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ITA, in the depart-
ment's security
operations center
in City Hall East.

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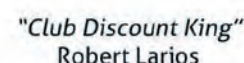
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A Message From the CEO

The Relentless
March of Tech

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

No matter where on this planet you live, the natives always brag about their resilience by stating, if you don't like the weather, don't worry, it will change in ten minutes. Even here in LA!

I think we're going to have to alter that phrase, to substitute technology instead.

Is there anything moving faster than technology? It seems if you stand around for just a few minutes, you've already fallen behind. What's the latest phone or tablet? What's the newest awesome app?

That's why, here at the Club, we introduced a Web-based state-of-the-art ticket buying and delivery system several years ago, and we keep improving it. That's why we've built Facebook pages and Twitter feeds to keep you in the loop, and our ticket deal e-newsletter is a big hit (sign up now if you haven't already; go to the Club Website). We've developed an iPad app so that our Club Members can receive *Alive!* in the version they prefer, whether it be print or digital. And we're looking into video, too. At the Club, we're on top of technology for our Club Members, and thanks for your feedback that you appreciate it.

But enough about us – I initially started this column to talk about ITA!

To my eyes, the City's technology game plan had fallen behind, and that's no disrespect to the great ITA employees past and present. Tech costs money, as we all know, and the budget crunch of 2008 severely affected ITA. But



Club CEO John Hawkins and ITA GM Steve Reneker in the department's network operations center.

now there's a solid plan, as delineated and managed by the new General Manager, **Steve Reneker**. The plan is bold – you can read all about it, starting on page 24 – and I'm excited about it. The plan includes major infrastructure improvements, which are all smart. But let me talk for just a minute about how one element of the ITA plan directly impacts me.

As a citizen of Los Angeles, I use the 311 calling system to report graffiti on my block, trash bins in need

of repair, sidewalks that have seen better days, and so forth. But it seemed so cumbersome and not available in the off-hours because of the budget crunch. In preparation for this month's article, I downloaded the new MyLA311 app for my iPhone. And now I wonder why I didn't do it earlier, when the app was introduced last year! The thing's amazing. What I love about it most is that it's *connected* – I can report all those things (and it reports back to me!), plus I can check my DWP balance, and do other things. It's City departments working together, sharing data and serving the people of LA in much better and smarter ways. What's not to love? If the rest of Steve's game plan goes as well – and that's a huge challenge – then we're all in for better City experiences. Here at *Alive!*, we love to celebrate the City's successes, and I see a lot more of them coming.

And on a more personal note – congratulations to ITA's **Tony Ighani**, head of Channel 35, who has done great work for many, many years – a look at the lineup of golden Emmy awards in the Channel 35 office attests to that. Tony used to write a monthly column for *Alive!*, when Channel 35 was producing much of its own content. But the budget crunch really did a number on Channel 35. Now I say congratulations because, as part of ITA's game plan, there's a brand new day awaiting Channel 35. It's going digital and high-def, plus it's moving into exciting new digs. And now that Tony has shepherded Channel 35 to a brighter future, he's going to be retiring in a month or so. So here's to you, Tony, bringing the City's media vehicle through some dark days and helping establish it for years to come. Well done.

Speaking of retiring, here's more congratulations – and thanks – to Public Works' **Cora Jackson-Fossett**, who has retired after a strong City career. Cora has worked hard to help *Alive!* cover lots of interesting stories. Enjoy your rewarding retirement, Cora.

Yes, I know we're past Valentine's Day... but I want to give a quick shoutout to fun Club Member **Rodney Bernaldo**, Public Works, who has sent his sweetheart a Club Valentine for four consecutive years. But this year's entry unfortunately was misdirected, and so we're only now printing it, in March. He insisted on keeping the streak, well, alive (and of course he wanted to serenade Isabella, too). To me, that's confirmation of what the Club is all about – us giving Club Members lots of ways to celebrate your lives, and you taking full advantage.

Which reminds me to remind you, our readers, that *Alive!* has a lot of photo submission opportunities for you at the moment. We're preparing for Mother's Day and Father's Day greetings (always *very* popular)... You and Your Pet... graduations at this time of year... and of course Picture Perfect, one of *Alive!*'s quietest but absolute best monthly features. All these photo submissions really make the Club a family, so keep 'em coming, and don't be shy!

Have a fun and bright March, and if you're Irish, or even if you're not, may the wind be always at your back.

—JOHN

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Behind
the
Scenes

Here's Steve Reneker, General Manger, ITA, in the agency's Security Operations Center deep below City Hall East, photographed by the Club's Angel Gomez.



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— Ed.

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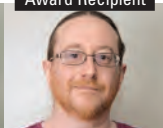
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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH



Grandkids Love Seeing Themselves in *Alive!*

Thank you for printing the photos of my grandkids in the February issue! They loved them. The kids got a big kick out of them.

Thank you again!

– Yvette Polar, Transportation

You're welcome, Yvette. Happy to do it! A note for all Club Members: Send in photos of your grandkids. Don't be shy!
– Ed.

Great Customer Service Is What Club Is All About

Your staff at the Club Store are some of the nicest folks I have ever met. They treat me like they have known me for ages. They always have big smiles and are willing to help at a moment's notice. Do they go through some customer service training to be this way? I am very impressed, as are my coworkers at GOB. Keep up the great work and keep smiling.

– Terry Knoll, DWP

Club E-Newsletter Offers Some Great Recent Deals

I have to hand it to you at the Club for offering all the great discounts to special events these last few months. It really pays to be a Club Member. I have had some great luck getting tickets when you send out the e-newsletters. I would hope that all members are signed up for it because they will save sooo much money.

– Hank Miller, LAFD

Club Valentine Ends Up As Diamond in the Rough

Points are scored for the Club! Thank you so much City Employees Club for allowing me to post my Valentine last month. My "sweetie" was so surprised and couldn't believe that I had done that. I think she was more impressed by my Valentine post than the diamond tennis bracelet I gave her. Please do this again next year!

– Tommy Vega, Club Member for 21 years

It's Full Steam Ahead With *Adventures With Hal* Column

Please give my message to Hal Danowitz of *Adventures With Hal* fame. I just wanted to let him know that I too kissed the Barney stone, giving me the eternal gift of gab. Also, let him know that I love his column. My wife and I read it each month together. Bon voyage!

– Mr. Hendrickson, Retired, Public Works

Mary Rose Is Sharpening Her Skills for Coloring Contest

Thank you for doing another grown-up coloring contest; I look forward to this all year long. I haven't won yet but watch out, fellow artists!

– Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired, Library

With *Alive!*, It's a Holiday All Year Long – At Least Into Spring

Hello Club! I just wanted to say how much I enjoy the holiday stories you have been printing in the newspaper. It makes it feel as though Christmas hasn't ended and I love it! I am just overjoyed with the images of happy faces, holiday food and gifts. I look forward to see them again later this year. Thank you for taking the time to include as many of the holiday stories as you have.

– Jeremy Stahl, General Services

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE...

Question OF THE MONTH

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

What would you do with a pot of gold?



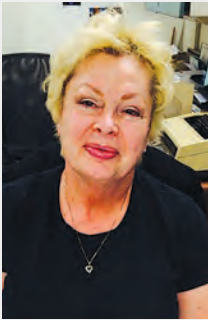
"Donate the money to St. Jude's Hospital."

– Sheridan Keyser, Dept. on Disability, 14 years of City service



"Retire and put my kids through college."

– Gerard Del Rosario, 33 years of City service.



"Retire."

– Margo Kuhn, 10 years of City service



"Save it for now."

– Arturo Alonzo, 1 month of City service



"Go to a 'cash for gold' place!"

– Hugo Sanchez, General Services, 7 years of City service



"Buy a hedge fund and put a down payment on a home!"

– Robert Larios, the Club, 16 years of City service



"Buy my son whatever he wants."

– James Perry, General Services, 5 years of City service



"Share it with those in need."

– Patricia Gonzalez, LACERS, 17 years of City service



"Go on a very long and relaxing vacation."

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Rosa Calderon



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It's time for St. Baldrick's! FS 89 will be used for the head-shaving fundraiser against childhood cancers.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127; or Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org/events/LAFDLAPD

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*By Jennifer Shackelford,
Club Application Coordinator*

Around Town

The diversity of the exhibits found within its walls brings to mind the Cabinets of Curiosities that wealthy individuals would have on display in their homes in the 16th century. It is an example of the beginnings of modern museums. Exhibits here range from Floral Radiographs to Letters to Mt. Wilson, to paintings of the dogs of the Soviet Space

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From the Club!

CLUB MEMBERS: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or three-sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom). Send high resolution digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to the Club Store, 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles 90012
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 15**



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ABOVE: Here's Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development, and Daniel Wang with Arlene's two dogs, Fina and Milo.

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Here at *Alive!*, we love animals. So let's see some great Club pets! In May, *Alive!* plans to publish a new fun feature – “**Me and My Pet.**” It's that simple – send in a photo of you with your favorite pet, and we'll publish it! Send in a photo – make sure you're in the photo, too – and let us know the name of the pet, the type of pet it is and how long you've been “friends.” Send it in to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and put “Pet” on the subject line. Have fun!

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Grad Photos

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Airports

Story and photos courtesy Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, and the CSI Unit

Call Them Leaders

5 Airport Police Sergeants graduate from leadership institute.

On Feb. 7, five Airport Police sergeants graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI). Sgts. Troye Holmes, a 24-year veteran of the Airport Police Division; Martha Hall, 22 years; Robert Richardson, 30 years; and Marlo Richardson and Anthony Boisselle, both with 15 years on the force, each completed the intensive leadership development program and participated in commencement ceremonies.

"This leadership training opportunity is the perfect forum to help develop the skillsets of our line-level supervisors, giving them the tools needed to interact with and mentor other officers on the Airport Police force," Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said.

Sgts. Holmes, Hall, R. Richardson, M.

Richardson and Boisselle were presented their graduation certificate by representatives from the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training board, on various dates and in different locations over the past several months, with the final graduation ceremony taking place Feb. 7.

SBSLI provides a forum for personal growth and development of the qualities necessary for effective public safety leadership by teaching leadership and ethical decision-making skills to front-line supervisors.

The curriculum teaches students management and leadership through inspiring, challenging and developing, while providing insight on how each discipline compliments the other. The program was designed and implemented in 1988 through the efforts of California law enforcement professionals and top educators and trainers.

SBSLI classes consist of 192 hours of course study during an eight month time period. Among the course participants were a diverse group of professionals from public entities, which included the California District Attorney's Office.

It is the mission of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to continually enhance the professionalism of California law enforcement serving its communities. It is also the goal of the Airport Police Division to consistently provide training opportunities to all sergeants over an extended time period. Congratulations to the five sergeants!



From left: Sgts. Robert Richardson and Anthony Boisselle.



Sgt. Marlo Richardson with Alan Deal, Assistant Executive Director, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).



Sgt. Martha Hall.

Airports

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member;
Photos by Officer Darius Lewis, Airport Police

New Airport Police Officers

Dept. graduates two from Police Academy.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Greg Staar, Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Officers Ignacio Romo and Jasmin Mendez-Chavez, Assistant Chief Ethel McGuire, Chief Patrick M. Gannon, and Capt. Tyrone Stallings.

A graduation ceremony held Jan. 27 at the Los Angeles Police Academy at Elysian Park marked the start of a career with the Airport Police Division for Officers Jasmin Mendez-Chavez and Ignacio Romo.

Among the 25 graduates of Class 8-13, Officer Mendez-Chavez, the Class President, delivered the graduation speech. Mendez-Chavez ranked second overall in academics. Officer Romo, the Class Treasurer, ranked number one overall in academics as well as number one for Report Writing. The remaining 23 graduates went on to assignments with the LAPD.

Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon performed the swearing-in of the new officers, saying, "I am very proud of Officers Mendez-Chavez and Romo for the exceptional commitment they have shown during their time at the academy. Both have demonstrated great leadership ability and their high rankings are

evidence that hard work and dedication is rewarded. I am proud to welcome them to the ranks of the Airport Police Division. I commend them on their accomplishments."

Airport Police Officer Adela Lopez, the lead Drill Instructor (DI) the entire six month training for Class 8-13, led the 25 recruits from the initial marching point onto the academy graduating grounds for the commencement of the ceremony. Also in attendance were Deputy Executive Director Arif Alikhan, Assistant Chiefs Michael Hyams and Ethel McGuire, Captains Greg Staar and Tyrone Stallings, Lt. Edward Trahan and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

Both officers Mendez-Chavez and Romo are 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.

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BY JEFF GELINEAU
Vice President of United Agencies,
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Is It Safe to Go Back in the Water?

Can you believe that summer is not that far away, and the kids are thinking about swimming once again? If you are considering adding a pool to your yard, or you have one already, here are some things to consider.

Pools and Insurance

All pools — from a simple above ground kiddie pool to an aquatic extravaganza — can be dangerous and need to be properly insured and comply with local safety standards.

According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 3,200 people drown each year. Among children, ages one to four, most drowned in residential swimming pools. Most of these young children had been out of sight for less than five minutes and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

If you plan to purchase a pool, the I.I.I. suggests that you:

- Contact your town or city. Each town will have its own definition of a "pool," often based on its size and water depth. If the pool you are planning to buy meets the definition, then you must comply with local safety standards and building codes. This may include installing a fence of a certain size, locks, decks and pool safety equipment.
- Call your insurance agent. Let your insurance agent know that you have a pool, since it will increase your liability risk. Pools are considered an "attractive nuisance" and it may be advisable to purchase additional liability insurance. Most homeowners policies include a minimum of \$100,000 worth of liability protection. Pool owners, however, may want to consider increasing the amount to \$300,000 or \$500,000.

You may want to talk to your agent or company representative about purchasing an umbrella liability policy. For an additional premium of about \$200 to \$300 a year, you get \$1 million of liability protection over and above what you have on your home. It would also provide added liability protection when you drive.

If the pool itself is expensive, or if you decide to install an in-ground structure, you should also have enough insurance protection to replace it in the event it is destroyed by a storm or other disaster.

Pool Safety Tips

Here are some pool safety tips you should follow:

- Put fencing around the pool area to keep people from using the pool without your knowledge. In addition to the fences or other barriers required by many towns, consider creating "layers of protection" around the pool, i.e.



setting up as many barriers as possible (door alarms, locks and safety covers) to the pool area when not in use.

- Never leave small children unsupervised—even for a few seconds. And never leave toys or floats in the pool when not in use as they may prove to be a deadly temptation for toddlers trying to reach them.
- Keep children away from pool filters and other mechanical devices as the suction force may injure them or prevent them from surfacing. In case of an emergency, know how to shut off these devices and clearly post this information for easy use.
- Be sure all pool users know how to swim. Learners should be accompanied by a good swimmer. If you have children, have them take swimming lessons as early as possible.
- Don't swim alone or allow others to swim alone.
- Check the pool area regularly for glass bottles, toys or other potential accident hazards.
- Keep CD players, radios and other electrical devices away from pools or nearby wet surfaces.
- Don't allow anyone who has been drinking alcohol to use the pool.
- Pay attention to the weather. Excessive heat can cause dizziness, which can be dangerous around a pool. And never swim during rain or lightning storms.
- Never dive into an above-ground pool, and check the water depth before plunging into an in-ground pool. Keep clear of the area near a diving board.
- Don't swim if you're tired or have just finished eating.
- In the event of an accident, clearly post emergency numbers on the phone. Keep a first-aid kit, ring buoys and reaching poles near the pool. You may also want to consider basic first aid and CPR training.

Be safe and have fun!

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Public Works

*Story and photos courtesy Ted Galsim,
Principal Construction Inspector, Public Works*

TEAM Awards

**Public Works honors excellence in
Contract Administration.**



The 2014 awardees, from left: PCI Ted Galsim, Outstanding Supervisor; Inspectors Pete Le Grand, John Calderon and David Garcia (not present), Outstanding Project Team.

On Jan. 24, the Board of Public Works, by way of recommendations from its Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale (TEAM), recognized personnel from the Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) as follows:

- Outstanding Supervisor: Ted Galsim, Principal Construction Inspector
- Outstanding Project Team: Inspectors Pete Le Grand, John Calderon and David Garcia
- Ted Galsim was recognized as Outstanding Supervisor in his role as District Manager of BCA's Districts 1 and 6, comprising the communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor Gateway and greater South Los Angeles. Ted consistently displayed the necessary skills of a Supervisor in effectively dealing with his own personnel as well as the public leading to a more productive endeavor.
- Pete Le Grand, John Calderon and David Garcia (not present at the ceremonies) were commended for their expert contribution and exemplary work in Citywide projects requiring special licenses and training.

Congratulations to the winners!



BCA Management Staff with the awardees, from left: PCI David Tang, Acting Chief Frank Rinaldi, PCI Ted Galsim, Bureau Assistant Director Walter Bradley, Inspector Pete Le Grand, PCI Marc Wright, Inspector John Calderon, PCI Brett McReynolds, Bureau Director John L. Reamer Jr., PCI Seffy Wiles, PCI Roosevelt Bagby, and PCI Greg Pifer.



BPW Commissioners with the awardees, from left: Commissioner Michael Davis, Bureau Director John L. Reamer Jr., Principal Construction Inspector Ted Galsim, Inspector Pete Le Grand, Inspector John Calderon, Board Vice President Monica Rodriguez, Commissioner Barbara Romero, and Board President Kevin James.



Inspectors from Districts 1 and 6 join in the celebration. From left: Sr. Construction Inspector James Haas, Construction Inspector Robert Lackaye, Principal Construction Inspector Ken Hendricks, Principal Construction Inspector Ted Galsim, Sr. Construction Inspector Virgilio "Sonny" Cruz, Construction Inspector Dean Guzman, Construction Inspector Brian Lindsey and Principal Construction Inspector George Stofila, Vice Chairman of the Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale (TEAM).

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Have News About Yourself?

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

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, ext. 701
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LARFPA: (888) 288-5063

March 5: LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. Los Angeles

April 10: RLACEI general meeting, 8 a.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles

June 4: LARFPA general meeting 10 a.m. followed by annual barbecue (noon), Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

June 5: RLACEI 36th annual golf tournament, 7:30 a.m., Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, 630 S. Almansor St., Alhambra

Aug. 14: RLACEI annual picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

Sept. 3: LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

Sept. 18: RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 11:30 a.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles

Dec. 3: LARFPA general meeting, 10 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

Dec. 4: RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles

Dec. 7: LARFPA Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, 12825 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks

RLACEI Website

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

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

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April Meeting to Discuss Several Financial Topics

RLACEI

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

I want to remind everyone that our April 10 general meeting at the Friendship Hall will not start at noon. The meeting is at 9 a.m. (Registration will run from 8 to 9 a.m.). Breakfast will be served.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., Director Phil Orland and Greg Spiker will introduce a financial group that will talk about "Managing Your Personal Finances." Some other topics are:

- Deferred comp.
- City of L.A. financial health
- Your pension and health benefits costs.
- Increasing costs of assisted living and various ways to pay for it (Medicare, liquid, long-term care insurance, home equity through reverse mortgage).
- Income distribution strategies, and supplemental retirement accounts (RMDs, avoidance of reverse dollar costs averaging, Roth conversions).
- Annuities and life insurance.
- Windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset, (non SS LACERS pension impact on Social Security benefits).
- Current market environment (equity and debt). What are current risks? Where are current opportunities?
- Estate planning, utilizing wills and trusts (the probate process, how often updated).

Don't forget this important meeting. See you at 8 or 9 a.m. April 10 at the Friendship Hall.

LACERS Releases Financial Report, Wins Award



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS recently released its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and received an award of excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers of the United States and Canada.

With all the bad news you see in the press on pension plans, it is great to hear that LACERS is doing very well and better than other California pension plans. In the last fiscal year, the plan returned 14.3 percent, which brought the funded status of our plan to 68.7 percent.

While it may seem odd that

the funded status went down slightly (from 69 percent previously), even in a banner year for investment returns, this was caused by "smoothing" of investment returns from the down investment markets of 2008-09. The Postemployment Health Care Plan funded status increased from 71.6 percent to 71.9 percent and kept its place as one of the top funded plans in the country. The Pew Foundation recently ranked LACERS number one in big city pension plans for health-care funding.

Getting back to investments, the 14.3 percent investment return for the fiscal year put LACERS in the top 10 percent of pension plans, according to the Trust Universe Comparison Service. Over the last three years, LACERS returned 12.5 percent.

All of these return figures should be compared to the plan's budgeting number (Assumed Rate of Investment Return) of 7.75 percent. Finally, the calendar investment return number (not in the CAFR) was an eye-popping 18.94 percent (after investment fees).

In other financial news of interest, the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) beginning July 1, 2014, will be 1.1 percent. This figure is set by a government study of cost of living in our area for the preceding calendar year and will be voted on by the LACERS Board later. A few members who still have money in their "COLA bank" because of very high inflation decades ago should check with LACERS to see if they will be awarded a higher COLA (up to 3 percent).

Pension Reform Initiated May Be Postponed



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy By Michael Karsch

Mayor Chuck Reed of San Jose announced his intention to challenge the State Attorney General's summary of his public pension reform initiative. The immediate effect of this move is that it will likely mean the measure will not be able to reach this November ballot, but more likely the November ballot in two years (2016). A legal action of this sort will understandably take several weeks, if not longer. Once the title and summary is settled, then and only then can the proponents solicit signatures for getting their initiative on the next general election ballot. The deadline for getting this on this November ballot is June 5. The Attorney General summarized the measure: "Eliminates constitutional

protections for vested pension and retiree healthcare benefits for current public employees..." Mayor Reed argues that amending the state constitution to allow local governments to alter future pension formulas for current employees is not an elimination of protections. Whether you agree with the Attorney General or Mayor Reed, the impact of this move by the proponents to sue the Attorney General will likely mean too little time to gather signatures by June 5.

A January article by CalPensions speaks to the federal action to limit military veterans' pensions versus the inability of local governments in California to do the same. The U.S. budget bill signed by the president in December cut cost-of-living adjustments in military pensions. This is also the core of the Reed initiative, to negotiate reductions in public pensions going forward

(ie, a local government employee earns his/her pension as he is paid, but if a fiscal emergency faced by the employer develops, then payment of salaries going forward, including pension vested rights, can be adjusted). The California "rule" is that a pension afforded at the time a person's first day of employment is a vested right that cannot be cut unless offset by a new benefit of comparable value. CalPensions reports that the Little Hoover Commission called for a change in this rule, as does the Reed initiative.

The California rule has been adopted by a dozen states, CalPensions reports, but two of those states, Massachusetts and Oregon, modified their rule to allow cuts without offsetting benefits. Since 2010, nine states have enacted pension cost of living adjustment cuts, but all are being challenged in court.

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity
Chair

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For Retired Club Members



Life After Retirement

Happy 69th Anniversary!



Recently, I received a call from Terry A. Goldberg, a retiree from City Data Service Bureau. She said that her very good friends, one a former City employee, had just celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary and would like to share this with other City employees. She gave me their telephone number and I spoke to James and Dora Jean Smith.

James H. Smith, a 30-year Retired City employee from Public Works/Engineering, and his wife, Dora Jean Smith, a retired L.A. County employee, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary Jan. 9. (Yes, you read it right.)

I asked James and Dora Jean where they met. James said that they met while playing baseball at a neighborhood vacant lot, where all the neighborhood kids got together to play. Dora added that they lived and remained in the same neighborhood and that they both attended the same grade school and high school.

James said that when he turned 18, he got drafted into the U.S. Army, and Dora Jean promised to write to him. In 1945, while on furlough, they got married on Jan. 9. That was 69 years ago and still counting.

I asked James and Dora Jean what it takes to stay married for 69 years. James said that their marriage had its up and down as all marriages do, but they seemed to iron out their problems. Dora Jean added that communication was the most important factor in their long marriage; when a decision has to be made and they have different opinions, they discuss it before a drastic mistake is made.

Congratulations James and Dora Jean! And happy belated Valentine's Day!

Life After Retirement



As a Reminder:

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Heath Care Subsidy Is Unknown Before July 1



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler,
LARFPA Director

As I was browsing through the newspaper the other day, I came across an interesting article by the Forbes Co. that stated the national average for the medical trend rate for health care was 3.3 percent, the lowest it has been in many, many years. Knowing that our medical trend rate has always been higher than that, I thought I had better check to see what our actual cost for health care will be this year. 2014's health care cost is 7.6 percent. This will be the lowest in the past five years. Our health care costs will have lost more than 11 percent of increases during this time due to the restriction in the

Administration Code of a maximum increase of 7 percent without special action of the Commission and the City Council. It could be less than 7 percent if the health trend rate was lower than 7 percent or the Fire and Police Pension Commission decided not to grant the full amount of the raise. Let's hope we receive the 7 percent increase July 1.

The health subsidy and the Pension Reform of 2014 are two of the many issues that are under continual attack to change our benefits. This is why we need to have competent, experienced representatives to care for our pension and health subsidy. The Fire and Police Pension System will be announcing the coming election for the Retired Police member to serve

on the Board of the Fire and Police Commissioners. I don't know how many retired Police Officers will file for the position, but I do know that Commissioner George Aliano will be running for his third term. He has done an exceptional job looking out for our members since the inception of a retired Police Officer being elected to serve on the Board. I recommend that you vote for George Aliano. If you want more information, George does have a Website (www.georgealio.com). Don't forget to vote!

President Ronald Reagan made a statement many years ago that fits today's world: "The most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and here to help'."

LARFPA

RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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The Best Years

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By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

My wife, Evelyn, and I have been to the United Kingdom many times, but we have always stayed around the London area. We found a cruise on the Caribbean Princess that left from London (Southampton) around the British Isles and then crossed the pond to New York City.

The ports were Southampton, Guernsey (Saint Peter Port), Cork (Ireland), Dublin (Ireland), Liverpool (England), Glasgow (Scotland), Belfast (Northern Ireland), Edinburgh (Scotland), Invergordon (Scotland), Le Havre (France), Southampton (England), Bergen (Norway), Shetland Island (United Kingdom), Faroe Island (Denmark), Akureyri (Iceland), Isafjordur (Iceland), Reykjavik (Iceland), Nanortalik (Greenland), St John (Newfoundland, Canada), and New York City. It was two cruises back to back; the first part took 12 days, and part two took 16 days. We departed Aug. 14 and returned Sept. 15.

We will soon arrive in Dublin, Ireland. Princess Cruises has a shuttle from the port to the city center for \$16 round trip. It runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., which will give us enough time for seeing the city. Stopping in 10 ports in 12 days is not relaxing, but on the second part of our cruise we will have a number of sea days.

The night before at dinner we got the same personal treatment as we did in our first installment, but with a different waiter. They were having the chef's table, where diners get special treatment, in our dining area, and that made things a little tight. But we still got good service and food, with no waiting for a table.

After dinner we sat in the Explorer Lounge and listened to the ship's singer and dancers perform 1950s and '60s rock and roll.

I slept well last night, and the alarm woke us at 7 a.m. We had breakfast in the buffet, and I didn't like the way they made my eggs, but I have had this problem on all of our cruises; it just takes a little time for me to train the chef. I like them over easy, and they pawned off some overcooked sunny side up on me. We will see what happens tomorrow.

Dublin is the capital of Ireland, an island just west of England. Until 1921 it was part of Great Britain. At that time the six counties of Ulster became Northern Ireland and remained part of Great Britain, while the rest of Ireland was granted independence. Ireland is a little larger than West Virginia, with a population of just more than four million. English is spoken widely, while Irish (Gaelic) is spoken mainly along the western seaboard. The country is part of the euro zone.

We purchased tickets for the Dublin Green Hop-on Hop-off bus. The ship is docked too far from central Dublin to walk, so we took the ship's shuttle to the downtown area. It dropped us off near Trinity College, where we caught the first hop-on bus of the day. It was very crowded, but we did have seats. The weather was a little damp, so we stayed downstairs under cover. I moved upstairs later because the view was better. The hop-on is a good way to get your bearing in a city. One of the highlights was the Guinness Storehouse. We got off at O'Connell Street,

a very wide street with lots of monuments commemorating many Irish heroes.

It was lunchtime, so we had fish and chips at Beshoff, a chain in business since 1913, which the founder came over from Russia. The fish was very well done and the chips were okay, but not as good as McDonald's.

After lunch, we walked the shopping area and we picked up a few gifts and souvenirs.

We walked back to catch the shuttle,



Belfast's dividing line.

but before we left Dublin I wanted a pint of beer. We stopped in a pub and, in honor of my cousin, Don, I had a pint of Smithwicks, a dark beer, but not as dark a Guinness.

After dinner, back aboard the ship, we watched the Lairs Club in the

Explorers Lounge. Three cruise staff members gave definitions to words and we, as teams, had to decide who was telling the truth. We didn't get one right, but it was fun.

Having dinner at 7 p.m. was causing us to miss the regular entertainment in the Princess Theater. The performances were at 7, 8:15 and 10:15 p.m. We didn't finish dinner until 8:30, and the late show was too late. So far we hadn't missed much, though.

We docked in Liverpool early the next morning. Originally we were to leave by 3 p.m., but Princess changed our sailing time to 7 p.m. I'm glad they did because Liverpool was a very interesting city. We all were prepared to not like it, but it was great. We used the Hop-On Hop-Off bus, and the hour ride showed us the whole city. After going around once, we got off to visit the underground command center for the war in the Atlantic during World War II. It was very interesting. We then hopped back on the bus and rode to Chinatown. It was a big disappointment with only one street, and most of the stores were closed. From there we walked through a residential area to the Liverpool One, very large upscale open-air shopping area. We had a quick lunch in a hamburger place. We stopped at the Starbucks to see if they had a Liverpool mug and to use the WiFi, but had no luck on the mug.

We walked back toward the ship and stopped at the Liverpool Museum and the Beatles Exhibit (also Elvis), where Evelyn was able to get a couple of magnets. Why Elvis is so popular is a mystery to us.

The weather was a little overcast in the morning, but by the afternoon it was sunny

and mild.

That day was Evelyn's birthday, and upon return the cabin door had a big sign and balloons. We were headed to Sabatini's, one of the specialty restaurants that night.

Dinner at Sabatini's was excellent. We left very satisfied, but not stuffed. I had my regular veal chop, and I thought it was the best I'd had on any Princess ship.

After dinner Evelyn and I actually took in the 10:15 p.m. show, which starred Laura

Broad, vocalist, who was a winner of the British Who's Got Talent TV show. Her 45-minute show was a mixture of standards and covers from current artists. It was entertaining.

The next morning we docked in Greenock, the port for Glasgow, at 8 a.m. We didn't sail out that night until 2 a.m. because a large number of passengers went to the Edinburgh Tattoo, which is performed nightly during August. The Edinburgh Tattoo is a military ceremony performed annually. Tickets go quickly, and it is done after sundown, hence the late departure time. If you want tickets you need to reserve a year in advance.

We were to stop in Edinburgh in two days, so I don't know why they use Glasgow for the Tattoo. Evelyn and I made a decision not to go, but to go to Highclere instead. Highclere is the castle used for *Downton Abby*.

Greenock, the port, is 45 minutes from Glasgow. We had planned to take the train,



The welcome in Liverpool.



Chinatown in Liverpool.

but when we left the cruise terminal there were taxis that would take the four of us to Glasgow for £10 each (about \$60 total). It was still a lot less than the \$75 per person Princess wanted for their shuttle. The ride was pleasant and the countryside was very pretty. It was raining pretty hard when the taxi dropped us off at George Square at the city center. We found the Hop-On Hop-Off bus a short distance away. Because it was raining, we sat downstairs, but you don't see much from down there. As soon as it cleared I moved upstairs, where the view was better and it was a lot less stuffy.

Glasgow is a mixture of new and old, a lot like Liverpool, but I think we liked Liverpool

better. I'm not sure why. After getting off the bus, we walked to Buchanan Street, a walking street, with lots of shops and restaurants. We stopped at Starbucks so Evelyn could get a Glasgow mug, and we all used the free WiFi. We had lunch at a small eatery, Bread and Butter; it is a fixed price of £5 lunch with soft drink and £6 with beer. It was served cafeteria style and they had a number of selections, including sides and salads. The food was okay. I think they do a pretty good bar business in the evenings, although there were tourists and locals having lunch when we were there.

We did a little more walking. The weather was getting better, and I called the taxi company to come pick us up. We got back to the ship around 3 p.m.

The next day we docked in Belfast, Northern Ireland. We docked around 9:30 a.m. so we didn't get off the ship until after 10 a.m. The City of Belfast provides shuttle buses (free) to take us to the city center and the welcome center, about two miles from the port.



Evelyn in Glasgow.

We caught the Hop-On Hop-Off bus and took the 90-minute ride. Belfast at one time was where the world's primary ship builders were situated. *Titanic* was built here. The town is a mixture of new and old, as the city was heavily bombed during World War II and during what is called "the Troubles" – the unrest between Catholics and Protestant. There are still walls actually dividing neighborhoods, and the walls are covered with murals about the fighting. It's a little depressing, but I hear it's much better now than it used to be.

There is a very new *Titanic* Museum. Architecturally it is stunning. After the bus ride we had lunch in a pub and then did some shopping. There is still a lot of unemployment there, and we saw a lot of vacant stores. Even with that we saw a lot of people on the street, and everyone was friendly.

There is a lot of rivalry between the different parts of the United Kingdom. In Scotland they asked what the definition of a Scotsman is. The answer is an Irishman who can swim. Ireland is an island across from Scotland. That's very funny, I guess, if you are Scottish.

While we were walking around, Lanny bought a "pasty," which is a pie with either meat or fruits, which we enjoyed when we were back aboard the ship. The pasty was apple and currant, and we had tea by the pool and shared the pasty, plus a large plate of cookies and the ship's pastries.

We were to meet up in the Skywalker lounge before dinner. The treat that night was sushi.

The next day was to be a sea day and was also a formal night, and there was to be a party for the Captain's Circle members – someone who has sailed more than once with Princess.

Next time: More from Scotland, then on to France.

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Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Alvarez, Paula	Property Officer	LAPD	25	Garay-English, Olga	General Manager	Cultural Affairs	23
Austill, Tracy T.	Elevator Repair Supervisor II	Airports	30	Gardner, Thomas	Safety Engineer	General Services	13
Baskin, Mark L.	Bus Operator Supervisor	Airports	34	Garrett, Danny	—	DWP	—
Beaman, Gary	—	DWP	—	Goltz, Gregory	—	DWP	—
Beltran, Rigoberto	Tire Repairer	General Services	12	Gomez, Betty	—	DWP	—
Bentsen, Pallo A.	Airport Police Officer II	Airports	14	Griffin, Dale	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	25
Blakley, Renee	—	DWP	—	Gurfinkel, Yefim	—	DWP	—
Bogaus, Aydra	Golf Starter	Rec and Parks	15	Gutierrez, Gloria	Book Repairer	Library	23
Bolder, Joe	—	DWP	—	Guzman, David	—	DWP	—
Boren, Ronald	—	DWP	—	Hanks, Regina	—	DWP	—
Brazile, Linda B.	Customer Services Specialist	Finance	13	Hernandez, Leopoldo	Parking Manager	Convention Center	32
Brown, Stephen	—	DWP	—	Herrera, Yolanda	—	DWP	—
Campbell, Rodney	—	DWP	—	Hesgard, Brian	—	DWP	—
Caplan, Richard S.	Equipment Superintendent	LAFD	35	Hidalgo, Gilbert	—	DWP	—
Carrier, Anthony J.	Cement Finisher	Airports	17	Houston-Swain, Regina	Exec. Director	Dept. on Disability	31
Carter, Micheal A.	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	9	Hurwitz, Scott Brian	Forensic Print Specialist	LAPD	28
Cazares, Mary E.	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	5	Jauregui, Heron	—	DWP	—
Cervantes, Daniel	Animal Control Officer II	Animal Services	25	Kang, Paul	Parking Attendant II	General Services	5
Clay, Arlecia	Pr. Clerk Police II	LAPD	16	Kellenberger, Michael	—	DWP	—
Clift, Stanley	—	DWP	—	Koskie, Diane L.	Animal Keeper	Zoo	21
Cooney, Bolinda L.	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	26	Lamon, Marcia	Pr. Accountant II	Harbor	25
Cooney, Richard M.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	26	Lee, Hoi	—	DWP	—
Cortez, Raymundo L.	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	5	Lewis, Fred	Storekeeper II	General Services	14
Dietz, Patricia Ann	Management Analyst II	Public Works	17	Lewis, Maurice William	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	25
Dixon, Teresa Kay	Sr. Management Analyst II	LAPD	32	Luevano, Anthony	—	DWP	—
Drew, Thomas C.	Communications Electrician Supv.	Convention Center	33	Male, Morley	—	DWP	—
Galvan, Irma	Sr. Clerk Typist	Fire Police Pensions	10	Maningas, Casimiro	—	DWP	—

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RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1 Arizona

Here’s **Sharyn Gunter, Retired, LAPD**, at White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, Az., with Stetson, getting ready for team penning, where the object is to cut three cows from the herd and corral them into a pen.

2 Mexico

Retired Sr. Construction Inspector **Paul Hernandez** and his wife, Lydia (not pictured), visited the Los 3 Potrillos Ranch in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, where they meet the owner, Mexican singing icon Vicente Fernandez.

3 Bahamas

Here’s a photo of **Art Aros, Building Inspector, Retired**, on a cruise to the Bahamas. He says he “got lost” and ended up in Nassau!

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Retirements

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Martinez, Ruben A.	Signal Systems Electrician	Transportation	16	Seals, Ardra	–	DWP	–
Matulich, Shirley A.	Librarian III	Library	14	Sears, Ronald	–	DWP	–
McHaffie, Michael	Refuse Collection Truck Op II	Public Works	26	Session, Sharon	–	DWP	–
McMillin, Dee A.	Arts Associate	Cultural Affairs	12	Simonian, Robert	Sr. Building Inspector	Building and Safety	27
Mejia, Antonio	Irrigation Specialist	Rec and Parks	29	Shelton, William	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	23
Mendoza, Guadalupe	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	12	Smart, Barbara	–	DWP	–
Miller, John	–	DWP	–	Stringer, Roseanne	–	DWP	–
Momohara, Harold H.	Equipment Mechanic	General Services	28	Suh, Susan H.	Airport Guide II	Airports	6
Morales, Mark	–	DWP	–	Thomas, Dawayne	–	DWP	–
Motamedi, Siavosh	–	DWP	–	Tieu, Natalie Lam	Personnel Analyst II	Housing	33
Paniasigui, Alfredo	–	DWP	–	Tillett, Laurence A.	Reprographic Operator II	Public Works	13
Petrosyan, Rubina	Child Care Associate II	Rec and Parks	8	Torres, Antonio	Event Attendant	CAO	15
Pulido, Carlos	–	DWP	–	Ulrich, Anne	–	DWP	–
Ramhorst, Marc	–	DWP	–	Villaverde, Ricardo	–	DWP	–
Rastellini, Edward	–	DWP	–	Vonlichtenstein, Susan	Secretary	Airports	25
Reyes, Eduardo	City Planning Associate	City Planning	23	Wakamatsu, John	–	DWP	–
Rice, Thomas T.	Park Maintenance Supv.	Rec and Parks	29	Ward, Grace A.	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	5
Rigali, Patrick Joseph	Sr. Building Operating Engr.	Convention Center	32	Weiner, Miriam D.	Programmer Analyst V	ITA	15
Roberts, James	–	DWP	–	Williams, David	–	DWP	–
Roublow, Emma M.	Librarian III	Library	42	Zabala, Edilberto	Auditor	Convention Center	19
Ruiz, Yvonne Ann	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	39	Zamudio, Carlos	–	DWP	–
Saldivar, David	Plumber	Airports	12	Zoller, William	–	DWP	–
Sandusky, Cindy M.	Accounting Clerk II	Finance	33				

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History Comes *Alive!*

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland
City Archivist

Photos courtesy the Security Pacific National Bank Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection, and the City of Los Angeles Archives

I have walked through Union Station many times and have found a production crew or their equipment prepared to make a TV show, a commercial or movie for theatre screens. It is probably fair to say that the entire world has seen Los Angeles at one time or another – even if they weren’t aware of it at the time.

There are many stories about production crews closing off residential streets and generally interfering with the locals trying to go about their business. Believe it or not, the same complaints were being made more than a century ago as Los Angeles became the unexpected backdrop to the early motion picture industry. Our focus here is on the City parks used by studios with names like Selig and Keystone and stories to be found in the records of the Board of Park Commissioners stored at the City Archives.

some of the people they worked with. Griffith Park was such a remote area that park rangers patrolled on horseback and had the occasional run-in with a film crew. A letter from the foreman of Griffith Park describes one such encounter.

The Selig Company was using one of the “canons” (canyons) in Griffith Park “just east of Vermont” for a wagon train scene. After the fact, the question was raised by the Griffith Park foreman as to when a film shoot in a sensitive area was too large. His letter to the head of the Parks Department described the scope of not only the crew but the environmental damage as well.

The company consisted of “300 men, 100 horses and 20 wagons. The canon was covered with the ordinary sage and greasewood, but after the horses had milled around in it for about two hours, all the vegetation had ground to dust...I would like to ask if there is any limit to the size of a company as such a large outfit changes the whole appearance

and drained the lake, leaving the lovers trapped in their rowboat in the middle of a very messy landscape. Press reports about amorous couples on park benches resulted in movie plots involving the same benches, with pretty girls, seedy men and comic policemen added to the mix. Echo Park was as much a character to the Sennett brand of chaos as it was a backdrop.

But Echo Park was also a very active piece in the City park system with both the reservoir and the grounds. The facility files that have survived are rich with the day-to-day struggles of running a park of its kind. The working papers – both formal requests and scribbled notes from the park foreman, the boathouse concessionaire and the public – reveal a facility chronically underfunded and technically challenging. They also include correspondence that rounds out the history framed by the commission minutes.

An example would be the Board of Park Commissioners decision to ban all

citizens... and not for the exploitation by any industry.”

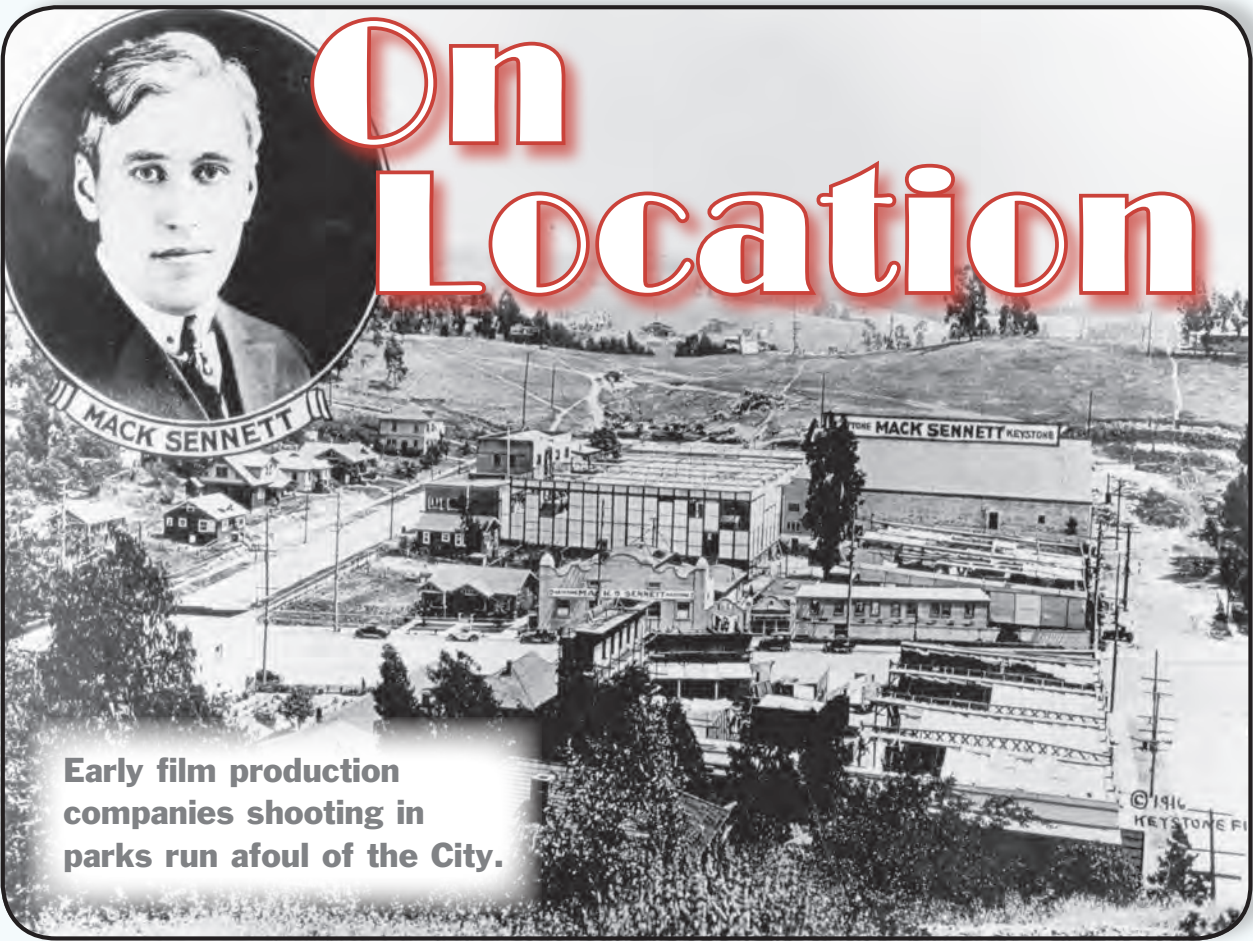
Meanwhile, all the other parks were still open for business, so Keystone and the other studios increased shooting at Hollenbeck Park and other locations, thereby preserving them on film. The files for Hollenbeck have few complaints although some unnamed studio once asked to drive a car off the bridge into the lake. The request was denied.

By 1920, the film community as a whole had become part of the City establishment and were behaving more responsibly. Several companies had donated exotic animals including camels to the Griffith Park Zoo – the ancestor of the current zoo we know today – in exchange for the ability to rent them for location shoots. The industry was growing up at the same time the City was becoming world famous and more populous. The chaos of early moviemaking had given way to a structured and formal process with clear sets of rules that mostly satisfied the local government and citizens although exceptions have continued ever since.

Part of the new structure was an improved set of permit and rule schedules that went into effect in July 1921. A sliding scale, beginning at \$5 per day for one actor up to \$35 for 25 actors or more, assigned a value to using City property. The same livestock that scarred the canyon in Griffith Park in 1914 now \$1 per head per day. A new \$250 monthly permit allowed studios belonging to a newly formed organization that would become the Motion Picture Producers Association (MPPA) to shoot in almost any City park with one exception.

But finally, the ban on Echo Park was lifted in November 1921. A letter to the park foreman stated that the Board “rescinded the order... which closed Echo Park to all motion picture companies and that, in the future, this park be open for motion picture work.” But Mack Sennett had given up the Keystone brand that had used Echo Park in the first years of his operation. He and others would continue to use parks and City streets in their movies, but they would reflect a different city than the one so attractive to many of the pioneers and their audiences. But we can still enjoy them, if only in black and white.

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Early film production companies shooting in parks run afoul of the City.

Panoramic view of the Mack Sennett's Keystone Studios, located on Allesandro in Edendale, now part of Echo Park. Mack Sennett (1880-1960), whose photo has been placed in the upper left corner of the image, founded the Keystone Studios in Edendale.

One of the greatest gifts of the early films is they capture a Los Angeles that no longer exists. Movies were shot in the downtown area or some outdoor event where buildings, streetcars and other landmarks disappeared decades ago. Beach scenes and westerns shot in remote places including Griffith Park or the Cahuenga Pass give us a glimpse of what earlier generations, coming to Los Angeles, saw for themselves.

Everyone filmed in real places all over Southern California – often without warning or permission from the local government. Permits were required to shoot in Los Angeles and cost \$1 a month in the 1910s. The 1916 annual budget report of the Parks Department listed revenue of \$216 from motion picture permits. By 1920, the permit revenue was \$715 and by 1926 the revenue figure had jumped to \$4,800.

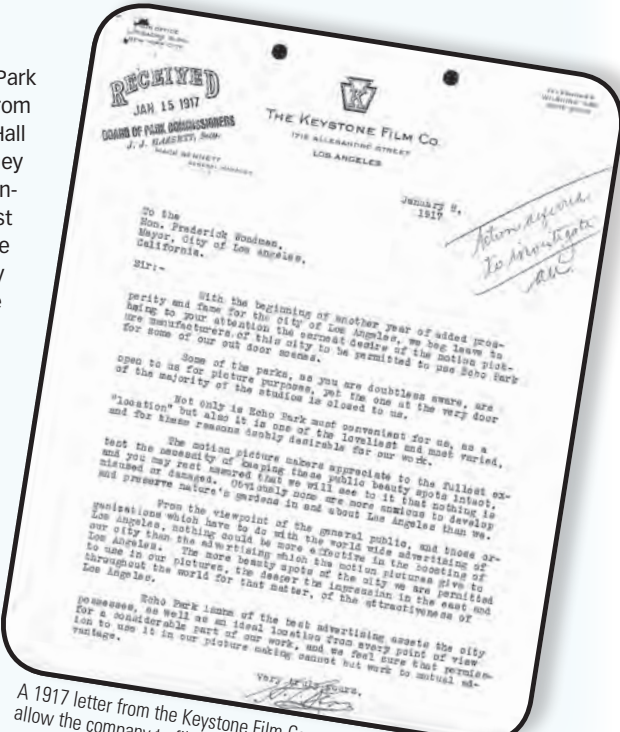
Then, as now, there were abuses of the locations by the moviemakers or

of a place in a few hours.” The Park Commissioners decided to limit the livestock to no more than 25 head and the number of persons to be limited at the discretion of the foreman.

There were more urbane locations popular with the movie people that also challenged the park system. The Keystone Studio was at 1712 Allesandro St. in the Edendale section of Los Angeles. Actor-director Mack Sennett's crew took full advantage of the variety of scenery throughout Los Angeles, be it a downtown parade or the amusement parks in Venice, where they set up shop in 1912. One of their favorite and most convenient locations was about a mile from the studio: Echo Park.

This park inspired some of the slapstick Keystone was known for. When the City drained the lake in the summer of 1913 for improvements, a film called *A Muddy Romance* included a scene where a jilted suitor opened a valve

film companies from Echo Park in early 1914. A response from the commission to a City Hall inquiry clearly stated who they held accountable for the conditions in the park: “Almost all the damage was done by the Keystone Comedy company and because we endeavor to treat all motion picture companies alike, the order was made to exclude all companies from the park” The letter goes on, accusing the moviemakers of “being disposed to disregard all rules and regulations: They take all kinds of liberties and show no regard whatever for the fact that the parks are for the benefit and enjoyment of the



A 1917 letter from the Keystone Film Co. requesting the City to allow the company to film in Echo Park.

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales
Angel's

Be Alive!

– Brea

Carbon Canyon Regional Park

Aden and I in front of the lake.



Angel Jr., Aden and Dakota are in front of the redwood trees.



Angel Jr. and Aden are at the playground slide.



Aden and Angel Jr. climb trees.

Hello again, everybody!

This month, my family and I found a hidden gem in Brea: the Carbon Canyon Regional Park. Since my family loves to travel and find new places to explore, we found a real treat at this park: we found coastal redwood trees here in Orange County; can you believe that? Previously we have traveled all the way to Yosemite National Park, which is not that far. But if I knew there was a place with redwood trees and it was closer, I would have started there! Coastal redwoods are right here in Brea!

History

This area was once known as Olinda, settled by farmers and ranchers before the 1880s. The arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad instigated a land boom in the area. Farmers and ranchers believing they had found an agricultural haven flocked to the area. They had cattle and sheep and were pastured in the open fields, which are now the regional park. However, the farming area took a new direction – “oil.” In the late 1800s, oil was discovered in the region, which caused an oil boom in the area. Multiple oil companies drilled throughout the foothills of Orange County. Oil towns developed with the company owning the houses, stores and the land. One such town was the town of Olinda, located on what is now the regional park. Olinda thrived as an oil boomtown until the oil fields began to shut down in the 1940s. If you look closely you can still see some operating oil wells on the far hills while you hike in Carbon Canyon Regional Park.

The Adventure

Carbon Canyon Regional Park has a 3.4-mile loop for hiking, running or jogging. The park has fishing, hiking, volleyball, children playgrounds, and lots of picnic areas, to name a few activities. I like the area and the park because they are very relaxing; there is something for everyone to do.

The really cool item is of course the redwood trees at the end of the trail. Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea has a 10-acre grove of coastal redwoods, the largest grove of these trees in Southern California.

Of course they are not as big as the ones at Yosemite National Park, but that is because they are babies right now. The tallest redwoods are from 80 to 100 feet tall, and they were planted around 1975 when the park opened. The story is: A bank was having a promotion (for every account opened the bank would donate a tree), so when the promotion ended they had more than 600 seedlings left. Approximately 200 trees were donated to the county park after the bank promotion. This is a simple version of what happened.

Everything about this park is beautiful. So if you are ever in the Brea area, please stop by and enjoy the park and all there is to see. We recommend spending time in this park for a few hours or a full day. There is plenty of space and lots of activities for everyone. Lastly, if you have a dog or a few, you are welcome to bring them. Just make sure they are on leashes.

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

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



There's a free guided walking tour through the redwood grove.



A horse and rider say hi to Kathy, Angel and Dakota.



Carbon Canyon Regional Park

4442 Carbon Canyon Road
Brea, CA 92823

Features: Redwood grove hike; 124-acre regional park; Carbon Canyon dam; playgrounds, barbecue and picnic areas; volleyball courts, bike trails, equestrian trails, fishing and a nature center

Hours: Fall – winter, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Spring – summer, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Parking: \$3 weekdays, \$5 weekends

Directions: From downtown, take the US-101 south and connect to the CA-60 east, then take the CA-57 south until you exit on East Lambert Road. Continue on East Lambert Road to CA-142 east/ Carbon Canyon Road. The destination will be on the right.





A flamingo chick at the LA Zoo.

The Zoo has added six flamingo chicks to its current flock of Chilean flamingos. The fluffy, gray youngsters, three male and three female, range in age from one month to four and half months old. Four of the baby birds can now be seen on exhibit with their parents, while two of the recently hatched chicks are being hand-reared off-display and will soon be introduced to the rest of the flock. In addition, there are two eggs currently in an incubator behind the scenes that are expected to hatch soon.

These babies are the first Chilean flamingo chicks to hatch at the L.A. Zoo in more than 10 years. Previously the Zoo had a mixed flock containing Chilean and Caribbean flamingos in one habitat, which didn't allow for breeding.

Zoo

6 New Flamingoes

Zoo welcomes first Chilean flamingo chicks in more than 10 years.

“Breeding wasn’t an option because we don’t allow our animals to hybridize,” said Susie Kasielke, Curator of Birds at the Los Angeles Zoo. “When the Caribbean flamingos in our collection were relocated to another AZA-accredited facility to join a larger flock, the L.A. Zoo was able to start considering breeding the Chilean flamingos for the first time in over 10 years.”

The chicks were produced using a new breeding technique for the Zoo that allows the flamingos to have access to both on and off-display areas of their habitat during the breeding season. In the past, breeding birds stayed off-display for nesting, with a smaller group of non-breeding individuals out on display. The new system of expanding their environment during breeding proved to be an immediate success.

“They started building nests right away,” said Susie Kasielke. “The new system has gone really well and has exceeded our expectations.”

Guests are encouraged to come watch these youngsters discover their new habitat while they find their place amongst the flock of beautiful, pink birds. Although the chicks hatched with fluffy gray down, their feathers will start to turn pink around four months old but will retain some gray feathers until they

are mature at three to four years old. There are currently 87 Chilean flamingos in the flock at the L.A. Zoo as well as a flock of 35 Greater flamingos located in the Zoo’s Aviary.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura

(134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$13 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Web site at www.lazoo.org.



A flamingo chick at the LA Zoo.

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Zoo



An introduction of hippos.

On Feb. 12, the Zoo introduced hippos Adhama, 3, male, and Mara, 10, female, to each for the first time in the same habitat, and the results were nothing short of animal magnetism.

“The introduction went very well,” said Jeff Holland, Curator of Mammals at the Los Angeles Zoo. “They were immediately interested in each other. This is the first time in several years we have introduced a pair of hippos here at the Los Angeles Zoo. So far we haven’t seen any aggression, and we think they will make great companions.”

Mara, who is from the Topeka Zoo, arrived at the Los Angeles Zoo on Dec. 16 with the hope of being a potential companion for Adhama. Upon arrival she lived in an adjoining habitat that allowed the two hippos visual access to each other until they were ready for an introduction. Zookeepers also switched the hippo’s habitats on occasion, so they could get used to each other’s scents in their environment.

On the day of the big introduction, Zookeepers waited until Mara was swimming in the pool before they allowed Adhama to have access to the habitat.

Hippo, Meet Hippo

Zoo introduces two hippos to each other.

Once Adhama entered, Mara, the older and larger of the two, immediately got out of the pool and curiously approached him. The pair spent the remainder of their day interacting together and swimming in the pool.



Mara and Adhama aren’t considered a breeding pair.

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Photos by Ted Motoyama, Zoo

Valley Center Morning Watch



Metro PM Watch



Yvette, cowgirl.



Yvonne, Coca Cola can.



Rochelle, witch.



Yvette, Raider girl.



From left: Paul, gang member, and Juandesa, biker girl.



Tamara, cannibal.



Liz, clown mime.



Valeria, Hello Kitty.



From left: Autumn, blond mod girl; and Andrea, gang member.



Caroline and Ola



Vanessa, gang.



Natrese, Catwoman.



Toni MacDonald, New Orleans mask.

Valley Center Day/PM Watches



Bloody girl: PSR II Crystal Harvey



Skeleton: PSR II Jesse Alcaraz



1970s Woman: PSR III Isabel Gonzalez



Batgirl: PSR II Jessica Cepeda



Donald Duck: PSR II Dawne Ross



Bas Succubus (demon): Sally Rayburn



Hello Kitty: PSR II Lourdes Coronado



Mom carrying baby: PSR II Jean Sarfaty, Club Member



Prisoner: Sr. PSR II Cathy Sotos



From left: Leopard: PSR II Martha Ulloa; and Pirate, PSR II Nicole Ellis.



Jedi Knight – Sr PSR I Jeff Brown

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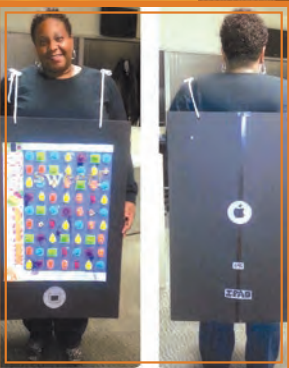
Story and photos courtesy Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Rep

Halloween 2013 Dress-Up

In what has become an annual tradition, LAPD Communications' Metro and Valley centers held their employee dress-up days for Halloween last October. Here are some of those who participated.



Metro Center Day Watch



Clown doll: PSR III Teresa Azevedo



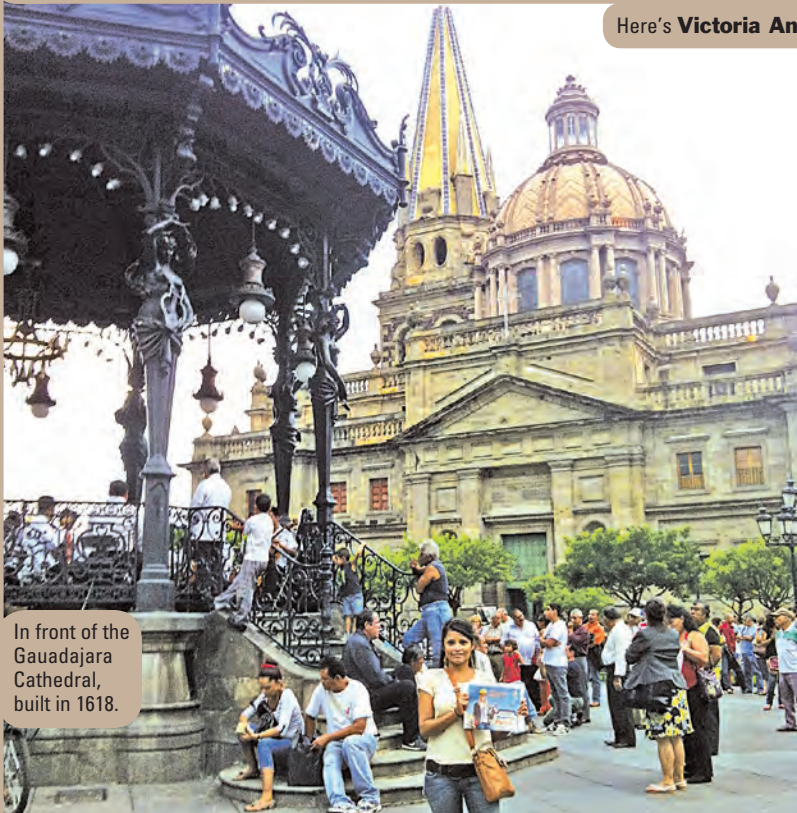
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Mexico

Here's **Victoria Anaya, Harbor**, in Guadalajara, Mexico.



In front of the Guadalajara Cathedral, built in 1618.



Taken during the 15-mile procession of the Virgin of Zapopan, which included more than 200,000 faithful people and more than 30,000 native dancers.

Next to the monument "El Grito Continúa" that commemorates Mexico's independence.



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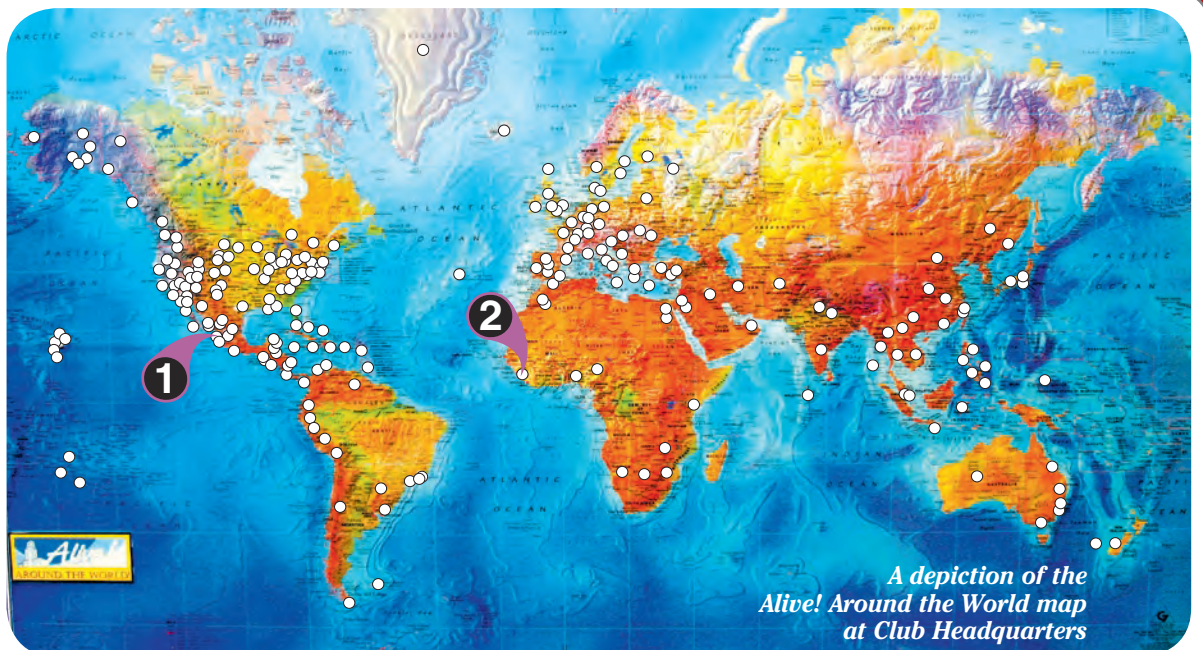
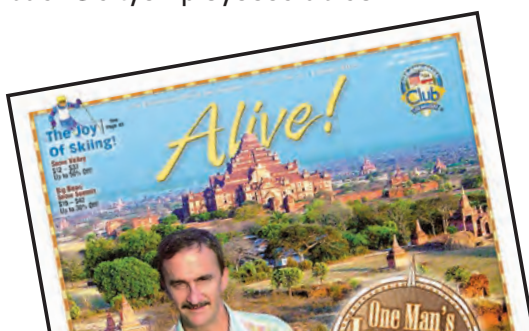
West Africa

Sgt. Tamba F. Matturi, Airport Police, traveled to Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, during the past holidays. Here is a picture of him in Freetown. "I spent most of the time with family and had a great vacation."



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

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The Smart Move

BY PATRICK MILLER, Dearborn Insurance, The Club's Insurance Partner

Cancer Cases Could Soar; Are You Protected?

The World Cancer Report, produced by the World Health Organization's specialized cancer agency and released on World Cancer Day, predicts that new cancer cases will rise from an estimated 14 million annually in 2012 to 22 million within two decades. Over the same period, cancer deaths are predicted to rise from 8.2 million a year to 13 million.

The rising incidence of cancer, brought about chiefly by growing, aging populations worldwide, will require a heavier focus on preventive public health policies, said Christopher Wild, director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

The report said about half of all cancers were preventable and could have been avoided if current medical knowledge were acted upon. The disease could be tackled by addressing lifestyle factors, including smoking, alcohol consumption, diet and exercise; adopting screening programs; or,

in the case of infection-triggered cancers such as cervical and liver cancers, through vaccines.

"I know the report said we can't treat our way out of (the cancer problem), but there are major things we can do," said Dr. David Decker, who works in oncology at Florida Hospital in Orlando. "Virtually 80 or 90 percent of lung cancers are caused by smoking. I know stopping smoking is not easy for people, but it does seem like a pretty simple way to reduce the numbers."

"The cancer rates are going up for reasons that are easy to understand, and if we improve overall health, there are things we can do to prevent this from happening," Decker said.

There is a silver lining to the report, some experts said: It may lend urgency to the fight against cancer. Countries including the United States present examples of success stories stemming from legislation and financial resources

devoted to cancer prevention.

The time to protect yourself from the financial devastation of cancer is before you contract the disease. The odds of getting cancer go up every year, so the time to buy protection is now while you are healthy. The Club's partner, Dearborn National, offers a policy that covers cancer as well as the most common critical illnesses and pays a lump sum "cash benefit on diagnosis" to help offset the financial costs associated with cancer and other financially crippling diseases. For more information, contact Dearborn National at (888) 443-8829.

Patrick Miller represents **Dearborn Insurance**, the Club's new partner for two areas—critical illness insurance and retirement income. Currently, the Club offers three Dearborn products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Paycheck Protection Plus. Ask your Club Counselor for details.



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Rec and Parks

Civil War Currency



Banning Museum to host special lecture March 22.

A special lecture on Civil War currency is scheduled for March 22 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. M St. in Wilmington. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. in the Stagecoach Barn.

The lecture will be presented by Jeff Dahlgren, who has been involved with the Civil War Trust for 15 years and who is also on the Banning Board of Trustees. He has an ancestor who was a Union Admiral during the Civil War and personal friend of Abraham Lincoln.

The lecture will cover the different types of currencies and notes that were used during the Civil War. The design, artwork of the notes, conditions stated in writing on the notes and the value and redeeming the notes will also be discussed. At the end of the lecture, guests will be able to view different types of confederate currencies, as well as Civil War items from Admiral Dahlgren.

Admission to this event is \$5 and light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to RSVP call the Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005 or visit www.thebanningmuseum.org.

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

ALIVE! FEATURE

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Tech on the RISE

From fiber broadband to every City facility and residence ... to a revamped 311 call system ... to systems in the cloud, to finally saying goodbye to Windows XP: ITA and its new General Manager, Steve Reneker, have an ambitious plan for renewing the City's technology.

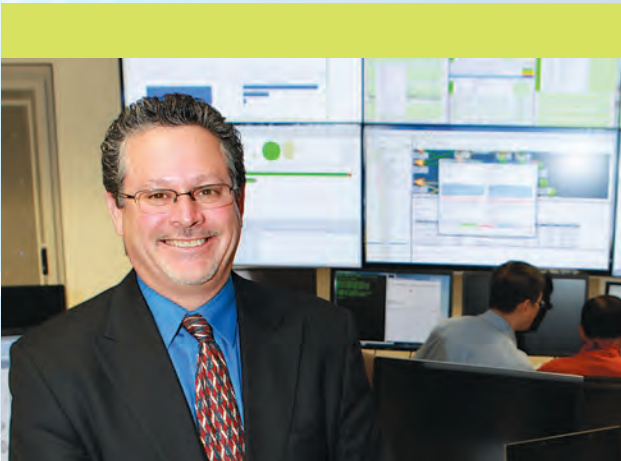
Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Sales Director

The City's Information Technology Agency is charging into 2014 with a broad, ambitious plan to upgrade a number of key technology areas in the City. The plan is being spearheaded by new General Manager Steve Reneker.

Six strategic initiatives form the framework for priorities the ITA sets, decisions that are made, and projects that are pursued. These initiatives are infrastructure, operational efficiency and alignment of departmental priorities, security, standards, integration and digital inclusion.

The City is embracing technology at a rapid pace as the ITA pursues its goals of rebuilding its infrastructure and enhancing its abilities to innovate. Some of the exciting projects the ITA is pursuing for the non-proprietary departments and the community include:

- Fiber to all City-owned facilities
- City phone replacement with a new City Standard Voice Over IP (VOIP) solution
- New Customer Relationship Management (CRM) for 311
- City-wide software and hardware standards
- Migration from the IBM mainframe to a more cost-effective open systems environment
- Broadband connectivity to every City of LA household to ensure affordable access
- City cell phone user transition to Android and IOS platforms to begin mobile app standardization
- ITA data center reconstruction to be a state of the art private cloud with best in class disaster recovery
- Open Data Initiative for transparency and for entrepreneurs looking to develop applications
- Cooperation with nonprofits to build a digital inclusion program to provide low cost PCs to low-income households
- Cyber security enhancement initiatives through the creation of a Chief Information Security Officer, and hardened network and Web hosting environments, and tools to manage policies.



ABOUT Steve Reneker

Steve Reneker has been the General Manager and Chief Technology Officer for the Information Technology Agency since January 2013. Prior to that, he served as Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) for the City of Riverside and Executive Director for SmartRiverside, a nonprofit organization since 2005.

Prior to joining the city he worked for Dell in business development, and has worked in IT for more than 30 years at the county of Riverside, the city of Aurora in Colorado, Eastern Municipal Water District and the City of Los Angeles's ITA, where he began his career in the 1980s. He graduated from Cal State San Bernardino with a Bachelor of Science degree in management science and was born and raised in Riverside.

How is ITA going to accomplish all that?

Read *The Alive! Interview* with Steve Reneker on the next page.

ALIVE! INTERVIEW

Big Plans

On Feb. 13, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed ITA General Manager Steve Reneker in the ITA conference room in City Hall East — Ed.

Hi Steve, thanks for meeting us today. You used to work in the the precursor to ITA back in the 1980s. You're coming back home in a way. Is there any way to compare where the City was then to where it is now?

STEVE RENEKER: Well actually it's funny because probably about 40 of the people who are still here were interns back in the time that I was here, which is good thing. It shows how effective some of our student intern programs worked back then, and I'm taking a look at trying to start some of those up again because we are entering a period where there's going to be a lot of retirements that are going to create a lot of opportunities for new students in this area.

Were you given a mandate for a vision that the mayor or the City Council would like you to achieve?

STEVE: Two things that were in the works before I got here were to redesign and revamp the LA City Website and then also to introduce the first City-wide mobile app for all of our core services. My LA 311 is available in the Apple and Android stores.

I'm using it now. I was always calling 311 because I live in the City of LA; we'll have graffiti on the sidewalk or a trash can issue, but I can never get 311 because I'm usually calling outside of the hours of its operation. It used to be 24/7.

STEVE: It did. In the economic downturn when the City downsized about 30 to 40 percent, it impacted 311. It went from 24/7 to now an 8 to 4:45 p.m. operation seven days a week.

But with the app, it's even easier because then I don't have to wait on hold. When I find some graffiti in my neighborhood, I'll be able to take a picture of it, and then just send it in and see what happens. Right?

STEVE: Yes! I encourage everybody to do that.

Do I get a response?

STEVE: You will. In fact I've used it many times, and a lot of times you'll get a call within 24 hours to verify where the graffiti is.

That is fantastic. And there are many other things on the app, too.

STEVE: That's right.

The app is really easy. It's fast, it's quick, it's efficient, and it doesn't have any glitches. It's brilliant.

STEVE: Well, thank you. And in the future, you're actually going to get an e-mail response that lets you know when the graffiti is cleaned up. You'll also be able to log on and see your DWP bill, and you'll see all the incidents that you reported and whether or not they are still outstanding or are closed.

I love it. I did log into DWP because that kind of blew my mind. Sure enough my balance was zero, which was good.

STEVE: The technology LADWP uses is the exact same technology that we're using for 311.

Awesome. From a citizen who lives in the City, that is phenomenal. That is awesome. You're building data bridges to other departments.

STEVE: Absolutely. We have at least five core stakeholder departments that are part of it. In fact, the Bureau of Sanitation is actually hosting the application because they also have a call center that handles all the bulky item pickups. We'll take the incoming call but it'll automatically create and open the work order for, say, a bulky item or a burned out streetlight. It will integrate with a lot of different work order systems.

Fiber and Wi-Fi

Cool. We got ahead of ourselves a little bit because it's exciting. But let's go back and talk a bit more broadly about the initiatives and the strategic plan for the next couple of years, that you want to accomplish.

STEVE: Well, we have a lot of operational issues because we have a lot of technology that's just old. Over the course of this economic downturn, we haven't had the luxury of replac-

ing a lot of equipment that normally would be replaced at end of life. So we have had outages that in my mind are unacceptable, and so we're working to try to identify creative solutions that prevent that from occurring by migrating to new solutions a little sooner than waiting till it dies.

But a lot of the things that are exciting for us are being driven through our elected officials. For example, we're doing an LA community broadband initiative. We're calling it LACBN, which is LA Community Broadband Network, which includes some phenomenal ideas from Mayor Eric Garcetti. He's really a technology-driven mayor who wants to attract and retain the best high-tech companies here locally, and he knows the only way to do that is to be a fiber-rich City. We have a strategy to run fiber to every residence, business, nonprofit, government, and educational institution in Los Angeles, and it would be an open network. That means the City will guide but won't own the network. It's not going to cost the City anything, but you'll get a provider to build that out. It'll be a big company because it'll be probably a \$5 billion build, but the openness of the network will require it to establish wholesale rates: The companies that are already here that have spent millions or billions of dollars in infrastructure in Los Angeles will be able to leverage that infrastructure to provide their services as well.

So that's a pretty exciting effort. Now we have Councilman Bob Blumenfeld saying, "Hey, but don't forget about Wi-Fi," because it's one thing to have it inside your business and your residence, but what about outdoors? We have a lot of Angelenos with mobile devices, we've got students getting iPads at the LAUSD, visitors coming into the LA area who want to have a rich experience from a broadband perspective as well. So while we're building out this fiber network, we intend to require the individual company that wins this RFP to install wireless access devices every 500 feet on City-owned assets (such as streetlamps) to provide a ubiquitous wireless coverage across all the developed areas within the City of Los Angeles.

We blended those two requirements into what we're calling the LACBN, and we are going to City Council Feb. 14, bringing outside counsel, to help negotiate what will be a very complicated contract with whoever ends up winning this RFP.

NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER

Steve Reneker stands in the network operations centers, which houses systems that manage the security and reliability of the networks in the departments controlled by the City Council.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) and *Alive!* editor John Burnes (right) interview ITA General Manager Steve Reneker in ITA's executive conference room.

Tech on the Rise

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I think the blend of both is right for LA as long as you can respect that we're trying to not compete with the incumbent carriers. We intend for there to be a free component, but we don't want to provide a free component that competes with those already in place. It's going to be a careful balance. It's an exciting effort.

Do you have a timeframe on this?

STEVE: I wish I had a firm time on it. There's a lot to do. My hope would be that the RFP would be released within the next few months and that by summertime we would start some level of contract negotiation, and towards the end of this year we would contract. By the first part of 2015, we'd be looking at construction with the City from right-of-way access and fiber construction, and we're trying to gear up to make sure that we have dedicated resources in the City to smoothen out that permitting and inspection process. All that's coming into play; it's going to be a complex project.

VoIP

What about VoIP – internet-based phones?

STEVE: Right now we don't have a lot of Voice Over IP in LA. The second largest expense that we have in the ITA is with our phone technology, and a lot of that is because we're still using Centrex technology for more than 10,000 lines. When I was here back in the mid-1980s, the same technology for phones we used then is the same technology we're using today.

And it's expensive, isn't it?

STEVE: It's ridiculously expensive. There is some Voice Over IP. We've done our Public Works building, we've done our LAPD building because they moved into a new facility, but there hasn't been a consistent approach. We're having a heck of a time managing and maintaining those environments. But to the rest of the departments out there that are still on Centrex, we don't have fiber to it so we're running a data circuit and we're running a legacy voice circuit to it. We could converge all that and save a huge amount of money in our telecommunication expenses by running fiber. So our first strategy is get fiber there. Once you have the fiber there, we can go to VoIP. Or, because we have a lot of young workforce folks coming in and everybody's used to a mobile device, you can have your mobile device – if it's City-issued – be your City device. We have to change some policies and procedures. We can also leverage our PCs to actually be soft phones.

So fiber to every City building is ...

STEVE: ... the foundation for what everything else will be built on.

Does VoIP come before the LACBN initiative?

STEVE: It will be part of it.

The Cloud

You also mentioned the Cloud. What are the advantages of going to the Cloud rather than maintain your own server farm? Is disaster preparedness a big reason?

STEVE: The Cloud is nothing but an external shared data center somewhere in the United States; it doesn't matter where it is. But the bottom line there: It's backed up. As we



City of Los Angeles App: MyLA311

The City's new iPhone and Android app, MyLA311 (displayed by Club CEO John Hawkins, left, and ITA General Manager Steve Reneker), allows the user to pay their DWP bill; report graffiti, potholes and street lighting problems; and many other functions.



'Anytime we come across a piece that's broken, we don't Band-Aid it, we replace it.'

refresh our technology, we need to evaluate the cost of buying new versus provisioning it up at another data center. We can share those resources with others and to get that cost down.

We're always going to have a data center in the City, so it's not like we're going to put everything in the Cloud. There are some things from a security perspective or due to the complexity of what it serves that need to be here. But with that being said, we have more than 20 data centers in the City today, and that's a very inefficient expense. Could it be consolidated? It could, but the best place to start the consolidation is in the Cloud. We need to collaborate with all of our departments and come up with a robust solution for them to make decisions as they refresh their technology.

How will we look 10 years from now? Probably we'll have fewer data centers; most of it will be in the Cloud and will leverage a built-in disaster recovery platform so if there ever is some catastrophic event that hits LA and destroys much of our infrastructure here, we can easily provide connectivity to those data centers to restore services because it's in the Cloud, maybe hosted in a data center in some other state.

What percent do you think will go into the Cloud of the data functionality that you have now?

STEVE: If I had to guess, probably about 70 percent.

The Mayor

We usually don't talk about politics, but does the mayor make a difference in the ability to move fast, to move at all?

STEVE: Absolutely. He has brought on a chief information technology officer who is collaborating with firms, the private sector, incubators and venture capital, and that depends on getting high-speed broadband out to these centers so that people will want to develop here and create here. We're the media mecca of the United States, and so you would expect that a lot of the technology talent will be drawn here, especially if you have gigabit speeds in broadband; then entertainment companies will flock here.

The mayor's family are fourth-generation Angelenos, and he wants to put LA on the map and get it to where it needs to be; he's got big vision, and it's the general managers who work for him who are going to make it happen.

Recreating the City's official Website, www.lacity.org, shown at left, was one of the first priorities of General Manager Steve Reneker.

Improving Morale

There's a sense that the morale was low at ITA prior to your arrival. How are you changing that, and why is it important?

STEVE: Morale has been low because of the economic impacts on the City, and every department has been impacted. We're all doing more with less, and you've got to ask yourselves how long will it be before things just break. The leadership understands where they're coming from and that it's our responsibility to work with them and try to figure out how we can change that. In my particular case, anytime that we come across a technology piece that breaks or is broken, we don't Band-Aid it, we replace it. It's our responsibility to make sure that we just don't keep fixing the problems that already exist when we know they're just going to reoccur.

Right.

STEVE: We created what we call a service level task force. Anytime we have an outage, we work with staff. We don't reprimand them over it, we basically let them know, hey, we're in this with you and we need to figure out a solution. How do we prevent this from reoccurring? It all comes down to working together and coming up with solutions and use state of the art technology available today, which in most cases is a lot less expensive than it was when they initially implemented it. I think they recognize that. I think they are excited that change is coming – maybe not as fast as they would like, ITA now has a strategic plan out there, which we haven't had for many, many years.

Online Government

Government's going online everywhere, at least in this country. You're leveraging the Web to do things that might've been done in far slower and more costly ways more efficiently.

STEVE: That's exactly right, and so when you take a look at the redesign of Lacity.org, the focus really is leveraging what we've learned over the last 10 years. We capture statistics and we know where people are going on our Website. It was taking people eight and nine clicks to get to the most popular sites; why shouldn't it only be one to two clicks away? The whole redesign was focused around those things that are most important to the citizens.

And a lot of the cool features that we've added in there – getting access to live audio and live video feeds of council meetings and things like that – provide a lot of enhanced capabilities that weren't there in the past.

What about voting online?

STEVE: Voting in the City, even though it's done by the City Clerk, is mandated by the State of California, the Secretary of the State. They determine how voting is done and whether



New 311 Director Donna Arrechea leads a tour of the 311 call center with ITA General Manager Steve Reneker and Club CEO John Hawkins. In the bottom photo, Donna explains the data on the monitor – the live call volume and other statistics.



electronic voting machines can be used. I think it would be great if we could vote online for our elected officials. I think you'd see turnout numbers increase significantly. But there's a lot of concern by groups out there that the security aspects of voting online just aren't quite there yet. I tend to disagree with that. You know, certainly if you can pay your taxes online, you can do your banking online, we should be able to learn how to vote online securely. But that's where things are, and I hope that will change in the future.

A broader question: As the government becomes increasingly online, it costs money to bring it into your home. Channel 35 costs me money because I have to pay my cable company to be able to watch it. Is there a way to get government without it costing money? Right now I can walk up to the counter in Finance and pay my taxes, but to pay them online, I've got to pay my internet provider. Is the future going to mean I have to pay to get the government into my house?

STEVE: I would hope not. This is where the LACBN will really come in. If we can provide a distribution mechanism to every household regardless of income level and you can get some level of free, and if that free is good enough to be able to stream Channel 35 stream from LACity.org down there, I think we've bridged that divide. But, I think it remains to be seen on how this contract is negotiated and what those streaming speeds or whether streaming will even be allowed for those low-income people for free, whether there will be maybe some lower cost paid offerings that will allow that streaming to take place.

And, I suppose I can get Wi-Fi through the library and it doesn't cost anything.
STEVE: That's correct.

You can always access your government through the library.
STEVE: And through most community centers and senior centers as well.

Channel 35

Speaking of Channel 35, it's transitioning and moving down to Olvera Street.
STEVE: It is. We were leveraging the old Merced Theater that's down there. We're looking at actually restoring the theater and also provisioning it so that there's some public access component to it, maybe a Black Box Theater or maybe a live audience type of viewing, and leveraging Channel 35 to be part of that. The rest would be the studios, which right now we're spending some very expensive dollars on a leased facility where they're located, and they're fragmented in a couple of different locations.
We've very excited about that. Channel 35 is the voice of LA to the people. It's a way to find out what's going on in City Hall, and find out about our history. What's really exciting about what we're doing with Channel 35 isn't just moving them, but we're going to go from analog technology to solid-state technology. And that means we'll be able to support high-definition TV. We're also leveraging a lot more sophisticated technology from an ADA perspective. Everything we're starting to do now going forward is going to have closed-captioning. We're looking at a YouTube presence where all the content that we create will be up on a Channel 35 YouTube channel.

What about content?
STEVE: Again, we've been impacted by the downturn. We used to create a lot of our own content, but the staffing today isn't really able to do that. So we're the content distributors more than creators. We will still have a studio and we'll definitely offer our resources to be able to do some type of reoccurring types of programming, but for most of the creative pieces, we'll have to contract that out.

Is the future of Channel 35 going to be online, or will it still be part of a mandate to cable systems in the City of LA to deliver that to the City?
STEVE: It will be over all media.

Cable and tablets.
STEVE: Right. It's on the Web today, so on your tablet or your mobile device you can go to out today and watch the council meetings or anything that's broadcast live over Channel 35.



The End of Windows XP

I have to talk to you about Windows XP. I just saw recently in USA Today that finally Microsoft is no longer going to support it. Drawing it down is part of your strategic plan.

STEVE: Mayor Garcetti's Executive Directive 2 was all around cyber security. We actually have a cyber intrusion command center that is there to be an entity for all the departments to report any cyber-related incidents that occur. In collaboration with the Mayor's Office, the LAPD, the Secret Service and the FBI, we all share intelligence and information and are able to harden our infrastructure, but you only can do that based on your weakest link. Our weakest link is Windows XP. Microsoft will no longer publish patches after April 8, and so we've made that a priority to make sure that everything has been upgraded to at least Windows 7. It doesn't get us up to today's standard, but at least we get to something that runs all of our applications that people need access to. The LAPD is probably the biggest one with I think about 4,500 PCs left to go, and here we are with seven weeks to go before that deadline. They're going to make it.
We're very diligent. We do weekly reporting on it right now. We've got huge teams of both contract workers, interns and City staff doing those remediation efforts right now. The complicated piece is that we have maybe 100 or 200 PCs with applications that won't support anything else other than XP. I think we've got a strategy well in hand to address that.

Open Data

What is open data?
STEVE: That's Executive Directive 3 from Mayor Garcetti. It's leveraging all of the data that we have in all of our departments. We as a City have not done a good job sharing data across departments, yet alone with the public. There's a huge effort led by Ron Galperin, our Controller. He lifted up Control Panel LA in just about four to six weeks. Now there's transparency with all of our financial and payroll data. We're going to put everything that's nonfinancial/non-payroll on an open data Website. The mayor's office already has the product in place. You'll see that being announced next month. We have a very, very diligent effort being done by all the departments to populate datasets that are up there so that the public will have access to information that they've never had before, we hope reducing all of our public records requests. We want to

learn from that. We want to try to find apps that maybe we can incorporate, or maybe entrepreneurs out there in the City can develop, that will enable a more efficient government.
That data sharing is one of the reasons that the 311 app is great.
STEVE: That's exactly right.

When you sleep? How do you keep a city this size moving forward with technology moving as fast as it does?
STEVE: We try to prioritize what we can do; you can do only so much with the resources you have. You can't do it all. You've got to be realistic about it. We prioritize projects based on funding, staffing constraints, and what is most important to the City. That strategy enables everybody to keep going and enables us to get sleep at night. And to make sure we're all working as a team.
Thanks for your time.
STEVE: You're welcome. ■



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins and ITA General Manager Steve Reneker tour the ITA's network operations center (NOC). Many of the NOC's functions will be moving into the cloud.



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Coloring with Mariana!



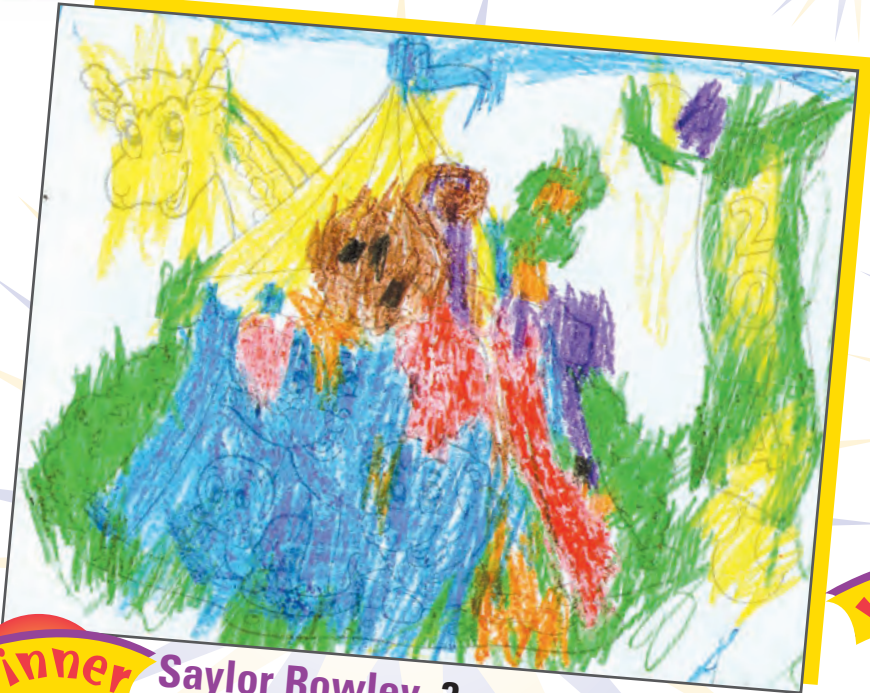
The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Compiled by Mariana Guevara, Club Store Manager

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

Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

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



Winner 5 & under YEARS OLD

Saylor Rowley, 3

- BIRTHDAY: July 8 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Curious George"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Apples and strawberries • BEST FRIEND: Mara
- WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM AND WHY: Because I want to ride rides but not scary ones. • PARENT: Jaren Rowley, DWP



Winner 6 to 7 YEARS OLD

Samantha Velasquez, 7

- BIRTHDAY: March 9 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Good Luck Charlie"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Apples • BEST FRIEND: Amy
- WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM AND WHY: Because I like the roller coasters and having fun with my family.
- PARENT: Robert Contreras, Rec and Parks

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Aidan Bracamontes	3	Diego Bracamontes	LAPD
Emma Christopher	3	James Christopher	DWP
Matthew Lansang	4	Leann Lansang	LAPD
Collin Sousa	4	John Sousa	Airports
Colin Taylor	4	Real Paradise	Retired
Jessie Tovar	4	Katherine Tovar	Rec and Parks
Joshua Estrada	5	Ramon Estrada	Harbor
Belle Hernandez	5	Mark Hernandez	DWP
Brooklyn Isparro	5	Dominick Isparro	LAPD
Jayde Martin	5	Mario Martin	General Services
Hector Meza Jr.	5	Hector Meza	General Services
Jewel Mutuc	5	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP
Robert Ruiz Jr.	5	Robert Ruiz	DWP
Emily Simmons	5	Elizabeth Simmons	Airports
Sophia Urena	5	Maria Key	DWP
Isabella Vargas	5	Jacqueline Zambrano	Airports
Rebecca Wamsley	5	Steve Wamsley	Rec and Parks
Leyla Yoshida	5	Eric Yoshida	DWP
Adriana Agustin	6	Norris Eaton	Public Works
Jack Christopher	6	James Christopher	DWP
Nicholas Pelayo	6	Ullis Pelayo	DWP
Brodi Kai Perez	6	Michael Perez	LAFD
Omar Reza	6	Guillermo Reza	Rec and Parks
Carley Azevedo	7	Chris Azevedo	Airports
Olivia Cruz	7	Mardoqueo Cruz	Public Works
Rossi Glenchur	7	Mark Glenchur	LAFD
Sofia Hernandez	7	Luis Hernandez	DWP
Gianna Moutes	7	Tom Moutes	LACERS
Aubrey Navarro	7	Rhonda Navarro	Retired
Lily Pagnella	7	Rodney Dishman	Retired
Angel Reza	7	Guillermo Reza	Rec and Parks
Shane Rowley	7	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Addison Sousa	7	John Sousa	Airports
Julia Taylor	7	Real Paradise	Retiree
Garrett Viado	7	Leticia Lopez	Rec and Parks
Kiara Yoshida	7	Eric Yoshida	DWP
Brianna Gonzalez	8	Frank Gonzalez	Retiree
Sydney Hernandez	8	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Brillana Munoz	8	Martha Castaneda	LAPD
Lucas Plascencia	8	Gustavo Plascencia	City Attorney
Mia Ponce	8	Cesar Ponce	Transportation

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Arianna Roberts	8	Saturo Tanaka	Retiree
Victor Tario	8	Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports
Cheyenne Tovar	8	Katherine Tovar	Rec and Parks
Raymond Trinh	8	Thai Viet Trinh	Public Works
Nadia Gallarzo	9	Georgina Tamayo	Housing
Annaka Guerrero	9	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Allison Kim	9	Yang Kim	DWP
Jaime Lorenzo	9	Ed Lorenzo	DWP
Kennady Rowley	9	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Claudia De Loera	10	Jorge De Loera	Rec and Parks
Aresha Echols	10	Charles Echols	Retired
Angel Galicia-Cooper	10	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Mia Hernandez	10	Luis Hernandez	DWP
Iman Holmes	10	Edward Holmes	Public Works
Pestinee Inman	10	Renee Ramirez	LAFD
Reyna Johnson	10	Rhonda Baychue	LAPD
Kristin Kohles	10	Chris Kohles	DWP
Gracel Mutuc	10	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP
Nichelle Perkins	10	Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Retired
Elisa Ruiz	10	Robert Ruiz	DWP
Christopher Soto	10	Jose Canales	Retired
Francesca Espinoza	11	George Espinoza	Public Works
Tamia Green	11	Dawnitta Verrett	Airports
Jackie Ibarra	11	Elvia Ibarra	LAPD
Zachary Oghinian	11	George Oghinian	General Services
Peter Otoshi	11	John Otoshi	DWP
Brandon Roberts	11	Saturo Tanaka	Retired
Asia Chapman	12	Donna Cox	Retired
Shawn Jackson Jr.	12	Phyllis Massey	Retired
Raphael Mutuc	12	Lyzel Mutuc	DWP
Tanya Vargas	12	Phillip Vargas Jr.	DWP
Viviana Arredondo	13	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Priscilla Fuentes	13	Sonia Romero-Fuentes	DWP
Hannah Harrison	13	Michael Harrison	Rec and Parks
Natalia Hernandez	13	Luis Hernandez	DWP
Hector Olivares	13	Yoly Ortiz	General Services
Joseph Otoshi	13	John Otoshi	DWP
Emily Reyes	13	Alfredo Reyes	Public Works
Destiny Sanchez	13	Ida Curtis Rice	Retired



Winner 8 to 10 YEARS OLD

Karis Meade, 9

- BIRTHDAY: February 15 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hey Arnold"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Chips • BEST FRIEND: Naijah • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM AND WHY: I want to go this park because I want to see Snoopy. • PARENT: Samuel Meade, LAPD



Winner 11 to 13 YEARS OLD

Lilac Cobos, 12

- BIRTHDAY: December 6 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Teen Wolf"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Grapes and cucumbers with chili powder • BEST FRIEND: Ashley and Natalie • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM AND WHY: I want to go to this park because I've never been there and I would like to go with my family. • PARENT: Raul Cobos, Public Works

The City Parties!

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

Food Drive

As part of its holiday celebration, the West Valley Sanitation Yard held a food drive for the Guadalupe Center in Canoga Park. Employees at West Valley Sanitation collected four large barrels of canned food that weighed about 200 pounds each. This was the fourth year that West Valley Sanitation supported the community food bank. Employees also collect food for Thanksgiving and Easter. Special thanks go to Brian Sibert and Ken Lampton.



Organizers of the West Valley Food Drive included, from left: Julio Cruz, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of City service; Miguel Cornejo, RCTO, 6 years; Ken Lampton, Refuse Collection Field Supervisor, 38 years; Brian Sibert, RCTO II, 25 years; James Bell, RCTO II, 26 years; Arthur Hall, RCTO, 6 years; Lee Jackson, RCTO, 9 years; and Santos Duran, RCTO, 6 years.

Part 3
Special Holiday Party Section

The City Parties!

All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And Alive! was there!

Here in March, Alive! concludes its coverage of the City Social Season 2013, with stories and photos from Club staff... and sent in by you, too.

Enjoy the memories!

West Valley Sanitation

Story by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations



Holiday Lunch

Public Works' West Valley Sanitation Yard held a number of activities around its annual holiday lunch. The lunch itself was held Dec. 11 at the yard. Special thanks go to Brian Sibert.



From left: Ron Perez 1 year of City service; Robert Anzini, 11 years; Brian Vansloten, 2 years; Kenny Marti, 16 years; Martin Valadez, 10 years; Jabari Whitake, 13 years; James Bell, 28 years; Richard Guzman, 19 years; Kevin House, 7 years; John Diaz, 19 years; Brian Sibert, 26 years; John Fairbanks, Retired, 30 years; Steve Tennant, 8 years; Marco Tapia, 5 years; Damien Durham, 27 years; and Joseph Martinez, 1 year.



From left: Mike Jenkins, with his friends Lorraine and Joseph Martinez, 1 year of City service.



From left: Gabriel Estevane, 9 years of City service, and Daniel Soto, 8 years.



From left: Kevin House, 7 years of City service, and John Diaz, 19 years.



From left: Richard Guzman, 19 years of City service; and Brian Sibert, 26 years.



Jabari Whitake, 13 years of City service, is happy to see the Club visiting the yard during the holiday season.



These toys eventually made their way to the LAFD Training Center for the Spark of Love toy drive.

The City Parties!

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Toy Drive

As part of West Valley Sanitation Yard's holiday festivities, it held a toy drive, benefitting both the Toys for Tots and the LAFD's Spark of Love toy drives.

Toys were brought to the lunch Dec. 11 to be part of the drive. About 300 toys were donated. The toy drive was led by Ray Cruz and Ken Lampton.

The toys were delivered Dec. 20 to the LAFD Training Center in Elysian Park.



From left: Arman Martirosian, 12 years of City service; Jaime Garcia, 8 years; Richard Guzman, 19 years; and Ray Cruz, Superintendent, 30 years.



LAFD Training Center was used to store all the toys delivered from all parts of the City – minus the cannon behind the scenes.



From left: Jaime Garcia and Richard Cruz.



Story by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

Emergency Help

Every year during the holidays, West Valley Sanitation employees help a family that would otherwise not experience Christmas – without a Christmas tree, presents or a holiday dinner. But the employees, within 72 hours of learning the needs of this family, provided them a wonderful Christmas.

Alexis Delucia, a student at Noble Elementary School, wrote a letter thanking people who provided Christmas toys for him and fellow students through a separate toy drive. He revealed in the letter that the gift he received through that program would likely be the only Christmas gift he would receive.

Upon learning this, his fifth-grade teacher, Caryn Day, posted the letter on social media last December and was contacted by a friend who knows Gwen Derby, wife of West Valley Sanitation employee Mike Derby. Mike relayed the information to Brian Sibert, West Valley employee and vice president of the West Valley Employees Chapter. This group focuses on helping the community and organizes picnics and holiday events.

Within 72 hours of Caryn's Internet post, West Valley Sanitation employees brought the family a Christmas tree with lights, seven bags of food including two Honeybaked hams, and \$400.

Caryn said, "It was unbelievable how quickly they brought toys and all the Christmas goodies for Alexis and his family. Brian Sibert and John Diaz and all those at West Valley Sanitation are miracle workers."

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles salutes the employees at West Valley Sanitation for their commitment to the community and this family.

The Club thanks the employees at West Valley Sanitation for letting us know, including the officers of the West Valley Employees Chapter. This includes Richard Guzman, President; Brian Sibert, Vice President; Feliz Alonzo, Treasurer; and Juan Esquivel, Secretary.



The contributions from West Valley Sanitation employees made a difference to hundreds of children across Los Angeles.



Michael Marquez, LAFD, Firefighter and Toy Program Coordinator, 24 years of City service, has known West Valley toy drive leader Ray Cruz since elementary school.



The toy delivery truck from West Valley Sanitation.

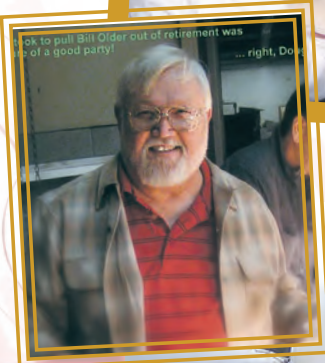
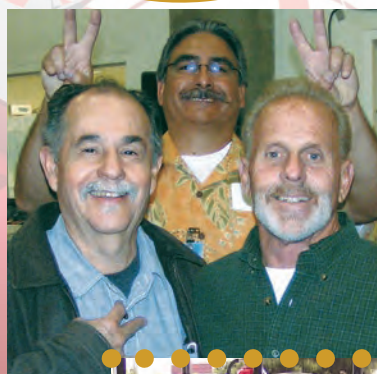
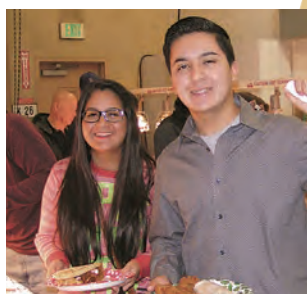


It was a dual effort from LAFD and Public Works/Sanitation to deliver toys that West Valley Sanitation Yard was able to contribute to the Spark of Love toy program.



From left: Juan Delucia, Brian Chavez, Alexis Delucia and Wylmar Delucia.

The City Parties!



Story by Maurice Hyett; Photos courtesy Construction Forces/Building Maintenance

General Services Construction Forces and Building Maintenance

General Services/Construction Forces and Building Maintenance Divisions held their annual holiday potluck party Dec. 19 at Piper Tech.

Here's a report from Maurice Hyett:

General Services and its Construction Forces and Building Maintenance divisions hosted their annual winter holiday potluck extravaganza for staff and family, retirees and friends at its Piper Technical Center campus. And this was one holiday event not to be outdone, featuring a scrumptious and festive luncheon and treats, games, contests, raffles, a fire engine, a police squad car and special use vehicles, heliport and helicopter tours, music, Santa Claus and gifts... and food, food, and yet more food!

Special guests this year included Department Manager Tony Royster, LAFD Capt. Alex Gatica, and LAPD Air Support Division Tactical Flight Officer Renee Muro, whose appearances were well received as always. Their participation is especially anticipated – from the always-inspiring words of Tony Royster, to the action-packed tours aboard a working fire engine (compliments of nearby Fire Station 4), to hair-raising excitement delivered by the whirling rotors and aerial flybys of the mighty LAPD helicopters and their fearless pilots! What's not to like?

Department employees joined in on the hosting role as well, and in a big way – by preparing a variety of “family favorite” specialty dishes that all together make for one humongous layout and feast! Staff also

teams together throughout the year selling sodas and snacks, and they recycle cans and bottles to pay for the gifts and extra potluck items. And in the giving spirit of the holidays, not unlike Santa with his gifts for all the children at the party, a long-held tradition continued as employees boxed up and delivered hearty luncheon leftovers to those in need nearby, in downtown L.A.

So take it away and enjoy! Let the pictures tell the whole story. We invite you to have a look and relive the event through images. And if you weren't able to attend, immerse yourself now and let your imagination place you in the moment, December 19, 2013... certainly a day to remember!

Special thanks go to the following, for their generous support and extra help with the event:

- David Paschal, AGM, General Services
- George Yamanaka, LAPD Motor Transport Division
- Mike Goodrich, LAPD Motor Transport Division
- Sgt. George Gonzales, LAPD Air Support Division, Piper Technical Center
- Capt. Patrick Valenzuela, LAFD
- LAFD Fire Station 4 and all its Firefighters and staff
- Robert Larios, Vice President, Operations, City Employees Club

May 2014 be a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all!

The City Parties!



From left: Vicky Arujo, 19 years of City service, Club Member; Angelica Harro, 18 years; Mae Ford, 23 years, Club Member; Eva Espinosa, 23 years, Club Member; Julia Cesena, 17 years, Club Member since 1997; and Toni Diaz, 33 years.



From left: Officer Beverly Beasley, LAPD, 25 years of City service and Secretary of LAWPOA, Club Member; and PSR Leona Reed, 25 years, Sergeant-at-Arms, LAWPOA.



Rommel Fabella, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Police Chief Charlie Beck and PSR Anthony Rivers.



Event host Mike Ellington, Club Member.



PST Anthony Rivers starts his travels.



Jacqueline Simmons, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 14 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development; and Howard Tien, Sr. PSR I, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member.



Angie Romar, Club Member since 1984, at the LAWPOA table.



LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck.



At the event.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

LAPD Santa Cycle

The LAPD's 2013 Cycling for Santa event, held Dec. 11, raised funds for the newly established LAPD Civilian Employee Memorial Fund. All proceeds from this event went directly into this fund. Those who participated in the Elf Walk and other donors who made a \$35 or more contribution received a free Cycling for Santa T-shirt.

PSR Anthony Rivers departed on his cycle at approximately 9:30 a.m. from the MCDC for the event, which was held at LAPD headquarters.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN A
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"That Coca-Cola feeling – It would've been cooler if I captured the bubble at half-burst, on the upper right corner. But I'll take what I can get."

– Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: Another prize-winning photo, Dominique! Simply priceless!



"My husband, David, is an amazing photographer. He has won many awards with his great photos. He has a great eye as you can see! These incredible shots of a bobcat 'kitten' were taken on our property in Bear Valley Springs in Tehachapi. My husband got up close and personal as this little guy perched in our huge oak tree."

– Cheri Hadley for David Hadley

John's comment: Is this cute or what! I am amazed that he stayed around long enough for his photo shoot. Nice work, David, and we'd like to see more of your photos!



"I snapped this picture at the Santa Monica beach."

– Christine Pham, LAPD

John's comment: Christine, I am a sucker for sunsets, and this one is especially nice. Oh, and that seagull caught in the dusty orange of the sun's burst is *perfect*!



"I went to visit my daughter, Denise, in New York last November. I took a friend with me who had never experienced the Big Apple. Taking her to see the Statue of Liberty was a must. Even though it was chilly, we were fortunate that the sun was shining on this day."

– Rose Serrato, Sr. Property Officer, LAPD

John's comment: Rose, it's a phenomenal photo – I love the framing of the sky, buildings and water. Oh, and you caught the seagull at just the right time!



"My youngest niece Audrey's first Christmas!"

– Cheryl Garcia

John's comment: Ha! I love this picture; it makes me laugh. Thank you, Cheryl!

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@city-employeesclub.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.

CLUB

Valentines

Due to a transmission error, this Valentine did not appear in our blockbuster February issue. It was Rodney's fourth consecutive Club Valentine submission, and we're happy to keep that tradition going, Rodney.

"Isabella sweetheart, we make each other smile every day. You are my forever love. Happy Pre-Valentine's Day! Heart, Papa."

– Rodney Bernaldo, Public Works/Sanitation

Rec and Parks

Earth Day On the Coast

Cabrillo Aquarium hosts annual Earth Day Fair.

Club Members are invited to join the 44th Annual Earth Day Fair and Coastal Bird Fest at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Sat., April 19, with a day of free programs including a beach cleanup, demonstrations, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh and more.

Participants can help be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m., with supplies and refreshments provided. There will be exhibitor booths and presentations throughout the day and see what people are doing to help care for the earth. Musicians will share about the ocean through songs. Participants can learn about the coastal environment and take part in salt marsh open house, habitat walks, coastal bird walks and bird lectures from experts in the field.

Throughout the day the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, visit the touch tank, search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life, observe the newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.

The Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility with support from Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Admission is free; limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour. Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrillo-marineaquarium.org

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Help Us Blanket the City!

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

The last two years, we put out the call to help those 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 to those living on the streets

of downtown LA. 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 the effort? Here's how:

- The military-grade blankets cost \$7 each.
- Contribute what you can, and the Club will 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

Help us to Blanket the City!

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

Place this completed form (with your check made out to Club Angels) in the mail to the address below, or drop off at the Club Store, 120 West 2nd St., downtown. Donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.

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My donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

Payment method:

Club Angels accepts checks of any amount

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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City

State

Zip

Home Phone

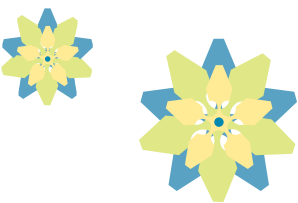
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Club Member Number (if you are a member):

Club Angels is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions to Club Angeles are tax-deductible as defined by the U.S. tax code. Consult your tax professional.



Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

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

Welcome New Members!

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

New Members

Airports

Sylvia Ballard
Joseph Engel

Animal Services

Karrie De Mascio
Steven Feldman
Oliver Gillon
Yvonne Pinzon

Building and Safety

Rodolfo Arias
Victor Turcios

City Attorney

Rita Lynum

City Council

John Jones III

LAFD

Michael Adams
Dane Bulmer
Rafael Garza Jr.
Johnny Gatlin
John Goshorn
Michael Hartley
Robert Knight
Sheldon McKowan
Justin Mendence
Jeffrey Nelson
Jeffery Ochoa
Gordon Reilly III
Daniel Santana
Colin Smith
Don Villalobos
Roman Zavala

General Services

Rafael De La Cruz Nieto
Norman Gladden
Fernando Madrigal
Mike McCullough
Xavier Garzon
William Spain

Harbor

Gabriel Camacho
Marisol Milla

LACERS

Stephanie Castro

Library

Michael Baradi
Sandra Sandoval

Mayor's Office

Luis Mora

Personnel

Ingrid Herda

LAPD

Julio Alfonso
Valerye Burnam
Albert Cardenas
Carlos Carias
Tina Certeza
Eldred Day
Jorge Esquivel
Mary Fencil
Nicholas Garcia
Felicia Hall
Guy Juneau
Aram Khatchaturian

Lester Lopez
Maria Morrison
Greg Shortle
Daniel Thayer Jr.
Cuong Tran
Christopher Vege
William Wales
Justin Wilhelm
Reina Gomez
Kerisha Jackson
Rhonda Maxey
Brandy Rabone

PUBLIC WORKS

PW-Engineering

Rene Ramirez

PW-Sanitation

Fleeta Bingaman
Wesley Coop
Jerry Jarak
Eduardo Peniche
Derik Ray
Raudel Tolentino
Darrell Baker
Art Martinez
Joshua Miranda
Gabriel Ortega
Major Pree
Melba Williams
Maria Halverson

PW-Street Lighting

Craig Brown

PW-Street Services

Winston Chu

Greta Fontenette
Nelber Portillo
Tishandra Merriweather

Rec and Parks

Harold Brooks
Mike McDonald
Jack Montano
Barry Rankins
Myrna Aguilar
Jesus Fregoso
Adrian Gonzalez
Hilarro Zesati
Jose De La Mora
Marina Gutierrez
Sergio Martinez
Pablo Rangel

Transportation

Joe Ceballos
Gaynelle Edwards
Herman Ferguson
Curtis Johnson
Juan Morris
Edgar Rodriguez
Mark Watson
Angela Woods
Jada Franklin
Creshanda Miller
John Modesto

Retired

Linda Clifford
Carl Morgan

DWP

Jacquilyn Preston

Celestine Snoddy

Other

Daniel Brovont
Jean Carter
Maria Cenicerros
Sharon Chow
Al Gockel
John Henderson
Sherman Hewson
John Hyde
Maty Kaiser
Lawrence Kerrigan
Peggy Kopanski
Kenneth Kurowski
Derrick Lee
Joan Martins
Michael Murphy
Craig Myers
Manuel Ornelas
Kenneth Ragland
Josue Rivas
Gregory Robinson
Guillermo Serrano
Kymberly Stocks
Sigmund Stringer
Martha Torres
Frank Versyll
Michael West
Danny Wong
Tae Pyono Yun

Births

Graduations

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

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Get the Law on Your Side

Contact me at
info@cityemployeesclub.com

Have you ever faced a challenging legal issue on your own? Needed legal advice concerning marriage, divorce, child custody, or Power of Attorney? Has a merchant dishonored an agreement? Do you need to update your will or trust? If you have experienced any of these situations, then you know how expensive it can be to hire a lawyer. Due to these events, many people have turned to more affordable legal plans. Even if you haven't had to deal with a traumatic or expensive legal problem in the past, there are many reasons why you would get this type of plan to protect you and your family.

The Club's Family Legal Access plan will let you call about anything you want regarding legal assistance. They will link you with an attorney specializing in the type of law you need. Family Legal Access program offers you and your family value, convenience and peace of mind by giving you access to licensed attorneys for a wide variety of legal services. It's like having your own attorney on retainer. Payments are made conveniently through payroll deductions. Coverage is extended to your spouse, children up to age 23 living in your residence, and parents, whether they live with you or not.

Included Free Legal Benefits:

- Unlimited number of initial 30-minute consultations by phone or in person.
- Simple Will or Living Will prepared for eligible family members, one per plan year.
- Document review for many types of legal documents.
- Dispute resolution to attempt to resolve legal disputes, such as a simple contractor dispute.
- Guaranteed Reduced Rates – Members receive a 25 percent discount on Plan Attorney's hourly rates when legal representation is needed.

- Small Claims Court Preparation – Consultation at no additional cost by phone with attorney to help "coach" members on small claims lawsuits.

Legal matters can be stressful and expensive. The Club's Family Legal Access Plans is there to help every step of the way with affordable legal support. Contact your Club Counselor to enroll and preserve your peace of mind.



Weddings

Roberta and Donald Kosharek, Dec. 21. “After 21 years of dating we finally tied the knot!” Donald works for the **DWP** and Roberta works for the **LA County Sherriff’s Dept.**



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

Special Achievements

Cody Hale attained the rank of Eagle Scout on Nov. 21. He was a member of Troop 213, chartered by the Torrance Elks Lodge #1948. For his Eagle project, he coordinated with the Tree People the planting of 17 trees in Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park. Cody is a senior at California Academy of Math and Science. He plans to attend USC next semester, majoring in mechanical engineering. He’s the son of **Ronald Hale, Public Works/Engineering, and Stephanie Hale, Retired, Harbor.**

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



Military

Anthony Morales graduated basic training and submarine school with the U.S. Navy. “I’m very proud of him,” says dad **Frank Morales, Retired.** “The road to enlistment was long and at times frustrating, but he handled it all with determination and always a smile. He’s living his dream. Son, may all your dreams be lived.”

Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



In Memoriam

It’s Time to Tell Their Story

A new Alive! feature

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



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

Active

- Andrews, La Chana, Airports, 17
- Banuelos-Herrera, Cesar, DWP, 17
- Bautista, Sergio, Public Works, 13
- Brown, Sarah, Transportation, 19
- Harris, Raquel, Transportation, 7
- Kent, Richard, DWP, 35
- Kirk, Rickey, Harbor, 19
- Mann, Gerald, DWP, 22
- Matlock, Randy, Public Works, 21
- Pankaj, Parekh, DWP, 28
- Preciado, Maria, Transportation, 9
- Sumlin, Sonja, Transportation, 8

Retired

- Aguilar, Marian, CDD, 10
- Aguirre, Henry, General Services, 29
- Barnes, Grant, DWP, 35

- Bougetz, Marie, Library, 30
- Carr, Verna, Rec and Parks, 10
- Cepeda, Irene, Housing, 9
- Childs, Phillip, LAPD, 11
- Ciccotelli, Joseph, Public Works, 36
- Cook, Phillip, Rec and Parks, 19
- Corral, Manuel, Building and Safety, 8
- Deguchi, Mary, Finance, 41
- Desselle, Antoinette, Aging, 32
- Fabella, Ramon, CDD, 17
- Fabregas, Serman, Building and Safety, 11
- Fago, Gregory, Rec and Parks, 31
- Fain, Ethel, Controller, 33
- Ferguson, Thomas, DWP, 29
- Fletcher, Chester, DWP, 28
- Garcia, Jose, Public Works, 29
- Gee, George, DWP, 31
- Green, Glenn, Public Works, 8

- Hilt, Charles, DWP, 25
- Howard, Glenn, Public Works, 20
- Jones, Melvin, Airports, 37
- Kostura, Marilyn, Library, 11
- Krambo, Dorothy, Building and Safety, 13
- Kumagai, Fred, LAPD, 29
- Lore, Elmer, DWP, 30
- May, Wiley, Transportation, 25
- Mayeda, James, General Services, 0
- McCarthy, Bernice, Library, 29
- McCullough, Carolyn, Personnel, 10
- McDaniel, Mary, City Attorney, 14
- McDuffie Sr., Johnnie, Rec and Parks, 24
- Mesloh, William, Public Works, 30
- Mitchell, Aaron, General Services, 32
- Muhlstein, James, LACERS, 22
- Paris, David, Airports, 22
- Perez, Imelda, Transportation, 30
- Pregler, Robert, DWP, 17
- Ray, William, Building and Safety, 8
- Richards, Lavern, DWP, 11
- Rodriguez, Ramond, Rec and Parks, 24
- Rojas, Mercedes, City Clerk, 26
- Schumacher, Keith, Building and Safety, 13
- Schutt, Robert, General Services, 32
- Smith, C.R., Public Works, 24
- Sosa, Alfred, DWP, 34
- Tatum, Berry, Building and Safety, 34
- Taylor, Roscoe, General Services, 27
- Terry, John, Public Works, 11
- Tesnow, Connie, Transportation, 9
- Thut, Jan, LAPD, 25
- Trader, David, Public Works, 28
- Triplett, Anthony, Building and Safety, 19
- Uyeda, Shiro, LAPD, 24
- Valencia, Ricardo, Public Works, 37
- Vincelli, Ronald, Building and Safety, 17
- Webb, Quentell, Public Works, 30
- Weinstein, Robin, City Attorney, 32
- Williams, Deseree, CDD, 6
- Williams, Ralph, DWP, 33
- Williams, Roger, Rec and Parks, 19
- Willis, Furman, Housing, 10
- Wilson, Lester, General Services, 17
- Wolf, Ona, Transportation, 7
- Wong, Stephen, City Council, 30
- Woods, Terrence, Rec and Parks, 13



Vicki Laraine Waters
~ 1954 – 2013 ~

Remembering Vicki Laraine Waters General Services

Vicki Laraine Waters passed away Nov. 11 in Atascadero. She was 59.

Vicki was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Carson and graduated from Washington High School. She started her career with the City immediately after high school. Her career with the City entailed working for the LAPD, the City Attorney and General

Services. Vicki will be remembered by her gentleness, soft voice, warm and friendly demeanor, her vivacious energy and her beautiful smile.

Vicki was a loving and devoted mother to her son, Joel Michael Anderson II. She was admired and loved by many. She was an active member of her church, serving as secretary,

treasurer and Sunday school teacher, as well as many other positions she willingly accepted with a smile.

Vicki was an only child and is survived by her son, Michael, and her parents, Richard and Dneva Waters. Vicki had a special group of male cousins, the Grants – Cary Sr., Wendell Sr., Lloyd, Martin, Jerome, Joseph and Andre Sr.

– who were like brothers to her.

Vicki will be remembered as a genuine kind-hearted person with a generous spirit and for her love of the Lord, her family and friends.

– Submitted by
Vicki’s mother, Dneva Waters,
and Diane Fisher (Ellis)



Public Works

Story by Enrique C. Zaldivar, Public Works/Sanitation;
Photos by Jose Lozano, Public Works

Goodbye, Cora

Cora Jackson-Fossett, Club Member, retires after a great City career of 36 years.

Two retirement parties were required to say goodbye to longtime City employee and Club Member Cora Jackson-Fossett, who retired after 36 years of City service as the Public Affairs Director, Public Works.

On Jan. 29, friends, coworkers and family attended a morning ceremony in the Board of Public Works Roybal Session Room, and then an evening retirement reception in the City Hall Rotunda.

As the Public Affairs Director for Public Works, Cora directed 14 staff in the development and implementation of strategic corporate communications programs.

Under her leadership, the Public Works Public Affairs Office has been the recipient of nine industry awards for its outstanding, creative and effective communications programs. In addition, Jackson-Fossett has received five Los Angeles Emmy nominations for producing videos/DVDs about Public Works activities and operations.

Also, she serves as vice president of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Professional Managers Association, the bargaining unit representing the City's top-level employees and was president from 2006 to 2012 of the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel, the official representative for City employees of African-American heritage.

In 2010, Jackson-Fossett was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Public Works Association as Director — Public Works Management and Leadership. She is the first African American woman to serve on the National Board of the 28,000-member organization.

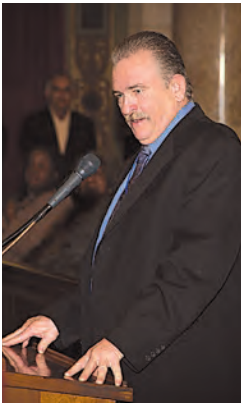
Jackson-Fossett was featured in the publication, *Who's Who in Black Los Angeles* for three consecutive years. In 2008, she was recognized by the Los Angeles Business Journal as one of LA's most successful women and in 2009, she was inducted into the National Association of University Women's Hall of Fame.

A member of Brookins Community A.M.E. Church since 1987, Jackson-Fossett serves as a Sunday school teacher, chairs the Public Relations Commission, and is a member of the Steward Board. In addition, she is the Religion Editor for the Los Angeles Sentinel newspaper, the largest African American weekly paper on the West Coast.

Jackson-Fossett earned a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University and completed graduate courses at Columbia College in Chicago. Also, she holds certificates in marketing management and standardized emergency management.

She previously served as Principal Public Relations Representative for Los Angeles International Airport, and newsletter editor and public affairs specialist at the Gary, Ind., Chicago and Long Beach postal facilities.

Cora, for all you have done to keep the Club connected to events at Public Works and the LAABP, we say thanks, and we wish you a great retirement.



Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema*

The Monuments Men

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A group of art professionals is assigned to rescue art masterpieces stolen by the Nazis as World War II ends in Europe.

With a wonderful cast including writer/director George Clooney, Cate Blanchett, Bill Murray and others, *The Monuments Men* leads the platoon on a “mission impossible” tale of capers, outsmarting the Nazis and eventually the Russians in this based-on-a-true-story tale of heroism. Despite the current controversy swirling around this group’s endeavors (ignoring the death camps and other atrocities), *The Monuments Men* is an entertaining action film, but vacuous and not very enlightening, given the subject matter.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Monuments Men

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

While *The Monuments Men* has an interesting premise based on real-life events during World War II, its lack of compelling storytelling, lack of interesting narrative and mediocre character development make it kind of hard to watch and enjoy. I could spend hours and hours watching the Military Channel and H2 regarding everything about WWII, but this film lacks anything that makes the shows on those channels intriguing. Instead it feels like it is undeserved of the viewer’s attention and is almost like one huge propaganda film that was released 60 years too late.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Monuments Men

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

A motley gang of art lovers find themselves recruited by Frank Stokes (George Clooney) into World War II and into an unusual unit with the job of saving artworks from possible destruction by the Nazis. They become *The Monuments Men*, some of who died to save great works that otherwise would not exist today. It’s a fascinating real story that still resonates now. The movie itself is not quite all that: With some anachronistic dialogue (surely no one said “We have been tasked...” in 1943), humor misfires and lack of clear direction, it never quite gels together. A good ensemble cast lifts this to the level of an enjoyable romp.

– Dearbhla McNulty, Club Wife

The LEGO Movie

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

To quote the Sara and Tegan song that is featured in the film, “Everything is Awesome” about *The LEGO Movie*. Yeah, it is a huge 100-minute-long ad for the toy sets we all know and love (and hate when we step on that one errant piece), but it has more heart and soul than 90 percent of the films that have been released this year so far. Whimsical, completely adorable, fun and entertaining to its core, this film surprised me with just how good it is. My kids and I were laughing throughout the entire film and even went back for a second viewing the following week.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

12 Years a Slave

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Movie entertainment is rarely as profound-

ly affecting, as immersive an experience as is *12 Years a Slave*. The story of Solomon Northup, born free but abducted and then sold into slavery in the South, *12 Years a Slave* is a difficult, unflinching look at slavery, and no part of society is untouched. With his hopes of freedom slowly quashed over the years, Northup’s dream of living free again is eventually ground down. The movie tells a tough tale, but one that richly rewards the viewer. Beautifully shot, lyrically told and with outstanding performances all around, *12 Years a Slave* is deserving of more Oscars than it has been nominated for. If you haven’t already seen it, go.

– Dearbhla McNulty, Club Wife

In Secret

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The novel *Therese Raquin* by Emile Zola is a classic novel about love, tragedy and revenge. The film *In Secret* is an adaptation of this masterpiece but fails to really capture any of the magic the novel has. It has a really strong cast, but horrible pacing and subpar directing and editing make this film almost wooden and soulless. If you want to see a really good adaptation of *Therese Raquin*, check out the Korean film *Thirst*, which is loosely based on this familiar story... and it has vampires. As for *In Secret*, watch if you must, just don’t expect much.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Pompeii

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Okay, I will admit that I think that *Pompeii* is a guilty pleasure film. I know that it has a completely corny and unrealistic story, and that this sword and sandal film set against the last days of the ill-fated city it is named for is being widely panned, but damn if I didn’t love the whole Mount Vesuvius eruption scene and the sequences that followed. The acting is decent enough, but it is the special effects in the film that won me over. If you want some kind of substance in your films, avoid this one. Only the explosive ending is worth most viewer’s time.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Winter’s Tales

Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

I never read the source book that *Winter’s Tale* is based on, but I am sure it has to be more entertaining and coherent than this horrible film. I was so lost watching this film that I couldn’t decide if I wanted Colin Farrell and Jessica Brown Findlay to end up together or if he should end up with someone else because, well... honestly, I fell asleep during the film. It was dull in every sense of the word. I could find no appeal in the film despite desperately trying to like it for my wife’s sake.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

RoboCop

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The reboot of *RoboCop* is a lot better than I ever thought it would be, but that really isn’t saying much, is it? The original *RoboCop* film was a campy action film that is a classic now but certainly didn’t win any critics over back in the day. The new film, while devoid of the camp, does make for a better action film and even feels a bit more real than the older film, but it isn’t good enough to really surpass the original. The new film could have used a bit more charm, but it’s good for what it is.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Video Gaming

• *Video games via online, rental or purchase*

The LEGO Movie Videogame

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The *LEGO Movie Videogame* is kind of an enigma to me. While *The LEGO Movie* was completely awesome, and past LEGO based videogames have been equally as impressive, this game seems to be a bit lacking when it comes to style and performance. It has everything you would want from the movie in the game, but the final presentation and gameplay just don’t quite seem up to par for what fans expect from the series. I wish it could have been as good as past LEGO properties, but somehow the magic just isn’t quite there this time around.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Bravely Default

Rated T for Teen

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I love it when Japanese RPGs make an impact the way that *Bravely Default* has in the United States. It is a fun and addictive game in the vein of past *Final Fantasy* games, of which it happens to be a sort of spiritual successor of, and makes full use of the tropes that the FF series has developed over the years. Smart, intuitive and challenging, this game is everything that JRPG fans, as well as western RPG fans, fall in love with. If you own a Nintendo 3DS, you should really think about getting this game for your collection.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Earth Defense Force 2025

Rated M for Mature

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Graphically the game is inferior to other third-person shooters out there, but the interesting story and addictive gameplay make this game worth so much more than the player can visually see. The crazy workings of the game, coupled with some intriguing sequences, will definitely make this game worth the time spent playing through it.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

Takedown Twenty

Janet Evanovich

Women’s fiction, 307 pages

Bantam Books

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In this continuing saga of the Trenton, N.J. bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum goes after mobster Salvatore “Uncle Sunny” Sunucchi, who is accused of murder and is running from the law. He also happens to be Stephanie’s godfather. Everyone is trying to hide Uncle Sunny, even Trenton cop Joe Morelli’s grandmother, Bella. Meanwhile Ranger, a security specialist, needs Stephanie’s help to solve the murder of a woman who played bingo with Stephanie’s Grandma Mazur at the senior center. These two murders are somehow linked, which Stephanie must try to solve. On top of that there is a giraffe named Kevin running loose in Trenton.

This amusing novel by Janet Evanovich is very entertaining.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Valley of Amazement

Amy Tan

Women’s fiction, 589 pages

HarperCollins

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is the story of a mother and daughter’s life experience in Shanghai in 1912. Violet Minturn and her mother, Lulu Mimi, are separated when the Ching dynasty is overturned after Violet’s uncle sells her in a brothel, and she grows up learning the ways of becoming a shrewd virgin courtesan. Lulu Mimi has a similar experience when, as a young half-Chinese half-American growing up in San Francisco in 1897, she follows her Chinese lover to China and becomes a madam in Shanghai.

From San Francisco to China’s imperial dynasty through World War II, both women through decades of betrayal and deceit are denied their quest for true love and securing a family life.

This novel of life in early San Francisco to China’s dynasty brings the reader to be fascinated with Chinese life and culture.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Megan Recommends

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

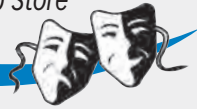


Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

Comedy; Mark Taper
Forum; Through March 16

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike at The Mark Taper gives fans of classic theatre a parody/drama/comedy/soothsayer/Snow White mash-up. Written by Christopher Durang but parodying Anton Checkov, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* follows the lives of three siblings having an impromptu reunion near their family home and “cherry orchard.”

The characters are well defined. You truly care about Sonia’s forgone life,



and Hollywood up & comer, Spike, has some hilarious (albeit underdressed) inter-

actions with everyone. Cassandra and her “visions” keep you laughing throughout. The set and lighting are absolutely phenomenal and make you feel you are in the back porch with the characters.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike won the Tony Award in 2013 for best play and stars many of the original Broadway actors. This version is directed by David Hyde Pierce, who starred as Vanya in the original. This is a must-see for theatre fans.

Your Reviews!

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

100 Words or Fewer

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
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- Have fun!
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: **My Score: X (out of 5).**

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

- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
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CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues
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Basketball to Autumn

The Club's 2014 basketball season has been moved to the fall, and registration will open in July.



Game times and location — typically 7, 8 and 9 p.m. at the Expo Center, 3980 Bill Robertson Lane — will remain the same.

Team registration fees are waived, but teams must plan to pay a \$40 referee fee for each week. All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join the Club to play in the Club Basketball League. Exceptions must be approved by the Club League Office. Time and space are extremely limited for the Club Basketball League. If the league is filled, names of players will be kept for the next league. Club Basketball league players must be current Club Members in good standing. Employees of any city, state and county agency in the state of California are welcome.

For more details, please contact the Robert Larios at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com forms and applications. You may also contact us at 1-800-464-0452, ext. 134.



Sign up now for the upcoming season!

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The Commish Is Back!

The Club also welcomes back Club Sports Commissioner Lady Smith. Lady has been appointed to assist the Club in administering rules to all basketball teams and make sure the league is safer, better and more fun. She will be seen regularly at these games as well as for other sports.



Lady Smith

Congrats, Alfred!

Each year, the City Employees Club recognizes a City employee who exemplifies excitement and enthusiasm for this great City, his colleagues and the City Employees Club. Last month, the Club congratulated Alfred Lopez and awarded him with the Club Representative Award for his commitment to Club Sports. He knows the importance of Club Sports as a way for employees to stay fit, recreate and enrich their work lives. He helps make memories that last a lifetime.

Thanks for all that you do, Alfred!
And look to next month's paper for more details.



Alfred Lopez, Club Rep (left) receives the Club Representative Award at the 2014 Annual Meeting, presented by Robert Larios, Club VP of Operations, a.k.a. The Sports Dude.

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!



Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude

- Club Soccer League
- Club Basketball League
- Club Softball League
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When it comes to their auto Insurance, United Agencies has been serving hundreds of Club Members for years. We provide a high level of personal service, with some of the lowest rates in California. Come experience the difference in service you get when you say, "I'm with the Club!"

Take a look at how **United Agencies** stacks up against the competition!

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	Geico	\$1,311
	Auto Club	\$929
	United Agencies	\$876

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Send Us Your Recipes!

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

Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



POLLO PARMIGIANA DI LARIOS

Believe it or not, chicken Parmesan is not a traditional Italian dish. Its invention was derived from melanzane Parmigiana – eggplant Parmesan. Whatever its origins, chicken Parmesan is a favorite for many Italian-American families for its breaded, baked, sauced and cheesy ingredients.

In my opinion, there are three ingredients that make this dish stand out. Use freshly grated Parmesan cheese, homemade and well-seasoned tomato sauce and a very good extra virgin olive oil. Use this dish to make friends with everyone.

¡Buen provecho!

Chef Larios

Pollo Parmigiana di Larios

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 skinless, boneless chicken halves
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil for frying
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 to 2 cups tomato sauce (marinara or spaghetti okay)
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, finely diced
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 cup fresh mozzarella, shredded
- 1/4 cup chopped basil or dried
- 1/4 cup grated provolone cheese



You may substitute pesto or dried Italian herbs of your choice for basil, or omit entirely.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Parmesan [PAHR-muh-zahn]:

This hard, dry cheese is made from skimmed or partially skimmed cow's milk. It has a hard, pale-golden rind and a straw-colored interior with a rich, sharp flavor. There

are Parmesan cheeses made in Argentina, Australia and the United States. Parmesans are primarily used for grating and in Italy are termed grana, meaning "grain" and referring to their granular textures.

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Food Fact

"Remember gentlemen, it's not France we're fighting for, it's Champagne."
– **Winston Churchill**

DIRECTIONS:

Serves 2-4



1 Pre-heat oven to 450 degrees F. Take a medium saucepan and place on medium heat. Add tablespoon of olive oil, garlic and shallot, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Let brown. Then add tomato paste and paprika; let cook for two to three minutes. Add tomato sauce, paprika and pinch of basil. Stir.



3 Place chicken in a baking dish and top each breast with about 1/3 cup of tomato sauce. Layer each chicken breast with equal amounts of mozzarella cheese, fresh basil, dried parsley, and provolone cheese. Sprinkle one to two tablespoons of Parmesan cheese on top and drizzle with one tablespoon olive oil. Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is browned and bubbly, and chicken breasts are no longer pink in the center – 15 to 20 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).



2 Place chicken breasts between two sheets of heavy plastic (re-sealable freezer bags work well) on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound chicken with the smooth side of a meat mallet to a thickness of one-half inch. Season chicken thoroughly with salt and pepper. Beat eggs in a shallow bowl and set aside. Mix breadcrumbs and a half-cup Parmesan in a separate bowl; set aside. Place flour in a sifter or strainer; sprinkle over chicken breasts, evenly coating both sides. Dip flour-coated chicken breasts in beaten eggs. Transfer breast to breadcrumb mixture, pressing the crumbs into both sides. Repeat for each breast. Set aside breaded chicken breasts for about 15 minutes. Heat one cup olive oil in a large skillet on medium-high heat until it begins to shimmer. Cook chicken until golden, about two minutes on each side. The chicken will finish cooking in the oven.



4 Serve and enjoy!
¡Buen provecho!

Steam Plant Graduation

DWP graduates Class 122 from its Steam Plant Assistant evaluation program.

Congratulations to Steam Plant Assistant (SPA) Evaluation Class 122 graduates.

The SPA Evaluation Class is considered by many to be the toughest regular two weeks in the DWP. The class consisted of an intensive instruction on all the major systems found in a conventional generating station – boilers, gas and steam turbines, fuel systems, primary and auxiliary systems, basic electrical theory, generator and electrical systems. The class traditionally experiences a 30 to 40 percent dropout rate.

SPA Class 122 was the first class off the open list in four years. It had the unique distinction of graduating 25 out of 26 candidates, the second highest-passing rate since the classes started in 1962. A few notable achievements of Class 122: one candidate’s child was born during the class and he did not miss a single day. His wife was awarded a Trainer’s Award for “Most Supportive Wife” at the end of the class. Another candidate came to class two weeks after giving birth and had the perseverance to stay. She was awarded a Trainer’s Award for “Most

Effort Shown” during class.

SPAs are the cornerstone of steam generation. They are the basis from which all generation personnel start their career in the field working with the equipment that produces electricity. They also maintain the equipment, assist in repair, and help to ensure the constant supply of electricity to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Congratulations!



Steam Plant Assistant graduates, back row, from left: Mike Galleano, Cosmin Petruescu, Kyle Tougas, Aaron McKenna, Ray Moilanen, Josh Guaino, Keith Torbett, Peter Roman, Mike Mousseau and Bobby Shank. Middle: Andrew Kim, Daniel Doyle, Sam Toebe, Mary Eike, Kimberly Vandervort, Ryan O'Donahue, and Jose Godinez. Front: Kimberly Tran, Teresa Kaul, Felipe Gallo, Mike Suazo, Alan Rawles, Peter Knutson, Arthur Juarez and Desi Robles.

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Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Garden of Benevolence, Lot 1105. Graves 3 & 4. \$5,000 for both or \$2,600 each. Monica @ (949) 922-3928 after 5pm. 3/14

1 Cemetery Plot: Niche 301, Tier, Redwood Corridor Niches, Double Sky Rose Mausoleum. \$6K OBO. Rose Hills Memorial Park. Manny @ (323) 271-0477 or (562) 695-2677. 3/14



1976 Datsun 280Z: Runs good. Needs TLC. \$2,000. Pics available. William @ (626) 607.7989. 3/14



Solid wood large dining table: \$300. Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 3/14

Vacation Rental: Palace Resorts All Inclusive: Cancun, Riviera Maya, Isla Mujeres, Cozumel—exclusive member service & treatment. VisitPalaceResorts.com to view various resorts/amenities. Price is for 1 week, 2 persons, any day travel & includes airport transpo, massages & 2 tours. Price varies by season. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlr@hotmail.com 3/14



2005 Pace Carrier Trailer: Good for hauling, camping gear, motorcycles, furniture. 5 ft. wide x 8 ft. long. \$1,600. Alex Serna @ (818) 235-6566. 3/14

1973 Mobile Home: Glenbrook. Currently located in Harbor City. \$20K OBO. Leo @ (818) 681-1099. 3/14

Transport



1967 Ford Mustang: Coupe, project car, needs restoration, 289 V8 engine, auto trans, runs good, 2 brl dual exhaust, \$6,700 OBO. John @ (310) 977-4642 or e-mail: mybuddaes@aol.com 2/14



1998 Yamaha XL760Waverunner: \$2,500. Excellent condition. Must see! Summer will soon be here, don't miss out on this great deal! Jackie @ (626) 383-1708. 2/14



1967 Chevy Nova: 327 Cu in, Muncie 4-speed, Holley 650 carb, newer interior, carpets, stereo w/mp3, 2-tone paint. Red/silver + much more. \$21,000 OBO. Mike Lee @ (714) 390-6889. 2/14



Harley Davidson '07 Road King: Approx 39k miles, services up to date. Reduced price! \$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. 1/14



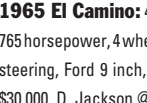
2004 Chevy Dually Crewcab: Diesel, 95,000 mi. \$16,000. Dirk Clark @ (818) 326-1076. 1/14



2002 Honda Odyssey EX-L: \$6,000, original owner. Very low miles. Text me @ (626) 905-5077 & I will send you more info & photos. 1/14



Motorcycle: 2005 Yamaha V Star, 1100 Classic Cruiser, 900 miles. Cobra pipes, saddlebags, Yamaha Windshield. \$5,600. 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



Pioneer RV 2003: Original owner, amazing condition. 30 ft. sleeps 8, 1 pop-out, AC, TV, DVD. Full bath, awning needs replacing. \$6,000 OBO. Kevin @ (626) 786-3078. 10/13



Sea-Doo: 2005 Bombardier GTX Supercharged w/pull trailer. Needs minor servicing; it's been sitting for a while. Michelle @ (951)-796-4565 & make an offer! 10/13



Coachmen RV 2005: Purchased in 06 in excellent condition. 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs, AC, 2 awnings, full bath w/extra outdoor shower. \$15,500 OBO. Fernando Torres @ (562) 900-9229. 9/13

2004 Toyota Tundra: DBL CAB 4.6L V8. 224,000 miles. \$6,000 OBO. Paul @ (626) 991-5507. 9/13

2003 Toyota Sequoia: Limited. Power windows, leather seats, very low mileage, 37,000 miles. \$14,999. James @ (626) 919-5209. 9/13



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

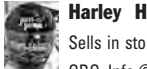
Tires & Rims: For original 2012 Ford F150. 6x135 Michelin P255 65 R17 LTX AS. Used for only 2,500 miles. \$400 firm. Johnny @ (323) 545-7007 between 5pm & 8:30pm. 8/13

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



Harley Motorcycle: 1985 Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or japete43@gmail.com 7/13

3-Wheel Moped: Blue, 2011, practically new, purchased for \$2,800. Selling for \$1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 5/13



Harley Helmet: Brand new, black. Sells in stores for \$300, selling for \$180 OBO. Info @ (213) 447-9838. 5/13



2012 Camaro LS: Reduced price \$19,500! Xclnt condition inside & out. 12,000 mi, auto, 6-cycl silver w/blk racing stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649. 5/13



2011 Chevy Silverado: Crew Cab LTZ, 22,500 miles. Warranty! Navigation, leather interior, heated bucket seats, loaded! \$31,900 OBO. Kelly @ (661) 733-2411. 5/13



'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

Cemetery Plots

2 Cemetery Plots: Side by side. Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in the Garden of Affection; graves 1-2, Lot 4063; sale price \$7,900 OBO, + transfer fees for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 between 1-7 pm. 2/14

2 Cemetery Plots: Side by side. Garden of Rest Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier. Easy access, near large oak trees. \$4,000 for both. Owner will pay transfer fees. Linda @ (949) 322-7961. 2/14

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

Furniture

Headboard: Leather King size, diamond pattern, excellent condition. \$150. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

Antique Armoire: Good condition, great craftsmanship. Dark wood finish. Measures approximately 78" H x 46" W x 26" deep. \$400. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14



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

under bed, 6-drawer dresser, 4-drawer desk, hutch (for desk), desk chair & bookcase. Must see to appreciate. \$1,000 OBO. Nancy Cammarata @ (213) 216-3780. 10/13

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



Estate Moving Sale: Assorted furniture including: Entertainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee & side tables. To schedule a viewing, call (909) 244-2469 or (909) 440-6364. 9/13



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

Table Set: Rattan & glass, in good condition w/4 chairs & pillows. \$350. Tanya, after 5pm @ (323) 778-8297. 7/13

Entertainment Center: Plummers, fits "32" TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael @ (310) 534-2181. 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

House for Rent: In Apple Valley, 3 BD/2 BA, central heat, laundry hook-ups, unattch 2-car garage, tile & hardwood floors. \$1,250/mo. + security deposit: \$1,250. Additional depo for pet. Available 04/01/14. Ms. Adams @ (323) 360-4268. 2/14



For Rent: 2BD/1 BA house in Fontana. Near 10 & 15 freeways. Good size back yard & walk in closet. 6 month lease. \$900/mo. + sec deposit \$900. Javier @ (909) 762-7941. 1/14

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. 1/13

Household Items

Weight Bench System: Classic Universal, 10 apparatuses in 1 system. Includes separate adjustable sit-up bench, good condition. \$350. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

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. 1/14

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

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 9/13

Tools: Home repair tools, hand & power tools. Info @ (818) 764-2091. 7/13

Miscellaneous

Monopoly Game: Franklin Mint Collector's Edition! Maplewood display table; gold plated hotels; silver plated houses; specially printed monopoly money. Great gift idea. \$175. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14

IPOD Touch: 32 GIG, brand new. \$80. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. 2/14



Easel: Aluminum construction. Comes w/ free pad of 3M paper. John @ (213) 448-4975. 2/14

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



Engagement Ring: 3.83TCW carat w/wedding band. EGL certified, VVS2 clarity, H color. \$8,750 OBO. Certified Seth Thomas



Musical Items: Casiotone 401 keyboard. Includes foot pedal, instruction manual, cover, song books-\$100. Seth 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: Inglewood. Boys & Girls, 5-14 yrs. Basketball, baseball, softball, flag-football & more. \$75/week. Mention Swift Games & 1st week is \$50. Info @ (310) 641-4131. Sponsors: Top Prospects Baseball, Inc. & H.O.O.P. 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. 4/13

Travel/Timeshare

Timeshare: San Diego rental from Jun 29 - Jul 6, 2014, Sun – Sun. 1BD/Queen in master, full sleeper sofa in living area. Max occupancy 4. Kitchen, a/c, rooftop sundeck, business center, fitness center, laundry room & lounge w/pool table. Only .25 miles from Balboa Park. No pets. Rent: \$1,000. Parking: \$20/day. Terry @ (818) 769-3382 for info & reservation. 2/14

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. 12/13



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

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Theatre Tickets							
AMC							
Restricted Tickets	The following AMC Theaters will charge a \$2 surcharge for any show after 4pm: All AMC Burbank locations, AMC Century City 15, AMC Santa Anita 16. <i>*Surcharges are determined by AMC theaters and are subject to change without notice. The City Employees Club has no control over these changes.</i>	\$13.75	\$6.50	X	= \$		
Good Any Time		\$14.00	\$8.00	X	= \$		
Small Popcorn		\$5.50	\$3.00	X	= \$		
Small Drink		\$4.50	\$3.00	X	= \$		
Movie Bundle		\$42.00	\$25.00	X	= \$		
<i>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concessions and 1 small popcorn concession.</i>							
California Science Center IMAX							
Adult		\$ 8.25	\$5.75	X	= \$		
Child		\$ 5.00	\$4.25	X	= \$		
Cinemark Theatres – Good Any Time							
<i>Rave Cinemas is now CINEMARK; Tickets honored at CINEMARK locations indefinitely.</i>		\$10.75	\$7.50	X	= \$		
Galaxy Theatres – Good Any Time							
		\$11.00	\$7.50	X	= \$		
Harkins Movie Theatres							
Restricted		\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$		
Good Any Time		\$10.00	\$7.50	X	= \$		
Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time							
		\$12.00	\$7.50	X	= \$		
Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time							
		\$11.00	\$6.00	X	= \$		
Landmark Theaters – Good Any Time							
<i>\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D.</i>		\$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)							
<i>Existing Rave Tickets will be honored at all CINEMARK locations indefinitely.</i>							
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists							
Restricted		\$14.75	\$6.50	X	= \$		
Good Any Time		\$14.75	\$7.50	X	= \$		
Movie Pack: <i>Includes 2 unrestricted ultimate movie tickets and a \$10 concessions gift card.</i>		\$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	= \$		
<i>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</i>							
Attraction Tickets							
Adventure City							
Adult/Child		\$14.95	\$10.50	X	= \$		
Aquarium of the Pacific <i>Expires 5/31/2014</i>							
Adult		\$28.95	\$17.95	X	= \$		
Child (3-11)		\$14.95	\$10.95	X	= \$		
Boomer’s Family Fun Centers							
All Day Pass		\$30.99	\$16.00	X	= \$		
Catalina <i>Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 5/25–27, 7/4–7, 8/31–9/2</i>							
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	X	= \$		
	Child	\$61.00	\$47.75	X	= \$		
Discovery Science Center <i>Expires 12/06/2014</i>							
Adult		\$15.95	\$12.00	X	= \$		
Child (3-11)		\$12.95	\$10.00	X	= \$		
Disneyland/California Adventure <i>Expires 12/31/2014</i>							
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	Only available online through Club Website as E-Tickets. Please go to cityemployeesclub.com			
	Child (3-9)	\$162.00	\$150.66				
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$210.00	\$189.00				
	Child (3-9)	\$197.00	\$177.30				
3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day: 1-Park and Park Hoppers <i>Go to cityemployeesclub.com for details and prices.</i>							
SoCal Select Annual Passport		\$279.00	\$265.05				
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. Valid 170 days.</i>							
SoCal Annual Passport		\$359.00	\$341.05				
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. Valid 215 days.</i>							
Deluxe Annual Passport		\$499.00	\$474.05				
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. Valid 315 days.</i>							
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking		\$669.00	\$635.55				
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. No blackout dates.</i>							
Golf N’ Stuff							
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location		\$30.00	\$16.25			X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location		\$20.00	\$15.25	X	= \$		
K1 Speed Racing							
Admit one, minimum height requirement 4’10” <i>This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.</i>		\$25.95	\$15.25	X	= \$		
Knott’s Berry Farm <i>Expires 12/31/2014</i>							
Adult		\$65.00	\$35.00	X	= \$		
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)		\$35.00	\$27.00	X	= \$		
LA Zoo							
Adult		\$17.00	\$13.00	X	= \$		
Child (2-12)		\$12.00	\$10.00	X	= \$		
Legoland <i>Expires 11/30/2014</i>							
Adult		\$83.00	\$67.00	X	= \$		
Child (3-11) <i>Comes with 2nd day free, to be used within 90 days of 1st visit.</i>		\$73.00	\$62.00	X	= \$		
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult	\$107.00	\$72.00	X	= \$		
	Child (3-11)	\$97.00	\$67.00	X	= \$		
<i>Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the waterpark. Ticket comes with a 2nd day free, to be used before 12/31/2014.</i>							
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction <i>Expires 12/31/2014</i>							
Adult		\$40.00	\$14.00	X	= \$		
Child (4-12)		\$35.00	\$11.00	X	= \$		

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Attraction Tickets, <i>continued</i>					
Magic Mountain <i>Expires 9/28/2014</i>					
General Admission (3 and up)		\$64.99	\$39.99	X	= \$
Medieval Times <i>Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 12/31/2014</i>					
Adult		\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$
Child (0-12)		\$35.95	\$31.50	X	= \$
Mulligan's Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child	\$23.99	\$16.00	X	= \$
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway & the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday & Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>					
Gift Certificate		\$15.00	\$10.25	X	= \$
Pirates Dinner Adventure <i>Expires 11/30/2014</i>					
Adult		\$56.95	\$36.00	X	= \$
Child		\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$
Queen Mary					
Adult		\$24.95	\$20.25	X	= \$
Child (4-11)		\$21.95	\$12.25	X	= \$
San Diego Zoo & San Diego Safari Park					
Adult		\$46.00	\$37.50	X	= \$
Child (3-11)		\$36.00	\$29.50	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult	\$82.00	\$65.50	X	= \$
	Child (3-11)	\$64.00	\$51.25	X	= \$
<i>May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.</i>					
Santa Monica Pier & Pacific Park <i>Expires 1/5/2015</i>					
Unlimited Wristband		\$25.95	\$13.50	X	= \$
Sea World San Diego <i>Good through 2014 season</i>					
Adult	<i>Limited stock: only available in Club Store for \$59.</i>	\$84.00	\$64.00	X	= \$
Child (3-9)	<i>Limited stock: only available in Club Store for \$59.</i>	\$78.00	\$64.00	X	= \$
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