide to compete at the annual MATE ROV competition. This is an introductory level workshop, no engineering experience necessary.

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Club Softball League



2013 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

It's the Jets!

On Nov. 6, in a tight, action-packed game, the Jets from LAX beat the Enforcers from Transportation to win the Club Softball League 2013 championship.

Read all the details in the column by Lady Smith, the "Commish."

The Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios, thanks all the team managers and players for making this the biggest softball season in the history of Club Sports. This past season featured the most registered teams in a season ever!

A special thank you goes to the Club's Softball Commissioner, Lady Smith, for her leadership and attention to detail, especially for the orchestrating the fun and excitement for fans and players at the championship

Registration for next season will be announced in spring 2014.







From the Commish

The Championship Game

By Lady Smith

f you weren't in the house Nov. 6 at Downey Recreation Center for the City Club's Softball Championship between the Jets (LAX) and Enforcers (Transportation), you missed something

Early arrivers, including the Enforcers' shortstop and the Sewer Rats' Luis Figueroa

(Hyperion), helped set up and take down the equipment. (Thank you.) The celebration opened up with the arrival of the Rolln' Lobster Food Truck, serving delicious favorites like lobster rolls and hot clam chowder. Delta Rodriguez (Sanitation) controlled the volunteer booth; Martha Egure (City Attorney) was the sign poster/organizer; Jalen Ramirez was the Enforcers' mascot: and Brianna Romero was the Jets' mascot. Brianna did an excellent iob making announcements on the microphone and should have sung the National Anthem, since she is a very talented singer. (Maybe next time.)

The Sports Dude and Club Vice President of Operations, Robert Larios, arrived with his state-of-the-art memory maker (camera) and took countless pictures of the fans, players, volunteers and ambiance. DJ Oue-Oue (OueJonné Smith) started the softball competition by playing Javier Vera's (lead umpire) favorite song, "Doin'

the Butt" by EU. Javi took full advantage of the musical outbreak and danced around home plate. As each player entered their batting stance, DJ Que-Que dropped a snippet of their favorite song to be heard all around the park.

A royal battle ensued between Jets and Enforcers. Enforcers hosted the Jets, and the first inning had begun. Although the Jets scored two early unearned runs, Enforcers' pitcher, Danny

Valdez, ended their at-bat by striking out one batter and fielding to first for the final out. The Jets held on to their early lead by limiting the Enforcers to only their first four batters. Danny didn't allow any Jet to play in the second inning by striking two batters out looking and fielding to first yet another out. The Jets didn't let those at-bats discourage them. The Jets defensively held the Enforcers down with a double play and textbook 5-3 play, ending the second inning.

In the third inning, Danny would again limit the Jets at-bats to three,

by fielding to first the last two outs and bringing his team in to answer the call. With the Enforcers chasing the two recorded Jets runs, eight batters worked together and scored three runs with three bonafide hits and two Jets errors, closing the third inning with a one-run lead.

The Jets were on fire as expected, because they were down by one. The swift Jet, Kenora Posey, opened up the fourth inning with an

stretched eventful double, followed by a catchable right-field fly by quick Rick (Rico Sanchez), easily scoring both runners. The Enforcers stopped the Jets at two runs but couldn't answer back, closing out the fourth inning chasing one.

The Jets scored another two runs in the fifth inning and again, the Enforcers couldn't answer back, with the score 6 - 3 Jets.

The sixth inning was saved for the Enforcers by a six-run maximum rule, capping the Jets lead to just nine. The Jets earned six runs by leaving the Danny alone - the score now 12-3 in the top of the sixth. The Enforcers ended the sixth inning scoring three runs by producing five solid base hits and superhuman speed running the bases.

Umpire Javi announced the final inning, "all you can get!" (meaning there was no per-inning run limit), and the crowd roared, "It's on!" The Jets were up, and everyone was on the edge of their seats. Three up, three down. Incredible! The Jets were held to 12 runs. The Enforcers had a great opportunity to take the game and win; they needed only six to tie, and seven to win. In softball, anything can happen. Seven runs is definitely not uncommon. But the Enforcers

couldn't answer the call. Four up, three down. By the end of this incredible evening, the Enforcers would lose to the Jets 12-6.

What a remarkable game! It was filled with many awesome plays. Most memorable were two grand double plays from the Jets' Rico and four jaw-dropping strikeouts and six textbook defensive plays by Enforcers' golden glove pitcher, Danny.

After the game, the Club's Robert Larios expressed accolades to all the volunteers, players, umpires and everyone who made the evening great. Then, the evening closed with the Jets' winning song, "All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled. It was a great game. It was a great season.

Special thanks go to Tawnni Smith and QueJonné Smith for volunteering during the season and playoffs.





Club Basketball League

he Club's Basketball Season for the fall 2013 is going

The Club will be handing out giveaways to spirited fans at games played at the Exposition Recreation Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., so come out and cheer your team on... and have lots of fun. All are welcome to see the

games, played at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. Visit the Club Website for the latest action from the teams.

To check the latest scores and standings, please visit www.laparks.org/dos/sports/basketball/fall2013/104-F13.pdf



Join a Club **Bowling** League

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Bowling Fun!



Sign up for upcoming Club bowling leagues. The Club's Sports Dude is rounding up all those dedicated Club bowlers out there. Join a Club bowling league. There's little time to spare! Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452, or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

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 Softball League
- Club Basketball League Running Club
 - **Come meet Robert Larios The Sports Dude**



The Sports Dude is also on Facebook by searching him with the words Club Sports Dude - Robert Larios.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members NIFERMENT

At the Movies

In the cinema

Captain Phillips

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In 2009, the cargo ship MV Maersk Alabama was captured off the Somali coast by pirates, the first such highjacking in 200 years. Director Paul Greengrass has created a tense and engrossing drama, starring Tom Hanks as Capt. Phillips, and Barkad Abdi as Muse, the menacing Somali pirate leader. While there may some controversy surrounding this well-made and entertaining film, there is no doubt of the timeliness of the subject. Equally enjoyable and compelling is the excellent film score by Henry Jackman.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

All Is Lost

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A lone sailor's boat is damaged and disabled at sea, with no help in sight. Robert Redford plays the sailor and lone actor in this film; his dialog is nearly non-existent. But Redford is no slouch, and his acting, the reactions to the series of storms and other calamities, will be discussed for years. Exciting, harrowing, and often breathtaking, All Is Lost is not for the casual viewer, but a think-piece on the struggle for survival that is sure to garner at least an Academy Award nomination.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Ender's Game

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Personally, I could have done without see-

ing this film. I do not agree with Orson Scott Card's beliefs or his overt ways of expressing them. That being said, I did expect a lot more from the film. I did read the novel Ender's Game as a teenager and I did enjoy the story, so I expected the movie to really bring the story to life. But it more or less plays out like a visual CliffsNotes of the book and leaves out some more personal and intimate touches the novel presents. It is a damn pretty movie to behold, however.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I knew that I would get a good laugh while watching Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa, but never did I guess there would actually be a semi-decent story to the film. Be that as it may, the best laughs in the film come not from star and Jackass alum Johnny Knoxville but rather from his young co-star Jackson Nicoll. Nicoll is as much the lead of the story as Knoxville and has a certain air about him that makes him instantly likeable and relatable. Some crude humor aside, this is a genuinely hilarious movie worthy of watching.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie presented my first foray into the Jackass genre, and although it felt a lot like Borat crossed with Little Miss Sunshine, it provided lots of laughs.

I was not prepared for an actual story. This

one is as slight as it gets, yet it's there nonetheless - a grandpa (a heavily made-up Johnny Knoxville) travels from Omaha through Kansas City and St. Louis on a road trip with his sweet grandson. It's a pretty simple setup, although it's a bit ridiculous to see the palm trees of Southern California in some backgrounds. Anyway, the movie is about the freakish things they do along the way, and the real stars are the unwitting (maybe) real people who witness the stunts, thinking they're real. It's mostly fun while it lasts, but the ending, as if no one had ever seen Little Miss Sunshine, comes none too soon.

- John Burnes, editor, Alive!



Peter and the

Starcatcher

Family musical

through Jan. 12

Ahmanson Theatre,

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Ahmanson Theatre tells

love, who will never grow up.

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Peter's whole story in a family-friendly

show, filled with high-flying, swashbuck-

ling fun. Peter grows from an orphan who

hates grownups to the character we all

and innovation in staging and direction to

This show uses audience imagination

Last Vegas

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

While I would really consider the all-star film Last Vegas a mellower and light-hearted version of the Hangover set for an older or more reserved audience, it doesn't take away from

the overall fun and enjoyability of the film. Morgan Freeman, Robert De Niro, Kevin Kline and Michael Douglas all shine in this film and look to have really enjoyed themselves making it. I hear rumors of a possible sequel for the film, as it does leave itself open to one; should one be made I would definitely buy a ticket to visit Sin City with these friends once again.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Thor: The Dark World

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

While Thor: The Dark World may not be as majestic a film as the first film in the series, it does make you believe that Marvel Films definitely knows how to please its fans and weave a fantastical and funny romp of a film. And while the film may be titled Thor, the real star of the film again ends up being Tom Hiddleston as his half-brother Loki. Now if they could just ditch the bland Jane Foster character and focus more on the mythology and wonder of Asgard, and this film would have been much better.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Gravity

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A NASA medical engineer (Sandra Bullock) and an astronaut (George Clooney) struggle to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in

Gravity is a slight but tense and entertaining tale of survival, made better by 3D and special effects. Ordinarily, a film's storytelling is not made better by 3D, but this is one exception I would gladly recommend to others. It may not be remembered as a great film, but Gravity shows that sometimes technology can be used to make a better movie.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Book Reviews

The Crooked Mirror

Louise Steinman Memoir, 240 pages Beacon Press

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Louise Steinman shares a journey through her family's history in Poland, and that country's attempt to reconcile its past crimes and heroism during and since the Jewish Holocaust of World War II. Steinman, the founder and

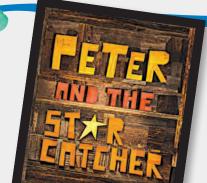
director of the LA Central Library's famous ALOUD program, is also a historian who shows us the heartbreak of the Polish people, who suffered conquest and heroically overthrew the Nazis and Communism, but were too often complicit in the turning over of its Jewish population

Through the book, the reader shares Ms. Steinman's personal journey that is filled with sorrow and hope.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Megan Recommends Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich,

Customer Service Associate at the Club Store



tell is backstory of Peter. It stars Ben Beckley, Harter Clingman, Jimmon Cole, Joey de Bettencourt, Nathan Hosner, Carl Howell, Robert Franklin Neill,

Sanders, Benjamin Schrader, Luke Smith, Megan Stern, Ian Michael Stuart, Edward

Rachel Prather, John

Tournier, Nick Vidal and Lee Zarrett, who together play more than a hundred roles, and is based on the novel written by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. It was adapted for the stage by Rick Elice. Peter and the Starcatcher runs through Jan. 12.

Theatre Review

12 Angry Men Pasadena Playhouse

Closed Dec. 1

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Twelve male jurors with an assortment of backgrounds (a cast of six black and six white men) are now confronted with an immense decision that places the fate of a young Latino man in their hands. Either he dies or lives these men decide in a sweltering deliberation room. The script follows much of the 1957 film Twelve Angry Men (and the play before it) and eloquently carries the audience into its world

for which the audience sweats through the stresses and decision-making.

It's a classic tale studied by many top gradate school programs, including the University of Michigan, New York University and Harvard.

Juror Eight is played by Jason George (familiar from the series "Mistresses," "Grey's Anatomy," "Off the Map," "Eastwick," "Eli Stone," "What About Brian," "Eve," "Off Centre," "Titans" and "Sunset Beach").

For movies: Make sure the movie is still in

theatres. For and books, make sure they are

generally available. For theatre shows: try to

submit your review before the show closes.

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end your ability to be published in Alive!

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- Robert Larios, **Club Vice President of Operations**

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- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: My Score: X (out of 5).
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- Alive! will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

Video Gaming

• Video games via online, rental or purchase

Batman: Arkham Origins

Rated T for Teen

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I had two reservations about the release of Batman: Arkham Origins when I first heard about it. Firstly, it was being taken away from Rocksteady Studios and handed it over to Warner Bros. Games Montreal. Second, the timetable for the release of the game seemed rather accelerated to me. Upon release, it seems I may have been right to reserve my feelings. The game experienced numerous technical issues that really hindered gameplay. Though patches were ultimately released that fixed most of the problems, it wasn't enough to keep the solid story of the game on the high end of the measuring stick.

Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Final Exam

Rated T for Teen My Score:



what to expect

from Final Exam, a quasi-reboot of the Obscure franchise... kind of. It's a long backstory, but the game is still reminiscent of Obscure without really being Obscure. The game is fun to play, but there are a lot of repetitive sequences, and the boss battle mechanics in the game are somewhat cheap and overdone. It takes away from the experience of the game, but not enough to stop playing. A little more refinement would have definitely helped to make the game much more enjoyable.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Just Dance 2014

Rated E10+

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Straight to the point, if you are not already a fan of the Just Dance or other motion/dancecontrolled games out there, Just Dance 2014 is not going to change your mind. In other words. don't waste your time with it. However, if the Just Dance franchise is up your alley, you are really going to like this new game. Tons of new songs, new dance routines, and new modes, including a quasi-karaoke addition to the game, really make it stand out amongst other games in the series and show that this game is ready for the next generation of consoles.

Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Guided Fate Paradox

Rated T for Teen

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Although The Guided Fate Paradox, by NIS America, is an extremely difficult game to the point of being overwhelmed, and the looming threat of losing everything you've worked for in the game constantly on one's mind, I can't get over how streamlined, easy to understand and enjoyable this gaming adventure actually is. The game is a joy to play and something I wasn't completely expecting. I have loved NIS America games in the past, but there has always been something about them that detracts just a bit from the overall enjoyability of the game. With this game, that sense is gone; the game is completely entertaining.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Beyond: Two Souls

Rated M for Mature My Score: 3 (out of 5)



Though there seems to be some unintended silliness and looseness in the story for Beyond: Two Souls, and a somewhat passive gameplay

experience, I am still really enjoying the game. If anything, I am awestruck by the level of detail in the graphics for the game, especially when concerned with those of the actors. With one glance you can tell that Ellen Page is the actress portraying the protagonist Jodie Holmes. The level of detail in this game is almost beyond any measure I can find to compare it to. And while graphics don't make a game, they do make this PS3 exclusive worth trying out.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

What are some great books, shows and sounds to watch to get into the holiday spirit? Alive! asked our reviewers - City Employees or retirees who send in their entertainment reviews most every month for their recommendations.

Here are some suggestions. Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night!

Alive! Reviewers Get in the Spirit





Holiday Singalong

Walt Disney Concert Hall Saturday, Dec. 21, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Julie Andrews, special guest

Lift your voice and sing along to all your favorite Christmas and holiday songs. Bring the whole family! Lyric sheets are provided. What could be a more festive and enjoyable time than an evening at the beautiful Walt Disney Concert Hall singing favorite Christmas and holidays songs with Julie Andrews as the special guest?! Create a happy memory and perhaps a tradition for your friends and family Tickets range from \$35.50 to \$89.50

– Jean Sarfaty, LAPD





Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah

In Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah by Sylvia A. Rouss, Sammy discovers Hanukkah through the lighting of the candles as he watches from the ceiling of his home. This book teaches traditions of the holiday, colors and counting at the preschool level.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Adventures in Cartooning: A Christmas Special

Adventures in Cartooning: A Christmas Special, by James Sturm. The Magic Cartooning Elf and his friend the Knight help Santa make a Christmas comic. The latest in the Adventures in Cartooning series, this book encourages children to pick up a pencil and draw. No batteries are required for this wonderful and educational holiday book.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Book Thief

The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak, is a young adult (YA) novel narrated by Death. Set in Nazi Germany, a place and time when, the narrator notes, he was "extremely busy." The book is certain to become a classic in YA literature

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

One Special Day: A Story for Big **Rrothers** and Sisters

In One Special Day: A Story for Big Brothers and Sisters by Lola M. Schaefer, Spencer is transformed from a wild and rambunctious boy to a gentle big brother in this sweet and joyful story specially aimed at "big brothers and sisters.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

()hristmas on Fourth Street

In Christmas on Fourth Street by Susan Mallory, the magic of Christmas is in the air when Gabriel Boylan, an Army doctor, meets Noelle Perkins in Fool's Gold, Calif. Gabriel is recuperating from his injury and doesn't think he could every love again until he meets Noelle. Noelle decides to open the Christmas Attic in Fool's Gold. Sparks begin to fly between Noelle and Gabriel . This heartwarming romance will bring joy to everyone.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

Starry Night

In Starry Night by Debbie Macomber, Carrie Slayton, a Chicago-based newspaper journalist, is given the opportunity to write a story on reclusive author Finn Dalton living somewhere in the Alaskan wilderness. She gives up spending Thanksgiving with her family to locate the best-selling author and finally finds him, only to get snowed in. Carrie must decide choosing between her career or spending time with the man of her dreams. This romantic story is sure to warm your heart for the holidays.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel



<u>Interactive</u>

A Charlie Brown **(hristmas**

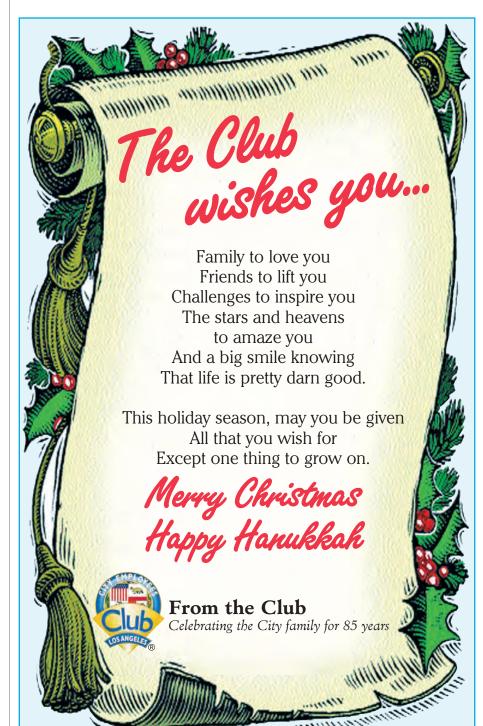
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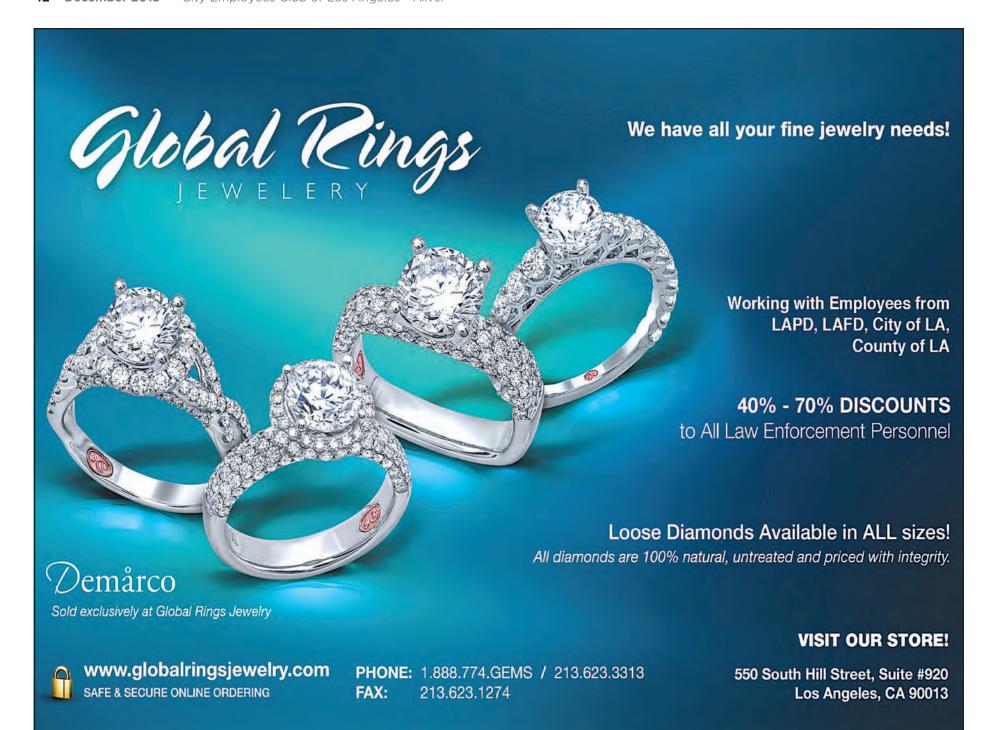
You've seen the TV show over the air and on DVD, and listened to the great Vince Guaraldi soundtrack countless times. But have you played it on your tablet?

The Charlie Brown Christmas app for iPads or Android tablets is like a storybook - you enjoy it at your own pace - enhanced with animation, music and narration by Peter Robbins, the first voice of Charlie Brown in the original show back in 1965.

As much fun as this app is, the magic still rests in the genius writing by Charles M. Schulz, who in truth was a writer more than a cartoonist. Download this, and take the Christmas holiday, including the great words of reminder by Linus, at your own pace.

- John Burnes, editor, Alive!









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Picnic at

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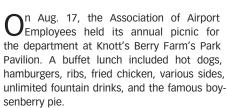






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A DJ played the latest tunes while both the adults and kids participated in games including a Hula-Hoop contest and a dance-off. There was also a large raffle in which numerous prizes such as bikes, a Wii, and movie and theme park tickets were won.

Congratulations to the Association of Airport Employees and Airports for another successful picnic. And special thanks to Jimmy Sparks for inviting us and providing the photos.





















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New Ads This Month!

Gym Equipment: Bowflex Blaze, Excellent condition w/ owner's manual & fitness guide. \$600. Will deliver in LA area. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570.

Train collectors dream! Lionel. Williams. Many NIB. All others are new & like new. From the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s & 90s. Hundreds of cars & engines available. Collector/Bulk purchases only. Michael @ (818) 489-8481.

Wanted: 1BD apartment in LA area for Senior Citizen (LA City Retiree) - no smoking, no drinking. Can pay up to \$800/mo. Curtis @ (702) 488-6525.

Crypt Double Capacity: Tier 3, Inglewood Park cemetery in the Capistrano Gardens. \$8,500 OBO. Info @ dorisknott817@yahoo.com

Timeshare: Orlando, FL: Marriott Lakeshore 893-6570.

> 2005 Yamaha V Star, 1100 Classic Cruiser, 900 miles. Cobra pipes, saddlehans Yamaha Windshield

\$5,600. Must sell because of health reasons. Ryan @ (661) 273-3766.

Transport

1965 El Camino: 496 inches. 871 blower, dyno 765 horsepower, 4 wheel power disc brakes, power steering, Ford 9 inch, munice m20 trans, airbags. \$30,000. D. Jackson @ (310) 628-3477.



2006 Harley Davidson: Dyna Street Bob. Mileage 4277. New battery, trickle charger & cover. KBB: \$8,125. Asking \$7,200 OBO. Info @ (805) 320-6128,

Ventura Area



Pioneer RV 2003: Original owner, amazing condition. 30 ft. sleeps 8, 1 pop-out, AC, TV, DVD. Full bath, awning needs replacing. \$6,000 OBO.

Kevin @ (626)786-3078



Sea-Doo: 2005 Bombardier GTX Supercharged w/pull trailer. Needs minor servicing; it's been sitting

for a while. Michelle @ (951)-796-4565 & make an offer!



Coachmen RV 2005: Purchased in 06 in excellent condition. 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs,

w/extra outdoor shower. \$15,500 OBO, Fernando Torres @ (562)900-9229. 9/13

2004 Toyota Tundra: DBL CAB 4.6L V8. 224,000 miles. \$6,000 OBO. Paul @ (626) 991-5507.

2003 Toyota Sequoia: Limited. Power windows, leather seats, very low mileage, 37,000 miles.



2000 **Ford** Mustang: V6 convertible, \$4,200. 110,000 miles, automatic, new paint, no dents, clean

interior, new headlamps w/hid, new cowl yents, rear spoiler, new chin spoiler, new tires w/brand new Ford oem 17" rims. No trades, cash only. Tags good till Jan 2014. Frank @ (323) 252-6011.

Tires & Rims: For original 2012 Ford F150. 6x135 Michelin P255 65 R17 LTX AS. Used for only 2,500 miles. \$400 firm. Johnny @ (323) 545-7007 between 5pm & 8:30pm

2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide: W/dual backrests & detachable trunk. Lots of chrome & accessories, mileage 19,000. \$12,000 OBO. Theodore



Harley Motorcycle: 1985 Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or japete43@



2011 Toyota Tundra: 4x2 DBL CAB, 4.6L V8 8100 miles. 23,900 OBO. Info @ (562)665-7127.



2011 Chevy Silverado: Crew Cab LTZ, 22,500 miles. Warranty!

Navigation, leather interior, heated bucket seats, loaded! \$31,900 OBO. Kelly @ (661) 733-2411. 5/13



Harley Helmet: Brand new, black. Sells in stores for \$300, selling for \$180 OBO. Info @ (213) 447-9838.

3-Wheel Moped: Blue, 2011, practically new, purchased for \$2,800. Selling for \$1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595.

Reserve. 1BD/1BA villa, sleeps 4. Spa/golf privileges at JW Marriott & Ritz Carlton. June 28 - July 5, 2014. \$1,600. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323)



Motorcycle:

2012 Camaro LS: Reduced price \$19,500! XcInt condition inside & out. 12,000 mi, auto, 6-cycl silver w/blk racing

stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649. 5/13





'96 Camaro: Original owner, 105K miles. Major work done. Runs well. Needs minor touching up. New tires & belts. \$3,500 OBO, as is. Dave @ (424)256-

Tires & Wheels: 4 original 2011 Toyota Tundra wheels w/Michelin P255/70R18 tires. Used only 5000 miles. \$350 OBO. Ernie @ (310) 908-0433.

2006 Volvo: Flint gray, V50 SW. Sports package, fair cond & 138K highway miles. Valued btw \$6,500-\$8,800. Price negotiable. Denise @ (323) 697-8299



1992 Mercury Grand Marqui LS: Good condition, low miles. "As Is". \$2,993. Alvin Williams @ (310) 764-4478.



job; USB power commander & drag tuner; Freedom 2 into 1

Harley: Factory paint

exhaust; CNC ported heads w/forged pistons & adjustable push rods; S & S gear driven cams 258; 42mm injectors; green LED lights; 6 speed trans; chrome; progressive 440 shocks. All work done @ Harley dealership w/ printouts. Many performance upgrades, 4,000 miles on engine build. Last dynode at 125hp 135ftq. 26.000 miles, \$16.500. Richard @ (805) 208-4406.



2008 Providence 40X Diesel RV: 360HP Cummings 8.3 L, 5-speed Allison transmission.

35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs, many upgrades. Reduced price \$130K. Mike White @ (661) 904-2234.

Cemetery Plots

2 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA in the Garden of Carnation; graves 3-4, Lot 2711; Sale \$4,100, plus transfer fees; for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 between 3pm to 7pm

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hill Memorial Park (Benevolence). Lot 1430, Graves 1 & 2. \$4,500 for both or \$2,300 a piece. Lincoln Lai @ (310)542-9997.

Crypt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3. \$10,000. Dennis Carter @ (661) 433-1912.

1 Cemetery Plot: One space for 2. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora. \$3,300. Jose or Juanita @ (818)799-3516.

2 Cemetery Plots: The Gardens Lot (354) in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Graves 3 & 4 (side by side). \$4,800 for both or (1) \$2,500. Karen Hunter Hill @ (661) 317-5922.

4 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Westminster Memorial Park, Garden of Devotion, \$3,000 ea: \$5,500 for 2; \$10,000 for 4, + transfer fee. Allene @ (310)

Furniture

Pedal Fire Truck: Reduced price \$250! Collectible kids org. Real light & bell, rear wooden working ladder & rudder wheels, never used original condition. Replica would be \$400. Info @

Trundle Bed: Reduced price \$250! White metal frame w/floral knobs, w/2 sets of sheets, 1 new in package, + 1 comforter & 3 pillow shams, both mattresses are upgraded. Info @ (805) 477-2866.

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Members Marketplace

Roll Top Desk: Reduced price \$200! Oak, w/ chair, space saver has 4 drawers in front & 3 on back left side, all porcelain knobs. Info @ (805)

Roll Top Desk: Reduced price \$275! Oak, w/ chair & 7 drawers. 2 large filing drawers & inside top has 4 small w/locking cabinet & cubby holes. Interior under cabinet lights. Info @ (805) 477-2866.



Bedroom Set: Gently used, 8-piece whitewashed pine. Pieces include: twin bed, twin bunkie board, 3-drawer

under bed, 6-drawer dresser, 4-drawer desk, hutch (for desk), desk chair & bookcase. Must see to appreciate. \$1,000 OBO. Nancy Cammarata @ (213) 216-3780.

Furniture: Solid oak dining table w/6 chairs, \$300 OBO. Oak finish coffee table & 1 end table \$45 OBO. Call after 4:30pm @ (909)731-2762.



Estate Moving Sale: furniture Assorted including: Entertainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee

& side tables. To schedule a viewing, call (909)244-2469 or (909)440-6364.



after 5pm @ (323) 778-8297.

Roll Top Desk: looks like it could be over 100 years old. \$150 OBO. John @(909) 593-5835. 9/13

Table Set: Rattan & glass, in good condition w/4 chairs & pillows. \$350. Tanya,

Entertainment Center: Plummers, fits "32" TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael @ (310)

Custom Made Sofa: 7 feet, queen mattress, excellent condition, \$375 OBO. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876.

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Sale: 2 vacant lots in beautiful Lake Elizabeth. Approximately 1,500sf, total, street to street. Surveys have been done. New homes in the area. Seller is willing to carry a second note with 50% down in building your dream home. All utilities and lake nearby. \$39,000. Frances @ (805) 583-5321.

Room for Rent: Whittier, CA. 605 x 60 fwys; Xtra large room recently remodeled & furnished w/ queen bed, in-wall entertainment center. Includes use of laundry & kitchen facility, share full restroom. No restriction street parking. Male roommate preferred. Avail: Dec 2013, \$700/ mo. Info: John @ (626)757-5341 or jgonzlz@hotmail.com 10/13

For Rent: Lovely condo in LA/Westchester. 1 BD/1BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 2-car garage. New paint, hardwood floors, stove, dishwasher, elevator, washer/drver hookup, windows & fixtures. Very quiet. Close to public transportation. More details @ (310) 365-1868.

For Rent: 5 unit cozy apartment. 2BD/1 BA, 2-car garage/no pets. \$1,200/mo. + security deposit. 5347 Oakland St., 90032. Miranda @ (626) 422-1020.

For Rent OR Sale: Lancaster 2BD/1.5BA townhouse, 2 stories. Nice complex: small & clean w/pool, jacuzzi & tennis courts. Located near hospital, uspo, transportation, markets, stores, parks, schools & 14. New paint, flooring & newer kitchen cabinets. Half bath downstairs, full bath upstairs w/large round tub. Small interior patio, bar area. balcony, electric fireplace, attached 2-car garage. \$1,000/mo. Renting 1 year lease or more. No pets. App process, credit checks & docs required. OR for sale @ \$90,000. Info @ (323) 919-1163.

For Rent: 3BD/2BA House. Totally renovated, laundry area inside, granite countertops, hardwood floors & private garage. A MUST see!! Located at 1612 W. 82nd St. LA. Section 8 welcome. \$2.100/2.150 mo. Info @ (310)387-6106.

For Rent: 3BD/2BA Townhouse, new carpet, new tile flooring, large bedrooms & bath, located near 110 fwy, shopping stores & public transportation. Must see Townhouse located at 10808 S. Hoover St. LA, Section 8 welcome, no pets. \$1,500/mo. Info @ (323)

For Rent: Pacific Palisades: 1BD/1BA, new appliances, freshly painted, nice patio, 1 carport, Must be 62 or over & qualify for low income rental through the City Affordable Housing Dept. (Not section 8) No smoking, \$1,500/mo + (1st & last months rent) 2 months security deposit. Please call only if you qualify. Grace @ (310) 459-1564 or Robyn (310)795-

For Rent: 2BD/2BA, extra large living room, dining room w/stove, air condition, walk-in closets. 4-unit building. Located at 2232 S. Sycamore Avenue, LA, 90016. \$1,350/1,400. Downtown, Culver City convenient. Gail @ (323) 313-3231.

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Household Items



Engagement Ring: 3.83TCW carat w/wedding band. EGL certified, VVS2 clarity, H color. \$8,750 OBO. Certified appraised at \$15K! Size 5.

Info @ (213) 507-0855.

Jeans: 12 pairs of used 511 Levi's jeans, \$200. Size 34 X 30, good condition. Owner lost over 50 lbs. Tina @ (323) 388-5204.

Hand & Power Tools: For remodeling home - call for additional info. George @ (818) 764-2091.

Shampooer/Vacuum: New Kirby cleaner. Shampooer used once, no other parts used. Paid \$1,400. Asking \$700 OBO. Robert Valdez: rvaldez95@ roadrunner.com

Tools: Home repair tools, hand & power tools. Info @ (818) 764-2091.

Household Items: (All OBO) China Cabinet w/ matching table & chairs \$300; BD Dresser w/mirror \$150: Stand-up lamp \$25: Sofa & chair \$125. Steve/ Linda @ (818) 506-4024.

Miscellaneous



Musical Items: Casiotone 401 keyboard. Includes foot pedal, instruction manual. cover, song books-\$100.

Metronome \$40. Library desk (shown) \$50. Photos available. Frances @ (310) 324-3117.

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @

Collector Comic Books: 1960s-1980s. \$2.50 each & up, discounts for purchasing complete sets - Spiderman, Fantastic Four, The Thing & many others. John @ (951) 203-4438.

Summer Sports Camp: Inglewood. Boys & Girls, 5-14 yrs. Basketball, baseball, softball, flag-football & more. \$75/week. Mention Swift Games & 1st week is \$50. Info @ (310)641-4131. Sponsors: Top Prospects Baseball, Inc. & H.O.O.P.

Photographic: Enlarger & other photo equipment items. Free! Ben @ (213) 484-2682.

Herald Examiner 1989: Final issue. Have 2 in excellent condition, \$500 OBO each. Info: phernandez1949@vahoo.com

Fender Squier Stratocaster: Plays great, white face. \$100 OBO. Info @ (626) 331-3547. 5/13

Shotgun: Late 1930's model Rizzini over an under 12ga shotgun must see to appreciate, \$1450 OBO. Russell @ (626) 331-3547.

Ovation Acoustic/Electric Guitar: Looks great w/no "bumps or bruises". Includes case, shoulder strap, digital clip-on tuner, picks & beginners book w/CD. Fresh "Elixer" Teflon strings installed, sounds great, very bright acoustic sound but electric pickup system needs to be fixed. \$200 OBO. Michael @ (818)

Examiner Newspaper: Last 1 ever printed \$500 OBO. Lauretta @ (323) 751-3203.

Travel/Timeshare



Palm Springs Condo: In beautiful Palm Springs Villas II, gated community, 7 swimming pools, tennis court, shuffle

board; near shopping, restaurants & Casino Spa Resort. Weekly & weekend rentals, \$140 per night. Info @ (562) 301-2940.

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Vacation Rental: Boulder City, located btwn Las Vegas & Lake Mead Recreation area. Cottage located in Historic district: Sleeps 6, 1/BD & queen sofa bed in living room + 2 built-in bunk beds. Walking distance to restaurants, antique shops, etc. Built in 1942, previously owned by DWP. \$500/week or \$100/day. Norma @ (323) 333-2238 or e-mail: Norma2go2@gmail.com

Timeshare: Cancun Sunset Club,1 week, studio sleeps 4, resort on the beach, \$700/week, Serious renters will receive all-inclusive meals. Not available New Years, July 4th, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Gina @ (818) 395-3552.

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John Long @ (909) 837-8347.

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Adult/Child		\$14.95	\$10.50	X	=\$	
Aquarium of the Pacific Expires 5/3 Adult	31/2014	\$25.95	\$17.95	x	=\$	
Child (3-11)		\$14.95	\$10.95	X	=\$	
Boomer's Family Fun Centers All Day Pass		\$30.99	\$16.00	X	=\$	
Catalina Expires 12/31/2013. Not valid 5	5/25–27, 7/4–7, 8/31–9/2					
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult Child	\$72.50 \$57.00	\$60.50 \$51.00	X X	=\$ =\$	
Davey's Locker	5	\$ 07.00	402.00			
Whale Watching	Adult Child	\$32.00 \$26.00	\$21.00 \$17.00	X X	=\$ =\$	
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult	\$46.50	\$30.25	X	=\$ =\$	
Sportfishing 2/4 Day	Child Adult	\$39.00 \$71.00	\$25.75 \$56.25	X X	=\$ =\$	
Sportfishing – 3/4 Day	Child	\$61.00	\$47.75	X	=\$ =\$	
Discovery Science Center Expires	12/06/2013	\$45.05	Ć10.00	v		
Adult Child (3-11)		\$15.95 \$12.95	\$12.00 \$10.00	X X	=\$ =\$	
Disneyland/California Adventure						
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult Child (3-9)	\$92.00 \$86.00	\$88.32 \$82.56	X X	=\$ =\$	
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$137.00	\$125.36	X	=\$	
2-Day, 1-Park	Child (3-9) Adult	\$131.00 \$175.00	\$119.87 \$162.75	X	=\$	
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2-Day Park Hopper	Adult Child (3-9)	\$210.00 \$197.00	\$189.00 \$177.30		nly availa	
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Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activate Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	ed before 12/31/2013. Valid 315 days.	\$669.00	\$635.55			
Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activate Golf N' Stuff	ed before 12/31/2013. No blackout date	es.				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk I	ocation	\$30.00	\$16.25	X	=\$	
All Park Pass: Ventura location		\$20.00	\$15.25	X	=\$	
K1 Speed Racing Admit one Minimum height requirement		\$25.95	\$15.25	x	=\$	
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Adult		\$57.99	\$33.00	X	=\$	
Child (3-11); Senior (62+) LA Zoo		\$28.99	\$24.00	X	=\$	
Adult		\$17.00	\$13.00	X	=\$	
Child (2-12) Legoland Expires 12/06/2013.		\$12.00	\$10.00	X	=\$	
Adult		\$75.00	\$58.00	X	=\$	
Child (3-11) Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1s	st use.	\$65.00	\$58.00	X	=\$	
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult Child (3-11)	\$95.00 \$85.00	\$67.00 \$67.00	X X	=\$ =\$	
Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquai	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$85.00 mes with a seco				
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction Adult	n Expires 12/31/2013	\$40.00	\$13.00	X	=\$	
Child (4-12)		\$35.00	\$10.25	X	=\$	
Magic Mountain Expires 12/31/2013 General Admission (3 and up)		\$64.99	\$20.00	х	=\$	
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Medieval Times Expires 12/31/2013. Not valid 12/31/2013				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	=\$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	=\$
Mulligan's Family Fun Center				
All Day Pass Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfit Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per locatic Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdøle.	\$23.99 ng, Go-Karts/Speedway & on. Certain height, weigh	\$16.00 & the Rock Wall. t, restrictions ap	X This ti pply. Th	=\$ icket is valid Friday, Saturday & nis ticket is accepted at Mulliga
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	X	=\$
Pirates Dinner Adventure Expires 11/30/2014				
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	=\$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	=\$
Queen Mary				
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	X	=\$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25	X	=\$
San Diego Safari Park	•	•		•
Adult	\$46.00	\$37.50	X	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$36.00	\$29.50	X	=\$
2-Visit Pass Adult	\$82.00	\$65.50	X	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$64.00	\$51.25	X	=\$
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San Diego Zoo				
Adult	\$46.00	\$37.50	X	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$36.00	\$29.50	X	=\$
2-Visit Pass Adult	\$82.00	\$65.50	X	=\$
Child (3-11) May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.	\$64.00	\$51.25	X	=\$
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park Expires 1/6/2014				
Unlimited Wristband	\$22.95	\$12.75	X	=\$
Sea World San Diego Good through 2013 season.				
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Child (3-9)	\$78.00	\$59.00	X	=\$
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Mark your calendars for next year; finish your old jalopy in the garage or scrape up the money to buy one, and make the pilgrimage out to the show next year! You won't be disappointed. See you next month!



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