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A Message From the CEO

Alive! Honors The Best of LA

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

t's not often we here at Alive! have cover stories in consecutive months that are related to each other. We try to spread things out. But this month (and last) that's what's happened. And it makes sense.

We developed the two stories - last month's highlighted the ITA, and this month it's the Quality and Productivity Awards - independently, and they had something in common. It wasn't intentional, but it's not coincidence, as we like to feature the good news of the City.

That applies to

both stories. I'm not surprised that ITA's MyLA311 phone app, developed by ITA last year and featured here last month, is one of 21 projects chosen the CAO's Quality and Productivity Commission as a great, innovative project that showcases the best the City has to offer. (It's



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) displays the award-winning MyLA311 app, developed by ITA General Manager Steve Reneker (right) and his crew

showcased on page 28 this month.) The app is awesome. I use it a lot. How about you? You should! It's that good, and getting better. (Congrats again to Steve Reneker and his crew from ITA and the other departments involved, including the DWP and Public Works, for winning a Quality and Productivity Award.)

Of all the subjects the Club features in Alive! each year, the annual Quality and Productivity Awards is one of our favorites. Why? Because it does exactly what we do we celebrate the lives of City employees, and the amazing work they do. Just check out some of this year's winning projects:

- there's our Club friend Tony Pratt and his Public Works surveying crew, solving a time and budget crunch;
- a cool new remote pipe clearer device devised by Public Works/Sanitation that we must do a story on;
- the LAPD Crime Lab's hard work and innovative thinking for getting through its backlog of DNA kits, which we've covered:
- Sanitation's program to better manage the wire trash bins throughout the City;
- A General Services/Animal Services collaboration, including Armando Navarrete and Mark Salazar, that uses the Animal Services vehicles more efficiently; and
- projects by Aging, the Harbor, Finance and on and on that are really impressive.

In fact, it's kind of amazing how many of the winners are people we've covered recently here in Alive!, either for their winning project or something else, without even knowing it. That tells me we're definitely on the right track.

We're also glad that the Quality and Productivity Awards are permanent again, and well produced. CAO was forced to suspend them during the budget crunch, and that was understandable but sad. These projects need to be recognized, and we're glad the awards are rock-solid again. The awards take up a big chunk of our paper this month, and that's just fine with us. Telling the great news of the City is what we do here!

I want to thank Freddy A. Carrillo of the CAO Office, who worked hard to get us all the background information and photos for our story. It seems like he would not go to bed without making sure all the photos were transmitted correctly for that day! Thanks, Freddy.

Speaking of good Club friends, let me send a belated congratulations to Club Member Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., who recently retired from being the General Manager (actually Executive Director) of the Harbor. Geraldine oversaw some pretty big changes at the all-important Port, including lots of projects to reduce pollution in a major way. On

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a more personal note, she was also part of one of our best Alive! photos ever (taken by the Club's Angel Gomez and art directed by Alive! editor John Burnes), and she was a great sport to be a part of it. Perhaps we'll run that next time.

I'm delighted that our newish History Comes Alive! columnist, City Archivist Michael Holland, is now narrating some of his pieces on one of the City's public radio stations. KPCC. I like that kind of connections across media. Look to the end of his column on page 36. (And keep up the good writing, Michael! I'm enjoying them.)

Don't forget to send in those photos! Send us your Mother's and Father's Day tributes, graduations, weddings, the photos with your pets, and on and on. We want to share your good news, so send 'em in!

So is this finally going to be the year for the Dodgers? It was close last year, and the Boys in Blue have retooled for an even deeper playoff run in 2014. Check out the Dodgers deals that Mariana Guevara and the Club Store staff have put together for you.

Which means it's now spring Take advantage of the many great deals the Club has for you to get outside and enjoy our amazing weather. See you next month.

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- Cassandra Ransfer, August 2013

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- Kiley Grosso, July 2013

The Club's claims service is "great. Your letter was very caring and brought comfort to us."

- Hideko Anzai, July 2013

The Club's claims service is "absolutely wonderful! You were very kind and explained the process until I knew how to make out all the forms. [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] was a nice book."

- Kathleen De Widt, July 2013

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

– Ed.

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH



With Question of the Month, It's the Answers That Entertain

The responses to the Question of the *Month* were fun to read. I especially liked Hugo Sanchez's response, "Go to a cash-forgold place!" It was a good laugh for me. By the way, the Question of the Month column is one of my favorites to read, and I look forward to it every month.

- Kyle Jones, LAFD

Glad you're enjoying it, Kyle. By the way, the question last month, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, was: "What would you do with a pot of gold?" - Ed.

Club's Office Depot Deal Made All the Difference

I have been enjoying the Club's contract discounts at Office Depot. Before the offer with City Employees Club came about with linking up a credit card, I would trade off between Staples and Office Depot. Needless to say, I now shop at Office Depot just about 99 percent of the time for office supplies and stationary products.

Thanks again for offering such a great deal to City of Los Angles employees, and keep up the great work.

– Paul Evleth

Photos of LAPD Communications Halloween Costumes Appreciated

Just wanted to say thank you to the City Employees Club for the fine job you did in printing the Halloween pictures [March 2014]. I realize it was a challenge because they did not have all the names but you did a fine job. Thank you very much! Everyone enjoyed seeing the pictures. Hopefully next year we'll do a better job!

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, Club Rep

Auto Insurance Through the **Club Saved Albert Hundreds**

Hi there, I just wanted to let you know that I finally called the Club Auto insurance hotline. I was totally blown away – they cut my auto insurance bill by \$350 a year. Now I'm just kicking myself for waiting so long!

- Albert Simpson, DWP

From One Mary to Another, **Thanks for LACERS Updates**

I religiously read her column every single month. Keep up the good work, Mary!

> - Mary Rose Wilkens, **Retired**, Library

TEAM Award Story Shows The Good News of the City

Last month you ran a story on page 11 about Public Works and their TEAM awards. I just wanted to say, thank you! I know a couple of the people who won awards, and it's great to see them being recognized. Too often the good things that we City Employees do go unnoticed. Thank you for always bringing these good stories to light.

I love the City Employees Club!

– Jan, Club Member for 14 years

Technically Speaking, ITA's Update of City Tech Is Welcome

That was an informative story about the Information Technology Agency. Technology has come a long way and it is amazing to know that the City is bringing fiber and wireless to every City facility and house. Steve Reneker and all the employees there are doing a fine job, and I look forward to hearing more news about their plans to prepare the City for the future.

- Tim Laidlaw, General Services

History Column Graphic Gets Myrna's (Old) Stamp of Approval

One of the things that impressed me about the History Comes Alive! column by Michael Holland was the image of the 1917 request to film letter from the Keystone Film Company. Has anyone noticed the "Received" stamp on it? I still use the same stamp design at my office! Some things just never change.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE... **esti OF THE MONTH** - as collected from around the City by your friendly club counselors

What's your favorite snack at a baseball game?



considered food? That would be my favorite at a ball game." – Guillermo Barragan,

Bureau of Engineering,

service, Club Member

14 years of City



"Nothing like a Dodger Dog and garlic fries!"

– Lorena & Raquel Espiritu (Wife and Daughter of Jose Espiritu, Sanitation,

5 years of service, Club Member)



"A hot dog." – Officer III Ignacio Rojas, LAPD, 32 years of City service



"A hot dog." – Officer III Sabrina La Mar, 20 years of City service

"Peanuts."

Deborah

Hernandez



"A hot dog." Brandie White, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club Member



"A hot dog and beer." Officer II Raul Olivares, LAPD, 7 years of City service



- Lt. Melody Hainline,



"A hot dog." LAPD, 19 years of City service



Sanitation, 5 years of City service,







– Officer III Victor Nunez, LAPD, 17 years of City service



and beer. Sgt. Humberto

of City service

I've been retired for over 16 years now and loving it! Please let Mary Beetz, the author of Alive!'s LACERS Update, know that

– Myrna Jenkins, Rec and Parks



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Xavier Rodriguez

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

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Photos by Tad Motoyama, LA Zoo

and at the Zoo, Too



These animals are just a few of those taking part in the Zoo's annual Earth Dav



The Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

songs. Participants can learn about the coastal

environment and take part in salt marsh open house, habitat walks, coastal bird walks and

open with opportunities to examine Southern

California marine life, visit the touch tank,

Throughout the day the Aquarium will be

bird lectures from experts in the field.

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Research Library for more infor-

mation about local sea life.

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arrivals in the

very day is Earth Day for those of us who share Every day is Earm Day for those of the this planet, but there's no reason not to celebrate

the fact! Join the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens for two

days of festivities that will include recycled crafts, information booths and other attractions. Activities require a paid admission.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20. The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park. Information: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org



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plants and observe the changes in the tides.

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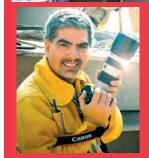






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Juan Guerra, Photographer VAN NUYS: Nearly 100 Firefighters extinguished a blaze at the vacant Pinecrest School in Van Nuys, according to Brian Humphrey, LAFD spokesman. The blaze, in the 14100 block of Sherman Way, was extinguished before noon Dec. 7. It took 96 firefighters 43 minutes to extinguish the blaze confined to the twostory building, officials said. The former campus has several structures scheduled to be demolished, officials said.

LAFD

No injuries were reported in the fire, and its cause is reported to be still under investigation.

Airports



From left: Officer Ericka Holliday, Airport Police, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Erica Andrade, Airport Police, 6 years, Club Member; Officer Maria Duenez, Airport Police, 8 years, Club Member; and Officer Roxana Mendez, Airport Police, 7 years, Club Member.





Teray Stephens

From left: Officer Shawnee Rogers, Airport Police, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Dawn Davis, Airport Police, 12 years, Club Member; and Officer Adela Lopez, Airport Police, Drill Instructor, 7 years, Club Member



From left: Det. Stacie Szatmari, Fresno PD, 8 years of service; Det. Jennifer Federico, Fresno PD, 18 years; and Det. Janette Olson, Fresno PD, 13 years,



From left: Det. Martha Jimenez, Burbank PD, 10 years of service; and Det. Celia Hawver, Burbank PD, 13 years.



Angela Reddock.



From left: Officer Cheryl Dickson, Airport Police, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Ruth Avalos, Airport Police, 7 years, Club Member; and Det. Marsha Laufer, Burbank PD, 6 years.

Story by Dalila Vielma and Isabel Marquez, Club Counselors; Photos by Dalila Vielma

Women in Law Enforcement

Airport Police group hosts empowerment conference for women safety officers.

an. 9, the Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics and Activities League (LAAPAAL) hosted an empowerment conference for women in law enforcement throughout the state. The event was held at the Radisson LAX.

In attendance were women from various police departments throughout California. District Attorney Jackie Lacey was the special guest speaker.

Congratulations to the LAAPAAL for a successful seminar.



From left: Officer Diana Kotani, Buena Park PD, 9 years of service; Officer Melissa Leal, Montebello PD, 5 years; Officer Katie Ferrari, Montebello PD, 7 years; and Officer Lisa Marie Bustos, Montebello PD, 17 years.



From left: Ashley Dutchover, GCWH Law; Kasey Castillo, GCWH Law; and Officer Mechelle Thompson, Airport Police, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Elizabeth Sanchez, Airport Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Beatriz Gutierrez, Santa Monica PD, 3 years of service; and Officer Beth Lazarus, Santa Barbara PD, 8 years, Club Member



From left: Officer Veronica Cuevas, Riverside PD, 11 years of service; and Officer Elizabeth Urena, Riverside PD, 13 years.



From left: Officer II Kimberly Oieda, Airport Police, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Belinda Joseph, Airport Police, 7 years, Club Member.

An Alive! Photo Feature

Me + My Pet

Last chance! Send in a photo of you and your favorite pet!

ere 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





Lacey



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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> **RIGHT: John Hawkins**, Club CEO, and Isabella.

talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and put "Pet" on the subject line. Have fun!

Deadline: April 15



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Questions? Call 213-688-7752



Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Angel Jr. and Aden in front of the amazing rock formations.

- Newport Coast

Hello everyone! Happy Spring!

For this month's story we traveled to Newport Beach. I've taken you to this area in Crystal Cove before, but this time we will stay cool and walk along the beach. You can walk at least five miles or more if you really want to push yourself. This area is gorgeous, and there is much to do. You can walk along the upper bluffs, and also down on the sand, too. I looked around and found bikers, joggers and runners going by; I got so inspired that I am going to go back and jog the path myself. Amazing!

Let's begin!

Overview: Crystal Cove Historic District is a 12.3-acre coastal portion of the 2,791-acre Crystal Cove State Park. The federally listed historic district is an enclave of 46

vintage rustic coastal cottages originally built as a seaside colony in the 1930s and '40s and nestled around the mouth of Los Trancos Creek. It is one of the last remaining examples of early 20th century Southern California coastal development. If you plan in advance, you can stay in one of the cottages or studios from \$100 to \$200 per night. Please call the visitor center for more information.

The Walk: The walk is amazing; you can see Catalina Island from the shore on a clear day. The dolphins may show up to say hi, and the tidepools are great to explore for young and old visitors at the beach.

We parked at Los Trancos Parking, it's \$15 for an all-day pass; if you eat at the Beachcomber Café you will get free parking by showing your receipt at the parking lot when you exit. There is also a bus that takes you from the parking lot to the café for \$1. We just walked and added some extra miles to our walk. I will be going back to spend more time in the area next time.

Crystal Cove State Park has offshore waters that are designed as an underwater park with excellent conditions for scuba divers, and the park is also popular with swimmers and surfers, too. I recommend this beach to anyone who likes the beach and the sand; just remember to

bring sunscreen, snacks and water because you will forget how much time you are spending along the beach. The hike was enjoyable and views are amazing. See you next month. Remember to take photos and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

Aden, Kathy and Angel Jr. at the stairs connecting the visitor center to the stairs leading you to the upper path.

Angel Jr. and Aden on their way to the Deach.

A trail along the beach. Supporting the Legacy of Crystal Cove







STOP



There's a really cool sign and timeline in the Visitor Center.

Crystal Cove State Park Beach Trail 15 Crystal Cove at Pacific Coast Highway Newport Coast, CA 92657

Highlights: Beach views, beautiful rock formations, and views of Catalina Island off the coast

Distance: 5 miles or more

Approximate Time: 2.25 hours, depending on your pace

Difficulty: Moderate

Parking: \$15 (all day). Parking is free with a receipt from the Beachcomber Café.

Directions from downtown:

Option 1: Take the 5 Freeway south to the CA-55 freeway south (Newport Beach), then take Exit 5A toward State Route 73 South toward San Diego. Take Exit 11 to merge onto Newport Coast Drive. Take a slight left to stay on Newport Coast Drive. Turn left at CA-1/El Camino Real. Look for the Los Trancos parking area.

Option 2: Take the I-405 Freeway south toward Long Beach, then take Exit 5A toward State Route 73 South toward San Diego. Then take Exit 11 to merge onto Newport Coast Drive. Take slight left to stay on Newport Coast Drive. Turn left at CA-1/El Camino Real. Look for the Los Trancos parking area.



Club Angels

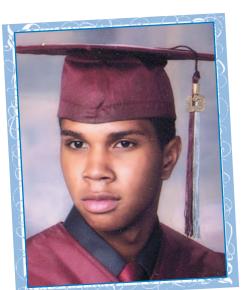


Bethany Costa received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

Applications for Club's Mukai Scholarship Now Available

Simplified applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store.

Deadline is noon, June 27, 2014.



Royce Wilson received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club's scholarship program is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai.

The 2014 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is now accepting applications.

New for 2014: Club Scholarship applications have been simplified, for greater ease in filling them out.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, **June 27, 2014**.

The Club expects to give each recipient a stipend of \$500.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2014.

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants to the Club Scholarship," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect this year to be every bit as good.

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their families. The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment."

The Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship program is now part of the Club's Club Angels outreach, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. down-town, or download an application at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2014. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2014 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.



Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).

Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 27, 2014. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.

• Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.

Club Store and Service Center address:

120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

■ Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com



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CITY RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President www.rlacei.com Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703 E-mail: edwardjharding@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

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

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.

Contact the LA City Employees Retirement System

April 10 Meeting Important To Your Financial Health

Award Recipient

Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, titled "Takir RLACEI President Retirement."

I want to remind everyone that our general meeting on April 10 at the Friendship Auditorium will *not* start at the usual time of noon, but instead at 9:30 a.m. Registration will be 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

titled "Taking Control of Your Windfall Elimination Provision Retirement."

Some additional topics are:

- Deferred compensation
- of City of L.A. financial health
- Pension and health benefits.
- Income distribution strategies and supplemental retirement accounts (RMDs, Avoidance of Reverse Dollar Costs Averaging and Roth Conversions)
- Annuities and life insurance
- Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset (non-Social Security LACERS Pension)

RLACEI

- Impact on Social Security Benefits
- Current Market Environment (equity and debt): What are the current risks? Where are current opportunities?

Don't forget this important special meeting! See you at 8 a.m. April 10 at the Friendship Auditorium.

LACERS Looking at Dental, Vision Plans



Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

Lam very proud to follow in the tradition of Ken Spiker, my fellow Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) board member, and former LACERS Board member, in protecting member benefits. As a member of the LACERS Benefits Committee, I am on the team analyzing dental and vision plans that will be considered by the board as part of the Request for Proposal process to look at our current plans and competitors for new contracts beginning Jan. 1.

Each plan will be asked probing questions on how they will provide the best care to our members while keeping our outof-pocket costs down. As you know, our current plans provide separate vision coverage to all members who qualify, except for Kaiser, which offers the vision coverage as part of its regular medical coverage. The medical providers are in multiyear contract and are not up for consideration at this time.

While we are all concerned about medical and dental treatment for injuries and diseases, it is also important to think about how we can live healthier lives outside of the doctor's office. This is also much more fun!

You don't need a personal trainer or a fancy gym membership to get on the road to healthier living. Check out the LACERS Website (www. LACERS.org) and click on the LACERS *Well* page for exercise programs, healthy diet tips and other ideas to improve your health and happiness. Not only is this free, but some of the plans even have an incentive of a gift card for participation.

I will confess I was a little skeptical at first, but I got hooked on logging my exercise for "Thrive Across America" sponsored by Kaiser (but open to all LACERS members). At the end I qualified for a \$50 gift card that my legal counsel has assured me cannot be construed as a bribe!

What is not to like? The program contains:

- Exercise programs
- Regular updates on healthy living including recipe tips and invitations and mailings for carrier-sponsored workshops.
- A little competition and payoff at the end.
- And it's free!

You are only a log-on and a click away from a healthier you. Log on to www.LACERS.org and Click on to LACERS *Well* page.

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

DWP Retirees Association



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

We Are Living Longer



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy By Michael Karsch

In late February, the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) acted to revise that system's mortality and retirement age actuarial assumptions – in other words, to revise their projections to account for the fact that more people are living longer. CalPERS is the statewide pension system that most state employees and municipal employees belong. The larger cities such as Los

Angeles have their own pensions apart from CalPERS, but what affects CalPERS also affects the larger cities' pensions. According to LACERS, they consider the

mortality assumption every three years. Six years ago LACERS made an adjustment to the mortality assumption and will again do so later this year. The Fire and Police Pension System and the DWP pension system likewise review mortality changes and adjust their systems accordingly. In each of the three City pensions, an adjustment to consider longer lifespans means that contributions to the plans, primarily by the City, will have to increase. The City currently pays \$450.3 million this year to LACERS, \$574 million to Fire and Police, and the DWP pays \$425 million to its system. The impact on other cities of the CalPERS readjustment will be far-reaching, as each city's share of pension cost is pushed upwards by CalPERS.

The League of California Cities presented to CalPERS their survey of member cities as to how a readjustment could be implemented to avoid a one-size-fits-all solution. The League recommends that two additional options be adopted increasing the phase-in over seven years instead of five years, and that aggressive prefunding be imposed on only those cities that are able to pay for it.

Another pension issue to emerge in early 2014 is the transparency of public employee compensation and benefits, including pensions and healthcare. First of all, State Controller Joan Chiang has been moving more and more local governmental units to fully

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For Retired

Club Members

We Are Living Longer By Michael Karsch – continued

disclose salary and benefits of their employees (the latest category to release this information is that of the public school districts), but without names. Secondly, the California of the employees. Labor unions represent-

Public Policy Center has launched a Website (TransparentCalifornia.com) of state government salaries and benefits with the names contribute to more controversy over govern-

ing public employee groups are battling these information releases as they will likely ment payrolls, including pensions.

LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz, **RLACEI** Publicity

Chair Important

Reminders for

Lacers Retirees **2013 Tax Information**

Your 2013 1099R Tax Statement was mailed on January 24, 2014. If you have not received your statement, please contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328.

Tax Withholding

To change your tax withholding you must submit a W4P Tax Withholding form indicating your

LACERS



Moving

If you move, don't forget to notify LACERS. Notification can be made using the Change of Address Form available at www. LACERS.org, or by calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328 to have one mailed to you.

Changes with your Bank or Credit Union

Remember to notify LACERS if you have Direct Deposit and you change or close your bank account.

idea to see how many of our active

members are needed to support

our retirees. Based on the last annu-

al report, there are 13,224 active

members, 1,191 drop members

and 12,432 retired members. Drop

members are considered as retired

members, and that brings the total

retirees to 13,623. This calculates

out to .95 of an active member

working for each retiree. Going back

to the year 2000, there were 1.06

active members working for each

retiree. It's really going to be inter-

esting to see what the future brings.

March general meeting expecting

to hear from the new Fire Chief

Jim Featherstone. The Chief had

There was a great group at the



As a Reminder:

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

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

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

Mail information to: Marv Beetz at

137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA, 91801 or Email mbeetz4841@aol.com

to attend, and this was a huge

disappointment to those in atten-

dance. But he did send an excellent

replacement, Battalion Chief Steve

Hissong, who gave an outstanding

hour-long dissertation on the prob-

lems and possible solutions fac-

ing the Department today. Thanks,

that we will have another exciting

speaker at our next General Meeting

and barbecue in June. It will be

the General Manager of the Fire

and Police Pensions System, Ray

Ciranna. Don't forget to get your res-

ervations into the office. For more

information, call (888) 288-5073 or

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I want to remind everyone

Chief Hissong.

(323) 283-4441.

Here's a listing of all those who retired

from the City this month. To all we say,

welcome to the Best Years!



RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System:	(800) 779-8328
RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines	(800) 678-4145
Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
Cliff Cannon	Ext. 715
Hal Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
Edward Harding	Ext. 703
Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
Phillip Orland	Ext. 709
Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712
Questions:	Ext. 0
RSVP:	Ext. 701
DWP Retirement Plan Office	(213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers

- Edward Harding: President

Ratio of Active Workers To Retirees Is Dropping



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, **LARFPA Director**

While reading an article several weeks ago, I came across an interesting statistic regarding the increasing longevity of our seniors and how it will affect pension systems. During the 1950s for all pension systems, there were seven employees for each person on a pension. In the 1980s there were three employed people for each pensioner, and during the 1990s it decreased to 1.5 workers for each retired worker. It did not state what the ratio of workers to retirees would be today.

I thought it would be a good a last-minute call and was unable

Retirements

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'Nessie' and the **McDanowitz Clan**

By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Hal and Co. enjoy a cruise from London to New York, with plenty of stops.



For Retired Club Members



My wife, Evelyn, and I took a cruise on the Caribbean Princess 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.

As we continue our story, we were sailing to Edinburgh, which gave us time to relax.

The sushi at the suite party the night before wasn't very good, - nothing was fresh, and the only cooked food was shrimp. They did have real sushi in the International Cafe wine bar after 4 p.m. Diners needed to buy a beverage to get a selection of three tapas variations. One was sushi, one was Spanish with jamón (Spanish ham) and Spanish meatballs and olives, and one was cooked seafood. All of it looked good. We decided to give it a try soon.

As usual, we ["meaning Hal" - Evelyn] ate too much. I switched to fruit for breakfast for the time being. Our headwaiter prepared special appetizers for us each evening in addition to the rest of the menu. I planned to skip dessert for the next few days. Luckily we had done a lot of walking.

That day, we played trivia and relaxed. We had been touring for six consecutive days.

The night before in the Piazza entertainment area they had a couple who performed a balancing act, which looked very hard in such a closed space. They were actually pretty good. The seas were calm and the skies were pretty clear. The temperature was in the low 60s. At 10 a.m. we sat in the Explorer Lounge and checked our email. Trivia was scheduled for 11:15 a.m. I had pizza for lunch; it was okay but not worth get-



Evelyn dreams of "Nessie" at Loch Ness and points to where she claims to have seen the legendary underwater creature.

Ship's Front Desk (same as a hotel) and more shops. In one area are the tour desk and future cruise sales and the Captain's Circle Club and the Crown Grill (steak and seafood specialty) restaurant. Deck 5 has the International Cafe, open 24 hours a day, featuring sandwiches, soup and salads. For breakfast it serves an "egg mac muffin" and a better selection of pastries then in the buffet. There is a coffee bar where you can get special coffee drinks (there is a charge unless you buy a coffee card for \$28. The card gives you 15 drinks and unlimited regular coffee and tea drinks.) Evelyn had a card and I could get regular coffee, which was better because it

was brewed in smaller

batches. There is also a full service bar. Vines, the wine bar, is also here, as is a chocolate shop. The Internet cafe and library are next door. During the day it was a nice place to hang out. It was designed as an atrium, so the center of deck 5 looked up to the ceiling of deck 7. It

was a very attractive space.

After dinner we attended the show in the Princess Theater, "The Piano Man." The ship's singer and dancers performed the songs of Billy Joel, Barry Manilow and Elton John.

The next morning (Aug. 24), the ship anchored at South Queensferry at about 6:30 a.m. and the lowering of the tenders awakened us. We planned to tender in at 9 a.m. and then go to Edinburgh and use the Hop-on Hop-off bus. When I did my research on Edinburgh, I didn't know we would be 30 miles out of the city. We heard there was a private shuttle bus that would do the round trip for \$10. And they were right – we found the shuttle and were dropped off the in new town section of Edinburgh (only 400 years old) at Charlotte Square. We found the bus (The Hop On Hop Off) and took the hour ride to the new and old parts of Edinburgh. That was on a Saturday, the last weekend of the Tattoo and the Fringe, a giant street fair and theatre festival along the Royal Mile, which runs from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holywoodhouse. We started at the castle and walked downhill toward the Palace. Along the way were shops and restaurants. Every

2,500 events during the month-long Fringe. We had lunch at the Royal McGregor, where we had haggis for an appetizer. It was very good and I would order it again. We finished our walk and took the bus back to catch the shuttle to the ship. Of all the cities we had visited to on this trip so far, we all agreed that Liverpool and Edinburgh were our favorites.

Scotland, which is part of the United Kingdom, is about the size of Maine, with Edinburgh the capital.

It was overcast and drizzling. On the Hop-On bus it drizzled for a little while and then it was nice (for Scotland) the rest of the day. The sun even came out in the late afternoon.

The next day (Aug. 25) we docked in in Invergordon, and we took a ship's tour to Loch Ness.

We docked at 8 a.m. Invergordon is about 150 miles north (250 miles by sea) of Edinburgh. During both World Wars, Invergordon was a deep-water anchorage. It serves as a gateway to Inverness and the Great Glen fault that splits the Highlands of Scotland.

Our Princess tour started with an hour ride to Cawdor Castle, the seat of the Earls of Cawdor. It is also known as the setting for Duncan's murder in Macbeth, though the castle did not exist during the reign of the fac-



A "Fringe" street in Edinburgh.

tual Duncan. The Dowager Countess Cawdor still lives in the castle most of the time, except during the tourist season. As we walked through the castle, we could tell that is was being used as a home. The gardens were in bloom and very beautiful. We spent about 90 minutes there, which was more than enough time. Oh, I forgot to say that we were first on the bus and got the front seats. We did this in honor of Cousin Myrna, who would fight to get that seat. We then drove to Inverness to have lunch in a hotel. We had chicken stuffed with haggis, not as good as yesterday. The Ness River runs through Inverness, and after lunch we followed the river to the ruins of Urquhart Castle, which stands next to Loch Ness. The legend has it that a cave beneath the castle is the home to the legendary monster "Nessie." The loch (lake) is 24 miles long, a mile wide and 740 feet deep. The ruins of the castle are well presented, and it was interesting comparing the two castles – one in ruins and one occupied and working. While at the castle we thought we saw "Nessie." In the photo I took, Evelyn pointed toward the spot, and if you look close you can just see the tail go under the water. At least that what we thought.





Hal with a piper in Edinburgh.

ting again. Evelyn, Lanny and Elaine had lunch in the dining room. None of them was thrilled. Maybe it was just that dav's menu.

It looked like we would be playing canasta that afternoon. The last time we were in Vegas we taught Elaine and Lanny how to play.

We found out that the ship docks about 30 miles from Edinburgh, so I needed to find out how we could get to the city. I talked to the port person, and she said there was a private shuttle service from the port to Edinburgh.

We played canasta for a couple of hours and planned to try the wine bar and sushi before dinner. We decided to skip Friday evening services and the Captain's party, though we would dress up for dinner.

The Piazza is the central area of the ship and covers decks 5, 6 and 7. Deck 7 has the piano bar and a number of shops where they continuously run sales. Deck 6 has the

few yards there were street performs. The guide on the bus said there were more than



Urguhart Castle at Loch Ness

We also made another discovery: Our guide, Robert, an amateur genealogist, said there was a clan of McDanowitz. Now that was a long time ago and then

For Retired Club Members



Cawdor Castle.

they migrated the wrong way, ending up in Poland and not America, where they dropped the "Mc" to fit in. I long suspected this because I was once at Fisherman's Warf in San Francisco and found the Danowitz Coat of Arms, which I purchased, and it did look a little Scottish. I also like to drink whisky, which is how we spell it in Scotland, not whiskey like in the United States.

The next day (Aug. 26) was a sea day as we sailed south to the port of Le Havre.

We had a time change and lost an hour last night. Because of that, we slept in later that morning. The weather that day was outstanding, a carryover from the day before. There were no clouds and the seas were calm, with the temperature just under 70 degrees. I hoped it would stay that way for the next day.

That morning the ship presented a "cooking" demonstration in the Princess Theater. There were three dining rooms on the ship: Coral, Palm and Islands. We had been eating in Islands, and our waiter Alicia, who has a very good singing voice (she sang "Happy Birthday" to Evelyn), would be performing and asked us to attend. It was almost a comedy show, with the executive chef and maitre d'hôtel making jokes as they cooked. There were performances from each dining room staff, and it was a lot of fun. Princess really did a lot to improve its food and service. The staff, dining, bars and room stewards were very attentive and really tried to meet our requests.

After lunch, we played a few hours of canasta with Lanny and Elaine. They were to



Cawdor Castle gardens

disembark in Southampton, while we were to continue on to New York.

The next day we planned to take the ship's tour to Normandy. I have been there before, but Evelyn had not. We left the ship at 7:30 a.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m., so it was shaping up as a long day. The ride to

Normandy would take five hours round-trip. We planned to meet Lanny and Elaine for

we planned to meet Lanny and Llaine for drinks at 6:30 p.m. and then have dinner. We wanted to see the show that night, but we needed to get to bed early.

More next month.

36th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

The 36th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to ••**R.L.A.C.E.I.**^{••} **by May 23th** to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

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Reservation deadline: Friday, May 23th. Mail completed reservation form and check to: **Tom Stemnoock, Chairman** 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604 • (818) 487-6789 or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.

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- 2013 In Review: How Did The Markets Perform And Why
- First Quarter Of 2014: How Did The Markets Perform And Why
- Deferred Compensation Update

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Presentors Will Include:

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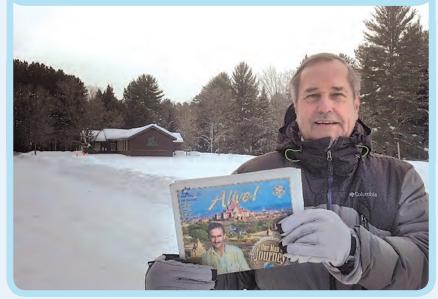
RETIREES AROUND





Wisconsin

Here's **City Attorney's Office Retiree Dick Helgeson** snow-shoeing in mid February in the North Woods – north of the 45th parallel – in Eagle River, Wis. "What did the thermometer read on one of these mid-February mornings? Only 26 below zero," he reports.



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Here's **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**, just back from a trip to Alaska.

Pictured left: "I was in Anchorage at the Iditarod."

Pictured above: "Then I took the Alaska Railroad to Fairbanks. *Wow*, what a ride!"

Pictured right: "The Trans-Alaska Pipeline is a modern engineering wonder of the world."







Story and photo courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police

Elks Officer of the Year

Airport Police Officer Maxine Ford honored by Westchester Elks.



At the awards ceremony were, from left: Lt. Michael Scolaro, Cpt. Fernando Castro, Officer Maxine Ford and Chief of Airport Police Patrick M. Gannon.

A irport Police Officer Maxine Ford, a fiveyear veteran assigned to Patrol Services Section, was honored as Officer of the Year March 11 at Law Enforcement Appreciation Night, hosted by the Westchester Elks Lodge. This event was held to recognize and honor law enforcement's finest sworn/civilian men and women, whose service to the Westchester community has set them apart over the past year.

Officer Ford was nominated for the hard work and dedication she displays not only to the Airport Police, but also to Los Angeles World Airports.

Recently, Officer Ford assisted a Hawaiian family of seven, including four small children,

who had been stranded at the LAX for four days. Unexpected events had depleted the family's funds and they found themselves unable to purchase airline tickets to travel back home. They had been attempting to go to numerous airlines for discounts but none were able to help. The family also tried getting help from other entities including church groups and the United Way, and even resorted to begging for money from other passengers, but all their efforts were unsuccessful.

After speaking with the family, Officer Ford, with the assistance of Officer Teresa Moore, went to several airlines to see if any of them could lower their rates for this family. Eventually, they were referred to contact Hawaiian Airlines Corporate Office, which agreed to accept whatever funds the family had available and schedule them with a flight back home to Honolulu the following day. In addition, Hawaiian Airlines provided the family with a hotel stay for that night. The following day, Officer Ford followed up with the family at Terminal 2 to ensure that they were able to catch their flight. The family was forever grateful for the assistance they received at LAX.

The devotion that Officer Ford projected is an example of what she does every day she comes to work. It is due to her dedication to the organization throughout the year, generosity, professionalism and concern for the wellbeing of others, that she was honored on this special occasion.

As Chief of Airport Police Patrick Gannon presented Officer Ford with the Officer of the Year

Award, he said, "As Chief of Airport Police, I appreciate a good employee. I have heard from several supervisors and fellow officers of her great performance along with her perfect attendance. This is the kind of officer you want in the highest tradition of law enforcement."

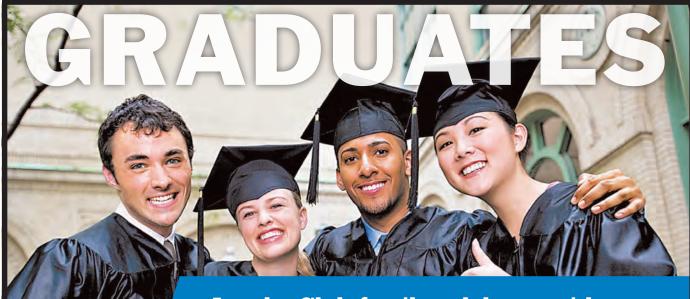
Also in attendance at the event were Airport Police Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Capt. Fernando Castro, Lt. Michael Scolaro, Sgt. Steve Zouzounis, Sgt. Belinda Joseph, and Officers Theresa Moore and Janette Utsey. Proudly accompanying Officer Ford to the ceremony were her husband, father, mother and her best friend.

Congratulations, Officer Ford!

THIS MONTH AT THE A Solution of the second s

April 8: 7 – 8 PM *FREE!* Sunset Walk

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



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The Club

City Employees Club of Los Angeles ANNUAL MEETING

Excellent service Uhere no Club and a solid financial foundation marked the Club for 2013. Hag Gone Before

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

he Club's 86th annual meeting, held Feb. 19, was a celebration of everything that the Club is, including membership, service, discounts and fun. A video produced by Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, highlighted the Club's mission of service and hospitality by looking into the future with "ClubBot."

The annual lunch, held in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall, carried the theme, "Where No Club Has Gone Before."

Strong Foundations

John Hawkins, Club CEO, welcomed everyone and began the business portion of the afternoon.

and a solid financial

He introduced Robyn Wilder, Fire and Police Pensions and Club Board Member, who presented the new board, which was accepted unanimously and then sworn in. The Club Board for 2014 is:

- Robyn Wilder, Fire and Police Pensions
- Andrew Virzi Jr., DWP
- Vas Singh, Finance: and
- Terry Carter, LAPD.

Recognition for Great Club Service

The Club is all about great service to City Employees, and the second half of the luncheon was dedicated to recognition of exemplary service.

> Congratulations to the Club for an excellent 2013. Here's to an even greater 2014!

From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, welcome everyone to the annual meeting.



Club Rep Tonja Bellard-Evans, Personnel Department, wins an

MPLOYEE Welcoming attendees to the meeting were (from left) the Club's Isabel Marquez, Dalila Vielma, Noelle Kauffman, Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez.



At the annual meeting were (from left) Club Insurance Board Members Rose Hyland and Marilyn Holley.



At the annual meeting were (from left) the Club's Leigh Thompson and Trinh Pham

Board of Directors

Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.

> Club Partner and Alive! insurance columnist Jeff Gelineau (left) receives an attendance prize from Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



At the annual meeting were (from left) the Club's Megan DeBolt, Mariana Guevara and Megan Evanich.



The Club Board for 2014 is, from left: Andrew Virzi Jr., Vas Singh Terry Carter and Robyn Wilder.



The Club's board for 2014 is sworn in by Club CFO Brian Trent (right). From left: Andrew Virzi Jr., Vas Singh, Terry Carter and Robyn Wilder.



Club Excellence Award, given to a Club partner who goes beyond the call of duty:

Hal Danowitz, Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) Secretary and Treasurer, and *Alive!* travel columnist. "For more than nine years, Hal Danowitz has been an integral and key piece to the success of the world-famous *Alive!* newspaper," said CEO John Hawkins. "Every month, without fail, he writes his column detailing his travels around the world with his wife, Evelyn, and reports back with pictures and details of his adventures.

"His writing is so vivid that you can taste the food he's describing. You can feel the weather and even hear the sounds as they jump off the page, tempting you to do some traveling of your own.

"Adventures With Hal' helps make *Alive!* stand out as the best and only newspaper that celebrates the lives of City Employees. "It is with great honor that I award Hal with the 2014 Club Partner Excellence Award."

2014 Awards



Club Excellence Award, given to a Club partner who goes beyond the call of duty:

Mary Jo Diemer and Thom Wilson, Rosebud Marketing Group, Inc. "Rosebud Marketing Group has been a Club Partner since the early years of the Club – both John [Hawkins] and I have known them since when the Club Store was nothing more than a color-coded Excel spreadsheet that we would carry around with us," said Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations. "Mary Jo and Thom are constantly thinking about Club Members with their promotional items including the Club bags and pens, and making Club staff look good with the Club-style clothing.

"It is with great honor that I award Mary Jo and Thom the 2014 Club Partner Excellence Award."



Club Rep Award, given to a Club Department Representative who exemplifies excitement and enthusiasm for this great City, his colleagues and the City Employees Club, to:

Alfred Lopez, LACERS. "Alfred has been a Club Member since 2009 and has been a strong supporter of the Club Sports program," said Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations. "He has organized and recruited members to participate in the team he manages called the Sluggers every year since the Club began the program in 2009. He knows the importance of the Club Sports as a way for employees to stay fit and have fun, and a way to enrich their work lives. He helps make memories that last a lifetime.

"The City Employees Club of Los Angeles is honored and privileged to recognize and award the 2014 Club Rep Award to Alfred."



The Absolutely Award,

given to a Club Employee who exemplifies the Club spirit of "absolutely" great customer service, was presented by Club Director of Sales Angel Gomez to:

Megan DeBolt, Sr. Customer Service Associate at the Club Store. "Megan has demonstrated extraordinary enthusiasm for her job at the Club Store," Angel said. "Whether she helps you at the ticket counter, through emails or over the phone, you will immediately know she gives 'absolutely' the best service.

"Megan, you are absolutely awesome... absolutely a model for what the Club stands for... and an example for all others to follow. Thank you for making the Club a better place for all."



At the annual meeting were (from left) the Club's Katie Hesseltine, Monica Zamudia and Jennifer Shackelford.

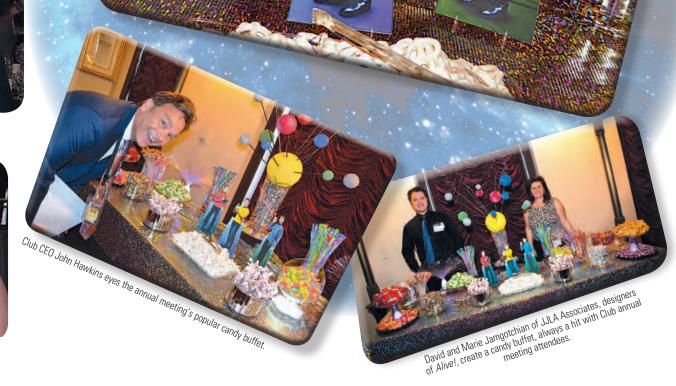


"Where No Club Has Gone Before!" Meeting decorations included the Club's Angel Gomez as "Star Trek's" Scotty, John Hawkins as Capt. Kirk, and Robert Larios as (the alternate universe) Mr. Spock.

With Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios (left) is Jordan Price.



At the annual meeting were (from left) Club Rep Christine Rose of LAPD and the Club's Megan Evanich.





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The Smart Move

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

Critical Illness Insurance Can Address Concerns Of All Ages

Navigating a menu of voluntary benefits presented by an agent in a limited timeframe can be very confusing. How do you know if the voluntary products you are considering are a good fit for your lifestyle or age bracket? The value of the benefit is not found in cost comparison but how well the features of the product fit the needs of prospective applicants.

The table below was put together by a major insurance company to show how a well-engineered critical illness policy can identify the needs of specific generational groups and how the product features fill the need.

Critical illness insurance is fast becoming a "must have" voluntary benefit as medical and non-medical costs continue to escalate. It has distinct advantages over disease-specific products including cancer-only or heart attack- and strokeonly policies. As we move through different generational timeframes in our lives our insurance needs change and critical illness is broad enough to fill those needs.

A look at the table below shows how our insurance needs change as we age and how a quality critical illness policy fills those needs.

Critical Illness Insurance

Generation Y: Ages 18 to 31 Needs

- 63 percent are very concerned about extra costs not covered by medical insurance in the event of serious illness
- Medical deductibles like those associated with consumer health plans, together with lost work days, can drain limited savings and make it hard to meet ongoing expenses such as rent and credit card payments

<u>Features That Fit</u>

- A lump-sum payment to replace lost income and supplement limited savings in times of serious illness
- Affordable coverage that complements existing medical plan to pay for expenses that most medical plans do not cover
- Coverage for age-related serious conditions including melanoma, thyroid and brain cancers, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Generation X: Ages 32 to 47 Needs

- Additional expenses for travel, childcare and co-pays may exceed rainy-day funds for families experiencing a serious illness <u>Features That Fit</u>
- A lump-sum payment to provide extra cash for ongoing household expenses, including mortgage, car payments, utilities
- Dependent coverage for partner and children
- No ongoing claims process
- Coverage for age-related conditions including breast, lung and colorectal cancers; diabetes and cardiac conditions. Also children's cancers such as leukemia and brain tumors

Boomers: Ages 46 to 66

<u>Needs</u>

- 52 percent are very concerned about extra costs not covered by medical insurance in the event of serious illness
- Co-pays and medications can mount up even with a low deductible medical plan and may require tapping into retirement savings or make it difficult to meet commitments to adult children and grandchildren

Features That Fit

- A lump-sum payment to help meet expenses and preserve retirement savings
- No complicated claims process
- Low premiums that offer an affordable way to supplement health insurance
- Coverage for age-related conditions including colon, breast, prostate and lung cancers, heart attacks, strokes, and kidney failure

Critical illness insurance is a great fit for an increasingly diverse workforce – one that is multigenerational, at different life stages and experiencing different economic circumstances.

The Club's insurance partner, Dearborn National, has been a leader in critical illness insurance since this type of policy was introduced back in 1999. For more information, call 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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51 percent are very concerned about extra costs not covered by medical insurance in the event of serious illness

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itv quality and smarts came through loud and clear in an annual awards ceremony. The City's Quality and Productivity Commission held its annual recognition ceremony Nov. 7 to honor selected City Departments and workers that have demonstrated superior quality, productivity and efficiency in their operations and programs. The focus was on projects that addressed quality of life issues and improved customer service initiatives, as well as those that saved money and demonstrated how to do more with less.

The event and reception honoring took place in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

 Commission President Hogan Lee, along with fellow Commissioners, presented certificates of recognition to 2013's most notable and awardwinning projects – and to their employee team members. Some 21 projects involving 16

City Departments, Bureaus and Divisions were highlighted by the Commission for collectively resulting in millions of dollars in savings.

To reward and encourage innovation and efficiency, the Commission hosts its annual awards ceremony recognizing and honoring employee teams whose outstanding projects and innovations improve the productivity and efficiency of the City. Many of these projects are self-initiated by front-line employees who sometimes spend years developing an idea into reality. Projects this year include utilityand maintenance-saving initiatives, consolidations, administrative cost-cutting measures, and waste-to-energy pilots.

The selection process consisted of the Commission's review of dozens of applications from departments Citywide. The Commissioners then conducted site visits of the semi-finalists, followed by the final selection of the projects that saved the City money, leveraged existing resources and/or enhanced customer service.

The Quality and Productivity Commission is a 15-member volunteer commission dedicated to improving the responsiveness, efficiency, and quality of services delivered by the City to the public. For more information visit: www. quality.lacity.org.

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Award-Winning

Departments: Aging **Animal Services** Controller DWP Emergency **Preparedness General Services/** Engineering **General Services**/ **Fleet Services** Harbor ITA LAFD LAPD Library Personnel Public Works/ Contract Administration **Public Works/** Engineering Public Works/ Sanitation **Z00**

Congratulations to the winners!



At the Quality and Productivity Awards ceremony Nov. 7.



Public Works/Sanitation

Out of Rehab, Into Revenue

Tucked away on Terminal Island in the middle of the LA Harbor is the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) at the Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant (TIWRP). TIWRP's chief task is to provide clean reclaimed water.

Providing clean reclaimed water pays \$852 per acre foot for as many acre feet as TWIRP can make

After 10 years of use, AWPF was operating at 75 percent of its designed capacity. Filters needed cleaning three times more often, and more energy and more labor were needed to keep things maintained. It was time for rehab.

The team at TWIRP had a bigger, better vision for its future. Bigger meant adding extra skids of microfilters so some could be cleaned while the rest were being worked. And better meant new filter membranes that gave 20 percent more capacity than TWIRP was ever designed to have.

The extra capacity is generating an extra \$2.2 million per year for the City of Los Angeles.



Out of Rehab, Into Revenue



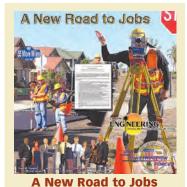
General Services/Engineering

A New Road to Jobs

new street resurfacing program, including a new Anew street resurface streets, meant that surveying would need to ramp up to service that program. Surveyors were needed, yet staffing at the Bureau of Engineering Survey Division had been cut 20 percent.

The standard approach would be to rely on contractors. But the cost would be about twice the available budget. And much of that cost would be for administrative overhead. Plus, there would be the administrative burden on the division in dealing with the contractors and their contracts.

General Services/Construction Forces Division has decades of experience with, as needed, skilled workers through their use of union hiring halls. Instead of the Bureau of Engineering Survey Division paving a premium for overhead to contractors. Genera



Aging

Body and Soul

Three out of four seniors have at least two chronic conditions, and two out of three deaths each year are due to chronic illness. Moreover, about half of seniors have no specific goals for managing their health. The costs for dealing with this problem are born by society and by seniors themselves.

The Dept. on Aging has had a vision for improving this situation for more than a decade, but only until certain technologies emerged was it possible to do something that could be affordable enough to scale.

Microsoft's Kinect video console allows players to interact through body movements and voice commands. And Microsoft offers HealthVault, a personal healthcare database and monitoring application. Microsoft's financial support and these two technologies were used by Aging to create ExerGamers. Aging was already using Evidenced Based Health Programs as part of its wellness efforts. But ExerGaming provides a Fun Factor that arouses curiosity, encourages participation, and sustains interest that other health and wellness programs often lack.

ExerGamers have formed video game bowling leagues and have competed nationally. Along with the consoles, Microsoft provided the off-the-shelf blood pressure, glucose, and other monitors that plug into HealthVault. Partners in Care Foundation and St. Barnabus Senior Center also contributed and helped. ExerGaming in combination with HealthVault has given seniors tools to better take charge of their health. And lives and health have improved.

With off-the-shelf technology, the ExergGamer concept is in position to scale. Aging is working with the County Department of Public Health on how to expand the program in our area. And ExerGaming has been mentioned in the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg News, and LA Business Journal, along with YouTube videos, Twitter chatter, and an innovation award first prize from Microsoft, and it was featured in an article in The Journal of Active Aging.

With the recognition that seniors are sometimes neglected during the holidays, and that Department of Aging employees are in the office and have limited contact with those they serve, they decided in 2004 to adopt 35 seniors

during the holidays. By 2006 the LA Foundation on Aging and City employees had joined the effort they called Project CARE. Headed by the Chief Elf Organizer, who dedicates herself to this effort in memory of her own parents, and joined by her City employee volunteer Helpers, they recruit other employees to be sponsors and give.

Project CARE does more than connect with seniors and help people express their generosity and holiday spirit. Project CARE selects seniors based on need and finds out what they need and puts it on the senior's holiday wish list. Sponsors then have a range of items they can give that will make a real difference in a needy seniors life.



In 2011, Project CARE expanded to help 200 homeless seniors living in a shelter and plans to help at others. Not only has the mission enlarged but the scale has grown tremendously. In 2012, 1,400 City employees were matched to seniors and 7,557 seniors have received gifts of much needed items. The generosity has totaled more than \$560,000.

The positive soulfulness of Project CARE has encouraged VONS employees to donate \$5,000 in grocery gift cards. And an employee at Toyota recruited 200 others to participate last year and now Toyota headquarters has organized a committee to participate.

Department of Aging's Project CARE won a 2012 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Innovation Award.

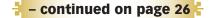
Services stepped in, set up a hiring hall and provided surveyors.

By paying for surveying, not overhead, the work was done within budget and with an extra 55 miles repaved. And it's saving more than \$500,000 each year versus paying contractors. General Services had the talent and experience to ramp things up right away, and they were also responsive and skilled with the employees. The speed and skill of General Services meant paving could proceed unimpeded, meeting the needs of the Survey Division and the City.

Taking a step back, looking afresh, and matching talent with need have paved a new direction.







ALIVE! FEATURE

Quality and Productivity Awards - continued

Public Works/Sanitation

Nothing Gets in Its Way

The City's sewer system is a huge network, marked from manhole to manhole along our streets. Contractors, plumbers, even homeowners sometimes tap into that network and the sewer's pipes to build new projects, renovate or make repairs. They don't always do a good job and can leave sewer linesobstructed. Since these obstructions are tapped into

the side of the sewer pipe, when they become an obstruction, they are called protruding laterals. Obstructions from protruding laterals or other problems can often be hard to reach and require digging up a section of pipe, making the repair,

making the repair, burying the pipe, and then repaving the street. This means considerable time and money for the City, as well as disruption for the neighborhood.

Recognizing the need for a better way, Wastewater Collection Systems Division launched a pilot program in 2005 for a new solution. The grinding power of milling tools is commonly used to clear pipes, but there was nothing available for hard obstructions like protruding laterals. Wastewater Collection Systems Division piloted a modified milling tool they developed in-house.

Experimentation and modification of the tool took time. But it proved so effective with protruding laterals that its scope of use was expanded to include mineral deposits, construction materials, and other hard to remove obstructions, which necessitated further modifications and experimentation.



Today a truck with a remote controlled video camera positions itself over the manhole of the inflow end of an obstructed section of sewer pipe while the milling tool truck positions itself over the outflow end manhole. The cameraman and the milling crew are in constant contact as they narrow in on and attack the obstruction. Their coordinated effort removes obstructions quickly and the video adds to their knowledge base. Along with the savings in time and disruption, the City saves a quarter to a half-million dollars a year.



Enhanced DNA

Like other jurisdictions, the City had a backlog of untested DNA including more than 6,000 Sexual Assault Evidence Kits, with each SAEK consisting of 10 to 11 samples. The attention to the problem brought City and Federal dollars to the LAPD Detective/Scientific Investigation Division to help eliminate the backlog. Private labs were hired to process much of the backlog. Their performance was closely monitored by the Detective/Scientific Investigation Division so that the sample results could be placed in the national DNA profile database named CODIS. Along with those efforts the division was also increasing its ongoing capacity by increasing its staff of technicians from 24 to 90 and purchasing automated lab equipment using federal grant money.

By the beginning of 2012, the Detective/Scientific Investigation Division was able to process the monthly work load of 100 SAEKS within six months.

Detective/Scientific Investigation Division came up with a strategy to improve their throughput even more. By January 2013 they could do the work within 90 days of request.

Processing DNA for analysis involves many steps. The overwhelming majority of DNA sought is male. The standard approach is for technicians to first determine if samples have male DNA. They use microscopes and play a tedious, time-consuming kind of *Where's Waldo* to find male DNA in the samples. Once identified, the samples are then sent on for further processing, including a couple steps later when the DNA is replicated to provide enough material for thorough analysis and typing.

Detective/Scientific Investigation Division knew that once they had enough material they could type the DNA as male quite readily. Figuring the cost of reagents and other materials, the cost of labor, and the capacities provided by batch processing, they inverted their process.

Now they skip *Where's Waldo* and go straight to growing DNA on more samples from the kit. They ID the ones with male DNA, and pick the best one for further processing, while now knowing all the other good ones, just in case. Changing up the process frees up technician time while it uses more supplies, about \$9,000 per month, but the salary savings is close to \$60,000.





Enhanced DNA



Productivity

Public Works/Contract Administration

Justice Prevails

Contractors who do not comply with Prevailing Wage laws not only cheat their workers, they gain an unfair advantage over all the law-abiding contractors while undermining the goals of the laws.

With multiple jurisdictions and agencies

in the greater LA area, unscrupulous contractors can feign ignorance, beg forgiveness, and make shortchanging employees into a business model.

The City's award winning Office of Contract Compliance may have the talent and resources

to enforce the laws and spot many of the scofflaw tricks, but there are agencies like school boards, and even other cities, that don't.

Recognizing and leveraging the City's uniqueness, the Office of Contract Compliance has added a new dimension to its have a search warrant served against a particularly egregious offender. More fines have been collected. And by working in coalition, the City has been able to encourage the state to do a better job to list and track violators.



prior outreach and education efforts by spearheading the creation of the 35-agency Labor Compliance Officers Coalition.

The quarterly coalition meetings give members lists of contractors to watch, legislative updates, and information on the law. Relationships developed in the coalition enabled the Office of Contract Compliance to





Public Works/Engineering • Public Works/Sanitation

Quality Water Creates Quality of Life

Water entering the Los Angeles River during dry times or at the beginning of large storms is the most polluted and dangerous to health and the environment. Public Works/ Sanitation's Watershed Protection Division and the Bureau of Engineering Stormwater Group have worked together and in a coalition to build two projects to improve the quality of runoff water. And they also improved the quality of life for the surrounding areas.

Replacing concrete storm drains with more natural alternatives naturally makes sense. Treating waste closer to the source, using vegetation as a filter, adding greenery and water to cool the area unlike heat radiating concrete, are just some of the obvious benefits. But the Watershed Protection Division and the Stormwater Group also saw and realized less obvious opportunities.

The Humboldt Greenway Project is located on Humboldt Street between 18th and 19th Streets. It is an industrialized area on an old petroleum field adjacent to a rail line and the LA River. It was a city block lined with concrete. There are now bike and walk paths, a bike stop, drinking fountains, an irrigation system, and solar powered lights, along with a more natural beauty.

The Manchester Neighborhood Greenway Project is being built to deal with runoff from the adjacent 110 Freeway between Manchester and 87th. Along with the problem of runoff, the area has been a problem for the neighborhood. It has been used as an illegal dump, as a homeless camp, and a magnet for illicit activities. The Council Office, the LAPD, and Caltrans, that owns some property in the area, all shared a desire to improve the quality of life for the area. And water quality was the financing vehicle.

Water quality also proved the easier objective. Creative and collaborative thinking were needed to find ways to keep the area from sinking into its prior misuse. And relationships within the City and with Caltrans proved essential in keeping the project moving. The walkways, lighting, and trees will improve the neighborhood. And the lessons learned in working with stakeholders will improve future projects.







Creates Quality of Life

Public Works/Sanitation

Taking It All In

The City used to pay Street Services \$3 million to service the white wire litter baskets throughout the City, but policymakers decided to consolidate the collection of the 1,500 street side baskets into the Bureau of Sanitation.

The volume of additional work was certainly a challenge for Sanitation. But so was the nature of the work. The additional volume required additional stops, and three drivers were hired to help with some of that. But there was also the difference in how quickly some baskets became filled and then overfilled, which led to complaints and blight. Realizing this, Sanitation was able to better monitor and service the receptacles and reduced over full complaints by 80 percent.

Sanitation is also looking at ways to increase efficiency. Sanitation is testing and working with vendors on Automated Litter Bins like BigBelly that is solar powered, compacts the trash, and notifies electronically when it's full.

Sanitation was able to take in the extra work and get the job done better. It monitored and managed the work, and is continuing that proactive approach by exploring improvement through emerging technologies.



Taking It All In



Win Win Win

n better days, the Wastewater Engineering Services Division conducted college recruitment outreach for workforce development, but with cutbacks and hiring freezes those sorts of efforts seemed a thing of the past, though the relationships remained.

With such cutbacks, the Division's focus is on core services and efficiency. But there remains a need to deal with smaller problematic projects, ones that aren't as efficient a use of manpower as other priorities.

Bureau of Sanitation created a Volunteer Engineer Program to leverage the relationships built through its prior college recruitment efforts to meet those needs. The participants are truly volunteers and earn no pay. Obviously that is a win for the City. But it has also been a win for the volunteers.

As the volunteers will attest, they have been given meaningful work that has given them practical experience that some have turned into paid employment. And the success of the first few volunteers has opened up opportunities in other departments within Engineering, broadening the range of experience open to the volunteers.

And the Volunteer Engineer Program has been a win for the public. Having volunteers has meant that instead of having to wait 48 hours to get a response on a septic spill they get someone that day.

It would normally cost the City more than \$100 an hour for the services delivered by each of these volunteers. The average 12 hours per week for the 19 volunteers serving the City easily adds up to great savings, while the volunteers garner real experience and opportunity. And the public gets a level of service not normally possible during these hard-put times.



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Public Works/Sanitation • Zoo

Food for the Soul

The future of the LA Zoo has been uncertain, and great effort has been made to keep it, perhaps with the belief and the thought that the Zoo represents something if not at the core of City services then something somewhere near its soul.

The Bureau of Sanitation's Hyperion Treatment Plant has found a way to help feed that soul. In partnership with the LA Zoo, alfalfa and Sudan hay are now being grown at the City's Green Acres Farm in Bakersfield. The crops grown underwent and passed a nutritional analysis and are now being fed to Gerenuks and Bongos at the Zoo.

The feed feeds many types of animals, and the first load delivered was more than 20 tons. Sanitation makes around \$17,000 a year in profit by providing feed to Grevy zebras and other animals. And that effort nourishes the Zoo by saving it \$9,000 each year to help continue its mission.





Animal Services • General Services/Fleet Services

Taking Stock

A nimal Services had seven old reliable animal collection vehicles that had turned into clunkers. Normally they would just be replaced, but the replacement budget could now afford only four and still there would be the time and effort to try to keep the other three in service. This challenge presented the opportunity to take stock of what Animal Services needed and what they had.

A vehicle inventory audit was conducted including photographs and analysis of the condition of the vehicles and how often and how they were used. This resulted in reassigning and exchanging a number of vehicles among units. The Wildlife Team got a 4x4 pickup in trade as an example.

As Animal Services asked fundamental questions about their resources and needs, they engaged with General Services/Fleet Services. With Animal Services able to detail their needs, Fleet Services was able to apply their expertise and inventory to servicing those needs. Redeploying, reassigning, and re-balancing the fleet affected employees in direct, everyday ways. By communicating and explaining what was happening and why, a unified vision developed that employees could share and embrace.

Taking stock and asking fundamental questions allowed for better utilization and better uses for resources. And having the answers to those fundamental questions allowed their vendor, Fleet Services, to serve them better and in a more meaningful way.

And Animal Services saved \$270,000 and will probably save twice that amount over the next three to five years.

The City in the Palm of Your Hand

With an iPhone or an Android, or even a desktop, Angelenos can use my MyLA 311 to get City services, whether to report a pothole, request tree trimming, or even pay a DWP bill. And they can also send pictures and locations of the problems, and track what's been reported.

All of this was accomplished inexpensively and extremely quickly because of the preparation and planning of the Information Technology Administration. In MyLA 311, ITA has consolidated the top 11 requested services into one simple online form. Keeping it simple, prioritized, and clean, are hallmarks of ITA's new mobile apps.

MyLA 311 means City Hall is always open and the City is always within reach. The site is dynamically and automatically updated in response to how users use the site and what their needs are. And it constantly updates to provide the latest City news as well as YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook feeds.

Also the ease of use, clean interface, and tool-based architecture of the MyLA 311 mobile site shaped the redesign of the City's main Website, LACity.org.

LACity.org is smart, with information tailored to small business, job seekers and tourists, among others. It is open with listings of upcoming meetings, on-demand videos with text searching, job and business listings, and links to other services. And the site is social with a page footer that is a launch pad for not only the social media feeds but also to a City contact information directory. LACity.org's clean, well organized, smart, open and social Website was a finalist nationwide for city website portals. And the portability and power of MyLA 311 is a real winner for Angelenos.

ITA



The City in the Palm of Your Hand





Fleet Services' help resulted in Animal Services now having a large UPS-like van instead of a pickup truck for its Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team and "cherry-pickers" and other equipment they can borrow. And knowing Animal Services' needs, Fleet

Services found a Mobile Lab Vehicle with generators, stabilizers and other capabilities that could support a team in a remote or disaster situation.





Controller • ITA

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By the Books

The City's financial books had been stored across three different computer systems for more than a generation. The disparate and antiquated systems kept processes manual and the true financial picture murky. And the old mainframes were as expensive to maintain as they were outdated. The budgetary crises made clear that a modern and unified solution to manage the City's finances was needed and the Controllers Office and the Information Technology Administration were tasked to get it done

The goal was a Financial Management System with AR, AP, Cost Accounting, and General Ledger that would serve as a platform for future enhancements and modules. Along with work flow automation improvements the system needed to be able to record special kinds of expenses like grants, programs, and special events like the LA Marathon, and to keep track of many different sources of revenue.

The team followed the book of good project management with a multi-team organization and an empowered and effective oversight steering committee. They found a good vendor with whom they worked in partnership. And starting early in the project they communicated with and trained people at all levels of their roles and what to expect.

The project began with an envision stage of analysis, prototyping and implementation plan-

ning. The build stage was marked by design, development, testing, modification and more than 100 training classes. And achieve was achieved when the data was moved and things went live

There is now one single financial version of the truth for the City of Los Angeles. And it can be downloaded and analyzed. Accounts Receivable can more effectively be sent to collection, vendors who don't pay their taxes can have payments garnished, vendors can be paid electronically, and receivables can now be viewed as one picture.

The enhanced management capabilities and unified platform are ready to be augmented by modules for performance-based budgeting; procurement and vendor self-service; and a financial transparency portal to further open the City's books.



Personnel

Skillfully Done

Dolicymakers decided to consolidate and centralize the Human Resource functions of 23 different departments and bureaus into just one. And doing so was its own Human Resources challenge.

It made sense to consolidate not just because of the budget but also to ensure uniform, skilled, and quality service for departments and employees. Recognizing the needs of their mission, the Personnel Department developed 30 Best Practices to cover all HR functions.

But it was the human part of Human Resources that was of course the biggest challenge. There were 100 people that had new bosses during a time of turmoil and change. This was unknown territory for all. Personnel followed the good practices of inclusion and communication. By communicating early and often, the unknown territory was discovered together, thereby increasing trust and smoothing transition.

The consolidation has created economies of scale. Personnel has added an Advocacy Unit to better represent the City. And the Personnel Department has acquired and launched a Learning Management System that offers low-bandwith, high-quality video employee training courses.

The training is part of the effort by Personnel to develop and standardize the skills of the City's workforce. Courses include Supervision, Customer Service and HR topics like sexual harassment. The courses are accompanied with software that maintains an online student database to better manage training. The training effort is not limited to job skills but includes community service, too. The new system has provided 25,000 City employees with disaster service worker training. Now if their community needs them during a disaster they have skills they can offer.





Harbor



Trading Up

With the nation's largest and one workshops include Export Readiness; Dec. 5 all prior attendees were invited

V of the world's busiest ports, Los Angeles has risen with the increase in international trade. And the Port of Los Angeles Business and Trade Development Division is trying to lift that trade even more.

The Business and Trade Development Division has been conducting introductory workshops on how to export for a few years. They have held 53 workshops and had 4,366 people attend. Surveys showed that attendees wanted an even more in-depth understanding of exporting.

However, no curriculum could be found within the industry, so in collaboration with subject matter experts, one was developed, and a series of indepth workshops called Trade Connect was launched. Each workshop consists of three-hour sessions held every other week over three months. Taught for free by subject matter experts, the

Finding and Entering New Export Markets; International Business Culture; Internet Export Marketing; Legal Do's and Don'ts for Exporters: Export Trade Finance and Insurance; and Export Plans and Counseling. Four series have been conducted.

This one-of-a-kind offering has further distinguished itself by winning the 2013 President's "E-Star" Award for Export Service, the nation's highest honor for promoting trade.

The Redondo Beach Chamber and the Santa Clarita Small Business Development Center helped sponsor and host the first two workshop sessions. Sustaining the effort takes infrastructure to do the administrative and coordination tasks, build an outreach database, and do all the follow up to ensure participants have the tools they need. As part of that follow up effort, on

to meet with trade specialists, insurers, logisticians, forwarding agents, credit insurers, financiers and other trade resources to add even more value to the training they've received and to help lift our trade up even more.



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ALIVE! FEATURE

Quality and Productivity Awards - continued

LAPD

A Different Reality

Today, 1 child in 88 is born with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is said that if you have met one child with autism, then you have met one child with autism – the reality for each child is different. Dealing with

that reality poses challenges for the LAPD.

Policing in the City of Los Angeles in recent years has changed, as evidenced by the decreased tensions and increased trust in neighborhoods throughout the City. One of the reasons for that has been increased outreach and an increased understanding within the LAPD of the many parts and people that comprise our community.

One such effort started in

April 2011 when Police Training and Education worked with community partners to develop autism awareness training for officers and public safety awareness training for the autism community as part of National Autism Awareness month. LAPD partnered with the Autism Society of Los Angeles, LAUSD, and LAPD's own Autism Support Group. Fifty officers participated and as many community members. Interestingly, members of the public were surprised that LAPD families also had members with autism. The recognition of that reality further helped bridge the gap between the police and the public and to increase understanding and empathy.

In 2012, officer participation doubled to 100, and the experience was enriched. There



was a hands-on simulation of some of the social, communication, cognitive, and motor skill challenges and features of autism. Officers donned an Awareness-In-A-Box helmet-like

device that altered their experience into one more closely resembling autism helping the officer to connect that experience with work out in the field. LAPD was helped in this larger effort by partners including Ralphs, Starbucks, the LA Dodgers, The City Employees Club, LA County Fire, the Parker Foundation, and then-Councilwoman Jan Perry's office. There was also a student

and many high school-age LAUSD students

with ASD interacting, often one on one. That person-to-person interaction created a new reality for all. Officers learned to better perceive behavior as not being uncooperative or combative and students learned how to be more comfortable with the police. After getting to know the officers including at lunch the students participated in activities simulating interactions with the police like asking for help or being in a police car.

And while students and officers spent time together, parents, advocates, and experts participated in a training session by LAPD and the Autism Society of Los Angeles about the procedures, expectations, and tactical requirements of officers for when they respond to calls for service. The knowledge gained helped participants understand the challenges faced by officers and what they can do proactively to more safely interact with police.

In October 2012, Police Training and Education applied for grants through the Police Foundation to continue their efforts. LAPD received a grant from Motorola for \$87,000 to conduct a training day in four parts of the City furthering the effort of outreach and understanding.



A Different Reality

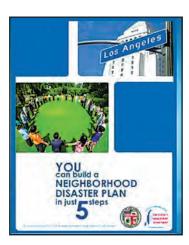
Aging

Emergency

Preparedness

Ready Able

f there were a major disaster, emergency personnel would be stretched thin, dealing with only the highest priority concerns. Our neighborhoods and our people would most likely be on their own. The Emergency Management Department has devised a tool that can help.



The Community Emergency Management Division developed the Disaster Planning Toolkit with the aid of a State Homeland Security Grant and Constant and Associates. Disaster planning has typically been focused on individuals. But the Community Emergency Management Division understands that more people can be protected if the effort is coordinated on a neighborhood level. When Community Emergency Management Division leveraged the grant money and their contractor to develop the toolkit they looked at best practices and templates from other cities but decided to tailor their tool to Los Angeles. They picked a pilot community, the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Association, that typified many of the issues facing neighborhoods in LA.

Many neighborhood meetings, planning sessions, and evaluations took place to create an emergency plan for the neighborhood that was then extensively exercised and tested. The results are five steps: Define the Area, Recruit Leaders, Scout the Area, Build the Team, and Plan the Approach; and a toolkit that includes all the things needed to carry them out including meeting reminder flyers, emergency door hangers, and a training DVD.

The simplicity yet comprehensiveness of the five steps in the Neighborhood Disaster Plan Toolkit allows them to be used as benchmarks for determining the readiness of a neighborhood, of the City. By having a tool that also serves as a benchmark and a standard, emergency preparedness is better prepared to scale to meet the challenge.

The seniors in our neighborhoods face additional challenges during a disaster. Recognizing this, the Department of Aging, assisted by Emergency Management, partnered with UCLA and County Public Health to create Go-Kits for seniors. The Go-Kits have seven-day pillboxes, File of Life packets, solar blankets and other things that might be needed during a disaster or evacuation. The Go-Kits are not giveaway items. Department of Aging makes use of a train the trainer model and one on one contact to help ensure that the Go-Kits given out will actually be prepped and be ready to use by the senior. 1,275 kits have been distributed so far. The Department of Aging also was concerned about how they, as a department, would respond during a disaster. They decided to be proactive. They obtained CPR and First Aid training for 20 of their staff, they created an Employee Emergency Response Guide with policies, procedures, and other information employees need to know. And had an 800 number rededicated that is now used for emergency updates for staff. Employees have their own supplemented Go-Kits, and department vehicles have emergency, first aid, and disaster response materials. They did their own form of Scout the Area at their offices and participated in 2009's Great Shakeout. The Department of Aging understands that caregivers need to be taken care of first.

LAFD

Airlift

The LAFD Air Operations Section not only provides water drops to suppress fires, it also assists in emergency rescues over swift water, open water, and difficult or mountainous terrain. To maintain the high level of preparedness required, the Air Operations Section manages its operations by recording all the activities associated with their flights including pilot and crew actions during a response. But they must also manage other information such as maintenance and certification data. They had been using an old and antiquated set of systems to manage these operations. The systems where shaped by the business processes but their shortcomings also shaped them. The Air Operations Section saw an opportunity change this.

They brought in Management Information Systems Division to do a baseline analysis of both the manual processes and the automated systems used by the Air Operations Section. That analysis showed the gap was just too great between what AOS had and what they needed.

More than automation, a change meant a change in daily operations of the Air Operations Section.

To improve the likelihood of a successful project, it was managed according to the European Foundation for Quality Management's model. One of the model's features is a Section to interact with the system while it was being developed. Time was also taken early on by Air Operations Section to investigate and communicate industry best practices. And there was time taken to fully deliberate and vet the ideas, modifications, and final product.

Now instead of an antiquated set of systems with little security, multiple single points of

failure, and inefficient and duplicate processes, Air Operations Section has a modifiable system that that they can use to better document, analyze and manage their operations.

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mainstay of any successful project, committed leadership. Air Operations Section leadership was committed to the project and to whatever changes were needed in day-to-day operations to better manage its operations.

The project did not have a firm deadline, but it also had no budget. MISD could only provide time. The same was also true for AOS. The initial analysis showed the possibility of integrating what was needed into a different existent system, the Critical Incident Application. This provided MISD with a shorter path to development, but it also allowed them to develop an application designed such that the end user can modify and adapt the application to new business rules.

One of the keys to the success of the project along with good, open communication, was the time taken both by MISD to really understand the business and for Air Operations





Public Works/Sanitation

Keeping Things Moving

 $B_{\rm building,\ plumbing\ merges\ into\ the\ network\ of\ our\ sewer\ system,\ taking\ up\ capacity\ by\ add-ing\ to\ the\ flow.$

It is a managed network, managed by Sanitation's Wastewater Engineering Services Division. The network is monitored and modeled. For more than 10 years, that model has been the core of a custom-built, mapping-based software program called the Sewer Flow Estimation Model (SFEM). The model and SFEM worked well. The problem was that the mapping software that SFEM depends on, changes, as software tends to do. This has meant hiring specialized and expensive consultants to bridge the gap between the 10-year-old SFEM and the changes to the mapping software.

Instead of continuing to move down that path, Wastewater Engineering Services Division found a different solution. It formed a Public Private Partnership with a commercial off the shelf software company to modify one of its products to incorporate the SFEM model. This means that SFEM can move with the times, and at a significant cost savings. Wastewater Engineering Services Division was used to spending \$300,000 every one to two years for software in addition to paying consultants \$100,000 to \$150,000 each time. With this solution, Wastewater Engineering Services Division paid a one-time cost that was \$100,000 less than what they normally would have paid and now only have to pay \$10,000 each vear for software maintenance.

Wastewater Engineering Services Division has also rethought their Sewer Capacity Availability Review (SCAR) process.

When the Bureau of Engineering needs to know if there is enough sewer capacity for a new development or a renovation, they rely on the Wastewater Engineering Services Division to perform a SCAR.

Wastewater Engineering Services Division updated its process. It got rid of its old faxbased system, automated things, and now provides better service, both to Engineering and to the public. Online access, workflow tracking and email notifications have made service more transparent accountable and efficient.

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Public Works/Engineering

DWP

Water Wisdom

Water wrote much of the history of early Los Angeles. And while we use just the same amount as in 1970, water is still central to the City and will help form our future. The ranchers, leaseholders and residents of the Eastern Sierra know that history and are often skeptical of the City's intentions.

With the wisdom of recognizing the perspective of the stakeholders in the Eastern Sierra and how conservation has kept usage down for Los Angeles, the Department of Water and Power embarked on an effort to improve irrigation operations in the Eastern Sierra. The annual savings is 17,000 acre feet equivalent to \$10 million per year. And more is on its way.

Wisely knowing that conservation efforts work best when there is buy-in from the consumer, and relying on relationships of trust and building more, DWP managers listened to and absorbed what the ranchers and other leaseholders had to say. They reached out to aqueduct and reservoir personnel, hydrographers, and even other agencies, in addition to the leaseholders. That broad outreach created both perspective and confidence for the parties. Real time water usage monitoring and reporting gave ranchers and other lessees control over their water usage instead of feeling controlled by demands placed by Los Angeles. As a result water use was reduced by 17,000 acre-feet a year, and that figure is anticipated to increase greatly, increasing yearly savings from \$10 million to more than \$15 million per year.









Unauthorized irrigation



Library



Always Open

Budget constraints have limited library branch hours, thereby limiting library access. Things have improved, but there are too many hours when the library is closed. That is changing.

The library is changing what it means to be a library with their Digital Enhancement Initiative.

Access to the Library is now 24/7 with an offering of 76,000 downloadable books. The digital collection is not limited to books. It also contains research databases, free mp3s, and the Library's own digital library of photos, maps and manuscripts. And the Library is providing access to the insights and advice of the City's librarians with LAPL Reads. Librarians blog about books and suggest reading lists. There are more than 18,000 subscribers to the digital library so far and the library saved \$250,000 in the effort because it partnered with the County in acquiring their collection.

The Library is increasing access in another way, too. The Library is opening up access to education by offering e-learning resources, including instructor-led courses. The courses include those for business and clerical skills, ESL grammar and writing, introductory career training, and even computer programming and a certification in Project Management. The courses are free for City employees and the public. More than 1,100 people took courses in just the first six months.

Grownups Rule!

Once again, the grownup **Club Members have** blown us away!

Alive! publishes its Grownup Coloring Contest only once a year. But when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the future!

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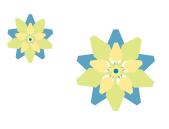


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Welcome New Members!

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

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PW-Street Services

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Graduations

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Peace of Mind

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



Protect Your Identity

🔆 Military

Here's how to get the best value and use from the Club's Info Armor plan to deflect various types of identity theft.

Births

According to the Bureau of Consumer Protection, thieves have targeted folks of all genders, races, educational backgrounds and ages, including children. Do you know the warning signs that an identity thief is using your Social Security number? This is known as tax related identity theft.

With your personal information, an identity thief can facilitate mortgage, auto, and student loan fraud. Thieves can also use your identity to get medical care. Per our government findings, identity theft is the sixth most frequently reported characterization of suspicious activity within the period for the study.

You can shield yourself and your fam-

ily with an identity theft protection plan like the Club's Info Armor, a trustworthy and respectable company with a longstanding history of proving that they are identity protection experts. Info Armor has been built upon a myriad of technological networks and worldwide monitoring databases to help consumers preserve and/or restore your identity. When you enroll in coverage with Info Armor, benefits include protection for your spouse and children. Info Armor monitors your identity and provides updates to you weekly confirming your identity is secure. Info Armor's world-class customer care will also show you how you can become more aware on protecting your identity with valuable tools and resources.

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ing on your behalf immediately to restore your identity and clean up past issues within the coverage period of the policy.

If you already have Info Armor on your side, I'm going to show you how you can gain the most value from your benefits. Equip your family with the fight against identity theft by creating an account. In your Web browser, go to www.myportal. infoarmor.com

Once you've created your account, activate credit monitoring by clicking the "CreditArmor" tab to receive your one full credit report in addition to a monthly credit score from Transunion. You will also receive continuous credit monitoring with daily alerts of significant changes to the subscriber's TransUnion credit file. I went a step further and completed all the steps for Wallet Armor. It will ask you to list all of your valuable items you normally carry in your wallet in the event it is ever misplaced or stolen. Info Armor will take the necessary steps to replace the items lost.

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Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



🔆 Weddings

Special Achievements

Happy 19th birthday to Ricardo Fuentes Jr., "from your dad and sisters."





Trudell Whitfield, Traffic Officer II, Transportation, 17 years of City service, was working her beat when "she received a Code 37 instead of a boot hit," according to Lori Griner. "She noticed someone in the vehicle and quickly responded by calling the police. Within minutes, police and a helicopter arrived. They caught the bad guy, thanks to Officer Whitfield!"

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

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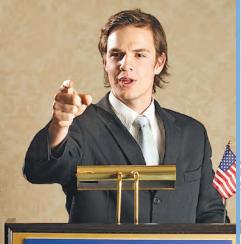
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It's Time to

A new Alive! feature

In Memoriam



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.

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History Comes Alive! ∼ Tales From the City Archives ∼



by Michael E. Holland City Archivist

Photos courtesy the City Archives and the Los Angeles Public Library

The history of LA's air pollution goes all the way back to Juan Cabrillo's observations from his ship off San Pedro Bay in 1542. He described watching the smoke from American Indian fires rise up into the sky and proceed to flatten out horizontally, referring to the area as "the bay of smokes." Smog is as much a part of the Los Angeles DNA as the movies, freeways and the beaches. We can't seem to get rid of the brown sky image, even though the air is better nowadays everywhere.

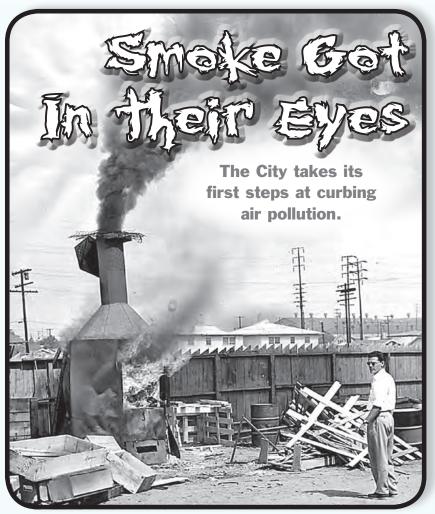
But how do we define "clean air" today? Advances in automobiles and public transportation have helped reduce smog along with controls on refineries and other smokestack industries. The noxious fumes from the slaughterhouses and soap plants of the old days are the ancestors of the recent *sriracha* sauce factory in the local news. But I wonder if we would able to smell the *sriracha* at all if we still burned our trash today. Who remembers Smog Red and Smog Green? Who remembers the backyard incinerator?

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors spent almost a decade creating policies that would start cleaning up the air in Southern California. Big industries lobbied hard against new rules and equipment they saw as too expensive and intrusive, but they eventually gave in to modest reforms. The City of Los Angeles played a big part in



the first of many fights over the next few decades when they started making changes that affected their citizens directly in how they lived. It started when they changed the rules for the backyard incinerator.





Backyard incinerators such as these were commonplace in LA and one of the causes of the City's smog problem. Photo from 1957.

ed on 26th Street bordering the city of Vernon, operated under strict rules of what constituted "combustible rubbish" – what could be burned and what had to be taken to the City dump instead. The Los Angeles Municipal Code allowed combustible rubbish to include "carpet, rags, clothing, books, boots, shoes... articles that will incinerate through contact with flames of ordinary temperature." "Garbage" was defined as "animal and vegetable refuse... used in the prepara-

tion as food." The distinction was important because there were hog producers who operated legally outside the City limits and were allowed to feed garbage to their hogs. "Noncombustible" were bottles, tin cans and broken crockery. No one used the word "trash" in everyday language at this time in favor of "rubbish."

But residents in the City and county could burn their own rubbish if they had an incinerator on their property. The only rule had been that their rubbish be burned within 24 hours. But starting in 1940, the City passed an ordinance specifying hours of burning between 6 and 9 a.m. daily. By 1946, the rules had expanded to disallow use of barbecues to burn rubbish and require spark arrestors on the stacks, and operating hours were extended to 10 a.m. Metal pails of cold ashes were hauled away by sanitation workers. The county started taking the first steps in controlling air pollution with the creation of the Air Pollution Control District in 1948. Their first targets were the smokestack industries including refineries, foundries and mills. There was growing scientific evidence that hydrocarbons and nitrous dioxide plus sunlight created smog. The APCD sought to control other sources of pollution. the backyard incinerator among them, but they needed a big city partner to take that first step. Los Angeles was ready in the autumn of 1954.

Council File 65937 begins with a new ordinance 104,301, which changed the hours of rubbish burning from the morning hours to a new schedule of 4 to 7 p.m. The idea was that, without sunlight, smog wouldn't form and the evening breezes would carry away the smoke. This was the reasoning behind the

City Council's approval of the ordinance on Oct. 21, 1954. It would take effect on Nov. 10 for a 90-day trial period.

Before the council acted, City Clerk Walter Petersen had sent a letter to every city clerk in every city in the county, advising them of the upcoming vote and the text of the reso-

lution. The county continued to push the various city councils to adopt the new rules. Within a week of LA's vote, Santa Monica had approved the change in hours, while Rancho Palos Verdes and El Monte were among the cities considering the resolution. El Segundo was considering changing the hours to 3 to 6 p.m. Other cities chose not to discuss the matter locally. that we must suffer from gaseous smog all day, without adding insult to injury by night burning of trash?" wrote one woman. Another letter read, "Those responsible for this new law have made no study of facts... are you *men* or politicians?" Yet another asked pointedly, "Do all of you live out of the city where the air is clearer?" But the ordinance took effect as scheduled and was then extended after the initial trial ended. The debate on who was responsible for smog continued.

A 1956 public opinion study found in Council file 73154 focused on 3,000 county residents about their thoughts on air pollution and the effect on their health and a trash collection fee. Sixtyfive percent of respondents believed smog had gotten worse during the previous year; 61 percent believed their health had suffered because of smog. But nearly 30 percent of those surveyed had not noticed an increase in smog or ill effects. Half of the survey sample expressed a desire to leave Los Angeles because of the air pollution and the other half did not. The cited sources of smog led with industry at 39 percent, automobiles at 28 percent, but only five percent for home incinerators. Twentythree percent of respondents had no opinion on who generated the pollution.

The subject of a trash collection fee generated mixed results – 67 percent favored a fee and the rest did not. The majority of those in opposition believed home incinerators were not responsible, and 73 percent stated that automobiles should have exhaust controls installed. Some people expressed other concerns not related to air quality – 21 percent believed a fee would lead to "politics and graft," and 11 percent objected to the collection fee of \$1.50 per month as "excessive." By the summer of 1956, the City



A line of trucks awaits unloading at the City's municipal incinerator on East 26th Street (photo undated).

had started to phase in trash collection in areas where incinerator use was being phased out. A total ban was in place on Oct. 1, 1957.

An officer of the county's Air Pollution Control District (APCD) measures air quality at an incinerator site. The APCD, created in 1947, was the first of its kind in the nation.

A 1950 LA County report described incinerators in Los Angeles as a "firmly established, although somewhat unique, practice of long years standing. It is unique in that backyard incinerators are virtually unknown elsewhere in the country." Private homeowners and landlords had been allowed to burn their rubbish since the turn of the century. There was an existing business of incinerator dealers and service providers. The practice was entrenched well enough that City voters approved two bond measures in 1947 and 1949 to build municipal incinerators at a cost of more than \$4 million. They were to be located in various parts of the City servicing the local users. There was one central incinerator already in use that began operating in the 1920s.

The City's official incinerator, locat-

Angry letters started coming into Mayor Norris Poulson's office complaining about twilight burning of trash within days of the council vote. "Is it not enough



A mock funeral is held for this then-outlawed backyard incinerator, 1957.

Norris Poulson was re-elected in 1957 even as the total ban on incinerators was taking effect. But his luck ran out four years later. Former congressman Sam Yorty used the incinerator ban and the problems of separated waste collection in his populist effort that unseated the two-term mayor. Of course, it turns out that burning trash was only one of many source of air pollution. Smog Red/

> Green may be gone, but we still have Burn/No Burn days from the Air Quality Management District right now. Many battles would follow to bring us the relatively clean air we enjoy today. But that is a story for another day.

> Some "History Comes Alive!" columns can be heard on 89.3-KPCC's Off-Ramp, online at www. kpcc.org/offramp/



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What's Your Score?

One of the most controversial questions we often receive is, "Why does the insurance company care what my credit score is?"

Credit Ratings and Insurance

Credit scoring is a system creditors use to help determine whether to give you credit. It also may be used to help decide the terms you are offered or the rate you will pay for the loan.

Information about you and your credit experiences, like your bill-paying history, the number and type of accounts you have, whether you pay your bills by the date they're due, collection actions, outstanding debt, and the age of your accounts, is collected from your credit report. Using a statistical program, creditors compare this information to the loan repayment history of consumers with similar profiles. For example, a credit scoring system awards points for each factor that helps predict who is most likely to repay a debt. A total number of points - a credit score - helps predict how creditworthy you are, how likely it is that you will repay a loan and make the payments when they're due.

Some insurance companies also use credit report information, along with other factors, to help predict your likelihood of filing an insurance claim and the amount of the claim. They may consider this information when they decide whether to grant you insurance and the amount of the premium they charge. The credit scores insurance companies use sometimes are called "insurance scores" or "credit-based insurance scores."

Credit Scores and Credit Reports

Your credit report is a key part of many credit-scoring systems. That's why it is critical to make sure your credit report is accurate. Federal law gives you the right to get a free copy of your credit reports from each of the three national credit-reporting companies once every 12 months.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) also gives you the right to get your credit score from the national credit reporting companies. They are allowed to charge a reasonable fee for the score. When you buy your score, you often get information on how you can improve it.

To order your free annual credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com. How a Credit Scoring System Is Developed

To develop a credit scoring system or model, a creditor or insurance company selects a random sample of customers and analyzes it statistically to identify characteristics that relate to risk. Each of the characteristics then is assigned a weight, based on how strong a predictor it is of who would be a good risk. Each company may use its own scoring model, different scoring models for different types of credit or insurance, or a generic model developed by a scoring company. Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA), a creditor's scoring system may not use certain characteristics - for example, race, sex, marital status, national origin or religion – as factors. The law allows creditors to use age, but any credit scoring system that includes age must give equal treatment to applicants who are elderly.

How to Improve Your Score

Credit scoring systems are complex and vary among creditors or insurance companies and for different types of credit or insurance. If one factor changes, your score may change – but improvement generally depends on how that factor relates to others the system considers. Only the business using the system knows what might improve your score under the particular model they use to evaluate your application.

Nevertheless, scoring models usually consider the following types of information in your credit report to help compute your credit score:

- Have you paid your bills on time? You can count on payment history to be a significant factor. If your credit report indicates that you have paid bills late, had an account referred to collections, or declared bankruptcy, it is likely to affect your score negatively.
- Are you maxed out? Many scoring systems evaluate the amount of debt you have compared to your credit limits. If the amount you owe is close to your credit limit, it's likely to have a negative effect on your score.
- How long have you had credit? Generally, scoring systems consider your credit track record. An insufficient credit history may affect your score negatively, but factors like timely payments and low balances can offset that.
- Have you applied for new credit lately? Many scoring systems consider whether you have applied for credit recently by looking at "inquiries" on your credit report. If you have applied for too many new accounts recently, it could have a negative effect on your score. Every inquiry isn't counted: For example, inquiries by creditors who are monitoring your account or looking at credit reports to make "prescreened" credit offers are not considered liabilities.
- How many credit accounts do you have and what kinds of accounts are they? Although it is generally considered a plus to have established credit accounts, too many credit card accounts may have a negative effect on your score. In addition, many scoring systems consider the type of credit accounts you have. For example, under some scoring models, loans from finance companies may have a negative effect on your credit score.

Scoring models may be based on more than the information in your credit report. When you are applying for a mortgage loan, for example, the system may consider the amount of your down payment, your total debt, and your income,



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among other things.

Improving your score significantly is likely to take some time, but it can be done. To improve your credit score under most systems, focus on paying your bills in a timely way, paying down any outstanding balances, and staying away from new debt.

Not all insurance companies use credit scores, and many people don't think that it is "fair," but it seems to be here to stay.

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NEWSBRIEFS

A LIBRARY FIRST:

The Los Angeles Public Library is the first public library in the nation to offer adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online through Career Online High School (COHS). Beginning last month, the Library now offers a limited number of grants to qualified adults (19 and older) who are residents of the City of Los Angeles and looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry or continue their education. There is no cost to students for the program but enrollment is limited and demand is high.

The Library's pilot program is administered through Gale, part of Cengage Learning, a leading provider of educational content, tools and services to libraries, schools and businesses. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, Career Online High School is specifically designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary education or the workforce.

Los Angeles has among the highest high school dropout rates, with upwards of 25 percent of adult residents lacking a high school diploma, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. Nationally, the dropout crisis has reached epidemic proportions: Every 26 seconds another student gives up on school, resulting in more than one million American dropouts a year, or 7,000 every day. People lacking a high school diploma are more likely to be unemployed, impoverished, and incarcerated—and are estimated to cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars in lost earnings, welfare and medical costs.

"The population of adults without a high school diploma is as high as 60 percent in some of the geographic areas served by our library system," says John F. Szabo, City Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, which serves more than four million people. "Our mission is to educate and empower every individual in our City's diverse communities. We could not be more excited to offer Career Online High School and make a real impact in helping these adults reach their education and career goals. This is a game-changing program for our library and a life-changing program for our patrons."

The application process features an online self-assessment and pre-requisite course, followed by an in-person interview. Successful candidates are entered into a lottery. Each month, a limited number of applicants will be randomly selected by the automated lottery for enrollment in the program.

Once enrolled, COHS pairs each student with an academic coach, who provides the student with an individual career path, offers ongoing guidance, evaluates performance and connects the student with the resources needed to master the courses. Students will be given up to 18 months to complete the program.

The library has been able to increase enrollment through the Clinton Global Initiative Scholarship Matching Program. Through the program, the library received additional Career Online High School grants from Gale's sister company, ed2go and Smart Horizons Career Online Education. The additional grants recognize the Library's "Commitment to Action" pledge to implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges, includon federal narcotics trafficking and bribery charges for allegedly taking cash payments to allow large shipments of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana to pass through the X-ray machines at TSA security checkpoints. The indictment outlined five specific incidents during which TSA employees took payments of as much as \$2,400 to allow drug-filled suitcases to pass through security while screeners looked away.

A broader investigation involved a complex, multi-agency undercover operation that led to the arrest and prosecution of 10 individuals in Los Angeles, Boston, New York and Honolulu, and the seizure of more than five kilograms of heroin, seven kilograms of cocaine, and two pounds of methamphetamine.



Look Around You

SEEN

Go for a walk in any part of our city and if you start to look around, you may see a bit of our street art. Now I'm not talking about tacky graffiti or tagging, but murals painted on the sides of buildings and art pasted on walls. Some are simply pretty. Others have a message. But all of it is art.

There is currently a project going on in Santa Monica called *Beautify Lincoln*. Building owners are put in touch with local artists who are given the freedom to decorate the walls however they like. Los Angeles recently lifted its restrictions for murals on private property and lately, I've seen more and more junction boxes painted with colorful pictures and shapes.

Whether subversion or beauty is the goal, street art is very much a part of living in LA.

You can find street art anywhere ... just look around you.



By Jennifer Shackelford,

Club Application Coordinator

Around Town



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ing adults who lack a high school diploma. In the context of the Clinton Global Initiative, Los Angeles Public Library will improve the lives of community members while being a part of a broader assembly with worldwide reach.

For more information about the Career Online High School program, including the qualification requirements and application process, visit the Los Angeles Public Library website at www.lapl.org/cohs.

LAX POLICE HONORED:

Airport Police Crime Task Force Detectives Michael Woodard and Greg Bonstrom were honored for distinguished service by the U.S. Attorney's Office for their participation in the high-profile arrest of former Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers involved in a federal drug-trafficking corruption ring.

The officers were to be honored at the 13th annual United States Attorney's Office Awards Ceremony, scheduled March 14 in the Ronald F. Deaton Auditorium of the LAPD, 100 West First St. in downtown.

As a result of a multi-jurisdictional investigation in 2012, 10 suspects were arrested

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with Chef Robert Larios



Stuffed Peppers A La Larios

It's amazing that the bell pepper exists for our cooking delight! What a versatile vegetable! It's used in so many ways and in so many cooking styles that it is unthinkable how food would be if it didn't exist. We've all seen the variety of colors – from green, orange, red and yellow, and even the uncommon purple. The colors vary because it depends when they're cultivated – green is the least ripened and red the most; the reds have been on the vines the longest. What's common in all the varieties is that they're all filled with a great dose of vitamin C.

With so many uses for bell peppers, I've decided to stay with the theme of quick and easy cooking by making Stuffed Bell Peppers. This recipe calls for a mix of ground beef, potatoes, scallion, garlic, onion, and yes... pine nuts. Why pine nuts? I like the nutty and slightly crunchy texture they provide. You are free to use other types of nuts like peanuts or cashews. I like my bell peppers roasted so that I can peel the skin-like coating around them. Experimenting with a variety of cheeses is a good idea, too, but any cheese that has an easy time of melting in heat will work, like mozzarella or Monterey Jack.

Chef Larios

Stuffed Peppers A La Larios

INGREDIENTS:

- 1.5 pounds ground beef
- 2 white creamer potatoes
- 1 medium scallion
- 2 jalapeño peppers
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 small sweet Hawaiian onion or small red onion
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 1 orange bell pepper
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Your favorite cheese that melts well: mozzarella, Jack, etc.



This recipe can easily be converted to a vegetarian version by replacing the beef with any combination of rice, beans or various other vegetables.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Bell Pepper: The best known sweet peppers are the bell peppers, so-named for their rather bell-like

DIRECTIONS:



Have your bell peppers washed and other ingredients ready. Dice your jalapeños, white creamer potatoes, scallion and garlic. Set aside. Roast the bell peppers on an iron skillet, or grill, or in the oven, etc. I'm using an iron skillet. Medium-high to high heat is best. Watch out for the smoke!



Once the peppers have the burned black appearance on the surface, bag the peppers in a paper bag or Ziploc bag and seal. This will help steam the peppers; once cooled, you'll be able to peel the skin easily. Let steam for about 15 to 20 minutes. Set aside. Sauté your diced ingredients then add salt, pepper and pine nuts. Be sure that the ingredients are sautéed to a golden brown color.



2 Rotate the peppers once they begin to brown and turn black on the skin surface. Make sure you get it like this on all sides. This is what you want!



In the meantime, brown about 1.5 pounds of ground beef. Drain out the fat. Then add the sautéed ingredients to the ground beef and mix until all ingredients are incorporated together.

Serves 2-4

shape. They have a mild, sweet flavor and crisp, exceedingly juicy flesh. When young, the majority of bell peppers are rich,

bright green, but there are also yellow, orange, purple, red and brown bell peppers. The red bells are simply vine-ripened green bell peppers that, because they've ripened longer, are very sweet.

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Food Fact or Quote

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

– Jim Davis

 Remove bell peppers and begin scraping

Remove bell peppers and begin scraping the skin off of them. You may even use a knife and your hands to peel the skin. Don't worry if you can't get all of the skin removed. Cut the tops of the bell peppers and remove the seeds from the inside.



Grate or slice you favorite cheese and place some inside of the bell peppers. Add the ground beef mixture until it fills the peppers to the brim. Lastly, add more cheese to top them off. You may heat in an oven to melt the cheese some more, but the residual heat from the cooking and sautéing should do the trick. Serve and enjoy!



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Club Sports on the Horizon

Basketball, softball and bowling seasons coming up.

he Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for basketball, bowling and softball. Please contact sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.

<u>Questions Answered:</u>

When Do the Seasons Start?

The season for Club bowling can begin at any time when there is enough player interest and participation. The Club basketball season is scheduled to begin in September with registration opening in July. The Club softball season will begin in July with registrations opening in May.

Who Can Join?

All players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join and become members. All Club Members must be City, State or County employees. Club membership fees are \$2.25 a pay period for City and DWP employees and \$2.50 per month for retired City employees. Some exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club Members over 18 years of age. Players who are not eligible to play may cause forfeit of games and/or season.

Images of past sporting events can be found on the Club Website at http://photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ ClubSports

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The Sports Dude The Sports Dude is also on Facebook by searching him

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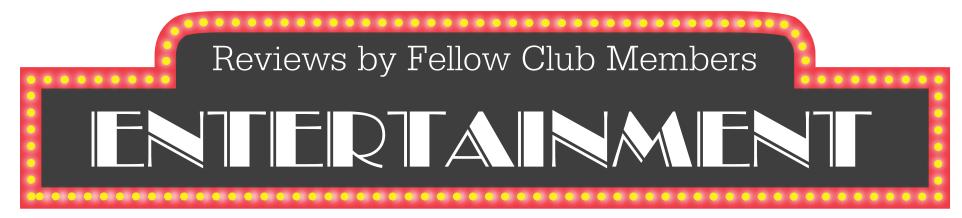
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At the Movies

In the cinema

Non-Stop Rated PG-13 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

If it weren't for the nearly impractical third act of the film, I would tell you that Non-Stop is a great action thriller. As it is, the third act kills a bit of the suspense of the film, but not totally. For the most part this film is a fun romp led by the strong presence of Liam Neeson and assisted by the acting of Julianne Moore. It has all the trappings that make these kinds of films popular and exciting, and I suggest checking

Book Reviews

The Circle

Dave Eggers Fiction, 504 pages, Knopf My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Mae is a young college graduate who finds a job with The Circle, a fictitious California social media corporation that is becoming the largest company in the world. As the technology improves, the Circle becomes able to "improve our lives" by monitoring our every waking moment. Mae is convinced that this monitoring will help end unexpected illness, crime and other social ills. But Mae's personal life shuts down the more she is monitored.

it out. Just don't hold your breath as the film comes to an end. - Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Non-Stop My Score: 5 (out of 5)

implications.

Innocence

Dean Koontz

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Thriller, 341 pages, Bantam

Liam Neeson's character certainly keeps your attention in this movie! The movie title refers to a nonstop flight that is hijacked by an unknown person in the cabin who threatens to kill a person every 40 minutes until he gets his ransom. The title also refers to the action onboard - never a dull moment! Just when you're sure who the hijacker is, another one appears to be the bad guy. Great movie!

The Circle is a cautionary tale of the threat

Addison Goodheart, born to a drug-addict-

ed mother, is raised in isolation in the woods

with his mother (because he is hideous look-

ing) until his mother kicks him out and kills herself. At 8 years old, Addison must survive by

himself until he meets a man in the city he calls

Father who raises him beneath the city until he

is 26, when Father is murdered. One day while

of technology to our personal freedom. It's not

particularly well written, but frightening in its

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

300: Rise of an Empire Rated R My Score: 4 (out of 5)

300: Rise of an Empire is far from being a great film; in fact it is less spectacular than its 2006 predecessor, 300 - but that doesn't mean that it isn't one hell of an exciting film. Full of fantastical violence and wondrous specialeffects wizardry, the film is helped by both a compelling story and the acting prowess of Eva Green as the principal protagonist Artemisia. The naval battles between the Greeks and the Persians alone make this film worth seeing, not to mention the brutal hand-to-hand combat scenes. I am definitely aiming to see this film again soon.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Addison is exploring an abandoned library, he happens upon 18-year-old Gwyneth, an heiress who is driven into solitude due to her father's accidental death and is being pursued by Ryan Telford for her money. Addison and Gwyneth meet and form a "Beauty and the Beast" type of relationship.

This thriller novel by Dean Koontz is a suspenseful tale that will keep the readers intrigued.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

Sinister

Lisa Jackson, Nancy Bush, Rosalind Noonan Women's fiction, 448 pages, Kensington My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Ira Dillinger, the patriarch of Prairie Creek, Wyo., is getting married and wants his children

Mr. Peabody & Sherman Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I have to admit that I had some serious reservations about Mr. Peabody & Sherman. Honestly, I just didn't know how it would play out as a full feature-length film. But after seeing the film with my kids, I was certainly glad that I did. Though it does take the film a while to get up to speed, which is somewhat ironic seeing as how this is a time-traveling film, once it does it really is loads of fun for viewers of all ages. Though the animation in the film is rather generic, the story and connection between Peabody and Sherman really make this film worthwhile.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

and siblings to come home for the wedding. But none of his children want to go to a wedding of their father to a gold-digging younger bride after their mother died a year ago.

Twenty years before, there was a fire that killed Ira's brother, Judd. Colton, Ira's son, was able to rescue Judd's girlfriend from the fire. Most people blamed a serial arsonist, but some suspected the neighbors, the Kincaids, of setting the fire. As preparations are made for the upcoming wedding, there are suspicious fires being set that bring back memories of the fire two decades ago, and the Dillinger family is in danger.

This riveting novel of family secrets, obsession and murder drive the reader's interest. - Linda Rorex, Personnel

On a Screen Near You

 Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

Captain Phillips Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Tom Hanks stars in this mostly true tale about the hijacking by pirates of the Maersk Alabama cargo ship off the coast of Somalia less than 10 years ago. The film could have emphasized the economic disparity between the haves and have-nots of the world, but, as directed by Paul Greengrass (Bloody Sunday, United 93, the Bourne sequels) with his usual

Video Gaming

 Video games via online, rental or purchase

action panache, the movie is mostly about the tension. Captain Phillips is a ticking time bomb of emotions and holding your breath, and when it finally detonates in the span of about five seconds, I was exhausted and nearly sore.

A word, though, about authenticity: This seems to have been the season of major liberties taken with real-life stories. The facts were changed in some pretty major ways in Captain Phillips, Philomena, the Wolf of Wall Street and Saving Mr. Banks, according to many accounts. I don't mind when the creators do that - it usually helps at Academy Awards time. I just wish, though, that they would change the names. It's not fair to the other side of the story.

In any event, this is another stunner by Greengrass, who is about the best on the planet at creating the sense of intelligent reality in action films

- John Burnes, Alive! editor

game modes, but playing this game as an online team trying to defeat other players is definitely one hell of a ride. Fast, frantic and exciting, this game is everything players love about the quick nace of the Call of Duty multiplayer games coupled with the team coordination you need from the Battlefield series of games. If you have a chance to play the game, and you should since it's free, do not pass up the chance



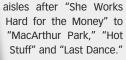
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I Totally Know What You **Did Last Donna Summer** Cavern Club Theatre, Silver Lake

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I Totally Know What You Did Last Donna Summer is written by Dane Whitlock and Amy Procacci. Whitlock is

also directing. Joseph Corella-Sandler is choreographer. I am the stage manager. It plays at the Cavern Club Theatre in The Casita del Campo Restaurant's basement every Friday and Saturday in May. Be sure to grab dinner at the restaurant, and drinks from the bar are welcomed in the theatre. Tickets are available at www. brownpapertickets.com/event/595149

Blacklight: Retribution

Rated T for Teen PlayStation 4

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I just recently started playing the firstperson shooter PlayStation 4 game Blacklight: Retribution but I am already addicted to its intense and coordinated multiplayer game modes. Not that it has any real single-player

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Hatsune Miku: Project Diva F Rated T for Teen PlayStation 3, PS Vita My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I was really excited when Sega released Hatsune Miku: Project Diva F for the PlayStation 3 last year, making it the first time that a Project Diva Vocaloid game was officially released in North America. Yeah, you try playing these games in Japanese and see how frustrating it can get! Anyway, this is one of the best and

most whimsical of rhythm games you will find out in the market today. What makes the game even more fun is that now a PS Vita version of the game has been released, so you can take Hatsune Miku and all the other Vocaloids out and enjoy the fun anywhere you want.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD



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- Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP

John's comment: Thank you, Richard, for reminding us just how precious electricity is; Down here in Los Angeles, we can take things like this for granted.



"I took these photos in San Felipe, Baja California."

Jordan Price, Instrument Mechanic



"Our garden lavender is attracting a lot of bees; they seem to go wild over it!"

– Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation

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John's comment: Now that's close! Thanks, Ken; we sometimes forget how important these little guys are in spreading pollen. Good shot!

"This is my father flying a kite on the beach at Morro Bay on a recent family vacation."

– Demian Wyma, LAPD

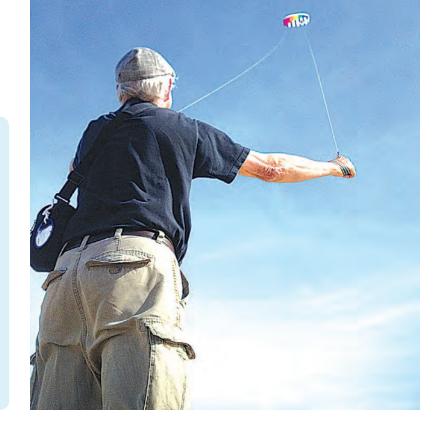
John's comment: Demian, not only is this a great picture but it's a great subject, too – a perfect Father's Day tribute! Thank you!

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John's comment: I've been to San Felipe only once, back in the 1980s with my Navy buddy, but I still remember its magic. Thanks, Jordan, for bringing some of that San Felipe magic back to Los Angeles!

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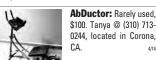


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For Rent: Condo in Lancaster, \$900/mo, 1 vi lease. Small, quiet complex w/ pool & jacuzzi Located near the City Park + where City van pool meets. Near hospital, USPO, markets, schools & parks, 2BD/1.5BA, kitchen, 2-car garage, living room w/electric fireplace, bar area, interior atrium for plants. New paint, flooring, carpeting, kitchen counter tops & some new walls! Info@ (323) 919-1163. 4/14



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For Sale: Bakersfield house, great investment property! Only \$85,000! Brand new remodel: practically everything was changed out during remodel process; permits pulled, so it's up to-code! New paint, flooring, plumbing lines, electrical, etc... Currently being rented for \$750/mo. Lease expires 3/31/15. Property easy to care for & manage- everything practically brand new! Being sold as-is, where-is, for sale by owner, w/seller selects services. Info@(323) 919-1163.

Sea-Doo:

Bombardier

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

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Supercharged w/pull

trailer. Needs minor ser-

vicina: it's been sittina

Coachmen RV 2005:

Purchased in 06 in excel-

lent condition. 27 ft.

Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs,

AC. 2 awnings, full bath

w/extra outdoor shower.

Mustang: V6 convert-

ible, \$4,200. 110,000

miles, automatic, new

paint, no dents, clean

interior, new headlamps

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Cemetery Plots

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

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

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

Solid wood large

Bedroom Set:

Gently used, 8-piece

Furniture



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

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



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. 10/13

OBO. Oak finish coffee table & 1 end table \$45 OBO. Call after 4:30pm @ (909)731-2762. 10/13



Table Set: Rattan & glass, in

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

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: House In Apple Valley, 3 BD/2 BA, central heat, laundry hook-ups, unattch 2-car garage, tile & hardwood floors. \$1,250/mo. + security 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.

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

> 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



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

11/13

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.

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



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Classified Submission **Deadline:** 4/15/2014 for publication in the May issue of Alive!

Vacation Rental: Boulder City, located btwn Las Vegas & Lake Mead Recreation area. Cottage in Historic district: Sleeps 6, 1/BD & gueen sofa bed in lvng rm + 2 built-in bunk beds. Walking distance to restaurants, antique shops, etc. Built in 1942. previously owned by DWP. \$500/week or \$100/day. Norma @ (323) 333-2238 or e-mail: Norma2go2@ amail.com 4/13

Timeshare: Cancun Sunset Club, 1 week, studio sleeps 4, resort on the beach, \$700/week. Serious renters will receive all-inclusive meals. Not available New Years, July 4th, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Gina @ (818) 395-3552. 4/13

Timeshare For Sale: Ventura CA Ocean view Deeded float week. Sleeps 4. Many amenities, incl elevator, 60 miles north of L.A. Elderly owner must sell, \$1.800, Leave message @ (503) 722-9881. 3/13



3/14 \$15,500 OBO. Fernando Torres @ (562)900-9229. 9/13 1973 Mobile Home: Glenbrook. Currently located in Harbor City. \$20K OBO. Leo @ (818) 681-2004 Tovota Tundra: DBL CAB 4.6L V8. 224.000 miles. \$6,000 OBO. Paul @ (626) 991-5507.

Datsun

available.

@ (626)

3/14

Pace

offer!

280Z: Runs good.

Needs TLC. \$2.000.

Carrier Trailer:

Good for hauling,

camping gear, motor-

cycles, furniture. 5 ft.



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\$6,700 OBO. John @ (310) 977-4642 or e-mail: mvbuddaes@aol.com



miss out on this great deal! Jackie@(626) 383-1708.



2-tone paint. Red/silver + much more. \$21,000 OBO. Mike Lee @ (714) 390-6889



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





carb, newer interior, carpets, stereo w/mp3, 2/14

No trades, cash only. Tags good till Jan 2014. Frank 2/14 @ (323) 252-6011 1967 Chevy Nova: 327 Cu in, Muncie

4-speed, Holley 650

Harlev Davidson '07 Road King: Approx 39k miles services up to date Reduced price! \$11,900. Sapphire blue, locking

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2004 Chevy Dually

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will soon be here, don't

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

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



3-Wheel Moped: Blue, 2011, practically new,

Nancy Cammarata @ (213) 216-3780. Furniture: Solid oak dining table w/6 chairs, \$300

Estate Moving Sale: furniture Assorted including:

Enter tainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee







could be over 100 years old. \$150 OBO, John @(909) 593-5835. 9/13

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

Fntertainment Center: Plummers, fits "32" TV. Good condition. \$100. Must pickup. Michael @ (310) 534-2181. 5/13





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Honda Odyssey EX-L: \$6,000, original owner. Very low miles. Text me @ (626) 905-5077 & I will

Motorcycle: 2005

Yamaha V Star, 1100

Classic Cruiser, 900

miles. Cobra pipes,

saddlebags, Yamaha

Windshield, \$5,600.

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.

10/13

ou more info & photos



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

1965 El Camino: 496 inches. 871 blower, dyno 765 horsepower, 4 wheel power disc brakes, power steering, Ford 9 inch, munice m20 trans, airbags. \$30.000. D. Jackson @ (310) 628-3477. 11/13



Kevin @ (626)786-3078.

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.



6-cycl silver w/blk racing stripe & blk steel whls. Robert @ (951) 334-3649. 5/13



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.

denosit: \$1 250 Additional deno for net 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. 11/13

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.

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.

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 jgonzlz@hotmail.com

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.



In beautiful Palm Springs Villas II, gated community, 7 swimming pools, tennis court, shuffle board: near shopping.

12/13

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

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

Wanted

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

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

Apartment Wanted: Looking for place to live starting in October, within LA city limits. Senior citizen, 2BD apartment. From \$1,000 - \$1,400/mo. No smoking, no drinking. Ask for Mr. Walker @ (702) 488-6525. 8/13

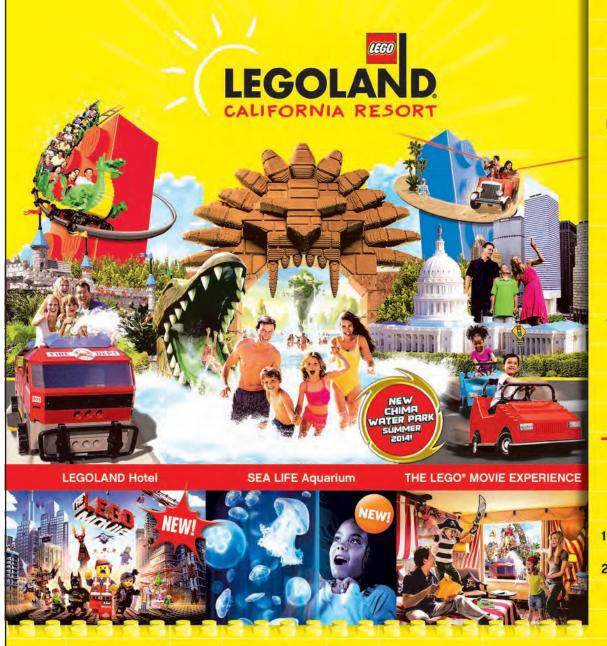
Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC Michael @ (626) 592-2929. 11/12

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

5/13

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	he following AMC Theaters will charge \$2 surcharge for any show after 4pm:	\$13.75	\$6.50	х	=\$	
Good Any Time	AMC Burbank locations, AMC Century City 15, AMC Santa Anita 16.	\$14.00	\$8.00	X	=\$	
Small Popcorn Small Drink	*Surcharges are determined by AMC theaters and are subject to change without notice.	\$5.50 \$4.50	\$3.00 \$3.00	X X	=\$ =\$	
Movie Bundle	City Employees Club has no control over these changes.	\$42.00	\$25.00	x	=\$	
California Science Cer	sses, 2 small drink concessions and 1 small popcorn con ther IMAX	cession.				
Adult		\$ 8.25	\$5.75	x	=\$	
Child		\$ 5.00	\$4.25	X	=\$	
Cinemark Theatres – G	•	640 75	67.50		•	
	Tickets honored at CINEMARK locations indefinitely.	\$10.75	\$7.50	X	=\$	
Galaxy Theatres – Good Harkins Movie Theatre		\$11.00	\$7.50	X	=\$	
Restricted		\$10.00	\$6.00	x	=\$	
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\$1.50 surcharge for use at West	A; \$2.50 for 3-D.	\$13.00	\$8.00	X	=\$	
Pacific Theatres						
-	use at Grove, not valid at Arclight	\$13.75 \$42.00	\$6.00 \$32.50	X X	=\$ =\$	
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UltraStar Cinemas – Go Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D,	•	\$11.25	\$6.00	X	=\$	
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Adventure City Adult/Child		¢44.05	\$10.50	v	^	
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Child (4-12)		\$11.95	\$9.56	Websit	e as E-Ti	ckets.
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Adult		\$28.95	\$17.95	х	=\$	
Child (3-11)		\$14.95	\$10.95	X	=\$	
Boomer's Family Fun All Day Pass	Centers	\$30.99	\$16.00	x	=\$	
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General Admission		\$62.99	\$33.99		through e as E-Ti	
	014: not valid 5/25–27, 7/4–7, 8/31–9/2					
Island Express – Round		\$76.50	\$62.00	X	=\$	
	Child	\$61.00	\$52.50	X	=\$	
Davey's Locker						
Whale Watching	Adult Child	\$32.00 \$26.00	\$21.00 \$17.00	X X	=\$ =\$	
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult	\$20.00	\$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 Cer	iter Expires 12/06/2014	¢15.05	¢12.00	v	¢	
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1-Day, 1-Park	Adult	\$92.00	\$88.32	x	=\$	
	Child (3-9)	\$86.00	\$82.56	х	=\$	
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$137.00	\$125.36	X	=\$	
	Child (3-9)	\$131.00	\$119.87	X	=\$	
2-Day, 1-Park	Adult Child (3-9)	\$175.00 \$162.00	\$162.75 \$150.66			
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$210.00	\$189.00	Only	availa	ble
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3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day: Go to cityemployeesclub.com for	1-Park and Park Hoppers details and prices.) Webs	
SoCal Select Annual Pas	sport	\$279.00	\$265.05	as E	E-Ticke	ts.
Valid 1 year from date of activati SoCal Annual Passport	n. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. Valid 170 days.	\$359.00	\$341.05			
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Golf N' Stuff	on. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. No blackout da	.co.				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristb	and: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.25	х	=\$	
All Park Pass: Ventura lo		\$20.00	\$15.25	x	=\$	
K1 Speed Racing						
Admit one, minimum he	ight requirement 4'10" ne 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.	\$25.95	\$15.25	X	=\$	
Knott's Berry Farm						
Adult		\$65.00	\$35.00	x	=\$	
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)	\$35.00	\$27.00	X	=\$	
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Adult		\$17.00	\$15.00	x	=\$	
Child (2-12)		\$12.00	\$10.00	X	=\$	
Legoland Expires 11/30/	2014					
Adult		\$83.00	\$67.00	X	=\$	
Child (3-11) Comes with 2nd day free, to be a	used within 90 days of 1st visit.	\$73.00	\$62.00	X	=\$	
Legoland Resort Hopp		\$107.00	\$72.00	X	=\$	
Pass includes admission to Lego	Child (3-11) and, Sea Life Aquarium and the waterpark. Ticket comes	\$97.00 with a 2nd day	\$67.00 free, to be used b	X efore 12/31/20	=\$	
	Attraction Expires 12/31/2014	2.10 00)	, 50 0500 D			
Adult		\$40.00	\$14.00	X	=\$	
Child (4-12)		\$35.00	\$11.00	X	=\$	
Magic Mountain Expire		<u>.</u>	Ac	~		
General Admission (3 an	a up)	\$64.99	\$39.99	X	=\$	

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Attraction Ticke	ts, contir	nued			
Medieval Times Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 12/31/2014					
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	=\$	
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	=\$	
Mulligan's Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass Adult/Child Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Ce Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.	\$23.99 -Karts/Speedway & rtain height, weight	\$16.00 the Rock Wall. restrictions ap	X This ticket oly. This ti	=\$ t is valid Friday, Sa icket is accepted a	aturday & at Mulligan
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	X	=\$	
Pirates Dinner Adventure Expires 11/30/2014					
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	=\$	
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	=\$	
Queen Mary					
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	X	=\$	
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.25	X	=\$	
Renaissance Faire: Weekends 4/5 – 05/18					
Adult	\$28.00	\$18.00	X	=\$	
Child (5-12)	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	=\$	
E-tickets available at www.cityemployeesclub.com.					
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) May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.	\$64.00	\$51.25	x	=\$	
Santa Monica Pier & Pacific Park Expires 1/5/2015					
Unlimited Wristband	\$25.95	\$13.50	X	=\$	
Sea World: San Diego Good through 2014 season					
Adult Limited stock: only available in Club Store for \$59.	\$84.00	\$64.00	X	=\$	
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General Admission (over 48") \$62.99 \$29.99		\$29.99	Website as E-Tickets.		
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Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$17.50	\$13.25	X	=\$		



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Tax (only applicable to all merchandise, not on	tickets)		х	9 %	= \$
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Member's name				
Home Street Address				
City			State	Zip
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Club Member Number				
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Help US **Blanket the City:** A Club winter tradition

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.

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 and spring 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!



Blanket the City4

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.

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

Name			
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DODGERS HOME GAMES - INFIELD LOGE BOX SEATS

Date	Dodgers VS.	Specials and Giveaways	Club Members	Gate Price			
Sunday, April 6	Giants	Kids Yasiel Puig Fathead	\$42.00	\$70.00			
Tuesday, April 22	Phillies	Fleece Blanket	\$42.00	\$65.00			
Friday, May 9	Giants	Fireworks Night	\$42.00	\$65.00			
Sunday, June 1	Pirates	Kids Batting Helmet	\$40.00	\$60.00			
Friday, July 11	Padres	Fireworks Night	\$42.00	\$65.00			
Monday, August 4	Angels	Baseball Hat	\$42.00	\$65.00			
Sunday, August 17	Brewers	Kid's Lunch Box	\$42.00	\$65.00			
Friday, September 26	Rockies	Fireworks Night	\$42.00	\$65.00			
ALL YOU CAN EAT GAMES							
-Sunday, April 27	Rockies	Kid's Hanley Ramirez Jersey	\$24.99 Sold	Out \$40.00			
Sunday, June 29	Cardinals	Kid's Adrian Gonzalez Jersey	\$24.99	\$40.00			
Saturday, August 2	Cubs	Reusable Tote Bag	\$24.99	\$40.00			

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