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A Message From the CEO

A Different Kind of Party

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

Our cover story this month involves a party, as it often does each January. But this year, it's a little different kind of party.

On Dec. 6, Convention Center's former employees whose positions were removed during the center's privatization held a fantastic farewell party downtown. I'm delighted that Adria Ybarra invited Alive! to the Convention Center's farewell party

A farewell party sounds sad, doesn't it? But I beg to differ. Yes, all those who made great friends while working together will no longer be able to see each other every day. But there was pride, too, the kind of joy that comes from knowing you've done a good job. That's the way I see it, and that's easy to see when you look at the stories we've done on the Convention Center over the past 11 years.

We've done stories on great achievements, especially making the aging facility very "green." And we've done stories on how the Convention Center employees formed friendships and the kind of substitute families we all dream of having at our workspaces. Those are both great successes in my book.

Executive Director Bud Ovrum said it very well in his farewell letter to the staff when he wrote: "The decision to 'privatize' was based on broader considerations ... as you leave the building for the last time, I hope you hold your head high. You did an outstanding job!"

He's right.

We here at the Club like to say that we celebrate your lives, because we really do. This is no different. So read our feature and remember all the great things that you've done. We're celebrating your lives; you should, too.

Which brings us to the other kind of parties we feature

each January the City's awesome holiday parties! Regular Alive! readers and that probably means you! - know that every January we print coverage of the many sparkly holiday parties the City departments host. It's usually the most festive feature we run all year. Our counselors make a big effort



Here are Club CEO John Hawkins and then-Convention Center staffer Rey Castro in a story from April 2009 about making the facility environmentally friendly.

to cover as many as possible. And this year is no exception - they're here in a big way, starting on page 28. So dig in and enjoy the recap!

Moving on... more congratulations are in store, this time for the General Services election transition folks. I've worked with the City for nearly two decades, and yet I had little idea all the work that these folks do at election time and afterward. There are newly elected officials coming in and old ones going out; there are new staffs to manage and orient; new locks and other office equipment are required; and on and on. I'm always grateful when Club Members - in this case, Richard Wuerth and Eric Robles of General Services - alert us to City happenings. Congratulations to good Club friend Tony Royster, Club Member, and his General Services staff for making the transition smooth and efficient. It's some-

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times said that the most amazing thing about America is how smoothly power is passed on to the next administration. In this case, we know who to thank - General Services - for making it happen.

Please welcome our two new Club Counselors, Isabel Marquez and Dalila Vielma. I'm happy for you to meet them because I know they will continue the Club's reputation for great customer service. Keep your eye out, and say hello.

Meanwhile, even though we're just staring the New Year, it's not too late to send in your Club Valentines! Another great Alive! tradition is just around the corner. I'm talking about "Be My Club Valentine," where we invite Club Members to send in a photo and a few lines professing your appreciation for a loved one, and we print them in the February issue (next month). It's a really fun feature, so send 'em in!

Finally, as this is the New Year, that means I make a fresh commitment to serve you, our Club Members, in

new and innovative ways. We celebrate your lives every day, and let's make 2014 the best of all! Happy New Year, everyone.

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Monica Zamudio, **Claims Assistant**

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- Rick De Leon, December 2009

The Club's claims service is "excellent. I was confused about the benefit, and [Cecilia] Talbot explained what I was entitled to, so I was satisfied. I came to the office without an appointment and both ladies were nice and helpful. The atmosphere was peasant and peaceful. I felt the ladies would take care of my problem, and they did. The book [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] was about hope. In the death of a love one you need hope that all will be well."

- Ruth Espy, December 2009

The Club's claims service was "very helpful, with sincere care and personal interest in the person. You have been wonderful and helpful and I am blessed to have you."

- Zoila Ramirez, November 2009

The Club's claims service is "top notch! Everyone who assisted me with information was great about calling back or having on the spot answers. Every request was met in a timely fashion."

- Frank Gallegos, June 2009

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You probably won't get to meet Cecilia Talbot and Monica Zamudio very often... until you really need them. That's when their service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. – Ed.

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These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.



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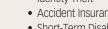


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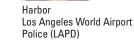
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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH



Banning's Victorian Christmas Really Got Them Into the Spirit

What a festive story about the Victorian Christmas you published. The Banning Museum knows how to get the season going. Our family loves the cheer and feel of the Christmas season, so when we saw the images of the clothing, carriage, and rooms, it was truly a delight, since it told us that people around the City love Christmas, too!

Noel Jenkins,
 Rec and Parks

This Club Benefit Was One Honey of a Deal

Whoa! Those Honeybaked Ham gift cards sure came in handy when we needed to buy the ham for the family. What a great deal you made for us. I hope you keep this special all year round. We may need more for Easter. Thanks again, Club!

-Kevin Gunther, GSD

Alive! Is Party Central In Showing Festive Fun

I can't wait to see those holiday party pictures in the upcoming edition of the newspaper! It is always a treat to see employees having fun. It makes for great memories. It must be a hard task to cover all those parties, but somehow you guys get it done. Thanks for keeping me connected while living in Las Vegas.

-Joy Humphries, Retired

Club Sports Is Fun, But It's About Creating Memories

I wish to thank the Club and Robert Larios for the great work and commitment to Club Sports. We have so much fun playing and laughing together as we compete. Just getting a little exercise is good to relieve the stress and it helps. But most of all, I think we all know that our time at the City is special and creating memories on the basketball court or on the softball field is something we will forever cherish. Thank you Club and Happy New Year!

– Joe Parker, DWP

Great Gifts in Their Stocking Start as Great Club Store Deals

I would like to send my thanks and appreciation to the staff at the Club Store for making it a very special season for my mom who works at the City and is a Member. She makes it a point to stuff our Christmas stockings with movie tickets, Disneyland tickets and boxes of See's Candies. I didn't know this until recently that she gets all of that stuff at the Club Store! I can see why with the super low prices there. Thanks for making traditions last with my family.

– Tim Keller

Natalie Sends Her Best Wishes To Club Members for New Year

I wish all my past present and future colleagues in the City a wonderful holiday season and prosperous New Year!

– Natalie Johnson, General Services

Alive!'s Holiday Party Photos Are Highlight of Year for Jerry

I look forward to seeing the holiday edition of the newspaper and see all the holiday parties going on in the City. To be frank, it is not just me, but many of my coworkers say the same thing. It is fun seeing all the happy faces – some you recognize and others you can't because they are dressed as a reindeer or Santa Claus. Nonetheless, I think we have all grown to look forward to this as a tradition when you guys publish it.

– Jerry Lawson, LAFD

Laura's First Visit to Club Store Made Her Feel Among Family

I wish to send my thanks to all the nice staff at the Club Store. I have never visited it before until last month, and the welcome was wonderful. I felt at home and among family. There were a lot of people the day I walked in, and there was even a gentleman there giving away dog toys and pet information on the Club's discount at Bark Avenue Pet Store. I will definitely come back to visit this fun and exciting for City Employees soon!



What's your New Year's resolution?



"To not lose weight." – Maria Lozano, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAFD, Club Member



"To love myself more." – DonnaLee Norrington, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAFD



"Learn a new instrument." – Joshua Miranda, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years of City service

"To be more

Ricardo Aguilar,

Materials Testing

2 years of service

"Get more

Albert Castarion,

Assistant, 1 year

tattoos.'

City Craft

of service

positive."

Technician.



"Stop eating chips." – John Lau, City Craft Assistant, 5 years of service



"Not any." – Roxanna Castro, Security Services, Security Officer, 12 years of service

"To travel

more."

– Ralph

Drummond.

Waste Water

Operator, 5 years

of service, Club

Treatment

Member





"To not make a New Year's resolution."

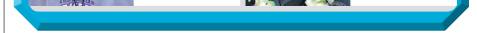
Juan Delreal,
 City Craft
 Assistant, 8 years
 of service







– Laura Jones, General Services



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Rosa Calderon Personal Insurance Agent

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Note: The Club Store will be closed Jan. 1 for the New Year.





$\left\{ \textit{Who are the people you see every day?} ight\}$

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Help Us Blanket the City: A Club winter tradition Blanket the City: A Club winter tradition

Help the Club take care of those living on the streets this winter.

Last year, we put out the call to help Lthose in need downtown. And Club Members came through! So we're continuing *Blanket the City* this winter.

It started two years ago with John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, coming into the Club Store one December night, shivering from the cold. And if they were chilly, they thought, what about those living on the streets?

So they hatched a plan: pass out blankets those living on the streets downtown. To *Blanket the City.* That first night, they gave away eight blankets. That was just a start.

And now, *Blanket the City* has become an official part of Club Angels, the Club's charitable outreach. During the winter months, the Club will be handing out military-grade blankets to those who really need them.

Blanket the City has become a new winter tradition here at the Club!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets

Donate to the cause as

cost \$7 each).

the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets

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Won't you join the effort? Here's how:

- The military-grade blankets cost \$7 each.
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- purchase blankets and hand them out for you.Mail your donation of any amount with the
- completed form below.

Need more information? Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez with any questions: jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or agomez@cityemployeesclub.com cooperation with the *Club Angels* program and *Cre8tive Solutions* – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD. CRE 8 TIVE FORCE

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Buckets and Blankets is produced in



Help us to Blanket the City!

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

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Send checks (with this form) to:

Club Angels 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Please provide the following information so we can send you a receipt:

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Home Street Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone		1
Club Member Number (if you are a member):			

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Mike Holmes (far right), Public Works/Street Services, Retired, and his family.



From left: Francis Reyes, Samantha Navarro, Julian Navarro, Marsele Navarro and Amy Navarro, Public Works/Street Services, 27 years of City service.

The Club



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The family of Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, from left: nephew, Jaime Cruz; niece, Camila Cruz; brother in law Carmelino Cruz; and sister, Patricia



From left: Joshua Carlos; Jesse Carlos, DWP, 10 years of City service; and Joseph Carlos.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, the Club's Discount King

Going Back in Time

The Club has fun at regular trip to Medieval Times.



Alejandro Arboleda, Public Works, Club Member, with his wife, Erika Rodriquez, and sons.

The Club held its annual party at Medieval Times on Nov. 10. It's one of several party events the Club puts together for its Members.

The event was sold out. Mariana Guevara and her team at the Club Store processed hundreds of orders leading up to the show.

Are you interested in buying discounted tickets to other Club events? Make sure you look in *Alive!* each month, or subscribe to the Club's e-newsletter, where subscribers often get the first word of upcoming events. Go to the Club Website and sign up!



Earl Hough, DWP, 22 years of City service, with his wife, Keleen.

Cruz.



Top, from left: Shomari Cleveland; Tawnni Smith; Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions; and Demitrius Jones. Middle: QueJonné Smith, Lila Gilliam and Tayler Mack. Third row: Alaysia Mack.

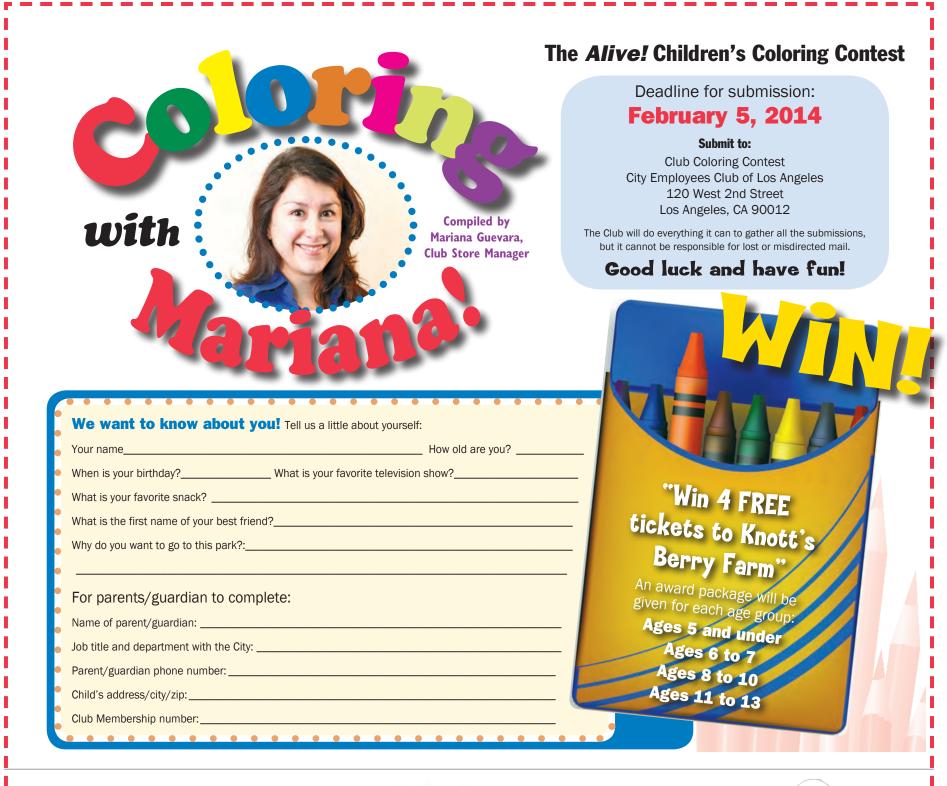
 Patty Martinez and Robert

Larios, Club Vice President of

Operations.



At the Club's Medieval Times party.







Santa Claus arrives





riding in the City's mayoral limousine, a rare extended 1950s-era Chrysler.

Rec and Parks





Grand Marshal was U.S. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

Council

Photos by Kari Hendler, William Kidston and James Thompson, courtesy Hollywood Christmas Parade

ouncil on Parade

City Council's Hollywood Christmas Parade a success.

An estimated tens of thousands of spectators enjoyed Athe Hollywood Christmas Parade Nov. 25.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It was telecast locally and throughout the nation on the Hallmark Channel and in national syndication during December.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmen Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Mitch O'Farrell participated. The parade featured entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units and food. A pre-parade concert featured Stevie Wonder, Kenny Loggins, LeAnn Rimes and others.

The parade started on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route followed east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.



The Grinch is an annual holiday favorite.





Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (right) and George Brauckman



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member



The LA Zoo's rhino and giraffe truck.

Great Skate

Rec and Parks-sponsored Holiday on Ice continues through Jan. 20.

The holidays might be over, but Downtown on Ice continues offering family fun. Celebrating its 16th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive St., the facility is open every day (including holidays) through Jan. 20.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning 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 alli-

Downtown **On Ice**

When: Through Jan. 20 Where: Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Hours: Special hours for New Year's *Day:* 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.

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by Michael E. Holland City Archivist

To Our Readers:

Please welcome a guest columnist this month, Jacqueline R. Braitman, an expert on LA history, especially this month's subject, Stanley Mosk. Welcome, Jacqueline! – Michael

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by Jacqueline R. Braitman

Hundreds of mourners filed into rows beneath the cavernous dome of the majestic Wilshire Boulevard temple in June 2001. They came to honor California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk (1912 – 2001), who, during his unprecedented 37-year tenure, was known as the iconic protector of civil rights and civil liberties.

State Attorney General Bill Lockyer and Senate President Pro Tem John Burton were there, along with former Councilwoman Rosalind "Roz" Wyman. The list went on and on. On stage, Gov. Gray Davis sat with Mosk's family along with Santa Clara law professor Gerald "Jerry" Uelmen; former justice and Reagan Cabinet member William Clark; and the state's Chief Justice Ronald M. George. As I looked around, I saw that two seats separated me from former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and down a few more rows were the former and current governor of California, then-Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown and L.A.'s mayor-elect James K. Hahn, son of long-time County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn

I suddenly realized I was sitting amidst two generations of movers and shakers of post-World War II California. I was somewhat familiar with Mosk's reputation, but after hearing the esteemed speakers' testimony, it was clear there were few who could rival Stanley Mosk's influence on the state's politics, law and administration of justice. I began to wonder just who the heck Stanley Mosk really was. Little did I know that such pondering would send me on a decade-long, breathwrote, "Mosk is California history with a heartbeat." Without a doubt, looking at the way Stanley Mosk's life circulated, it also uniquely captures the historic pulse of Los Angeles.

During the tumultuous years of the Great Depression, the young, handsome attorney (Morey) Stanley Mosk set up a small, downtown office. He thought it was a good day when he could report to his new wife, Edna, that he had a big case, "a \$25 case, and a couple of little ones." Hardly waiting for clients to walk through the door, he immersed himself in the cause of labor and good government. Wearing many hats, he rose within the network of reformers and protesters fighting political corruption and the alleged abusive tactics of the LAPD. Mosk investigated and publicized police brutality on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Municipal League. Eventually, he worked alongside colorful cafeteria owner He found time to write a widely read, weekly syndicated column called "Judging the News." As his popularity spread, he won leadership posts in dozens of the Southland's secular and Jewish organizations. When he returned to the bench after a brief stint as a buck private, he spoke widely about veterans' problems, and he took on the cause against housing discrimination faced by minorities, most urgently affecting the mail arrived in Sacramento. At the helm of a dynamic team, Mosk's office tackled an often-controversial agenda to expand the protection, enforcement and advocacy of citizens' rights and civil liberties. Sometimes issues crossed state lines, such as water rights and narcotic trafficking. Perhaps most visibly, when he learned that the PGA had denied access to African-American golfers, his intervention forced the national organization to

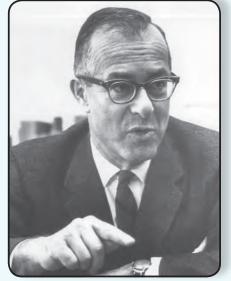


A large party of seated guests in LA. Judge Stanley Mosk of the California Supreme Court addresses the group. Photo courtesy the LA Public Library photo collection, made possible through the support of the Security Pacific Bank, Sunlaw Cogeneration Partners, Photo Frieds, California Council of the Humanities, the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, and the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation.

amend its constitution. Mosk earned accolades

The Judge Behind the Name

Many LA venues are named for Judge Stanley Mosk. Here's why.



Clifford Clinton (Clifton's) and future L.A. Mayor Sam Yorty, to galvanize the nation's first successful mayoral recall-election in 1938 that ousted Frank Shaw and replaced him with City's new African-American residents. A year before a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Mosk decided that racially restrictive covenants were unenforceable under the U.S. Constitution. This secured his place among the vanguard of the historic political alliance between Jewish liberals and African Americans. In 1958, Mosk's rising stature combined with an invigorated Democratic Party to elect him as the state's Attorney General. He tallied the widest margin of victory in the nation, including the popular new governor, Pat Brown. What's more, he demonstrated then, and four years later, that being Jewish was no longer a political liability, except for the enmity of crackpots whose viscous hate nationwide. Some speculated he might have a shot at a vice presidential nomination. In October 1963, a *San Francisco Examiner* banner headline announced President Jack Kennedy's endorsement of Mosk, and statewide polls indicated Mosk the likely winner if he ran in the next year's U.S. Senate race. His devoted followers stood ready for him to throw his hat in the ring. Instead, Mosk unexpect-

edly announced he would not run, and no one at the time could have realized this augured a new course in American politics.

Gov. Pat Brown handed Mosk a consolation prize with a seat on the state Supreme Court. He joined his brethren in the fall of 1964, during another era of social unrest and rebellion against America's traditions and leadership, initially inspired by the Vietnam War. Justice Mosk weathered this and many other storms and he established a judicial legacy that lasted through the dawn of the new millennium, which found Californians revisiting many of the same controversies facing Justice Mosk and seemingly settled so long ago.

Judge Stanley Mosk. *Photo courtesy Argenta Images.* Used with permission.

taking journey of discovery about the man, the City, and the Golden State.

I soon learned that outside of the legal profession, and even among the most astute observers of the Court and local or state history, the breadth of Stanley Mosk's entire legacy was largely unknown. That is, except for *Jewish Journal* writer Marlene Adler Marks, who in 1997 aptly summed it up when she four-term Fletcher Bowron.

That same year, Mosk was part of the growing army of New Deal Democrats who elected local party chairman Culbert Olson as governor. Recognizing Mosk's many talents, Olson appointed him as an Executive Secretary. Unfortunately, controversy plagued the one-term Olson administration. Representing the governor's office, banner headlines quoted Mosk about one scandal or another, and an occasional execution. Upon leaving office, Olson appointed Mosk inadvertently to the Los Angeles Superior Court instead of the lower-level municipal bench, making him the youngest jurist ever seated. Over the next 16 years, Mosk regularly grabbed headlines when he either married or divorced or ruled in a variety of tame or controversial cases involving Hollywood's biggest stars including Judy Garland, Lana Turner and Charlie Chaplin, to name just a few.

About the Author

Jacqueline R. Braitman is the co-author (with Gerald F. Uelmen) of *Justice Stanley Mosk: A Life at the Center of California Politics and Justice* (McFarland Pub. 2012). Dr. Braitman is currently preparing a manuscript about the extraordinary life and "invisible power" of the executive secretary to MGM movie mogul Louis B. Mayer, Ida R. Koverman, who was "the real political boss of Los Angeles."



Jacqueline R. Braitman



From left: Joyce Sloss, Lisa Jordan, Rachelle Yuvienc, Jacqueline Graves, Allyson Lavalais and Michael Corrin.



From left: Vivial Howell and Aura Moore

Susan Roth.



From left: Ali and Kyle Gattison of H Rock Ministries and Joyce Sloss.





From left: Susie Frierson and Joyce Sloss



From left: Andrea Paris, Joyce Sloss and Cynthia Guidry.

Airports

Story and photos courtesy Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member

Bon Voyage, Joyce

Airports Chief Management Analyst Joyce Sloss retires after 26 years of City service.

oyce Sloss retired as director of the Business and Job Resources Center (BJRC) at Los Angeles World Airports after 13 years at the helm.

A retirement reception was held for Joyce Dec. 3 at the LAX Flight Path Museum in Westchester.

As director of the BJRC, Sloss turned the organization into a one-stop resource and clearinghouse for Airports business outreach, contracts, employment, training and internship work experience. She focused primarily on developing and implementing policies and innovative new programs that connected businesses with opportunities and community residents with jobs, while also helping Airports divisions, tenants and prime contractors meet their objectives in regards to the modernization of LAX. Sloss was also instrumental in the development of Airports' First Source Hiring Program.

During her tenure, Sloss served on the board of the directors for the Los Angeles Air Cargo Association and was a member of the board of directors for the Los Angeles Regional Export Council.

For her work in the community, she has been honored by the Greater Los Angeles, African American Chamber of Commerce as the Small Business Advocate of the year for 2009 and was selected as an "Interesting Personality" in the second annual edition of Who's Who in Black Los Angeles for 2011. Sloss was also recognized by the YWCA for "outstanding contribution to professionalism, women's issues and public service." In addition, Sloss earned a Certificate of Commendation from the Board of Library Commissioners for her budget efforts on the Central Library renovation project.

In helping to craft Airports' response Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and the resulting economic downturn, Sloss and her staff conducted informational workshops for airport employers, job fairs for airport employees, and assistance for local small businesses. During this time, she also served on Airports' Economic Impact Analysis Task Force, where she coordinated closely with airlines, labor and airport businesses.



Lanie Carney.



From left: Anneliese and Joyce Sloss.



From left: Nancy Rizzo and Marie Campbell of Saphos Environmental Éngineering.



From left: Katrina Ling of Grace Consulting and Rachelle Yuvienco of Airports.





From left: Crista Binder, Deidre Reves, Karen Kalfavan and Aurora Abracia.





From left: Intissar Durham, Noreen, Rose Cote, Steve Jones and Tonya Jarvis.



From left: Jacque and Matt Castaneda with Joyce Sloss.

Prior to joining Airports, Sloss spent 11 years with the Office of the City Administrative Officer as an Administrative Analyst, Sr. Administrative Analyst and, from 2000 to 2001, as Acting Chief Administrative Analyst. During her time there, she was involved in the establishment of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the development of the \$214 million Central Library renovation and expansion project, and the creation of Los Angeles Opportunities for Procurement Services. She also served as the liaison to the Los Angeles Community Development Bank and the Mayor's Office, and was a member of the Public Participation Task Force on Economic Development Consolidation.

The Club congratulates Sloss on a great City career, and we wish her the best in retirement. Thank you, Joyce, for your service!

From left: Georeiana Streeter and Airport Commissioner Valeria Valasco.



From left: Lisa Wellik, Jacqueline Graves and Tonya Jarvis.



Joyce Sloss (third from left) with friends and associates.



From left: Joyce Sloss with Alan Peck



From left: Vivian Howell, Cynthis Guidry and Jacqueline Graves.



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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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Will Detroit Bankruptcy **Affect LA Pensions?**

RLACEI



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

ACERS CAO Miguel Santana Land Assistant CAO Benjamin Ceja attended our Nov. 18 meeting. They spoke on the status of the City and its pension system. Miguel Santana reassured us that any changes that have been made do not affect our retirees' pension.

We discussed two changes that we would like to make for our retirees, which have been in Council Finance Committee for several years:

Change in Marriage Clause: If a retiree remarries after his

retirement, his present wife should be covered medically and receive a pension, if he reduces his pension by an amount that the survey shows. (Amounts vary by retiree.) This change is at no cost to the City. *Change in Burial Fund:* From \$2,500 to \$5,000, because no

one can be buried for \$2,500.

CAO Santana stated that he would look into our requests.

Our holiday party Dec. 5 was a great success. Director Americo Garza, chairman of the entertainment committee, arranged for a great lunch prepared by The Stone Fire Grill Restaurant. The choir was arranged by Director



From left: RLACEI President Ed Harding and CAO Miguel Santana at RLACEI's Nov. 18 board meeting.

Phil Orland of our music entertainment committee.

LACERS' General Manager, Tom Moutes, installed our Elected Directors. Thank you Tom.

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Detroit Pensions Open to Reductions, Judge Rules



Michael R.

Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

judge has approved the AChapter 9 bankruptcy for Detroit and held that pensions for public employees, even retirees, could be reduced as part of the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven W. Rhodes ruled that the Michigan city was entitled to reorganize under bankruptcy law and rejected arguments by unions, civil rights advocates and others attempting to block the bankruptcy. In particular, in a move watched by cities across

sions despite blanket protections in the state constitution.

The city's emergency manager, Kevyn Orr, had earlier made a proposal calling for only a fraction of the \$3.5 billion owed to pension funds to be paid. However, this was likely an opening negotiation offer and not the final settlement of the pension obligations. Even the judge took pains to note that he was unlikely to approve severe cuts to the city's unfunded pension obligations.

Other assets are at risk, including the potential to sell off masterpieces from the city owned Detroit Institute of the Arts to meet part of the massive debt.

The city, which was depen-

more than 100,000 creditors.

Now is the time for all of us to take a very deep breath. Los Angeles is not Detroit. The LACERS pension recently reported a stellar return of 18.19 percent for the one year ending Oct. 31, far in excess of our 7.75 percent assumed rate of investment return.

The Pew Research Center recently rated LACERS number one in funding of retirement health benefits among large cities. The local economy is on the rebound. At least one lawyer who represents California cities and counties believes that there are significant differences between the Michigan and California constitutions that would likely pro-

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the country, the judge ruled that dent on the auto industry in good the public employees could be times, fell hard when the reces- duce the opposite result if a simirequired to take cuts to their pen- sion hit and swamped it with lar challenge were posed here.



Michael Karsch

anxious about the soundness of what we have and what changes may come in the future. At least for our own pension system we have a sound financial basis and very strong and careful management of those assets. LACERS earned 14.1 percent on its investment portfolio, significantly higher than CalPERS (at 12.5 percent). The unfunded liability is reduced by more than \$700 million in this year's plan. Still,

this liability figure demands more than that, according to some observers who are responding to increased reporting standards that spring from the rating agencies (such as Moody's) and GASB (Government Accounting Standard Board).

Looking beyond LA, there are serious problems that will be addressed more in January. Illinois has finally (after two years of legislative debate) produced a reform package that goes before the governor in December; he is expected to sign it. This package reduces cost of living increases for state and local retirees in Illinois, and moves up the age for current workers to retire. The unions are reportedly going to sue the state. More details will be released after my press time.

The Detroit bankruptcy is also a major headline in early December; a trial is expected for March in the new year. (See related article by Michael Wilkinson in this Alive! issue).

California's San Jose, San Diego, Stockton, San Bernardino and Desert Hot Springs are in varying stages of financial crisis, with the last three close to bankruptcy. Meanwhile, there is an initiative promoted by the mayor of San Jose and four other California city mayors to allow some flexibility in state law to permit changes in pension benefits. This initiative is aiming for the November 2014 ballot.

LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz, **RLACEI** Publicity Chair

Basic Medicare Part B Premiums To Remain The Same In 2014 Each year, the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sets the Medicare premium year. For 2014, CMS announced that the basic Medicare Part B premium will remain at \$104.90 per month. The Medicare Part B deductible also remains at the 2014 rate of \$147.00. Please note that upon turning age 65, all Members and eligible health plan dependents must enroll in Medicare Part B to continue receiving coverage through a LACERS medical plan. Retired members who are enrolled in ments.

Medicare Parts A and B and are enrolled in a LACERS Senior plan or MPRP are reimbursed the basic Medicare Part B premium.

Medicare Parts B & D And Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAAS)

Social Security assesses rates for the following calendar higher-income earning Medicare enrollees with an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) in addition to their Medicare Part B and Part D basic premiums. In order to continue receiving a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy, Medicare enrollees in a LACERS health plan must pay any Medicare Part B and D IRMAAs. LACERS does not reimburse retirees for IRMAA pay-

Retirement

LACERS

As a Reminder:

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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.

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LARFPA Opens Year With New Commissioners



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, **LARFPA Director**

We had a great time at our annu-al Christmas Party Dec. 8, held at the Sportsman's Lodge, where more than 400 guests had their pictures taken, enjoyed great food, danced to great music (yes, dancing at our ages), won door prizes and recalled fond memories with our old friends. What a way to start the Christmas season!

Guests included Commissioner George Aliano; General Manager Ray Ciranna of the Pension Department; Attorneys Tom Wicke and Bob Sherwin of Lewis. Marenstein, Wicke and Sherwin's office. And there was one very spe-

cial guest. Harold Sullivan, a retired Deputy Police Chief who celebrated his 101st birthday this past year. He is the oldest sworn member of the pension system.

As of this writing, it looks like we are going to close out this year with a new direction on the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners with Mayor Eric Garcetti's appointment of new Commissioners Carl Cade, Corinne Tapia and Pedram Salimpour. They will start their terms of Office by the time you read this. The mayor had previously appointed Emanuel Plietez in August. These new Commissioners are young and politically active, and it will be interesting to see what direction they will be taking in

the coming year with the Pension Reform of 2014 initiative.

LARFPA

At the December General Meeting, we had many healthcare representatives in attendance: Tristar, Aim, Express Scrip and the City Workman's Compensation Director, Dawn Alvarado. They were there to resolve any of our members' problems. And Attorney Bob Sherwin gave a outstanding explanation on how the California Legislature is making it more difficult for our members to receive the Worker's Compensation care they deserve.

Our next general meeting will be March 5 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. Hope the weather warms up and you attend our meeting.

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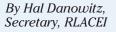






Savannah, then Atlanta

Hal and Evelyn explore the Old South.



Evelyn and I have always wanted to visit 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.

As we pick up the story, we were finishing our stay in Charleston and get-

ting ready to drive to Savannah. We decided to pass on the Embassy Suites' big breakfast and walked over to Starbucks. The day before, I called the taxi driver who drove us in from the airport and scheduled her to pick us up at 9:30 am. to go back to the airport to pick up our rental car.

After we picked up the car, we headed for Beaufort, S.C, which had been recommended as a nice place to visit on our drive to Savannah. It was also close to Parris Island, where the Marine Training Base is, and I wanted to stop there to visit the museum. At Parris Island, they train all Marine recruits east of the Mississippi and all women Marines.

There wasn't much to see in Beaufort, but we did have a nice lunch at a place called Plums (904 Bay St. in Beaufort).

I brought my own GPS from home, but the Hertz rental car had its "Never Lost" GPS, so we used it. A problem occurred when it couldn't find Parris Island. I didn't want to get the other GPS out, and then I remembered my cell phone had a navigation app, which we used to find the island. Once we got on the base, it did take a while to find the museum, but we both enjoyed our visit.

After we left Parris Island, it took about 90 minutes to get to Savannah and the Westin Resort (1 Resort Dr. in Savannah). The resort was across the river from the historic district and we needed to take a short five-minute ferry ride to cross the river.

We took the ferry over to River Street for dinner. We finally found a place and I had oysters on the half shell, which I enjoyed. The name of the restaurant was the Cotton Exchange Tavern (201 E. River St. in Savannah). River Street is right on the Savannah River and has recently gone an attorney who decided he wanted to be able to spend more time with his kids as they were growing up. The tour took about three hours and we had six different tastings. We started out with oysters on the half-shell, stuffed shrimp and hush puppies at Bernie's Oyster House. The next stop was "She Crab" soup at the Boar's Head Grill, then a cupcake at Mabel Francis Potter's Cupcake Emporium. We then tasted a lot of different honeys at the



On the ferry to cross the river.

Savannah Bee Company and lots of different salts at the Salt Table. We ended the tour with a Scottish pudding at Molly Macpherson's Pub. As we walked to each tasting, Stu provided information about Savannah, so we got to taste a lot of local food and learned a lot about Savannah. You can find them at www. SavannahTasteExperience.com.

We then walked to the Mercer-Williams house (429 Bull St., Monterey Square). Mercer is a relative of Johnny Mercer the songwriter and Jim Williams, a local antique dealer made famous in the book *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. The house was one of the restored old mansions and is still owned by the Williams family. The tour cost \$12.50 and took about 30 minutes.

Believe it or not we got hungry again, so we decided to eat at a hamburger place called D&J (13 E Broughton St., Savanna), which was recommend by our guide Stu. The hamburger was cooked very well and tasted good, too. Evelyn said her sweet potato fries were the best she had.

The next morning, Evelyn and I stopped by Starbucks for coffee and a sweet roll instead of a large breakfast because our friends from Atlanta were arriving that day and I was sure we would be having a big lunch. around the historic district to work off our lunch. This area was divided into squares with houses built around the square, which were like a small park.

PART TWO

For Retired Club Members

We had dinner at The Old Pink House (23 Abercorn St.), a very upscale restaurant in the historic district. There was a mixup with reservation and we ended up eating in the downstairs bar area. The table was too small and the service was spotty, but everyone

enjoyed the food. We were there almost two-and-a-half hours.

The next morning, we left the hotel around 10 a.m. to visit the Oatland Wildlife Reserve (711 Sandtown Rd., Savannah), which had a number of animals and birds native to the area.

First we stopped for breakfast at the Matthew's Eatery (325 E Bay St., Savannah). The breakfast was excellent, but we did have to have the coffee heated up.

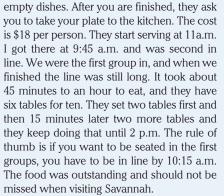
The Wildlife Reserve is just a short distance from the historic district. The main buildings were built to house retired railway workers, but wasn't very successful. It was

then used as a testing facility for a cure for VD, but was stopped when penicillin was discovered. It was then the home to the Centers for Disease Control until it relocated to Atlanta.

We walked the trails through the wooded area and saw bobcats, cougars, red fox, a den of gray wolves, lots of owls, hawks and a pair of bald eagles. It was good exercise, and most of the animals were active.

We then drove to Tybee Island, a beach resort area, and stopped for a drink.

Our friends had some work to do, so Evelyn and I started dinner on our own. We decided to return to Bernie's Oyster House, which we enjoyed on the food tour. We again had the raw oysters, something Evelyn had not liked prior to this trip, with saltine crackers and seafood



We spent the rest of the day just walking the city.

The next day we were to drive to Atlanta. If our luggage would fit into our friend's car, we would drop our luggage at the airport.

After our big lunch we decided to eat a little less for dinner. Vinnie Van Go-Go is a pizza place in the City Market, a short walk from the riverfront. It was the best pizza I'd had in a long time with the correct combination of cheese, sauce and thin crust.

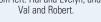
The weather on the whole trip was very good. We had a little rain the night before, and the sun had come out again. It was in the mid-70s to low-80s the whole time. It looked to be a little cooler in Atlanta.

A word about the sand gnats (also the name of the Savannah baseball team) that bit me nearly to death: They are so small you can't see them (also called no-see-um). They bite like small mosquitoes. They come out in the early morning and at sundown. They were just in Savannah and not in Charleston.

We left Savannah the morning of Oct 19. We dropped the car at the airport and drove to Atlanta with our friends. It is about



Evelyn on the food tour



through a significant gentrification with shops and restaurants moving into the old cotton warehouses.

We slept in the next morning and didn't leave the hotel until 10 a.m. We had a food tour scheduled to start at 11:30 am. We found a Starbucks and had coffee while we waited for the tour to start.

We booked with First Squares Food Tour. The company was started at the beginning of 2012 by two brothers who moved to Savannah from Chicago. Stu, our guide, was



Hal in Savanna.

After Starbuck's, we walked to Congregation Mickve Israel, the third oldest Jewish congregation in America. The first Jews arrived here in Savannah only five months after James Oglethorpe founded Savannah in 1733. Compared to the Temple in Charleston, we thought this one was more striking in its appearance. They had a very interesting museum that provided a timeline of the Jewish citizens of this area. They also

had what was said to be the oldest Torah in the new world written on deerskin.

On our way back to the ferry dock we walked through Colonial Park Cemetery. The cemetery has graves from the late 1700s, most of which were so weathered that the headstones couldn't be read.

We met our friends (Val and Robert) at the ferry dock and then had lunch along the River Walk. We had not seen them in four years, so it gave us a chance to catch up.

After lunch, we took a walk



The line at Mrs. Wilkes Café.

sauce. Then we had the crab cakes, which were very good. By the time we finished, our friends showed up and we sat with them while they ate.

Before we began our trip, we had a recommendation for Mrs. Wilkes Café (107 W Jones St.). The place is open only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Patrons sit at tables of 10 and the food is served family style. The fried chicken was the best ever and there were at least 20 other dishes on the table: meat loaf, pulled pork, rice and sausage, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cream corn, black-eyed peas, collard greens, lima beans, cornbread, chicken and dumplings, ice tea, and peach cobbler and banana pudding for dessert. You can eat as much as you want, and they refill 250 miles from Savannah to Atlanta, about a three-and-a half-hour drive. We stopped at a Waffle House for breakfast. Waffle Houses are on every corner and serve a good inexpensive meal. I like their waffles, which are the old fashioned kind.

We stayed two nights at our friend's house in the Buckhead area of Atlanta. We really didn't do much but relax and have dinner with a number of our Atlanta friends.

Sometimes the actual experience is not what you imagined when you plan a trip, but I would say that our stays in both Charleston and Savannah did not disappoint either of us, and seeing our good friends made it even better.

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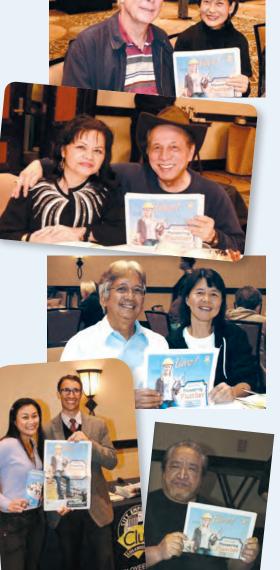
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LACERS

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Health Fairs

Retirement system hosts open enrollment health fairs for retirees.

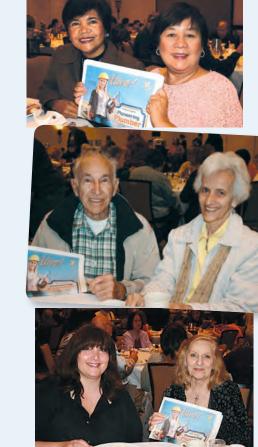
In October and November, LACERS (Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System) packed their bags as they traveled to multiple locations throughout Los Angeles and even crossing neighborly borders to Las Vegas, Camarillo, San Pedro, San Fernando Valley and Ontario to raise awareness regarding health benefits during Open Enrollment within our retiree communities.

Tom Moutes, LACERS General Manager and Club Member, kicked off the events by keeping our retirees abreast of benefit developments for 2014. He passed the microphone to Alex Rabrenovich, Health Benefits and Communications Division Manager, who addressed legislative updates and the effect of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) on upcoming health, dental and vision insurance changes.

The events gave retirees an opportunity to meet directly with insurance carriers including Anthem Blue Cross, United Health Care, Kaiser, Scan, Met Life Dental, VSP, and Silver Sneakers. Each carrier gave thorough presentations on retiree benefit coverage and updates. Intermittently between speakers, LACERS integrated some fun as staff members raffled off nice prizes donated by vendors and supporters of City retirees – the Club included. The event was also attended by RLACEI (Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.) and the

City Employees Club to provide information on the benefits offered to City Employees and Retirees. One health fair concluded with an exhilarating workout given by guest speaker Rona Lewis as she shared simple yet effective exercises to keep our retirees in good physical shape for many years to come.

If you were unable to attend these six events, you may find more information regarding your benefits by contacting ACEPS at (212) 472, 7200 or checking out





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LACERS at (213) 473-7200 or checking out its Website: www.lacers.org

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 YEAR	RS
Acosta, Antonio	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	26	Hernandez, John	-	DWP	-	Murphey, Denise M.	Clerk Typist	Library	16
Allen, Stephanie D.	Recreation Asst.	Rec and Parks	s 4	Hernandez, Mike	Council Aide VII	Council	22	Paz, Rigoberto	Mech. Helper	Public Works	10
Ancajas, Victoria M.	Chief Internal Auditor	Controller's Of	ffice 28	Hill, Cynthia	Assistant Manager	DWP	33	Ponce, Danny F.	Hvy. Duty Trk. Op.	Harbor	13
Astorga, Peter H.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	s 10	Huntoon, Pamela	Council Aide IV	Council	13	Purvis, Henry Jr.	Security Officer	Airports	14
Bradley, Colette	-	DWP	-	Hurley, Giles M.	Stores Supervisor	General Servic	es 28	Quiles, Anthony	-	DWP	-
Calvin, Edward G.	SMS Payment Clerk	General Servi	ces 33	Hurtado, Roberto	Special Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Parks	4	Rios, Rito Jr.	-	DWP	-
Cazares, Pauline B.	Project Assistant	El Pueblo His.	Mon. 3	Kokoska, John	-	DWP	-	Rivera, Miguel	Foren. Print Spe. III	LAPD	22
Chiu, Ching Bing	Sr. Sys. Analyst II	Public Works	24	Krecu, Milijan	Const. Inspector	Public Works	14	Savre, Randal	-	DWP	-
Dillion, Robin Francis	Helicopter Mech.	General Servi	ces 10	Lazaris, Spiridon A.	Civil Eng. Assoc. IV	Public Works	12	Schweinbold, Charles	-	DWP	-
Esquivel, Josue H.	Heli. Mech. Sup. II	General Servi	ces 25	Lindberg, Mary	-	DWP	-	Shute, Norman	-	DWP	-
Evans, Roxie M.	Rec Facility Director	Rec and Parks	s 44	McPhillips, Michael	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	25	Sims, Roy L.	Security Officer	General Services	4
Flores, Jose	-	DWP	-	Meister, Dennis	-	DWP	-	Smith, Sterlyn L.	Street Ser. Worker III	Public Works	27
Fong, Fleur	-	DWP	-	Miller, Gloria Marie	Police Service Rep	LAPD	14	Trieschmann, Michael	Build. Op. Engineer	Airports	37
Foster, William	-	DWP	-	Mojica, Epifanio P.	Wstwt. Treat. Op. III	Public Works	25	Washington, Marilyn	-	DWP	-
Gonzalez, Arturo	Council Aide V	Council	12	Montiel, Tommy	Ref. Coll. Trk. Op. II	Public Works	23	Welch, Timothy	-	DWP	-
Guzman, Louie B.	Auto Painter	LAFD	24	Morse, Kent	-	DWP	-	Yanes, Robert	-	DWP	-



33 years of City service.

Marilyn McPhierson, Public Works/Engineering, 20 years of City service.

Lee Burrell, Retired, General Services,

Holiday **Party Fun**

Retirees Association hosts annual holiday party.

he Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc. (RLACEI) celebrated the holidays with its annual holiday party. Longtime friends and past co-workers had a chance to catch up, share a meal, and win prizes.

The party was held Dec. 5 at the Friendship Auditorium.

The party was preceded by an official RLACEI meeting in which its newly elected Board of Directors was sworn in.

The Club was honored to be in attendance and connecting with all the retirees. Special thanks go to RLACEI President Ed Harding for his invitation and assistance.





RLACEI Director Helen Salgado and Roobik Gorjian.









Meet the New Counselors

Isabel and Dalila are ready to provide legendary Club service for Members.

C lub Members, welcome new counselors Isabel Marquez and Dalila Vielma. They're here to serve your Club needs, including managing your Club Membership, helping you with your Club Store orders and insurance needs, reporting your stories in *Alive!*, and more.



Isabel Marquez

No doubt Isabel will already be familiar to many Club Members. Isabel comes to the Club from the LAPD, where she worked to support the Police Chief, Captains and other command staff.

For the LAPD, she performed numerous duties, including managing appointments, meetings and calendars; evaluated programs and make recommendations about how to make the LAPD more efficient with regard to reports and logs; managed databases; helped update security procedures as mandated by the City and Homeland Security; helped orient all newly elected officials and their staffs; and many other tasks. She was also the Emergency Response Coordinator for the

Isabel Marquez.

Division.

To the Club, Isabel brings a great knowledge of City employment and benefits, a strong knowledge of all the Club's membership benefits, and an energetic approach to customer service.

Isabel's City department assignments – which City departments she will serve – will be set later in January. Welcome, Isabel!



Dalila Vielma

Dalila Vielma

Dalila brings a strong customer service expertise to her new role as Counselor, which is a perfect complement to the Club's famous Member service approach.

Previously she was involved in healthcare, coordinating customer service requests and analyzing and solving a wide range of customer issues.

She was also involved in customer service in retail operations.

To the Club, Dalila brings a great knowledge of how to treat customers well (very important to the Club), a strong knowledge of the Club's membership benefits, and an open and hard-working approach to serving her customers.

Dalila's City department assignments – which City departments she will serve – will be set later in January. Welcome, Dalila!



Club Members: Gain confidence in your public speaking and leadership skills; three City Toastmasters groups invite you to join!



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

Insuring Home Businesses

This is America. Great businesses have started in our garages. If you have a small home-based business, you have specific insurance concerns, and should be sure to talk to your insurance agent.

Whether you're doing medical billing, building birdhouses in your garage, running a daycare center, auctioning art on eBay or any one of the myriad of other types of businesses people run from their homes, you may not have adequate insurance.

Many people think their homeowners' policy is all they need. But a typical homeowners policy may not provide enough coverage. The usual limit is \$2,500 for your business equipment while at home and \$250 when it's off the premises.

Most homeowners' policies specifically exclude business liability. Even though your at-home business may involve only yourself working just parttime, you could still have liability risk. For example, someone may come to your home for a business purpose – such as delivering materials – and sustain an injury on your premises for which they believe you are responsible. Your homeowners policy would probably not cover the damages.

Adding More Coverage

There are three ways to provide more property and liability insurance for your in-home business. The right choice will depend on the nature of your business, its annual receipts and the amount of coverage you need.

They are:

- Endorsement to Your Homeowners' Policy: Your homeowners insurance company may offer an endorsement to your homeowners' policy that adds additional property coverage and some limited liability coverage. For less than \$20 a year, you may be able to double your standard policy limits for business equipment from \$2,500 to \$5,000. This option is usually limited to businesses that have less than a set amount of annual receipts, usually around \$5,000.
- In-Home Business Insurance Policy: Some insurance companies offer spe-



Should you have to shut down your business because of damage to your house, the in-home policy will cover the income the business loses and ongoing expenses, such as payroll, for up to one year. The policy also provides limited coverage for loss of valuable documents, accounts receivable, offsite business property and use of equipment.

Business Owners Policy: Most insurance companies offer small business owners policies combining a wide variety of coverages in a single policy. You may want to talk to your insurance agent about whether the broader property and liability coverages you would get with a business owners policy are recommended for your business.

Business Vehicle Insurance

Your personal car insurance probably provides coverage for some business use of your vehicle. A personal auto policy is unlikely to provide coverage, however, if the vehicle in question is used *primarily* in business. It will not provide coverage for any vehicle owned by a business.

Should you be driving your auto for a business purpose and get into an accident for which you are liable, an injured person could sue you personally. Will your personal auto policy have enough coverage to pay all the damages? If not, a lawsuit may be filed against your busi-

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ness. You may want to discuss whether you need a business auto policy with your insurance agent.

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Story courtesy Airport Police; Photos by Youth Service Officer William Lara

New Cadets

Airport Police graduates 10 cadets.

Ten Airport Police cadets ranging in ages between 13 to 20 graduated from the LAPD Cadet Academy Program Nov. 16. The cadets were sworn in during a graduation ceremony in the University of Southern California's Galen Center.

In attendance at the graduation ceremony were Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Lt. Edward Trahan, Sgt. Daniel Romo and Youth Service Officers William Lara and Ericka

throughout the airport. Youth Service Officers (YSO) are tasked with mentoring and teaching leadership skills to the cadets. The cadets' current duties and activities include: providing information and directions to travelers in the Central Terminal area during the holidays, participating in various division training scenarios, the Christmas in July and LAX Kiwanis Club events, as well as many other activities, including decorating Tournament of Roses parade



Assistant Chief Michael Hyams (left) with cadets Jayla High, Ana DeLeon, Merlin Gonzalez, Priscilla Perez, Brian Brass, Jordan Johnson, Darnell Wilson, Cameron Stewart, Matthew Alba and Remaiya Marshall. Not pictured: YSOs William Lara, Ericka Holliday, Sgt. Daniel Romo and Lt. Edward Trahan.

Holliday. "We are very proud of our cadets and pleased that Cadet Perez was chosen for such a great honor. The cadet program is a tremendous opportunity to help develop today's youths into the leaders of tomorrow," said Airport Police Assistant Chief Michael Hyams.

The cadets will be assigned to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), where plans are being made to rotate them among various units within the Airport Police Division and

floats. They also assisted during the recent opening of the first phase of the New Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Cadet Priscilla Perez, daughter of Airport Employee Mirna Serrano, was selected from among nearly 500 of her classmates to receive the award for the Most Motivational Cadet award based on her work ethic, attitude and inspirational drive during the academy. She also received the most Inspirational Cadet



From left: Sgt. Daniel Romo, Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Cadet Prescilla Perez (award recipient) and Lt. Edward Trahan.

award for leading her platoon by example and motivating them throughout the academy

Earlier last year, Cadets Meagan Billington and Lamont Green both successfully became Youth Cadet sergeants. YSO William Lara said, "They have exhibited a strong passion for the youth cadet program and have taken a leadership role in mentoring their peers. They continually dedicate extra time and effort to keeping the cadets structured and focused and assume leadership responsibilities during events and outings."

The Airport Police Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of 13 and 20. The goal of the program is to help instill the values of leadership, academic excellence, life skills and discipline into participants. The program also seeks to empower students with the skills to maximize personal, scholastic and life potential as well as provide insights into law-enforcement careers. Interested persons should call Airport Police Recruitment at (800) GO-AIR-PD for further information.



From left: YSO William Lara, Youth Cadet Sgts. Meagan Billington and Lamont Green, and YSO Ericka Holliday.



Airports

Story and photos courtesy Airport Police

Underwater Parks Day

Saturday, **January 18** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join Cabrillo for a celebration of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These areas, like parks on land, protect underwater marine resources for future generations to enjoy.

To celebrate MPAs and ocean conservation, Cabrillo is participating in the sixth annual Underwater Parks Day. There will be speakers, presentations, interactive activities and handouts for visitors so they can learn more about MPAs, how MPAs work, and where MPAs are located in Southern California.

Similar activities are being held the same day at partner marine science centers, including

Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Ocean Institute in Dana Point, Birch Aquarium at Scripps

anum in Carlsbad, Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, Ty-Warner Sea Center in Santa Barbara and Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence - West. Free and open to all! Parking: \$2

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New Airports Officer

Airport Police swears in new Police Officer.

n Nov. 27, Airport Police recruit Hector Orellana joined the ranks of O the Los Angeles Airport Police following his graduation from Class 6-13 at the Los Angeles Police Academy at Elysian Park.

Among the 34 recruits in this academy class, Officer Orellana was named the top recruit in Physical Training (PT) and was selected by his



From left: Airport Police Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Assistant Chief Brian Walker, Officer Hector Orellana, Chief Patrick Gannon and Assistant Chief Michael Hyams.

classmates as class leader. Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon performed the swearing-in of the new officer. Also in attendance were Assistant Chiefs Brian

Walker and Michael Hyams, Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Lt. Edward



Airport Police Officer Hector Orellana being sworn in by Chief Patrick Gannon.

Trahan, Sgts. Joe Espita and Daniel Romo, and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

Chief Gannon said, "I am proud that Officer Orellana was chosen by his classmates as class leader and that he demonstrated great leadership ability during his time at the academy. His dedication and accomplishments are commendable."

Orellana is expected to complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

LAFD

Story by Bill Cimarusti, Club Counselor; Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

Handball Heroes

Firefighters save a man's life during a handball tournament.

Seven LAFD Firefighters combined to save the life of a man playing handball at a court near where the Firefighters were playing.

The LAFD heroes were honored Nov. 19 during a Fire Commission meeting at City Hall East. An award honoring the seven was presented by Capt. Armando Hogan.

The seven first-responder heroes are:

- Capt. II Roy Harvey, Fire Station 92
- Engineer Chris Yokoyama, Fire Station 92
- Firefighter Sal Castillon, Fire Station 81
- Firefighter Sergio Guzman, Fire Station 73
- Firefighter Alex Garcia, Fire Station 66
- Firefighter Chad Rolish, Fire Station 92, and
- Firefighter Richard Ramirez, Fire Station 22.

Each year, the Los Caballeros Sports Complex in Fountain Valley hosts the Simple Green U.S. Open of Handball. On Saturday, Oct. 26 during a doubles match, Mike Bagetta collapsed on the court. Within two or three minutes a victim was being attended to by several of these life-saving professionals. After three resuscitation attempts, they were able to revive him. Fountain Valley Fire arrive and took Bagetta to a nearby hospital.

Unquestionably, the L.A. Fire personnel saved Mike's life. Mike and Elsie Bagetta, his family and his many friends, gave their heartfelt thanks to these men for their quick response and successful application of their training. Reportedly, the victim was doing well and playing handball six weeks after the incident.

Congratulations to all the LAFD heroes!





From left: Dr. E. C. Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory, Club Member; and Tom LaBonge, Councilmember, Club Member.

The Krupp holds up the Andrew Gemant Award.

Dr. Ed Krupp with members of Friends of the Griffith Observatory, the observatory's fundraising arm

Rec and Parks

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services



Dr. Krupp Is Tops

Physics group honors Observatory Director Dr. Ed Krupp, Club Member.

Oⁿ Nov. 22, Dr. Edwin C. Krupp, Director of the Griffith Observatory for 39 years and Club Member, was honored in front of the City Council for his selection by the American Institute of Physics (AIP) as the 2013 recipient of the Andrew Gemant Award. This annual award is given to one individual each year by the AIP Governing Board for "significant contributions to the cultural, artistic and humanistic dimension of physics."

The award recognition of Dr. Krupp was led by Mr. LA, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and AIP Vice President Dr. Catherine O'Riordan. Congratulations, Dr. Krupp!



Dr. E. C. Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory, Club Member; and Dr. Catherine O'Riordan, American Institute of Physics Vice President.

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Story courtesy LA Zoo; Photos by Tad Motoyama, LA Zoo

A New Okapi

LA Zoo celebrates its first okapi birth.

The LA Zoo has a new baby okapi, the first born at the Zoo. The male calf was born Aug. 26 to first-time parents Jamal (father) and Baraka (mother). The baby spent the last couple of months behind the scenes bonding with his mother and familiarizing himself with his new home. Guests can now view the Okapi calf out in his habitat from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, weather permitting.

after trying to attain one for more than 20 years. Jamal, then 10 years

old, came to the Zoo from Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Fla. The Zoo's long-term goal of obtaining a pair for breeding was finally met in September 2010 when a female. Baraka, arrived from Denver Zoo.

While some guests may confuse this shy. secretive animal with a zebra due to the brilliant black and white striped patterns

on its front and hind legs, it is actually the closest living relative to the giraffe. Often called the "forest giraffe," this beautiful species found in central Africa has a lustrous, velvety coat of fur, a 14-18 inch long, prehensile tongue, and as an adult stands at over six feet tall and weighs between 400-700 pounds. John Lewis, Los Angeles

Zoo Director, said, "Being able to have a species like this breed in our Zoo is a real testament to the hard work of the staff and their dedication to okapi conservation."

The Los Angeles Zoo works with the Okapi Conservation Project (OCP), a conservation group initiated in 1987 with the objective of eliciting support for the conservation of the wild okapi from individuals, foundations, and zoological institutions managing okapi around the world. The okapi is an important flagship species for a rainforest habitat that is rapidly vanishing. Over the last decade, the wild okapi population has dropped from 40,000 to 10,000, and there are currently only 85 okapi in Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoos.



The Zoo received its first okapi in the history of the Zoo in June 2005



The LA Zoo's mother okapi and male calf.

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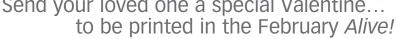
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Convention Center

A Job Well Done

Veteran Convention Center employees say goodbye to their former workspace, and then to each other with a final farewell party.

Most Convention Center staffers spent the final months of 2012 moving to their new assignments within the City, or elsewhere. On Oct. 9, the City Council voted to move management of the Convention Center to an outside contractor, AEG, for at least the next five years.

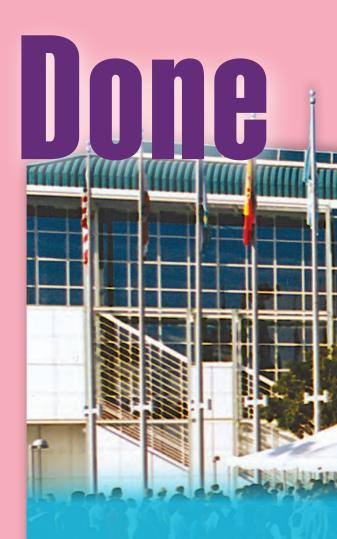
NEXT PAGE: Memories of the Conv. Center The decision was said to have been made to better connect the center with AEG's worldwide network in the event and trade convention industry.

The Convention Center remains a City facility, and a small skeleton crew of City Employees – and Club Members – will remain on hand to help manage the facility and look out for the City's interests.

It's clear to anyone who reads *Alive!* that the Convention Center staff has done an awesome job over the years of updating the plant and keeping its offerings fresh. Here, as a tribute to the men and women who ran the Convention Center, *Alive!* looks back at our Convention Center stories... and the good things its employees achieved.

The Club congratulates all the former Convention Center employees for the job you did, and wishes you good luck in your new endeavors.





BELOW: Enjoying the farewell party was Josie Serrano, Clerk Typist. Behind her is Officer Jose Verduzco.





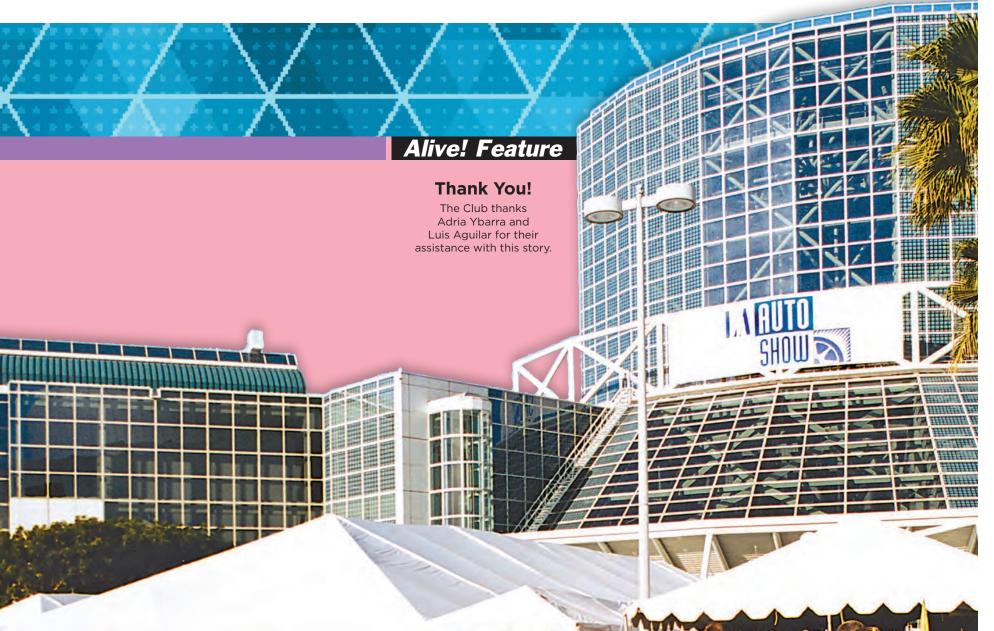




ABOVE: At the farewell party are Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Club Member; and Brittani Kauf, Clerk Typist, and now a Customer Service Rep from the DWP.

BELOW: Club CEO John Hawkins and Adria Ybarra, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Club Member, at the farewell party. Adria remains as part of the small City crew at the Convention Center

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The Farewell Party

Convention Center employees both veteran and new threw a farewell party Dec. 6 at El Compadre downtown. More than 160 people attended.

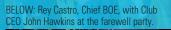
The Convention Center employees would typically raise funds throughout the year to pay for an end-of-the-year holiday party. This year, the employees decided to host a farewell party instead. There was no formal program, except that Executive Director Bud Ovrom spoke briefly to those gathered.

Here are some photos from the event. The Club thanks Adria Ybarra, Club Member, who's remaining as part of the skeleton crew at the Convention Center, for her assistance in producing this article.

At the farewell party, from left: Carlos Pulido Electrician: BELOW: At the farewell party, from left: Monica Shelton, Principal Clerk; Annett Anderson, Payroll Supervisor; Rose Watson, Sales Manager; and Rosetta Mackenzie, Systems Manager.















ABOVE: At the farewell party, from left: Monica Shelton; Karen Won, Clerk Typist; and Inda Salazar, Parking Attendant. Ieft: Adria Ybarra, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Club Member, Jacqui Davis, Event Manager, and Myrna Pietri, Event Manager.

> RIGHT: Enjoying the farewell party is Marta Rivas, Event Attendant.

RIGHT: At the farewell party, from left: Jose Orozco, Clerk Typist; Michael Bernard, Maintenance and Construction Worker; and former Assistant General Manager Phillip Hill.

At the farewell party, from left: Victoria Law, Chief Accountant; Claudia Brett, Sr. Sales Manager; and Pam Hirneisen, Vice President of Sales.

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A Job Well Done

Convention Center Employees of the Convention Center share their memories with Alive!.

My reign was just short of three years with LACC. However, from day one I felt like part of a big, big family! Thank you so much for all your help, kind words and just a simple smile to make my everyday workday a pleasure. I'm moving on to Sanitation and will take a piece of all of you with me! Again, I will not say goodbye but see you later as I know our paths will cross again!

- Meredith Gaines, Administrative Services

24 years ago, at the tender age of 18, I began Center. In that time I have learned so much, accomplished a lot, and made many friends.

I have spent more than half my life here at the center, so this departure is near and dear to me. I want to thank all of you for your support, being that I was an extreme introvert. Some of you identified that and helped me through the meetings and other public speaking events. In my old age I have finally conquered that fear.

Anyway, I will greatly miss this place, not only because I have learned so much and enjoy the work but for the people that I have developed relationships with and truly became family.

I will be reporting to Public Works, where I begin my new chapter.

Until we cross paths again God bless and good luck! – James Simon

t's been a pleasure working with you beautiful people of the Convention Center. I'm happy that my first job here in America is in the Los Angeles Convention Center.

I'm proud to be a member of this "world-class facility" serving people from all walks of life. As Mr. Ovrom said, "As you leave the building, you should hold your head up, for you did an outstanding job." Thank you! Until next time.

> Josephine Serrano, Clerk Typist/ Timekeeper, Security Services

I 've served the Los Angeles Convention Center for the past 19 years of my life. There are several of you that I've been there with from my beginning and others I've met along the way. I look back over the years and I have many fond thoughts of the fun we've shared as we cranked out our "World Class Service."

The many nights spent here, working late just to ensure that we had all aspects of our shows ready. The birthdays we've celebrated, the babies we've all waited for with excitement to arrive and ultimately come into the fold. The marriages, Christmas parties, contractor parties and have enjoyed many things in my 29 years here at LACC, including challenging projects, great clients, the South Hall and Concourse expansion, creation of new events, etc... but the thing I have enjoyed most is the fellowship and camaraderie we have shared over the years. The "things" we accomplish can be rewarding, however, the human connection and interaction and the "who" we are doing these things with is everything. Once again, it has been a sincere joy, honor and privilege working with you.

To those of you venturing off to other City departments, I wish you all the best in your new job. May you make the most of your new opportunity, and be blessed with many rewards.

To those of you continuing with the remaining group, and those transferring to AEG, I look forward to continuing our working relationship and in our continued effort to make LACC all it can be.

– Thomas Fields, Chief Operating Officer, Assistant General Manager

During the last couple of months I have been very touched by all of the "farewell" messages I have seen from departing LACC employees.

Although I have only been with you a few months, it is very clear what a great sense of "family" the Convention Center has had.

In this one last message to that family, I want to again express my great admiration for the outstanding work all of you have contributed to the Convention

Center during your time here. Particularly during these last few difficult months of transition, your dedication and commitment has been nothing short of heroic.

As I have said before, the decision to "privatize" was based on broader considerations and is *not* a reflection on your personal work. As you leave the building for the last time, I hope you hold your head high – you did an outstanding job!

Each of us will now head down different paths – some to retirement, some to other City departments, some to AEG and a few staying here. To each and every one of you, I thank and congratulate you for your outstanding service to the City of Los Angeles and to the





events. It's all been such a wonderful ride. I thank you all for being a part of that ride and welcoming me into the fold that became family.

I will miss my Convention Center family more than I have words to express. Farewell my friends/family, I so hope to see you all again in our futures.

– Jacqui Davis-Frazier, Event Manager

From February 1984 to December 2013 – I have spent more than half my life here at the center; it's been a good run.

I will be reporting to General Services/Piper Tech. Until we meet again, God bless.

- Stephen Alderete, Sr. Mechanical Repairer II, Fuel Coordinator L.A. Convention Center. You will forever still be a part of the LACC family. If there is ever anything we can do to help with your transition, please do not hesitate to contact us.

My very best wishes.

- Bud Ovrom, Executive Director

have enjoyed working here for a little more than 13 years. It has been a good ride. From the glory days when we had money and staff, to recent times understaffed, figuring out a way to make it work. I have learned a lot during my stay here. I will carry those experiences to my new City adventure at Rec and Parks. I wish you all the best.

- Thomas Turner, Sr. Plumber

















"WatChooGotDerBro?"

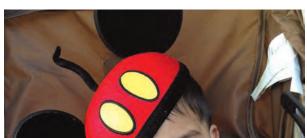
– Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: Dominique, this must be one of the crispest images I have ever seen. It's almost 3D. You also captured a great moment in time, one they will remember forever. Thanks, Dominique!



"A view of Crater Lake, taken near the Crater Lake Lodge."

John's comment: Look at that blue sky and water! But it's the clouds that clinch this deal. Nice work, James!







I recently went on a Pacific Coastal cruise on the Norwegian *Pearl*. The seas were 30 feet high. It was the worst cruise I have ever been on. But my trip to Taiwan saved the day. I toured the entire island. It was 18 wonderful days. This photo shows the largest Buddha in Asia. "I had a great time with my travel club members. Our next big adventure is Tanzania and Kenya in July."

- Debora Fore, Retired, LAPD

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John's comment: Debora, the way in which you took this picture really shows the incredible size of this Buddha. Amazing!

RULES:

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



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"This is my favorite picture of my godson Christopher's third birthday celebration at Disneyland! He was so excited to spend the day there."

- Cheryl Garcia, LAPD

John's comment: The slanted Mickey hat, the Mickey pumpkin cookie, the big smile – a perfect combination for a Picture Perfect! Thanks, Cheryl!

"My niece, Emma, 6, with Santa."

- James VanGerpen

- Jason Wyland, DWP

John's comment: What a perfect Santa picture! Thanks, Jason, and thanks to Emma, too!

"My daughter, Aryel, caught our dog, Rusty, getting ready for the giant cow's leg bone that is usually under the tree for him each year. The timing of catching him licking his chops was priceless!"

- Tonja Bellard, Personnel, Club Rep

John's comment: Priceless, indeed! Aryel has a good eye for a quick trigger. Thanks, Tonja and Arye!

THIS MONTH AT THE

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January 14: 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.



rom left: Seretha Wong, Tony Royster, Val Melloff, Eric Robles, Pierre Riotoc and Jenny Galandeynes.



From left: Ben Setiarto; Richard Wuerth, Club Member; and Jim Egnatoff.





Angela Sherick-Bright, Assistant General Manager



From left: Val Melloff and Melody **McCormick**



The crew from the Fleet Services body shop

General Services



An Election Job Well Done

General Services employees thanked for their services during election transitions.

On Oct. 1, about 200 employees from General Services gathered in the Tom Bradley Tower high atop City Hall to celebrate an event titled "Election, Inauguration, and Transition."

One of General Services' main functions is to support all City departments, including the Mayor's Office, City Council, City Attorney and Controller. The elections of 2013 ushered in a new Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and seven new Council seats.

Some may not know who facilitates the physical movement out of office, and into office of the newly elected. Moving furniture, cleaning and replacing carpets, painting, assembling office furniture, and providing new locks and keys are only a few of the tasks General Services is responsible for.

Other services include new leases for field offices, motor vehicles purchased or leased for the elected and their staffs, stationery, business cards, signage, banners, flyers, invitations, pamphlets, and the purchasing of anything.

General Services assisted and coordinated with the planning, production, staging and direction that supported the inauguration and swearing-in of the newly elected in July, held on the Spring Street steps of City Hall.

General Services employees pulled off a near seamless transition of City government.



David Paschal, Assistant General Manager, General Services



Manager, General Services.



Gerald St. Onge, Chief of Publishing Services



General Services' Publishing Services Group.



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General Services crews hard at work during the inauguration ceremony.

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special Holiday Party Section

The City Parties!

It's an annual Alive! tradition!

Every year, City Departments put aside their Every and come together for fun and socialization hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties. And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

Starting this month, we cover the City Parties. And we'll continue in the next months as the photos continue to trickle in.



From left: Erica Mcadoo Detention Officer, 5 years of City service; and Jamika Drew DWP Security 5 years.



Capt. III David Lindsay, 27 years of City service, Club Member.



service, Club Member; and Sgt. Michelle Thomas, 27 years.



Officer II David Herskowitz, 8 years of City service, and his wife, Minna Herskowitz.





he LAPD's Jail Division gathered Dec. 14 at the Holiday Inn in Burbank to celebrate the holiday season. Many great prizes were raffled throughout the evening. The grand prize was a 55-inch flat screen TV. Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing. Special thanks go to Jenny Garrett. Detention Officer, Club Member, for her assistance.

James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, 25 years of City service, Club Member.

Christina Hernandez, Management Assistant

8 years of City service, Club Member; and

Sgt. James Hernandez, 26 years.

Lakeitha Spagner, Detention Officer, 7 years of City service.



Olivia Valencia, Detention Officer, 10 years of City service, and Tony Davis, Retired.



From left: James Price, Detention Officer, 11 years of City service; and Dwight Sneed, Detention Officer, 17 years.



From left: Shannon Shaw, Detention Officer, 11 years of City service, with Michelle Young, guest.







Officer II Thomas Barajas, 2 years of City service, and guest Marisol Rodriguez.



From left: Erica Mcadoo, Detention Officer, 5 years of City se vice; Jose Basalua, Sr. Detention Officer, 13 years; and Jenn Garrett, Detention Officer, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer II Vanessa Perez, 2 years of City service; Officer II Anne Rodriguez, 2 years; and Olivia Valencia, Detention Officer, 10 years.





From left: Sandra Bautista, Sr. Detention Officer, 13 years of City service, and Xavier Bautista, Sheriff's Deputy, 18 years of County service.





Structural Engineer, ice, with



The Greeting Committee, from left; Teena Ennabi, Clerk Typist, 6 years of City service, Club Member, with her family: Julie Duncan, Analyst II, 15 years, Club Member; and Annette Phoenix, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years, Club Member.



Building and Safety

n Dec. 6, Building and Safety held its holiday party, its Offirst since 2005. Employees gathered at Quiet Canyon in Montebello with their families for dinner, dancing, and prizes. All the employees' children who attended the event received a holiday gift. Many prizes were raffled; the top prize was a large flat screen TV.

Special thanks go to Building and Safety for all the children's gifts and a great event, and to Teena Ennabi and Julie Duncan for their assistance.



From left: Julie Duncan, Sr. Management Analyst II, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Ray S. Chan, Interim General Manager, 27 years; and Steve Ongele, Assistant General Manager, 15 years





7 vears his wife, Lina.

Gina Tervalon, Personnel

Director, 28 years of City

service, Club Member.



From left: Victor Turcios, Structural Engineer Associate, 7 years of City service; Hamilton Chiang, Civil Engineer Associate, 2 years; Jennifer Montana, Sr. Clerk Typist, 6 years; Christine Maalouf, Structural Engineer Associate, 6 months; and Marjan Shenasi, Structural Engineer Associate, 1 year.

Ara Sargsyan, Office Manager, 14 years of City service.



From left: Ray Chan, Teena Ennabi, Clerk Typist, 6 years of General Manager, 27 years of City service; and Robert Steinbach, City service, Club Deputy Superintendent, Member, with her daughter. 29 years, Club Member.

George Williams, Plumbing Inspector, 1 year of City service.



Raffle prizes



From left: Mary and Bill Gomez, Chief Clerk, 26 years of City service, Club Member: Tere Abraham, Sr. Management Analyst, 18 years, Club Member; and Hazel Harris, Management Analyst II, 26 years, Club Member.



Jacquelyn Blockson, Accounting Clerk II, 19 years of City service, Club Member, with guest Larry Fitts.

One of the many City Employee's children receiving a holiday gift.





From left: Cheryl Garcia, PSR II, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Sgt. II Jeff Beck, 18 years of City service; and Sara Wiek, PSR II, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Lena Mokdad, PSR, 2 years of City service, Club Member; and Andrea Esquivel PSR II, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Celia Barrios, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Erika Delgadillo, PSR II, 12 years, Club Member.

Capt. Lillian Carranza, 23 years of City service; and Tony Carranza, Lt, 24 years.



Vanessa Sanchez, PSR, 10 years of City service, with Bert Brown, guest.



From left: Anthony Moreno, Sr. PSR II, 28 years of City service, Club Member, Dori Alder, SR. PSR I, 25 years, Club Member, and Sara Munoz, PSR II, Club Member.



Sara Wieck, PSR II, 11 years of City service, Club Member.



Autumn Kohoutek, PSR, Club Member, with Earvin Baker, guest.

From left: Andrea Esquivel, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club

Member; Eleonor

Medina-Calleros, PSR III,

17 years. Club Member; and Guillermo Calleros, PIII,

17 years.

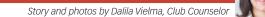


George Rios, PSR III, 15 years of service, Club Member, with his wife, Rachel.



LaGenia Carter, PSRII, 28 years of City service, Club Member, and her husband, Henry.





LAPD Communications

The LAPD Communications Division gathered Dec. 8 at City Hall to celebrate the holiday season. Guest were escorted to an outdoor tent that was decorated and heated. Dinner was catered by Nola's of downtown Los Angeles. After dinner, everyone headed to the Tom Bradley Room on the 27th floor to enjoy dancing and beautiful views of the City.

The Club thanks Anthony Moreno and Maria Moreno for their assistance.



Louie Cuevas, PSR II, 28 years of City service, with his niece, Melissa Montanez.



From left: Sgt. II Delaney Jones, 27 years of City service; Berta Ugas Jones, Sr. PSR I, 23 years, Club Member; and Shiovan Cote.



From left: Albert Campos, PSR III, 31 years of City service, Club Member; and Mary Vega, PSR II, 18 years, Club Member.

Maria Moreno, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member, and her husband, Jerard Parades.

From left: Drea Moss, PSR II, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Ronda Humphrey, PSR II, 10 years, Club Member; and Tamara Brown, PSR II, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Angelina Ortega, PSR III, 14 years of Club service, Club Member; and Myrna Pace, PSR II, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Dori Alder, SR. PSR I, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Yvette Salazar, PSR II, 19 years, Club Member; Mary Vega, PSR II, 18 years, Club Member; and Gloria Martinez, PSR II,

The City Parties!



From left: Layisha Comeaux, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Janae Garrett, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years, Club Member

Brenda Woods, Workers Compensation . Claims Analyst, 13 years of Ćity service, Club

Member

From left: Barry Johnson, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service; Maria Gaytan, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 8 years, Club Member; and Edith Olea, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 19 years

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From left: Kimsa Ly, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service; and Elizabeth Henriquez, Clerk

From left: Sandra Jimenez, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service; and Marvianna Jones, Acting Personnel Supervisor, 12 years, Club Member and Club Rep.

Story and photos by Dalila Vielma, . Club Counselo

Personnel

Personnel gathered at Luminarias in Monterey Park to celebrate the holiday season Dec. 12. A live dance was performed by a mix of many employees to a mashup of Michael Jackson's Thriller and Robin Thicke's Blurred Lines. The fun continued with raffles and a game of Personnel Picasso, while guests enjoyed their lunches. A photo both was set for everyone to commemorate the celebration.

Special thanks go to Marviana Jones, Club Rep, for her assistance.



From left: Michelle Alwagah, Clerk Typist, 24 years of City service; Nanette Vaughn, Clerk Typist, 14 years, Club Membe and Faye Centeno, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 14 years, Club Member.

Ramona





From left: Robert Rangel, Background Investigator, 7 years of City service; and Bernadette Kilgore, Background Investigator, 3 years.



From left: Dawn Alvarado, Workers Compensation Administrator, 5 years of City service; Beth Camarco, Sr. Manager Analyst, 27 years of City service; and Dianna Tang, Principal Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 22 years.

Price, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 8 years of Club service, Club Member

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Gloria Coleman, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 20 years of City Service

Typist, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Maryanne Balleza, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 12 years of City service; Ana Garcia, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 12 years; Irene Herrera, Sr. Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 14 years; Gloria Magana, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 14 years; and Simone Verdun, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 19 years, Club Member



General Manager.

29 years of City service.

From left: Leticia Reyes, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Jeannie Gomez, Workers Compensation Claims Analyst, 24 years, Club Member.

Eva Lesseos-Lupher, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years of City service, Club Member



The Holiday Party Committee, from left: Shirley Crawford, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years of City service, Club Member; Bob Bates, WWTM II, 26 years; Richard Bara, Painter, 8 years; V Seeram, Instrument Club Member; Bob Bates, vvvv IIVI II, zb years; Richaru bara, Fainter, o years, v Seerani, instrument Mechanic, 5 years, Club Member; Sandy O'Guinn, Gardener, 12 years; Karl Breitenstein, Manager, 25 years, Club Member; Jose Garcia, Carpenter, 6 years; Henry Ayala, Pipe Fitter, 26 years; and Lo years, olub Member, 3030 Gardia, Garbertor, Harold Geis, WWTM II, 25 years, Club Member.



Hoa Ang, WWTO III, 32 years of City service, with his wife, Marianne.





From left: Traci Minamide. Chief Operating Officer, 28 years of City service; and V Seeram, Instrument Mechanic, 5 years, Club Member.



City service, with his wife, Patricia.



Employees and their families from Public Works' Terminal Island facility gathered at the Port O Call restaurant in San Pedro for a holiday lunch Dec. 11. V Seeram DJed the event while guests dined with their families and mingled with fellow employees. Several prizes were awarded throughout the event.

The Club thanks Shirley Crawford for her assistance





From left: Sylvia Garduno and her husband, Arturo Ceja, Mechanic Helper, 8 years of City service; and Javier Estrella, WWTM, 18 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: V Seeram, Instrument Mechanic, 5 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Sandra, and daughter, Karina

Bara, Painter, 8 years of City service, with his wife, Allyson.



Mike Kutas, Cheif Inspector, 14 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Sweety Ray



Jimmy Clark, WWTO III, 29 years of City service, Club Member, and his daughter Mary.

From left: Santiago Jimemez, Painter, 2 years of City service; and Abel Medina, Painter, 6 years



Jubian Tutor, Power Shovel Operator, 9 years of City service, with his wife, Rufa Tutor



Alice Gabourel, Acting Sr. Store Keeper, 18 years of City service, and Allan Carter, guest.

From left: Shirley Crawford, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years of City service, Club Member; and Loretta Arnold, Sr. Clerk Typist, 34 years, Club Member.

From left: Richard Li, Retired, 31 years of City service; Henry Ayala, Pipe Fitter, 26 years; Faye Kenoly Retired, 24 years, Club Member; and Sandy O'Guinn, Gardener 12 years







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From left: Lizette Amador, Security Officer, 10 years of City service; Sgt. Susan Kapoh, 23 years; Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor; and Thania Noguera, Security Officer, 13 years.



5 years of City service; Jesus Pineda, Security Officer, 12 years, Club Member; and Nohely Sanchez, Security Officer, 1 year.



From left: Officer Ignacio Ruiz, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and David Orozco, Security Officer, 13 years, Club Member.

Services On Dec. 11, LAPD's Security Services Division gathered for its first holiday luncheon celebration since its consolidation with the LAPD. The event was catered by the Far Bar restaurant. There was food and prizes. Capt. Gina Sanders announced the winners of the raffles.

The Club thanks Capt. Sanders for her assistance.



From left: Michael Johnson, Sr. Lead Officer, 17 years of City service; Officer Ryan Ebbat, 7 years; and Andrei Santos, Security Officer, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Maria Canada; Evelyn Solano, Sr. Lead Officer, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Baby Bradley; Security Sgt. Andrea Mercier, 8 years; and Security Officer Gabriela Arce, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Commander John Sherman, 28 years of City service; Capt. Gina Sanders, 33 years; and David Aguirre, Chief of Security, 31 years, Club Member.



From left: Security Lt. Robert Becerra, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Security Officer Jesus Pineda, 12 years, Club Member; Officer James Real, 14 years, Club Member; and Security Sgt. Richard Villalobos, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Manuel Elorriaga, Sr. Lead Officer, 17 years of City service; Officer Javier Llanos, 9 years; and Gildardo Vizcarra, Sr. Lead Officer, 21 years



From left: Francisco Pimentel, Sr. Lead Officer, 24 years of City service; Joseph Orlanes, Sr. Lead Officer, 18 years, Club Member; Felipe Graciano, Sr. Lead Officer, 18 years; and Officer, lavier Barragen, 10 years, Club Marth Officer Javier Barragan, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Francisco Sarabia, 8 years of City service; Officer Luis Ortega, 8 years, Club Member; and Officer Monica Ortega, 8 years, Club Member.

III, 12 years of City service; Michel

Montoya, Communications Information

Moore, Deputy Chief; Rosana

Member

Representative III, 28 years, Club



From left: Stephanie Gonzales, Security Officer, 2 years of City service; and Blanca Araujo, Clerk Typist, 8 years.



From left: Security Officer Vadym Vasylenko, 8 years of City service; and John Czerwinski, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years





From left: Capt. Richard Musquiz, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and

Sgt. Gabriel Mayorga,

15 years, Club Member



From left: Emilia Cota, Communications Information Representative III, 22 years of City service, Club Member, Rosana Montoya, Communications Information Representative III, 28 years; Gracie Madrid, Sr. Communications Operator, 20 years; and Lorena De La Torre, Communications Information Representative III, 19 years, Club Member



From left: William Arvizu, Security Officer, 12 years of City service; Roxana Castro, Security Officer, 12 years; Sgt. Carlos Lopez, 26 years, Club Member; and Security Sgt. Maria Abarca, 13 years





On Dec. 10, General Services celebrated the holidays with a luau party. They had food, prizes, and various themed photo booths. The event was held at Pio Pico House near Olvera Street.



Top row, from left: Eric Robles, Sr. Management Analyst II, 15 years of City service Club Member; David Paschal, Assistant General Manager; Ron Encarnacion, Sr. Management Analyst, 27 years, Club Member; Kabew Kassew, Lab Manager, 30 years; and Janelle Irving, Management Assistant, 2 years. Bottom: Dwight Craft, Management Analyst II, 13 years; Loretta Quennon, Director of Custodial Services, Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager; and Lisa Gabriel, Assistant Budget Director, 22 years.



From left: Ivy Yan, Chief Accountant, 33 years of City service, Club Member; and Dana Mushegan, Accounting, 29 years.

Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counsel

LAPD Security



Front row, from left: Walter Griffin, Press Operator I, 21 years of City service, Club Member; and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor, Back: Jonathan Gritzner, City Craft Assistant, 1 year; Timothy A. Ochoa, City Craft Assistant, 5 years; Herman Bilbrew, AC Supervisor, 15 years, Club Member; and Walter Griffin, Press Operator I, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Cecilia Rivas, Custodian, 13 years of City service: Terry Pina, Clerk Typist, 15 years, Club Member; and Angie Rios Accounting Clerk II, 23 years.



From left: Ricardo Aguilar, Materials Testing Technician, 2 years of City service; Jesus Barajas, Materials Testing Associate II, 23 years; Ann Kane, Materials Testing Tech, 23 years; Jorge Esparza Materials Testing Tech, 13 years, Club Member; and Eduardo Bernache, Materials Testing Technician, 14 years.

From left: Kim Harris, Accounting Clerk,

Custodial Supervisor, 15 years; and Arci

2 years of City service; Carlos Rivas

Herrera, guest.



Front row, from left: Jonathan Gritzner, City Craft Assistant, year of City service. Back: Jose Monge, Carpenter, 14 years; Herman Bilbrew, AC Supervisor, 15 years, Club Member; and Walter Griffin, Press Operator I, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Beatriz Rubio, PMT Clerk, 11 years of City service Club Member; Bertha Mata, Clerk Typist, 29 years, Club Member; and Monica Galindo, Clerk Typist, 2 years, Club Member.



From left: Gabriel Diaz, Equipment Mechanic, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Rodrigo Cobo, Equipment Mechanic, 12 years, Club Member; and Julio Ruelas, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 12 years, Club Member.

From left: Rea Lazo, SMS PMT Clerk, 25 years of City service. Club Member; Angela Yeung, Accounting Clerk, Retired, Club Member; Juanita Inton, Sr. Accounting Contract, 29 years; and Lee Cheng, Accountant 29 years.



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The HEA Committee, top, from left: Eric Russell, Chief Custodian, 14 years of City service; Meloni Jackson, Clerk Typist, 5 years; LaSonia Smith, Sr. LaSonia Smith, Sr. Clerk Typist, 14 years; and Mark Caradine, Delivery Driver, 20 years. Bottom: Bottom: Danielle Lewis Danielle Lewis, Accounting Clerk I, 28 years; Maria De Paz, Environmental Compliance Inspector, 8 years; and Joel Jimenez, Civil Engineering Associate II, 6 years, Club Member.

Story and photos Isabel Marquez, Club Counselo

Hyperion Sanitation Plant

On Dec. 12, Sanitation's Hyperion Plant held its holiday party at the Hyperion Water Treatment Plant. The luncheon consisted of food, prizes and a live band. Many thanks go to the Sanitation Department for a great party. And special thanks go to Meloni Jackson, Clerk Typist, for her assistance.



Anthony Brown, Instrument Shop, 13 years of City service.



From left: Dipak P. Patel, Environmental Engineer Associate III, 25 years of City ser-vice; Ron Palacios, Environmental Engineer Associate III, 11 years; Parviz Samar, CEA II, 12 years; and Tefera Leka, CEA II, 7 years.



Ollie Veasey, Sanitation Manager II, 27 years of City service. Club Member.



From left: Darla Veasey, Sr. Clerk Typist, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Jane Ugalde, Procurement Analyst II, 15 years; and Ben Ocampo, Procurement Supervisor, 6 years.



From left: Johnny Lopez, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 11 years of City service; Jason Lam, Sheet Metal Worker, 5 years; Obie Quevedo, Building Operating Engineer, 5 years; and Orlando Galera, Building Operating Engineer, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Cynthia Richardson, guest; Stacey Brown, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years of City service; and Erricka Peden, System Aide, 14 years.



From left: Derrick Cleveland, Custodian, 24 years of City service, Club Member; and Eric Russell, Chief Custodian, 14 years, Club Member.



From left: Maribel Gomez, Management Assistant, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Yolanda Mitchell, Accounting Clerk II, 13 years, Club Member; and Chantey Berry, Sr. Clerk Typist, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Rafael Valenzuela, Lab Tech, 1 year of City service; and Gladis Bustamante, Lab Tech II, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Rob Tabora, Management Analyst II, 15 years of City service; Joel Jimenez, Civil Engineering Associate II, 6 years; and Efrain Gonzalez, Waste Water Treatment Manager I, 33 years.



From left: Meloni Jackson, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service; and Lynetta Johnson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years.



From left: Carl Woodard, Heavy Truck Operator, 31 years of City service; Ericka Minor, Heavy Truck Operator, 17 years; and Andy Bobchalk, Heavy Truck Operator, 13 years.







From left: Lester Christian, Equipment Supervisor, 30 years of City service; and Bobby Goynes, Waste Water Treatment Mechanic I, 14 years, Club Member





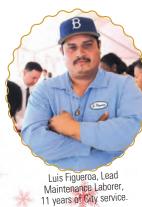
From left: Fitzum Haile, Management Analyst I, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Art Martinez, City Craft Assistant, 15 years; and Luis Banda Gardener, 24 years



From left: Tina Oliva, guest; Laura Pepitune, Accounting Clerk II, 15 years of City service; and Rosemary Potthoff, Sr. Clerk Typist, 19 years.



From left: Ken Ryan, AC Mechanic, 17 years of City service, Club Member; Jack Donato, Building Operations, 4 months; and George Rivera, AC Mechanic, 10 years.





From left: Alan Tran, Environment Engineer Associate, 7 years of City service; Charles Senaya, Environment Engineer Associate, 12 years, Club Member; and Nader Tashakor, Environment Engineer Associate, 12 years.



From left: Charles Callen, Accounting Clerk, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Margie Oliva, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years, Club Member.

Life's **Important Moments**



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

New Members

Daniel Ramirez

Richard Reyes

Airports

Miriam Barrera Jerry Bateman **Robin Blueitt** Misty Brown Alvin Co Jesus Cortez Henry Lewis Kurt Mantwell Oweeda Newton Minniqueka Ross Keawe Tolson

Animal Services

Elaine Barrera Barbie Calva Sylvia Flores Mona Obregon

Building and Safety

Teena Ennabi

City Attorney

Silvia Landeros

City Clerk

Sung Jin **Ricky Ng**

CDD

Andre Baydaline Sarai Molina

General Services

Jose Ortiz

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Harbor

Celia Ixta-Edgar **Miguel Pasos** Manuel Romero

Housing

Adrian Guerra Lilia Hansbrough LaKiya Hays Barbara Piggee

LACERS **Thomas Moutes**

Library **Concepcion Mesinas**

Planning Department James Schwedler

LAPD

Miguel Alarcon Manuel Alcazar **Regenia Andrews** Michelle Ayerdis Gary Brown Larry Covington Kelli Crawford Roslyn Edmondson Tomas Escalera Rafael Espinoza Marice Estrada

Deborah Fentroy Heather Herrera Robert Hillard Jessie Hinchman Ryan Jackson Oscar Licea James Lin Sophia Liu Hector Madrigal Darryl Martin Joshua McDonald Maria Nelson Mariana Patin Jeffery Phillips Adriana Ramirez Douglas Ray Jr. Marco Rodriguez Kristen Rosauer Francisco Rubio Jr. Lisa Scutaro Sofie Toledo Quincy Walunga

Francisco Valdez Julia Wilkinson Patrick Wu

Public Works

PW-Engineering

Sahar Mehzad

PW-Sanitation Frank Alvarez

Adrian Banuelos Heriberto Diaz James Glass Phillip Navarro Felipe Nevarez Jr. **Raudel Ramirez Boris Ramos** Chaunte Searight

PW-Street Services

Robert Carter Cedric Clarke Kiam Tann Sr.

Rec and Parks

Sergio Lambarr LaTanya Taylor

Transportation

Rashanda Crisp Adam Greek **Otamez Haddock Rochelle Hill Paul** Jon Palos Tina Robinson Estella Villa Sharon White Engdu Workneh

Retired

Lisa Cook Victor Ladd John Williams

Welcome New Members!

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

DWP

Samuel Davis Jr. Bert Guzzetti Paul Luna

Other

Vernal Beal Danny Bickel Roberta Boardman Evi Boncato Bryan Casas David Colligan Francis Cordova Filimon DeLaTorre Brady Dunn John Herron Arthur Holt Indra Jones Michael Kaiserski Jonathan Leung Aaron Lopez Maria Luna **Dario Miralles** Stephen Natividad Armando Pastran **Robert Pfefferle** Eduardo Preciado Mayqui Rivera **Thomas Russell** Elizabeth Scheider Josie Shawan **Douglas Stevenson** Greg Sysak

Special Achievements

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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Military

Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United

States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send to talkback@cityemploy-

by Tiffany Sv

The Club's Peace of Mind Ex

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



Insurance and Dependent Children

any Club Members have asked me What types of benefits their children are entitled to. In the eyes of the insurance carrier, there is a big difference between your spouse and your dependent children.

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

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

Insurance Plan	
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	1
Cash Cancer Plan	I
Family Legal Plan	I
Group Term Life Insurance	I
Privacy Armor ID Theft Protection Plan	:

as the permanent disability occurred as a child.)

Thanks to our Senate Bill 220 (SB 220), which came into effect in California in January 2012, this bill authorizes dependent children to be eligible for coverage under group life insurance polices up to

Dependent Eligibility

21, or up to 23 if full-time student Under 18 or up to 25 if full-time student Unmarried children up to 23 living at home Up to 26 regardless of marital/student status 25 and full-time student

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

The Club also provides other ancillary

insurance plans that are not subjected to the healthcare reform act. In these cases, the insurance carrier has its own standards to determine an eligible dependent.

For clarification of which carriers consider your child an eligible dependent, I've comprised a chart to serve as a guide. If you have a specific case you'd like to address,

feel free to email me at tsy@lacea.com or call me at the Club Store (213) 620-0388 ext. 202. Happy New Year!





Weddings

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



Kortley Norris, Rec and Parks, and Franklin Scotti in September in Lobo Castle, Agoura Hills.

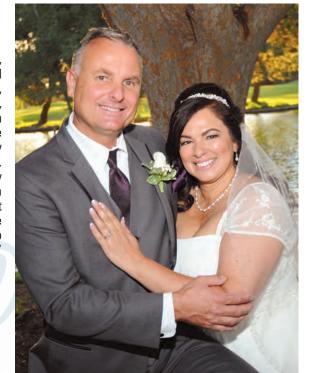
🛠 Births

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

> Andrew James Moore, born Nov. 21 to Danielle Moore, Airports, and Martin Moore. Andrew joins sister, Nina, 8, and brother, Joshua, 3.



Cynthia Fletes, LAFD, and Paul Panagiotidis, Ontario/Airports, got married in September at the California Country Club in Whittier. "I have married my best friend," Cynthia writes. "We met and fell in love while working at Ontario Airport."



Have a photo of a recent grad? Send photo and the appropriate informa-

tion to talkback@cityem-

ployeesclub.com

Cerisse B. Gabion graduated from Oxford Academy in Cypress in June. She attends Fordham University in New York City, studying physics engineering. She is the daughter of Chris Gabion, DWP.

Graduations





In Memoriam

It's Time to A new Alive! feature **Jell Their Story**

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased

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

Hill, James, Public Works, 39

Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com Subject line: Tell Their Story



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From left: Salvador Talavera, Custodian, 12 years of City service, Club Member, Miguel Santos, Custodian, 16 years; and Gerardo Olmos, Custodian, 16 years, Club Member.



Mayor Eric Garcetti addresses the attendees.



From left: Cesar Gonzalez, Custodian, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Baltazar Menjivar, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member; Anastacio Flores, Custodian, 23 years; and Clarence Brumfield, Custodian, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Larry Blackmon, Custodian, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Luz Molinero, Custodian, 8 years; Larry Maldonado, Custodian, 27 years, Club Member; Salvador Talavera, Custodian, 12 years, Club Member; Jorge Dieguez, Custodian, 14 years; Clarence Brumfield, Custodian, 25 years, Club Member; and James Hinton, Custodian, 16 years, Club Member.



Custodians line up for the catered meal



From left: Dwayne Thompson, Custodian, 27 years of City service, Club Member; and Clinton Cromwell, Custodian, 30 years, Club Member

General Services



Custodian **Appreciation Day**

Dept. honors its hard-working custodians.

n Nov. 7, General Services held its 16th annual Custodian Appreciation Day! This special day was enacted in 1998 by the City Council, which stated that the first Thursday of November every year shall be Custodian Appreciation Day.

During the ceremony, various awards, certificates and service pins were presented to employees from all three districts: LAPD, Civic Center, and Outlying Areas. Following the ceremony was a catered lunch, held on the front lawns of City Hall. There were also various prizes raffled off.

A great big thank you is extended from the Club to all the custodians who help keep our city clean. Day in and day out these employees make our City sparkle!



At the Custodian Appreciation Day event.



From left: Carlos Lopez, Custodian, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Linda Taren, Custodian, 6 years, Club Member.



Jean Bessette, Sr. Custodian II, 30 years of City service, is honored.



From left: Felix Soriano, Custodian, 9 years of City service, Club Member; Marta Puga, Custodian, 8 years; and Alex Navarro, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member



ciation of the services that the custodians provide all year.



From left: James Hinton, Custodian, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Alex Navarro, Acting Supervisor, 15 years, Club Member; Luz Morelos, Custodian, 9 years, Club Member; and Luz Molinero, 8 years.

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From left: Octavio Vergara, Custodian, 16 years of City service; Antelmo Sanchez, Custodian, 16 years; Hamed Wako, Custodian, 16 years; and Pablo Ortiz, Custodian, 16 years.

At the Custodian Appreciation Day event.

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From left: Audie Chester, Custodian, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Jerome McCants, Custodian, 13 years, Club Member; and Deanna Nichols, Custodian, 17 years, Club Member.



At the Custodian Appreciation Day event.



From left: Carlos Amaral, Acting Supervisor, Hollenbeck Police Department, 35 years of City service; Isaac Lizaola, CSA, 11 years; Warren Green, Acting Supervisor, West Los Angeles LAPD, 11 years, Club Member; and Jose Santoyo, Acting Supervisor, LAPD Mission.

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It's the Outlaws!

The DOT Outlaws from Transportation won the 2013 Club Basketball Championship, held Dec. 19 at the Expo Center. Well played!

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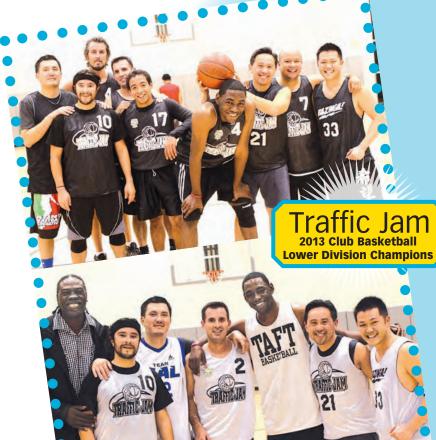
The seventh-seeded Traffic Jam, also from Transportation, won the lower bracket. Nice job!

More images of the action are on the Club Website, and some will also be printed in the February newspaper.

The Club thanks the teams that played this season! We are looking to open up the next season very soon. If there is anyone interested in playing, please contact the Sports Dude at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com.

The Club thanks the 2013 Club Basketball teams for another great year!

- DOT Outlaws (Transportation)
- LBC Ballers (L.A. County)
- Expo (Rec and Parks)
- Rebels (Airports)
- Fundamentals (General Services)
- City Hall Ballers (ITA)
- Traffic Jam (Transportation)









2013 Club Basketball Champion

Join

a Club Bowling League Today!

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 S
 - 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.





From left: Retiree Marty Ford and Ken Yasaki.



From left: Chris Heinz, Tracy Beverly, Tracy Page, Feliz Rodriguez and Berta Ugas.



From left: Sr. PSR Kim Calloway and Deby Herdrich.



From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Desiree Calhoun and Retiree Marty Ford



Jo Ann and John Phillips, Sr. PSR II



From left: Yul Johnson, Ulric Potello and Marlene Swancy.



From left: Kenya McCaskill, Cheryl Wieck, Cathi Pearson and Meg McKeever.



From left: Sgt. II Felix Pena, Henri McKail, Linda Ortega and Gilbert Najar.

LAPD

Story by Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Member; Photos by Cathy Sotos, LAPD Communications, Club Member

So Long,

Marty

Marty Ford retires from the Police Dept. after more than 28 years of

City service.

Marty Ford, Police Service Rep III, retired late last year after more

than 28 years with the LAPD. A retirement party was held July 10 at the 94th

His priority achievements include being a member of the U.S. Air Force for five years as a navigator in spy planes. He did a tour of duty in Vietnam as a member of the 360th Tactical Warfare Unit. He received numerous awards and ribbons,

including the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Controller, then embarked on a new

career with the LAPD as a Dispatcher in May 1985. He was awarded the Dispatcher of the Year award in 2002. Marty became an instructor after four years to numerous trainees as well as being liaison to Foothill Division for 10 years. He was also a member of the Station Fund and always had numerous

quips to share during roll call.

He spent eight years as an Air Traffic

He and his lovely wife, Lendy, plan to relax in retirement with their family,

with Marty enjoying golf and

the Oklahoma Sooners.

watching his favorite team,

The Club congratulates Marty on his stellar life and City career, and wishes him a rewarding retirement.

Aero Squadron in Van Nuys.



From left: Sgt. Ehring, Eleonor Medina, Rudy Vasquez, Teresa Kachirisky and Ulric Potello.



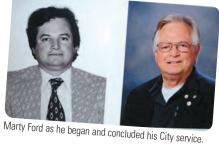
From left: Carol Schott and Terri Dixon



From left: Jennifer Lindstrom and Sarah Farrell.



Melissa Merrin and Adrian Smith





From left: Judy Ruiz and Marcia Brandon, Retired, PSR.

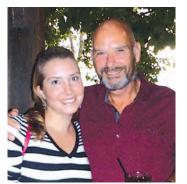


Retiree Marty Ford and Sr. PSR II Cathy Sotos, Club Member



From left: Debbie Willits, SR PSR Steve Kuhn, and Larry Gates









From left: Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Member, and her husband, Ron, with Retiree Marty Ford.



Felix Rodriguez and Kim Antoll.



Jennifer Sincock and her father.



From left: Lorraine and Anthony Civitate with Retiree Marty Ford.



From left: Teresa Kachirisky, Debbie Ramsey, Toni MacDonald, Adrian Ables, Lillian Brock and Stephanie Nelson.



From left: Julia Cesena and her husband, and Berta Ugas and Mae Ford.



Augie Loya, Jacqui Dreben and Desiree Calhoun.

Marty Ford's 1968 Distinguished Flying Cross.

From left: Maria Luian and Aileen Kellough





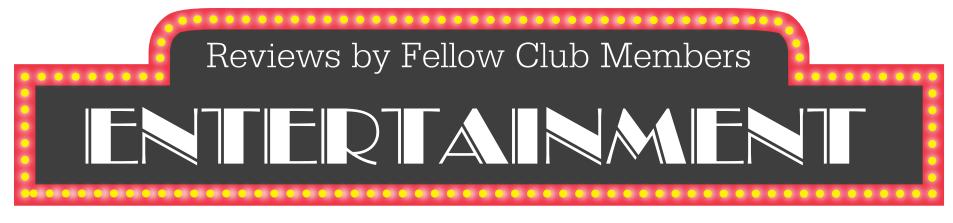
Barbara Stone Callison.



From left: Adrian Smith, Jennifer Lindstrom, Sandra Martin and Sarah Farell.







At the Movies

• In the cinema

Inside Llewyn Davis Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Inside Llewyn Davis is a certain contender for Most Depressing Film of 2013. Telling the story of an aspiring folk singer in the Greenwich Village music scene in 1961, the film shows the luckless and not-too-bright young troubadour (Oscar Isaac) in this, the latest, and maybe the least. Coen Brothers film vet.

Good music and acting - most notably from John Goodman as a beatnik/junkie - can't rescue this tiresome and dreary film from the viewers' wanting to beat a hasty and early retreat to the exits. Listen to the music, but skip the movie

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Dallas Buyers Club

Rated R My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Matthew McConaughey is Texas electri-

cian and part-time rodeo rider Ron Woodroof who, in 1986, is diagnosed HIV-positive. The film shows his battle with the medical establishment and pharmaceutical companies as he sought alternative treatments that helped established a way in which fellow HIV-positive people could join for access to his supplies.

A riveting performance by McConaughey (who lost 30 pounds for this role) takes this movie a notch higher than I expected, both entertaining and enlightening. Too often the film feels like a documentary, but the performances of McConaughey and others (Jared Leto in particular) make it all worthwhile.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Counselor Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

For what is supposed to be a suspense/ thriller film, The Counselor easily loses itself in an overly wordy mess of dialog that takes away a lot of the shine from the film's stellar and talented cast. I get that there is a lot of backstory to cover before the film begins, but do we really need that much information on each character and their stories to get the point of the film across? The actors themselves even seem to get lost in the jumbled mess. I'd like to say that once it gets going, the film picks up... sadly it does not.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Fifth Estate Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I was hoping to get a nice, intelligent show from Bill Condon's The Fifth Estate, based on whistleblower and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Instead what I got was a run of the mill, no frills conspiracy drama that relied heavilv on the recognition of who Assange is and tried to cram in as much melodrama to pad the film up as much as possible. The only shining light in this mess is Benedict Cumberbatch as Assange, again showing off his incredible act-

ing abilities. Really, it felt more like a vehicle to get his recognition up than presenting the viewer with some insight to Assange's life. - Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Escape Plan Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Look, if you are going to see Escape Plan, don't expect anything new or original... and certainly not anything heady or intelligent. If you plan on seeing this movie, realize that you are doing so to watch action film veterans Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger kick butt and cause havoc to escape from a supposedly escape-proof prison. Jim Caviezel adds a little bit of acting credibility to the film, but all in all this is an action popcorn flick where you should check your intelligence at the door and enjoy it for what it is.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Video Gaming

Video games via online, rental or purchase

WWE 2K14

Rated T for Teen My Score: 4 (out of 5)

When THQ went bankrupt not too long ago, most of its licenses were auctioned off to offset creditor expenses. 2K Sports stepped in and bought the rights to the WWE license, and I was certainly glad they did. They have a good pedigree when it comes to sports-related games, and it shows in their first WWE release, WWE 2K14. It delivers a deep and rich playable version of a career mode called 30 Years of WrestleMania, in which players can relive and recreate some of the most memorable WrestleMania moments ever. This game is definitely worth playing if you are a WWE fan. - Richard Cardenas, LAPD

LEGO Marvel Super Heroes

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In the latest LEGO video game that sees a release for every major console, LEGO Marvel Super Heroes presents the vivid and dynamic Marvel Universe in full LEGO splendorous glory. We all know that LEGO games contain some of the best action/adventure gameplay on the market today, but the overall story for this game is really the selling point. It found a

Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag Rated M for Mature My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag continues the strong tradition of great and compelling storytelling coupled with amazing open-world action adventure gameplay. Part sequel and prequel to Assassin's Creed III, the game again explores the machinations of both the Assassins and Templars in the Americas in search of the way to use Precursor technologies to their own needs. Twists and turns are the norm for the Assassin's Creed stories, and Black Flag is not different, weaving its wondrous story and blending it with real-world events as an alternate explanation for historical scenarios. This is definitely worth playing, especially on the recently released PlayStation 4.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Battlefield 4 Rated M for Mature

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

While the story to Battlefield 4 is strong and enjoying in its own right, the main reason I wanted to play this game on the PlayStation 4 was because of its multiplayer aspect. Now, console gamers can play in 64-player matches, just like their PC brethren, and it ups the ante and excitement to an outrageous factor. Add in the destructibility of almost everything in the game, including ships, terrain and even skyscrapers, and you have the most intense online FPS experience you could ever want. FPS junkies, this game definitely has your names on it. - Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

Once Upon a Time: Behind the Magic Various Writers

Companion book, 176 pages Titan Books My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Through Feb. 27

If you are a fan of ABC's Once Upon a Time, then you cannot pass up the chance to own Once Upon a Time: Behind the Magic,

a companion book to the series loaded with interviews with the production staff, cast and others in the show as well as some incredible behind-the-scenes facts and secrets that all go into making this show one of the best shows on TV. As an added bonus, there is a complete episode guide to seasons 1 and 2 of the series filled with trivia and hints on finding some hidden Easter eggs in each episode.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD



n her fourth one-woman show, Why I Died, a Comedy!, Katie Rubin tells the story of her deep spiritual awakening. She must come to terms with a "hilariously pushy producer, an intense writing deadline, the uncontrollable nature of her own imagination, a codependent mugger, pop stars, reality TV, infomercials, and a bevy of 'false prophets,'" which

ence through her self discovery.

Katie plays ten separate roles while trying to merge her creative and spiritual worlds in a fun yet heartfelt

way to include the best and most fun Marvel heroes and villains into one huge epic story that should provide hours and hours of enjoyment for gamers of all ages. Definitely do not pass up this game.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

journey.

Why I Died runs now through Feb. 27 at the Ovation Award-winning Atwater Village Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and are available at:

www.ensemblestudiotheatrela.org/

Your Reviews!

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

100 Words or Fewer

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Research finds that financial burdens of cancer care make it hard for patients to focus on recovery.

Numbers don't lie, and a recent survey conducted by the Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) shows that more than half of cancer patients indicate cancer costs negatively impact their focus on recovery. Those who work with these patients know the stressors firsthand and understand the negative impact they can have on family, caregivers, and most importantly the patients.

According to the survey, 66 percent of patients with major financial challenges suffer depression or anxiety, 29 percent delay filling prescriptions due to financial pressures, and 22 percent skip doses of their medications. Sixtythree percent of oncology social workers surveyed said financial issues reduce patients' compliance with their cancer treatment, even though that treatment is key to their recovery. Additionally, 40 percent of patients reported depleting their savings, almost 30 percent reported dealing with bill collectors, and 54 percent of those handling a major/ catastrophic financial burden said it had become more difficult in the past year to afford treatment.

Furthermore, 68 percent of cancer patients and caregivers surveyed reported that the patient is experiencing financial hardship due to medical bills, and 55 percent of all cancer patients surveyed said the stress of dealing with costs negatively affects their ability to focus on their recovery.

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Bravo Farms

veryone needs to get out of the city Everyone needs to get out a fashioned road trip. Driving gives you the chance to pull over and examine things you may have other wised missed, and I encourage this behavior. It's how I discovered Bravo Farms. Located just off the 99, Bravo Farms is a jumble of buildings housing a gift shop, an ice cream counter, a cheese store and wine tasting. There are a couple of donkeys for petting, some turkeys and chickens for atmosphere and a patio where all of the antiques, that ever existed, are kept. It's worth the effort. And the tri-tip sandwich wasn't too shabby either.

And look... A Point of Historical Interest. I know because the sign told me. Bravo Farms is located just off the 99 in Traver, CA.



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Cooking with C

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BACON AND GRUYERE CHEESE JALAPEÑO POPPERS

Food Fact

German tradition.

stuff the jalapeños.

Bacon-flavored candies date back more than a

century, stemming from a

Cooking Tidbit

You may use cream cheese

or other cheeses, or even a

combination of cheeses to

Happy New Year! It's time to gather family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. But maybe you realize you need more appetizers. Here's a quick fix: Get six jalapeños, bacon and cheese for a simple but delicious jalapeño recipe. Feel free to use any cheese you like, but in this recipe I use Gruyere. I also made the serving for two, but I am sure that most Super Bowl gatherings will have many more than two guests, so keep making those poppers. It's a quick and easy recipe that all your guests will enjoy.



INGREDIENTS:

- 6 jalapeños, halved so that you have 12 pieces
- 12 thick slices of Gruyere cheese
- 12 bacon strips Cooking spray

[A Cook's Dictionary]

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from The New Food Lover's Companion, 2007,

by Sharon Tyler Herbst and Ron Herbst

Gruyere [groo-YEHR]:

Gruyere has a semihard

to hard texture that's very

dense, compact and sup-

ple. It has a complex flavor

that's creamy, fruity, nutty,

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earthy and mushroomy.



DIRECTIONS:

Prepare your ingredients. Wash and dry the jalapeños. Slice the cheese.



Prepare the oven by preheating it 350F. Spray the baking sheet with cooking spray. Stuff the jalapeños with the cheese, and wrap one strip of bacon around the jalapeño. Use a toothpick to hold it in place if necessary. Spray the tops of the jalapeños with cooking spray as well. Then place in the oven for about 12 to 18 minutes. Cooking time varies, so it must be monitored.



Slice off the stem-side of the jalapeños, then halve them. Remove the seeds and veins from on the inside



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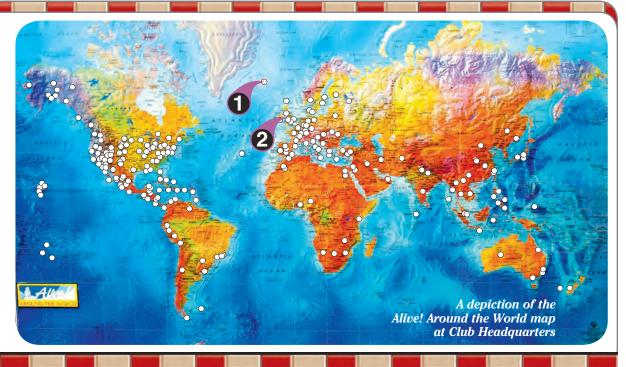
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"I'm just back from a quick trip to Berlin, Wales and Cambridge. I tried to ride Europe's longest zip line but it was closed due to high winds. So had to make do with visiting Wales' largest mountain Snowdon, and a Sunday afternoon punt on the river Cam in Cambridge with the wife and friends. Cheers." — Michael Barnes, Harbor

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New Ads This Month!

Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aquos Quattron 52" LED TV. \$1,200 at Best Buy, sacrifice for \$600. Hurry, won't last long at this price! Clarence Young @ (213) 725-3647.

'07 Road King:

price!

1/14



\$11,900. Sapphire blue, locking cases, detachable windshield, studded black leather seat. Clean title, no drops/ no TC's, excellent condition, 1 owner, always garaged. Sandra @ (323) 422-6019.

Reduced



Transport



Yamaha V Star, 1100 Classic Cruiser, 900 miles. Cobra pipes, saddlebags, Yamaha Windshield. \$5,600.

Pioneer RV 2003:

condition, 30 ft, sleeps 8.

1 pop-out, AC, TV, DVD.

replacing. \$6,000 OBO.

lent condition. 27 ft.

Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs,

AC, 2 awnings, full bath

w/extra outdoor shower.

Mustang: V6 convert-

miles, automatic, new

paint, no dents, clean

\$4,200. 110,000

Ford

Motorcycle: 2005

Must sell because of health reasons. Ryan @ (661) 273-3766. 12/13

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. 11/13



Kevin @ (626)786-3078



trailer. Needs minor servicing; it's been sitting for a while. Michelle @ (951)-796-4565 & make an



offer!

\$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. \$14,999. James @ (626)919-5209. 9/13

2000

ible,



interior, new headlamps w/hid, new cowl vents, 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. 8/13

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. 8/13



2002

\$6,000,

owner.

(626) 905-5077 & I will send you more info &

walk in closet. 6 month lease. \$900/mo. + sec

deposit \$900. Javier @ (909)762-7941.

photos.

Honda Odyssey EX-L:

original

Very low

miles. Text me @

For Rent: 2BD/1

Fontana. Near 10 &

15 freeways. Good

size back vard &

BA house

'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)256-9018. 4/13

Tires & Wheels: 4 original 2011 Toyota Tundra wheels w/Michelin P255/70R18 tires. Used only 5000 miles. \$350 OBO. Ernie @ (310) 908-0433. 3/13

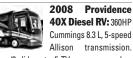
2006 Volvo: Flint gray, V50 SW. Sports package, fair cond & 138K highway miles. Valued btw \$6,500-\$8,800. Price negotiable. Denise @ (323) 697-8299. 2/13



2/13

Harley: Factory paint job; USB power commander & drag tuner; Freedom 2 into 1 exhaust; CNC ported heads w/forged pistons & adjust-

able push rods; S & S gear driven cams 258; 42mm injectors; green LED lights; 6 speed trans; chrome; progressive 440 shocks. All work done @ Harlev 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. 2/13



35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs, many upgrades. Reduced price \$130K. Mike White @ (661) 904-2234. 2/13

Cemetery Plots

Crypt Double Capacity: Tier 3, Inglewood Park cemetery in the Capistrano Gardens. \$8,500 OBO. Info@dorisknott817@vahoo.com 12/13

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. 10/13

Crvpt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3. \$10,000. Dennis Carter @ (661) 433-1912. 8/13

1 Cemetery Plot: One space for 2. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora. \$3,300. Jose or Juanita @ (818)799-3516. 8/13 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 10/13



Assorted furniture including: Entertainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee & side tables. To sched-

Estate Moving Sale:

ule a viewing, call (909)244-2469 or (909)440-6364.



534-2181.

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

after 5pm @ (323) 778-8297. 7/13 Entertainment Center: Plummers, fits "32" TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael @ (310)

5/13

Custom Made Sofa: 7 feet, queen mattress, excellent condition, \$375 OBO. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. 1/13

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. 11/13

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 igonzlz@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/dryer 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. 10/13

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. 9/13

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) 293-2006. 8/13

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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 11/13

Hand & Power Tools: For remodeling home - call for additional info. George @ (818) 764-2091. 11/13

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. 7/13

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. 3/13

Miscellaneous

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 12/13

Items:

Thomas



Metronome \$40. Library desk (shown) \$50. Photos available, Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 10/13

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 9/13

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. 8/13

Summer Sports Camp: Indlewood, 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. Foundation. 7/13

Photographic: Enlarger & other photo equipment items. Free! Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 7/13

Herald Examiner 1989: Final issue, Have 2 in excellent condition, \$500 OBO each. Info: phernandez1949@yahoo.com 5/13

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)



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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. 4/13

Timeshare For Sale: Ventura, CA. Ocean view. Deeded float week. Sleeps 4. Many amenities, incl elevator. 60 miles north of L.A. Elderly owner must sell. \$1,800. Leave message @ (503) 722-9881. 3/13



Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact 3/13

John Long @ (909) 837-8347.

Timeshare: Kona Hawaiian Village, Big Island. 2BD/1 week anytime during the year, resort on the beach. Serious buyers. Info @(310) 415-7388. 2/13



10/13

2005

2005 Harley Davidson Road Glide: W/dual backrests & detachable trunk. Lots of chrome & accessories, mileage 19,000. \$12,000 OBO. Theodore @ (661)477-5896. 8/13





Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or japete43@ 7/13

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

Harley Helmet: Brand new, black.

2012 Camaro LS:

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XcInt condition inside &



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 5/13



out. 12,000 mi, auto, 6-cvcl silver w/blk racing stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649. 5/13

tery 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. 6/13

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) 376-2006. 3/13

Furniture

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) 477-2866

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.

11/13



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

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 \$1500/mo + (1st & last months rent) 2 months security deposit. Please call only if you qualify. Grace @ (310) 459-1564 or Robyn (310)795-3795. 8/13

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

Gym Equipment: Bowflex Blaze. Excellent condition w/ owner's manual & fitness guide. \$600. Will deliver in LA area. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570. 12/13

720-5198.	2/13

Examiner Newspaper: Last 1 ever printed \$500 0B0 Lauretta @ (323) 751-3203

Travel/Timeshare

Timeshare: Orlando, FL: Marriott Lakeshore Reserve. 1BD/1BA villa, sleeps 4. Spa/golf privileges at JW Marriott & Ritz Carlton. June 28 - July 5, 2014. \$1,600. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570.

> 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. 5/13

Vacation Rental: Boulder City, located btwn Las Vegas & Lake Mead Recreation area. Cottage located in Historic district: Sleeps 6, 1/BD & gueen 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: Mayan Sea Gardens/Acapulco 2 units, 1BD, full kit & lvng rm, each sleeps 4 privately. Sep 28-Oct 5 or Oct 5-12, 2012 . Rent 1 unit or both, 1 wk or both. 7 nights - \$600/per unit, \$1,000/both. Info @ (972) 291-2871.

Wanted

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.

Rental Wanted: Active city retired couple looking for 2BD/2BA & parking for 2 cars. We can afford \$1500/mo. More info @ (310) 645-6527. 9/13

Apartment Wanted: Looking for place to live starting in October, within LA city limits. Senior citizen, 2BD apartment. From \$1,000 - \$1,400/mo. No smoking, no drinking. Ask for Mr. Walker @ (702) 488-6525.

Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal, Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC. Michael @ (626) 592-2929.

Wanted: Looking for a 2BD+, w/d hookup preferred, garage in San Pedro or within 5 miles. Maximum Rent \$1,100. Contact: a.townsend78@ gmail.com



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Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.50	X	=\$	
Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time	\$11.50	\$7.50	X	=\$	
Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time	\$11.00	\$6.00	X	=\$	
Landmark Theaters – Good Any Time					
\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D.	\$13.00	\$8.00	X	=\$	
Pacific Theatres					
Restricted: \$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight	\$13.75	\$6.00	X	=\$	
Gift Book: 2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks and 1 medium popcorn.	\$42.00	\$32.50	X	=\$	
Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18" (Now part of CINEMARK) Existing Rave Tickets will be honored at all CINEMARK locations indefinitely.					
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists					
Restricted	\$14.75	\$6.50	X	=\$	
Good Any Time	\$14.75	\$7.50	X	=\$	
Movie Pack: Includes 2 unrestricted ultimate movie tickets and a \$10 concessions gift card.	\$30.00	\$25.00	X	=\$	
Regency Theatres – Good Any Time	\$11.50	\$7.00	X	=\$	
UltraStar Cinemas – Good Any Time	\$11.25	\$6.00	X	=\$	
Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.					

Attraction Tickets

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Adventure City					
Adult/Child		\$14.95	\$10.50	Х	=\$
Aquarium of the Pacific Expires	5/31/2014				
Adult	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	\$25.95	\$17.95	х	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$14.95	\$10.95	x	_\$ =\$
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Boomer's Family Fun Centers		* ~~ ~~	<u> </u>	v	•
All Day Pass		\$30.99	\$16.00	X	=\$
Catalina Expires 12/31/2014: not valid	1 5/25–27, 7/4–7, 8/31–9/2				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult	\$76.50	\$62.00	X	=\$
	Child	\$61.00	\$52.50	X	=\$
Davey's Locker					
Whale Watching	Adult	\$32.00	\$21.00	x	=\$
	Child	\$26.00	\$17.00	X	=\$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult	\$46.50	\$30.25	X	=\$
	Child	\$39.00	\$25.75	X	=\$
Sportfishing – 3/4 Day	Adult	\$71.00	\$56.25	х	=\$
	Child	\$61.00	\$47.75	х	=\$
Discovery Science Center Expire	es 12/06/2014				
Adult	.2,00/2014	\$15.95	\$12.00	х	=\$
Child (3-11)		\$13.75	\$12.00	x	=\$ =\$
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Disneyland/California Adventure		¢00.00	600.00	v	¢
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult	\$92.00	\$88.32	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)	\$86.00	\$82.56	X	=\$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$137.00	\$125.36	X	=\$
	Child (3-9)	\$131.00	\$119.87	X	=\$
2-Day, 1-Park	Adult	\$175.00	\$162.75		
	Child (3-9)	\$162.00	\$150.66		
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$210.00	\$189.00	0.	ıly available
	Child (3-9)	\$197.00	\$177.30		line through
3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day: 1-Park and					ub Website
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SoCal Select Annual Passport Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ	vated before 12/31/2014. Valid 170 days.	\$279.00	\$265.05	a	5 L-Herets.
SoCal Annual Passport		\$359.00	\$341.05		-
Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ	vated before 12/31/2014. Valid 215 days.			citve	Please go to nployeesclub.com
Deluxe Annual Passport Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ	ustad bafara 12/21/2014 Valid 21E dava	\$499.00	\$474.05		
		¢440.00	\$635.55		
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ		\$669.00 es.	3022.22		
Golf N' Stuff					
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwal	k location	\$30.00	\$16.25	х	=\$
All Park Pass: Ventura location		\$20.00	\$15.25	x	=\$
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K1 Speed Racing	mont 1/10"	¢25.05	¢1E 2E	х	_¢
Admit one, minimum height require This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race a		\$25.95	\$15.25	^	=\$
Knott's Berry Farm Expires 3/31/2	2014				
Adult		\$65.00	\$35.00	x	=\$
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)		\$35.00	\$27.00	x	_\$ =\$
LA Zoo					
Adult		\$17.00	\$13.00	х	=\$
Child (2-12)		\$12.00	\$10.00	x	_\$ =\$
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Legoland Expires 12/06/2014		¢02.00	607.00	v	¢
Adult		\$83.00	\$67.00	X	=\$
Child (3-11) Comes with 2nd day free, to be used within 90 da	ays of 1st visit.	\$73.00	\$62.00	x	=\$
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult	\$107.00	\$72.00	х	=\$
. G	Child (3-11)	\$97.00	\$67.00	x	=\$
Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aq					
Madame Tussauds Wax Attract	ion Expires 12/31/2014				
Adult		\$40.00	\$13.00	х	=\$
Child (4-12)		\$35.00	\$10.25	X	=\$
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Attraction Tick	ets, contil	nued		
Magic Mountain Expires 12/31/2014				
General Admission (3 and up)	\$64.99	\$39.99	X	=\$
Medieval Times Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 12/31/2014				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	х	=\$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	=\$
Mulligan's Family Fun Center				
All Day Pass Adult/Child Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.				
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	x	=\$
Pirates Dinner Adventure Expires 11/30/2014				
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	х	=\$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	=\$
Queen Mary				
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	х	=\$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25	X	=\$
San Diego Zoo & San Diego Safari Park				
Adult	\$46.00	\$37.50	х	=\$
Child (3-11)	\$36.00	\$29.50	Х	=\$
2-Visit Pass Adult	\$82.00	\$65.50	Х	=\$
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	\$25.95	\$13.50	X	=\$
Sea World San Diego Good through 2014 season				
Adult Limited stock: only available in Club Store for \$59.	\$84.00	\$64.00	Х	=\$
Child (3-9) Limited stock: only available in Club Store for \$59.	\$78.00	\$64.00	Х	=\$
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Speedzone Expires 4/25/2014				
3 Hour Unlimited Pass Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.	\$49.99	\$25.25	X	=\$
Universal Studios Expires 1/31/2014 Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free! Adult/Child (under 48") Visit www.cityemployeesclub.com to order.	\$80.00	\$75.00	Only available online through Club Website as E-Tickets.	
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Honeybaked Ham					
\$25 Gift Card	\$25.00	\$22.50	х	=\$	
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Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$17.50	\$12.90	X	=\$	



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The last few months Be Alive! stories have been set up north in Oregon and Washington state. I want to thank my sister-in-law, Deborah, and her family for extending an invitation. Thank you

so much! Once we arrived, I couldn't wait until we could start exploring. The entire area is gorgeous and breathtaking! Oregon and Washington are amazing areas to explore; I can't wait to go back. Wahclella Falls was one of the easiest and closest waterfall trails I have visited. Every step took us to greener lands, and the closer we got to the falls, the more amazing the views were. And yes, it is right off the Columbia River Gorge.

Happy New Year, everybody!

Let's dive in!

Wahclella Falls was named after a nearby village of Native Americans by the Manzama mountaineering club in 1915. The falls area is named Wahclella Falls; however, the United States Geological Survey still records the waterfall as Tanner Creek Falls.

The Hike

The trail and the parking lot are right off the highway and cost only \$5 a day. This will be the best \$5 you will ever spend on a waterfall trail.

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The first part of the trail is mostly flat and travels along Tanner Creek. It's full of trees and lush greenery. The creek is continuously flowing, with gorgeous sparkling water all the way from the falls to the entrance of the trail. After a few minutes of walking you will come up to a small dam used by the Bonneville Fish Hatchery. Once you pass the dam you will continue on a smaller trail, and then you will reach the first small waterfall, Munra Falls. The waterfall is right next to a bridge (you will walk right by it); the footbridge is where Munra Falls drops into Tanner Creek. This is a great spot for some photos.

WAHCLELLA FALLS

Angel Jr. and Aden arrive at Wahclella Falls.

HCLELLA FALLS

After you pass Munra Falls, the trail climb becomes a bit steep. Be careful of your footing and stay close to the mountain. There will be some stairs to help climb higher on the trail, then back to single trail along the mountain. When you come up to a fork in the trail, the trail will loop around, so you can take any route. If you choose the lower trail on the fork, you will travel through some switchbacks and then see Wahclella Falls in the distance. There will be another bridge before you get to Wahclella Falls - that bridge goes over Tanner Creek and, depending on the season, you will see a small waterfall in front of you. By the way, look along the trail - there will be massive rocks in the creek there. Stop and look up - they all came from the top of the mountain.

In a few minutes, you will get the first view of Wahclella Falls; the water flows out of the 50-foot drop into a pool-like pond. Amazing! Take a moment and just enjoy the view. We all hugged each other, gazed at the waterfall and enjoyed the view. The waterfall is close to the highway, hidden less than a mile off the road. Once you are at the base of the waterfall, you can actually go into the water, but let me tell you that the water is cold (not to mention the spray from the water falling decreases the temperature). We all put on our jackets and zipped up. I saw lots of people with their dog and also some very brave people actually going into the water. We got close and sat down by a fallen tree that hovered over some of the water, but that was close enough for us. This is a must-see trail, and the waterfall is a huge bonus for anyone. All this beauty for only \$5; what a deal! In case you want to add a little more exploring to your day trip, just across the road is the Bonneville Fish Hatchery. It's free, and you can see lots of gorgeous fish, from little babies to gigantic ones. There is a small gift shop and visitor center, and tours are available. The Bonneville Dam is also right in the area - still more amazing views. 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.



Aden and Angel Jr. at Wahclella Falls.





Angel Jr. and Aden in front of Tanner Creek.

Wahclella Falls **Northeast Bonneville Way and Interstate 84 Mount Hood National Forest** Cascade Locks, OR 97014

Distance: about 2 miles round trip Elevation gain: 300 feet Difficulty rating: easy to moderate Hike time: about two hours Trail condition: dirt Hours - All seasons: 8 a.m. to dusk Parking/entrance fee: day pass, \$5 Directions: Take I-5 north from Portland. Drive eastward on Interstate 84 to Exit #40 for Bonneville Dam. Turn right at the stop sign; drive about 100 feet and turn right again at the fork (left takes you to the Tooth Rock Trailhead). Follow the short road to the end, where you'll see the trailhead parking lot. (This trip is about 1,000 miles from Los Angeles.)

As always, be safe and Be Alive!, Angel













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