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A Message From the CEO

Nerves of Steel Keeping Us Safe

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

ust a few days after interviewing Lt. Rick Smith, one J of the overseers of the LAPD Bomb Squad, I happened to be watching television, which I don't do a lot of... and saw a live shot of a car with an LAPD Officer standing behind it, a few long cables coming out of the car, and absolutely not another living person within blocks. There was a report of alleged explosive devices in the car, according to the reporter, and the LAPD Bomb Squad was on the case.

My first thought: Wow, I was just with those guys two days ago! And because of that I know what they were doing - setting up a remote detonation of whatever they had found.

My second thought: They will have it handled. After meeting with them the first time, I had confidence they would keep LA safe. And of course they did, detonating what was alleged to be an explosive device.

My final thought: The Bomb Squad has the amazing ability to be going about their work quietly and thoroughly day in and day out, and then they're suddenly in a perilous predicament. Going from the most normal of days, and then to the most stressful of situations ... and yet how calm they remain! They're careful, methodical, safe and effective, in situations where most of us would

The story of the LAPD Bomb Squad – as much as we can cover in these pages - is captured in this month's Alive! These men and women have a unique blend of incredible focus and friendliness, and I thank Capt. John Incontro, Club Member; Lt. Smith; and Ressie Herrera, Secretary, for inviting us in. The City is in debt to the service they provide.

Speaking of bombs (I guess this issue really is "the bomb" - sorry, my lingo is woefully behind the times!): This month's "History Comes Alive!" column by LA Archivist Michael Holland is a fun read on bomb shelters from the 1950s and '60s. And I love the photos, too, provided to us as usual through the generosity of Christina Rice and Terri Garst at the Library's photo col-



From left: Lt. Rick Smith and Capt. John Incontro, Club Member, with Alive! editor John Burnes.

lection. It's a serious subject, but it's also amusing to look back and see how the City reacted to the Cold War threat. Thanks, Michael!

Since it's nearly summer, it's time for Public Works' very popular Sanitation open houses. If you haven't been to one, you don't know what you're missing, and I'm not kidding. Bring the kids, learn about the process of, well, elimination, and find some encouragement for recycling. So check out our schedule, and put one in your calendar.

Here's another event for your calendar: honoring Griffith Observatory Director Dr. Ed Krupp, who is one of the most visible – and delightful – Club Members. He loves being a City Employee, and he's being celebrated as part of a fundraiser May 12. It's coming up soon, so don't wait. Dr. Krupp deserves all the accolades that are coming his way; congratulations, Dr. Krupp!

And of course, as this is May, Alive! is once again presenting a barrage of Mother's Day greetings. These are really moving this year, from moms who have passed away to those who have kept their families going in tough times. We're proud to be able to provide the vehicle so that Club Members can share the love. And don't forget - Father's Day is next month, so get those tributes in, pronto!

A final note, then, about a Special Achievement that I don't want to let pass without mentioning. Hannah Johnson, daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD, did what some might consider a small gesture. She collected clothes for the L.A. Mission. Except that it was nearly 200 pounds' worth. Hannah, what you and your friends did was beautiful. Keep on giving to others. It's a great thing you've done, and I suspect, it's just the beginning.

It's May, so please get outside and enjoy the longer days with your family. If you don't know where to start, follow the lead of our great Angel

Gomez, and go for a hike. He'll tell you where, each and every month, in Be Alive! So get active and have fun. See you in June.



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– Ed.

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- Irene Martinez, July 2013

"Your claims service was excellent. There were no hassles - just fill out the forms and send them in, and you processed my claim without any problems. [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] was a very moving book. I sat down and read it entirely. Very touching and unexpected. Thank you for sending it."

- Gloria Harris, July 2013

The Club's claims service was "more than excellent. Everyone I talked to was very helpful and nice. All my questions were answered with more detail. Everything was done easily. My feeling was that I had one member of my family helping me during my difficult time. Thank you. You gave me good hope and condolences.

- Rosfelt Rafaiel, May 2013

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Lady Smith, Club's Softball **Tournament Are Big Hits**



Thank you, Lady Smith – the Commish! – for the opportunity to play in the Club softball tournament. I hope to be play in this year's upcoming league that starts in July!

- Dominick King, Library

Ji Lady Smith! Thank you for inviting our team to play in the softball tournament. We had a blast, even though no one could get out of bed on Sunday since we were all sore! It is how it goes.

- Chris Torres, Harbor

o Lady Smith, Club Softball Commissioner: I just want to write a special thank you to you as I really enjoyed playing with the group. We had a lot of fun, so thank you for the invite. It was a very pleasant experience.

- Kenny Ordoñez, Public Works

She Uses Club Facebook Page To Thank Club Store Staff

I just want to say thank you to the staff! I drove from downtown Long Beach through traffic to the City Employees Club (downtown I A) and made it on the buzzer! The staff was nice enough to help me right at closing time. Thanks again!

- Trice Bowen, posted on Facebook

Thanks, Trice! Club Members, have you "liked" us on Facebook like Trice has? You get to see current and breaking Club deals ... Alive! news ... updates on Club Counselors ... and much more. Like us today! - Ed.

Quality, Productivity Innovations Start With Clever City Employees

Congratulations to all the employees and departments that were recognized in the Quality and Productivity Awards! It's great to see innovation and cost savings happening in the City. It is the kind of initiative that is seen by these employees that make them the leaders of the tomorrow. Let's keep an eye their careers! I know I will!

Lonnie Garrison, LAPD

Dear Club, thank you, thank you, thank you for publishing the story about the City Employee Quality and Productivity Awards. I counted 18 Departments that were represented this year. That's just amazing. I hope other cities get to see how Los Angeles is leading the way in innovation from within. We should all be proud to be employees of the City of Los Angeles. Thanks again City Employees Club!

- Ramona Watkins, loving the Club!

I noticed that ITA won a Quality and Productivity award for its 311 mobile app. And boy to they deserve it! I live in the City of Los Angeles, and this app is amazing. It makes contacting graffiti removal and sanitation for new trash cans so much easier. I can also upload photos of the graffiti to assist in finding it and cleaning it up. Thanks ITA!

- Willy Sanchez

On the Road With the **Dodgers, With Club Deal**

I got my tickets to all the Dodger games played in Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Diego and San Francisco! It just gets better and better at the Club. Thank you for making these tickets available!

- Joe Sanchez, LAFD

Expansion of Club Discounts Is Good News for Members

I wanted to let the Club know that we went to the amusement park in northern California called California's Great America in Santa Clara with the e-ticket I purchased at the Club Website. My family loved it! It is really great to know that the Club is expanding its menu of discounted tickets. We look forward to going back soon!

- Lisa Madalena, General Services

Club Featured Business Page Is Place to Start for Referrals

I want to let all Alive! readers know that I have worked with Bill Grijalva, the owner of Grijalva Construction, which is featured in the Alive!s Club-Featured Businesses section. He's a stand-up guy. I needed a patio repaired and he took care of it. There's no job too small or too big for this guy. The best part is that he had the best price of any other bid I got. Thanks, Club, for screening the people

> - Tom Williamson, **Club Member for 21 years**

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE..

OF THE MONTH

as collected from around the City by your friendly club course ors

What are your plans for Memorial Day?



The Club wishes everyone an enjoyable Memorial Day and extends its condolences to the families of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States.



"Barbecuing with the family."

- Officer Nadya Bennyworth, LAPD, 24 years of City service



"Going to Vegas to play baseball."

Officer Frederick A. Russell, LAPD. 17 years of City service. Club Member



"Spend time with family."

- Blanca Araujo, Clerk Typist. LAPD, 8 years of City service, Club Member



"Barbecuing. Isn't everyone?"

- Stephanie Gonzalez, Security Officer, 2 years of City service



"At a wedding at a winery."

- Rob Villeza, Assistant U.S. Attorney, 22 years of service



"Nothing like heading into summer with a tasty barbecue.'

Det. Stan Evans, 26 years of City service, Club Member



"Barbecuing all day with my stepdaughter."

- Wanda Tilley, Public Works/ Street Services. 21 years of City service



"A double celebration - it's also my birthday!"

- Anita Torres, wife of Oscar Torres, DWP, 8 years of City service



"Two words: barbequing ribs!"

– Francine Svlvia. Rec and Parks, 7 years of City service, with her daughter, Danielle

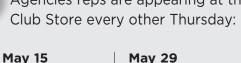
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Xavier Rodriguez

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Public Works will also hand out free trees while supplies last to City residents who agree to plant the tree on private property.

Everyone attending the open houses will get a chance to meet the City's hard-working employees who volunteer their time to meet the community and make sure everyone is learning all they can while having

Open houses will be held at each of the City's six district yards in Sun Valley, Northridge, Lincoln Heights, South Los Angeles, San Pedro, and West Los Angeles. The East Valley Open House in Sun Valley was held in April.

All open houses showcase the City's collection and recycling programs to improve recycling awareness and increase recycling practices. They also provide residents with easy access and information to all city services delivered by Sanitation.

Each year, close to 4,000 residents attend Sanitation's open houses, with more than 300 City employees volunteering their time to give back to the community at the free weekend events.

Following are the dates and locations for the 2014 open houses. The events are held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The East Valley Yard held its Open House April 26.



Time: Saturdays, 9:00am to 2:30pm

West Valley District Yard

May 17, 2014

8840 Vanalden Ave. Northridge

North Central District Yard

May 31, 2014

452 San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles

South LA District Yard (Expo Center)

June 7, 2014

3990 Menlo Ave Los Angeles

Harbor **District Yard**

June 21, 2014

1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro

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June 28, 2014

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10 years of City service,

Club Member.

Firefighter Jason Mastro, Apparatus Operator, Cut Aboue

From left: Spencer Wilson, Cadet, 2 years of City service; Zachary Almora, Cadet, 2 years; and Ryan Nagatoshi, Cadet, 1 year.



Police, Firefighters host



Officer

II Jason

Brown,

6 years of City service, with his wife, Sarah, and their daughter

LAFD/LAPD

Story and photos by Isabel Marquez and Dalila Vielma, Club Counselors



On March 14, employees of the LAFD and LAPD joined forces for their 11th annual St. Baldrick's fundraising event. The effort, which took place at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood, is part of a national St. Baldrick's fundraising event.

Lots of people from the community gathered for a day of fun under the sun. IHOP was present, making the restaurant chain's famous pancakes for everyone. Men, women and children alike had their heads shaved or cut their long strands of hair in support of cancer patients. There was a blood/bone marrow drive, a silent auction/raffle, magicians, face painters, balloon artists, food trucks, fire/police apparatus, prizes and much more.

Big thanks to LAFD and LAPD for making this event a success every year, and to Firefighter Danny Wu and Sgt. Greg Doyle for putting in the tremendous effort!



11th annual St. Baldrick's

fundraiser to fight

Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member, with his wife, Kris, and son, William.





DJs from KROQ.





Officer II Amanda Jansen, 3 years of City service, and Officer III Harvey nan, 17 years.





The head-shaving is under way!





A LAPD Motorcycle photo op.





Gilda Solorzano, Sr. Clerk Typist, LACERS, 13 years of City service, **BEFORE**

Club Member, with fiancé, Robert Olivares, and son, Robert.



Firefighter Michael Elefante, Apparatus Operator. 13 years of City service.



From left: Officer II Mike Kott, 5 years of City service, with Officer II Cristian Valenzuela, 8 years.







Here's Chris Rowland. Swat Operator, 18 years of City service.







From left: Gabriel Anedo, Sr. Lead Officer, North Hollywood Division, 18 years of City service, and Michael Lopez,



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Rec and Parks



William and Judy Banning. William (Bill) is the last Banning family member still alive to have lived in the house

Banning Fundraiser All Dressed Up

Banning Museum's annual gala raised **\$70,000** for its upkeep.



Club CEO John Hawkins and his wife, Kelley



The Banning Wisteria Regale carried a Victorian theme in keeping with

Part of Banning's Wisteria Regale was held in the museum's restored



Friends of Banning Museum's Wisteria Regale, held March 29 in the Banning Museum's historic stagecoach barn, raised \$70,000 for the City-run

The event returned to the newly restored Banning Mansion for the first time in four years. Honorary event chair was Harlyne Norris, chairwoman of the Kenneth T. and Eileen L Norris Foundation. Harlyne Norris has done so much for the Banning Museum over the years, and museum leadership recognized her contributions and support.

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Banning Mansion, guests experienced the elegance and graciousness of a formal Victorian-era gala with a sumptuous dinner, hosted bar, enchanting music, period dancers and a silent auction. Keeping with tradition, the event also crowned the King and Queen of Wisteria and presented two high school seniors with a \$2,000 scholarship to further their education after graduating Banning High School.



The Banning Wisteria Regale carried a Victorian theme in keeping with the era of the museum.

Proceeds from the Wisteria Regale assist Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit corporation, in its mission to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit.'

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



Sophia Pina-Cortez, Superintendent, Rec and Parks, and her husband, John Cortez.



Kevin Regan, Assistant General Manager, Rec and Parks, and his

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Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos by Officer Darrius Lewis

New Officers

Airport Police welcomes two new officers.

On March 21, two new Airport Police Officers graduated from the LAPD Police Academy. The new Officers are Blare Bergman and Rafaela Faulkner.

Officer Bergman was selected as class treasurer, and Officer Faulkner was selected secretary. Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon performed the swearing-in of the new officers, saying, "I am proud to welcome two new officers to the ranks of the Airport Police Division. I commend them on their accomplishments and wish them well through the training process."

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Capts. Greg Staar and Fernando Castro, Lt. Robert Rios, Sgt. Joe Espita, Officer Cipriano Montes and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

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

Congratulations, Blare and Rafaela!



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon; Officer Blare Bergman; and LAPD Chief Charlie Beck



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon; Officer Rafaela Faulkner: and LAPD Chief Charlie Beck



Officers Blare Bergman (center) and Rafaela Faulker (right) are sworn in by Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon.



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Reservation Lines:

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

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

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,

Dec. 4: RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium,

3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles Dec. 7: LARFPA Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge,

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

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April Meeting on Finances Is Well Attended, Has Good Info



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

t our yearly general meeting At our yearry general...

April 10, more than 130 retirees came to the Friendship Hall on Riverside Drive for a great session that covered a lot of financial topics.

The meeting started with a full breakfast between 8 and 9 a.m. Then I introduced Assistant General Manager of LACERS, Lita Payne, and LACERS' Chief Health Benefits Administrator Alex Rabrenovich. Lita talked about the condition of our pension, and Alex talked about our health and dental benefits.

I turned the meeting over to Phil Orland, RLACEI Director, who

introduced Steven Montagna, Manager, Financial Services Section, Personnel. Michael Karsch introduced Michael B. Cox, New York Life and Annuity Corp. Greg Spiker introduced Stu Johnson, Assistant Vice President, First Investors Corporation, and Kevin George, George Group.

Topics of Discussion were:

- How the market performed in 2013.
- First quarter of 2014: How did the markets perform and why.
- Deferred compensation update. ■ Income distribution.
- Managing retirement investments.

■ Effective estate planning with

■ Reverse mortgages.

■ Social Security benefit windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset.

wills and living trusts.

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The meeting was a great success; many questions of concern were asked, and members were pleased with the information presented. Thank you, RLACEI Directors, for a job well done. Many \$25 gift certificates from the City Employees Club and \$50 Visa cards from First Investors, along with \$20 from RLACEI, were raffled off.

Reminder: Don't forget the upcoming annual golf tournament June 5 and the annual picnic Aug. 14. I'm looking forward

Why Does LACERS Diversify Its Investments?



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

Tget questions from time to time I from my fellow retirees about the fund's investments and why LACERS puts money in so many different kinds of investments. If it were possible to find one safe investment, shouldn't we be putting all of our money right there?

It is really good question, and the answer is that there is no one safe investment that provides a good return and also an extremely low risk of loss. The search for this one investment is similar to the quest for a zero-calorie chocolateanswer is that it does not exist.

The best that a pension plan, or an individual for that matter, can do is to carefully diversify between very low risk, but lowpaying investments, and investments that pay more but are subject to risk of going up and down in value during market cycles. This risk, also called market volatility, is worth taking if the assets provide returns that are high enough to pay a patient long-term investor like LACERS for taking the risk.

LACERS uses a broad array of investments that range from low-paying, but extremely safe U.S. Treasury securities and bank accounts that are used for money that LACERS might need in a short covered ice cream bon bon that time, to alternative investments that tastes great and doesn't make you may lock up the asset for as much outgrow those skinny jeans! The as 10 years, or longer. In addition

to spreading the risk out for different investments, the investment staff works to pick investments that perform well in different financial conditions. Think of the concept of having flowers that bloom in different seasons.

Take stocks (also called equities) and bonds (also called fixed income) for instance. There are many market cycles that favor stocks, when bonds are not doing well and vice versa. If investors are worried about the economy going forward, they may sell stocks (hurting the stock market), but buy bonds, which boosts the bonds' value. While a long-term investor may still suffer some losses during economic downturns, the losses will be less and the recovery much quicker if diversification is used to limit the risk of loss.



Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy By Michael Karsch

Short takes: The City Council in early March approved a new contract with the union representing deputy city attorneys that gives no pay raises through 2016 and requires a bigger contribution towards healthcare costs; starting pay is lowered by \$2,000 (resulting in a salary of \$73,300), plus removal of four top pay steps, and making it longer to reach the top pay scale of \$172,000 ...

Also of note earlier this year is a state appellate court ruling that retiree health benefits are not vested benefits, as are employee

pensions, and therefore are not subject to the same rules that apply to pension benefits. This ruling involved a retired police officer in San Diego suing that City; the situation in San Diego may involve different facts than might be found in other cities and their ordinances and charter provisions ...

Remember Willie Brown, the long-serving Speaker of the Assembly, and former mayor of San Francisco? Writing in the San Francisco Gate, he had this take on the impact of public employee labor unions in municipal elections: "The San Diego mayoral victory by Kevin Faulconer means that the union-backed candidate [David Alvarez] lost not because he was a Democrat [Faulconer

was backed by the labor unions." Brown also referred to the Los Angeles race for mayor where the issue of public labor union involvement appeared to be a detriment in Wendy Greuel's campaign. Mr. Brown wrote: "The politicians they're backing aren't exactly winning points by running on platforms of allowing transit strikes and maintaining the status quo on public pensions"

And lastly, in Rhode Island: State officials and public union members have agreed on a deal ending that state's pension stalemate, according to a joint statement by Gov. Lincoln Chafee and State Treasurer Gina Raimondo.

is Republican], but because he **-continued**, **next page**

Legislative Report By Michael Karsch - continued

Remember that the treasurer had proposed stringent reforms in 2011 to meet the near default position of the state's pension system. The revised plan will combine defined benefit (DB) with defined contribution plans, and suspend annual

cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs). The original reform in 2011 is changed on the subject of retirement age back to 65 from 67 (the 2011 reform had raised the age to 67). The DB plans are retained with a two percent accrual with higher employee con-

tribution rates to workers with 20 or more years of service. The COLA would remain suspended until the \$8 billion pension plan is 80 percent funded, with occasional COLAs issued every four years, instead of

LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz, **RLACEI Publicity**

Cost of Living **Adjustment** (COLA) for 2014

By May of each year, the Board is required to determine the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area in order to provide a COLA to eligible retirees. The Administrative Code states that the COLA cannot exceed 3% annually.

When the CPI is greater than 3%, the difference is "banked"

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for future years. When the CPI is less than 3%, LACERS can then use available "banked" amounts to increase the COLA to the maximum 3%. Just how much of a COLA a retired Member will receive depends on their retirement date and how much is "banked" from previous years.

In 2014, the CPI for the Los Angeles area is 1.1%. The Board of Administration adopted the cost-of-living-adjustments for eligible retired members and beneficiaries at their February 11, 2014 meeting. This COLA will be effective July 1, 2014.



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.

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A Requiem for a Credit Union, A Friend in Need to a Rookie



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, **LARFPA** Director

n the first of the month I lost an old friend. I met this friend back in 1947 when I joined the LAFD and found out that I had to buy all of my uniforms (work, fatigue, dress and hat), turnouts, boots, helmet and bedding (mattress protector, sheets, pillow, pillow sham and bed spread) by the time I graduated from the drill tower. Wow! That was a lot of money, close to \$300. I would be making \$170 a month and I still had to pay rent, buy gas and eat.

This was a common problem for many of the recruits. One of

the Drill Tower instructors suggested that we visit the Fireman's Credit Union on the third floor of (old) Fire Station 28 at Wilshire and Figueroa Boulevards. I took his suggestion went to the credit union and met Thelma Cumberworth, who approved a personal loan of \$300. Then she introduced me to the rest of the staff - Doris Zuckerman and Oscar Malm. This was my introduction to the Los Angeles Credit Union Fire Family. They catered and cared for their members.

The credit union continued to grow and expand over the years until the LAFD became fully manned. To continue its growth, the credit union allowed family members to join and graduated into recruiting fire depart-

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ments from other jurisdictions in the state. As this growth increased, the credit union made a decision to terminate the Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union and become a statewide credit union called Firefighters

My lifelong friend, the caring and considerate fire family of the Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union, just passed away. Now the Firefighters in Los Angeles are just one part of a 265-unit bank.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the LARFPA barbecue June 4 at Grace E. Simons Lodge. We have a great speaker,

LARFPA

Ray Ciranna, General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions. See you

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Retirements

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Cable TV Product Ma. II

Maintenance Laborer

Systems Analyst II

ITA

ITA

Transportation

Ighani, Anthony F.

Johnson, Tommy

Jones, Edward A.

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

TITLE

NAME	IIILE	DEPI	YEARS
Keys, Cameron	Video Tech II	ITA	11
Kinaga, Patricia	Deputy City Attorney II	City Attorney	8
London, Jacquelyn	Clerk Typist	LAPD	7
Lopez, Roxanne	Sr. Personnel Analyst II	Personnel	12
Lorenzo, Manuel	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	7
Luther, David D.	Assistant General Ma.	Personnel	30
March, Eugene	Wastewater Coll. Worker II	Public Works	24
McGrew, Vivian	Sr. Workers Comp Analyst	Personnel	32
Monroe, Ronald E.	Safety Officer	Airports	34
Nguyen, Tien	Wastewater Treat. Op. III	Public Works	29
Nunes, Faaeseina	Legal Secretary II	City Attorney	32
Perez, Manuel	Management Analyst II	Public Works	42
Perez, Sergio	Wastewater Coll. Worker II	Public Works	30
Pierce, Karen Sue	Crime Intelli. Analyst II	LAPD	25
Ramirez, Ramon	Refuse Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	29
Ramos, Mary Ellen	Secretary	Economic Work	f. 39
Randolph, Larry	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	24
Richardson, Shirley	Animal Keeper	Zoo	25
Sanchez, Edward	Paralegal I	City Attorney	11
Scully, Diane	Public Relations Sp. II	Aging	6
Shahidi, Houshang	Architectural Associate IV	Public Works	22
Slaughter, Brenda	Detention Officer	LAPD	32
Ten Brink, Robin	Electrical Craft Helper	Airports	32
Thompson, Augustine	Rehab Project Coord. II	Housing	20
Thompson, Stanley	Street Services Worker III	Public Works	16
Tribble, Sidney	Sr. Management Analyst II	Airports	34
Uyehara, Enid	Clerk Typist	Finance	29

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Michael R. Wilkinson







By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

D-Day and Downton

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

PART FOUR



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 story, our ship docked in Le Havre, France early on Aug. 27 as our land tour to Normandy left at 7:30 a.m. Our first stop was Arromanches, where the Canadians landed on June 6, 1944 at Juno Beach. The Americans landed at Utah and Omaha Beaches, and the British landed at Gold and Sword beaches. These were not the French beach names; they were the Operation Overlord code names, but now the names are associated with the areas. Arromanches was also the location of one

of David of young men and women (four female nurses were killed) who gave their lives for freedom is quite moving. Also buried there are American servicemen who were part of the European campaigns either before June 6, 1944 or after the initial battle as late as December 1945. The entire cemetery is considered United States soil and is maintained by the US government.

We then had a photo stop at Omaha Beach. There are a number of memorials honoring the units that fought here. It is also an active beach area, and there were a number of people on the beach and in the water. The weather was clear and sunny, with the temperature in the mid 70s, but it felt warmer.

Our last stop was Pointe du Hoc, where three companies of US Army Rangers scaled the 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to capture this strategic position.

It was another two-hour ride back to the ship, but the trip was well worth it to honor those who fought and died for our freedom.

Le Havre was our last port on the first half of the trip. Lanny and Elaine would be



Winchester Cathedral.

period. Both Evelyn and I have read the book, and we found it very interesting. A lot of what is depicted on Downton Abbey also occurred

After we finished with the inside, we toured the Egyptian Exhibition and walked

around the expansive gardens and

The castle is open only from mid-July to mid-September, Sunday to Thursday. It's also open for a few days in December. Tickets go on sale in February, and when I tried to get tickets in May they were sold out. They do have walk-up sales, but you cannot be sure of a ticket. Luckily the company I hired (West Quay) to drive us had a pair of tickets for Aug. 28. They were purchased Feb. 14.

We left the castle and drove to Winchester for lunch at a very refined pub called the Red Lion. It had the

most beautiful blooming plants in front, along the drive and around the back patio.

The restaurant has won numerous annual awards for the best floral landscaping of a pub in Westminster. Then we stopped to take a picture of the Winchester Cathedral. The earliest parts were built before 839 when the then-King of England was buried there. Most of the "newer" parts date back to the 11th century. For many years Winchester was the capital of England. It is where King Arthur held court and where the Knights of the Round Table met. We didn't see Sir Lancelot or Lady Guinevere, but we did see a statue of King Arthur. Oh the days of Camelot! I could almost see Lancelot slaying a dragon.

Winchester and Both Southampton offered plenty to see, and I could have easily spent two days at each.

Trevor returned us to the ship a little after 3 p.m.

The next day was a sea day. The itinerary for the next part of the cruise starting Aug. 29 included: at sea, Bergen (Norway), Shetland Island (UK), Faroe Island (Denmark), at sea, Akureyri, Isajordur, Reykjavik (Iceland), two sea days, Nanortalik (Greenland), two sea days, St. John's (Newfoundland), two sea days, New York City.

We lost an hour the previous night so the next day we slept in until 8 a.m. We had a bridge lesson at 10 a.m. and then played duplicate bridge from 1 to 4 p.m. That was to be our routine for most sea days. The bridge instructor and his wife seemed like good teachers, so maybe we would learn something. There were 13 tables of duplicate, and we played two boards each in about two and a half hours. We didn't play too badly, but still ended up on the bottom.

Tomorrow we were scheduled to visit Bergen, Norway. I hoped the weather was good as we were planning to take the Hop-On Hop-Off bus. More next month.



The remains of a Mulberry harbor at Arromanches.



Hal and Evelyn at lunch at the Hotel Ferme de la Ranconniere

of two Mulberry artificial harbors, and you can still see remnants of one of the artificial harbors. Without them, the Allies would not have been able to provide the supporting materials and equipment to maintain the beachhead.

We visited the D-Day Museum in Arromanches, which gave us an overview of the battle of Normandy. The drive to Arromanches from Le Havre took about two hours.

We then had a very good lunch at the Hotel Ferme de la Ranconniere. It was an old French farmhouse, and really lovely.

We then drove to Colleville-Sur-Mer, home to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. It is just above Omaha Beach and is the resting place for nearly 10,000 servicemen who died during the Normandy campaign. This was a very emotional visit for a lot of us. The rows of crosses and Stars

leaving for home and we were to continue to New York.

It is only 80 miles from Le Havre to Southampton, where we docked about 6 a.m. Aug. 28, and where some passengers left and others boarded the ship.

We were picked up for our visit to Highclere Castle at 9 a.m., so we did not have to rush. Highelere is about 40 miles from Southampton, near Newbury and Berkshire. Our tour tickets were for 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The castle has been the home of the Earls and Countesses of Carnarvon for more than 300 years. It is also used in the British TV series Downton Abbey, and that's why we

Our driver, Trevor, picked us up on time, and we reached the castle by 10 a.m. We were in one of the first cars to arrive there, and we able to take some pictures before it became too crowded. For whatever reason they opened the castle at 10 a.m., so we really were lucky to beat the crowds. We saw most of the first and second floors, and there were guides in each room to answer questions.

The Fifth Earl of Carnarvon, together with his colleague Howard Carter, discovered the Tomb of Tutankhamen in 1922. There is an exhibit at the castle to commemorate that achievement. Sadly the Earl was the first victim of the "curse of Tut" and died less than a year after the discovery. His wife, Lady Almina, was the illegitimate daughter of Alfred de Rothschild. The current Countess number eight has written a book about that



Pointe du Hoc, where US Army Rangers scaled the cliffs to fight the German defenses.



The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial at Colleville-Sur-Mer



An Omaha Beach memorial



Evelyn at Highclere Castle, site of the modern-day Downton Abbey.

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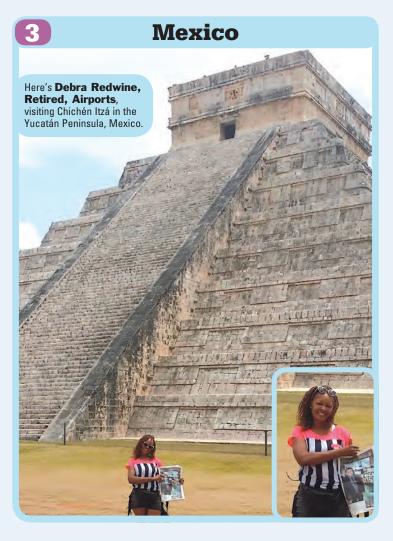


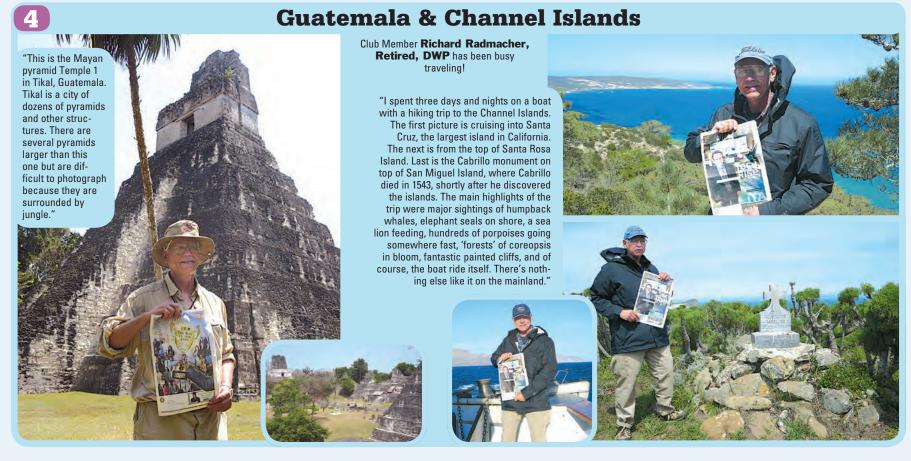


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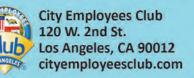
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Honoring Dr. Krupp

Griffith Observatory fundraiser celebrates its 80th anniversary, honors its famous director.

The fundraising group Friends of the Observatory launches Griffith Observatory's 80th anniversary year with "Stellar Evolution: Honoring Griffith Observatory and Dr. E.C. Krupp," an event paying tribute both to Los Angeles's icon of public astronomy and to the 40th anniversary of Dr. E.C. Krupp's leadership of Griffith Observatory. The celebration will be held at the Observatory Monday night, May 12.

The evening will feature a champagne reception; sunset over the Pacific Ocean; access to a hosted bar with champagne, wine, beer, and soda; brief presentations; and the chance to vote on one of three themed cakes, each commemorating an iconic feature of Griffith Observatory. Those attending are encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy on the lawn. Stargazer tickets for the event are \$75 per person.

Those purchasing a higher-priced ticket at

\$150 per person will be part of the VIP Stellar Reception in the Gunther Depths of Space, where they will enjoy a first-magnitude selection of hors d'oeuvres from Wolfgang Puck Catering, sip champagne and wine at a hosted bar, and mix and mingle with City officials, Observatory leaders, and more. These guests will also have reserved seating on the lawn for the presentations.

For more information on "Stellar Evolution," visit www. FriendsOfTheObservatory.com/ Events. Advance tickets are required; no tickets will be sold on the day of the event.

Dr. Krupp, Club Member

In addition to the exhibits, views, and programs, Griffith Observatory also boasts its very own prolific author, world traveler, astronomer, and 40-year veteran leader, Dr. E. C. Krupp.

Dr. Krupp began his career at Griffith Observatory in 1970 as a part-time Planetarium Lecturer while completing his

Ph.D. at UCLA. He was appointed the full-time Observatory Curator in 1972. In 1974, Dr. Krupp became the Acting Director of Griffith Observatory and was formally appointed Director in 1976. He led the \$93-million restoration, renovation, and expansion of Griffith Observatory, a project he conceived and shepherded through design, fundraising, construction, reactivation, and return to public service. The project was accomplished through a unique public-private partnership between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, which owns and operates the Observatory, and FOTO, the Observatory's nonprofit support group, which Krupp co-founded in 1978 to help restore the building.

In addition to his work as Director, Dr. Krupp has had a long career explaining astronomy to the general public. He has written five books, dozens of research papers, hundreds of articles for general audiences, and four children's books on astronomy. His books include Echoes of the Ancient Skies (1983), Beyond the Blue Horizon (1991), and Skywatchers, Shamans, and Kings: Astronomy and the Archaeology of Power (1997). He has collaborated with musicians and artists in a variety of projects and performances that link astronomy with the arts, and he often appears on local and national television and radio to interpret recent discoveries and developments in the field.

Dr. Krupp has led 40 field study tours all over the world in search of rock art, ancient and prehistoric monuments, sky myth, and constellation lore. He has often served as lecturer and eclipse viewing coordinator on global trips and cruises. He was selected as the 2013 winner of the prestigious Gemant Award given by the American Institute of Physics, the G. Bruce Blair Medal from the Western Astronomical Association, and the Klumpke-Roberts Award from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific – for outstanding contributions to public understanding and appreciation of Astronomy.

London, England.

Taken from Alive! Around The World, July 2011: "I have been meaning to send to you another *Alive!* photograph since last February, when I was in London to speak at AstroFest 2011. I also returned to Kew for another look at King George III's observatory, and this time I remembered to have a picture taken on the observatory's meridian. It's not the Greenwich Meridian (I sent that picture to you a few years ago), but it's got a royal prerogative. Straddling one meridian or anothe

A Chicago native, Dr. Krupp moved to southern California in 1957. He later attended Pomona College as an undergraduate, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles (1972). A commander-in-chief who answers his own office phone, and a lover of all things chocolate and Bob Dylan, Dr. Krupp resides in Eagle Rock.

Griffith Observatory

Colonel Griffith W. Griffith's founding vision, enshrined in his 1919 will, provided a unique place for everyone to observe the sky and the world around them. His observatory, from the beginning was focused on public observing, not research, with telescopes available every night. He required that admission be free to let everyone have a chance to become an observer. Since the building opened to the public on May 14, 1935, more than 76 million people have been exposed to cosmic perspective, just as Colonel Griffith planned.

After 67 years of continuous operation, the Observatory closed in 2002 for nearly five years of renovation and expansion. One of the most visited destinations in southern

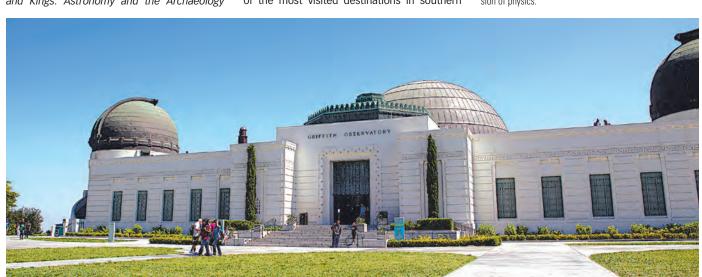
California, and the most visited observatory in the world, was to be restored. The City of Los Angeles and Friends of the Observatory (FOTO) used the opportunity to expand public space (underground) and to focus the building on turning visitors into observers. The entire new exhibit program – from the planet orbits embedded in the sidewalks to the indoor telescopes targeted on *The Big Picture*, the largest astronomical photograph in the world – helps visitors experience the wonder and inspiration of observing the cosmos.

When Griffith Observatory reopened in late 2006, it still had all the features people loved, as well as new capabilities for the twentyfirst century. The Samuel Oschin Planetarium had been transformed into a state-of-the-art venue for live presentations of stories about people, the universe, and everything. The new Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon theater, endowed by the actor and his wife, hosts a wide variety of public programs, most free, with astronauts, scientists, engineers, explorers, historians, and others bringing revelation, discovery, and excitement to audiences young and old. Monthly star parties put thousands of people "eyeball to eyepiece" with a lawn full of telescopes. More people have looked through the Observatory's 12-inch Zeiss telescope than any other telescope on Earth. Attendance for eclipses, transits, Shuttle flyovers, and other special events is astronomical. Thanks to FOTO, more than 26,000 fifth-grade students each year experience the transformative School Program. Constant as the North Star, the Observatory is open six days a week, 10 to 12 hours a day, to welcome visitors to the "hood ornament of Los Angeles."

Griffith Observatory is owned and operated by Rec and Parks. The Observatory is located on the south slope of Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park. The building is open to the public six days a week, with free parking and free admission. Free public telescope viewing is available every evening the Observatory is open and the sky is clear. Additional information is available at www.GriffithObservatory.org.



Taken from Alive!, January 2014: Dr. Edwin C. Krupp Director of the Griffith Observatory, was honored in front of the City Council for his selection by the American Institute of Physics (AIP) as the 2013 recipient of the Andrew Gemant Award. This annual award is given to one individual each year by the AIP Governing Board for "significant contributions to the cultural, artistic and humanistic dimension of physics.





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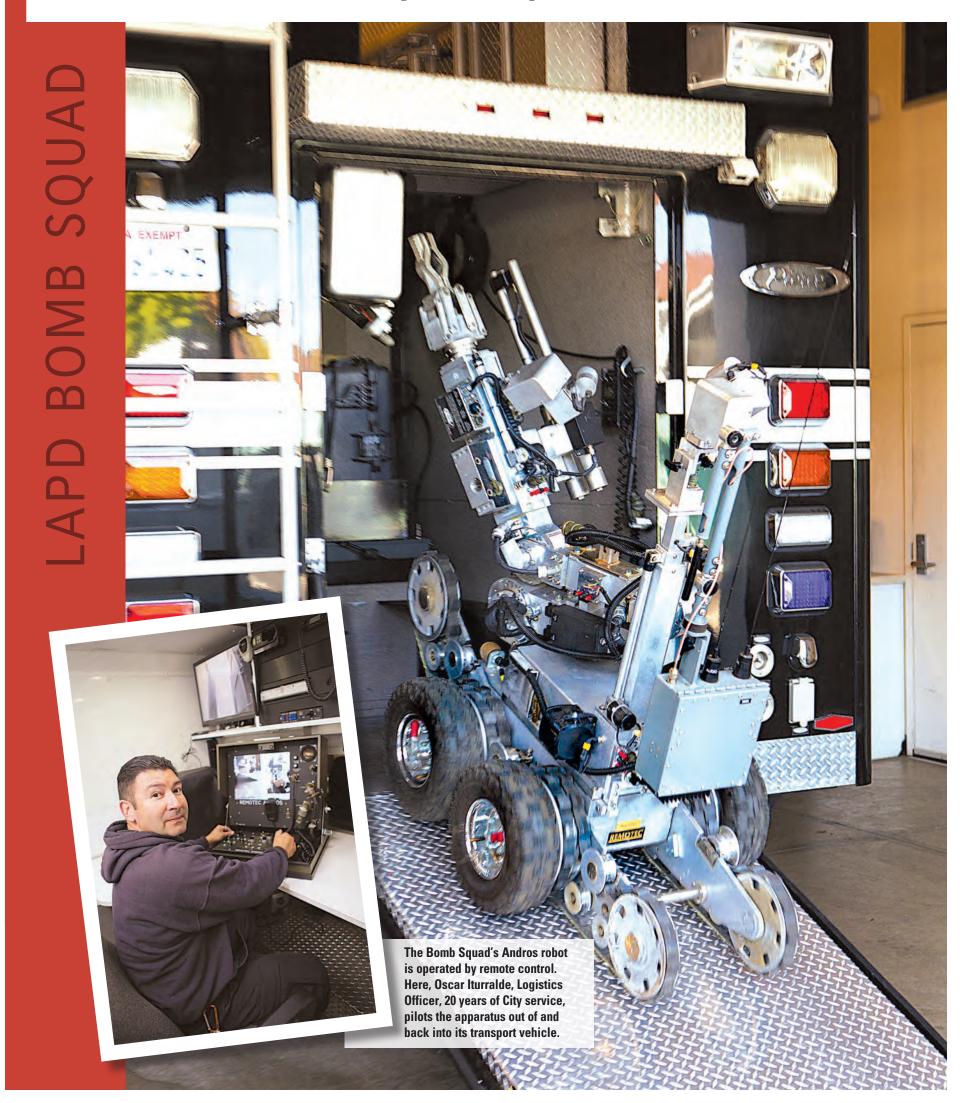






WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS

The LAPD's Bomb Squad handles some of the City's most perilous situations.



Alive! Feature

Information courtesy the LAPD. Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; John Burnes, Alive! editor; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Glenn Grossman, Retired, LAPD

The primary mission of the Bomb Squad is to The primary mission of the point of the members ensure the safety and wellbeing of the members of the City's diverse communities as well as the safety of all public safety personnel who may be first responders to an explosive-related incident. The Bomb Squad is one part of the force's Emergency Services Division. The other two parts are the Bomb Detection K9 Section and the Hazardous

Materials Unit (Hazmat). The Bomb Squad has been serving the residents of Los Angeles since 1950. The squad is comprised

of 27 highly trained bomb technicians and one explosive detection canine. The Bomb Squad has responded to approximately 600 calls for service per year for the past two years. These officers are responsible for the handling, transportation and rendering safe of all explosive items located within the City.

If a suspicious item is found, the public is asked to call 9-1-1 immediately to request assistance and clear the area. They are told not to attempt to move or open the suspected item under any circumstances.

History

1950: In 1950, Officer DeWayne Wolfer, assigned to the Department's Scientific Investigation Division (SID), was probably the first officer the Department recognized as an explosive expert. He responded to calls from officers in the field when a possible explosive device was found. Eventually, 12 officers were assigned to the Firearms and Explosives Section of SID.

1973: In 1973, officers began receiving formal explosives training at the newly established FBI Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Army Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

1988: On May 4, 1988, the Bomb Squad received the Police Meritorious Unit Citation for assisting SWAT in an explosive breach that resulted in the successful rescue of a hostage from a barricaded suspect.

1990: In October 1990, the Bomb Squad rendered safe the largest vehicle bomb in US history at that time. The vehicle was parked in front of the IRS building in West Los Angeles.

1991: In 1991, the Bomb Squad was separated from the Firearms Section and became a full-time Bomb Squad.

2003: Since May 2003, the Bomb Squad has been working under Emergency Services Division's Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau.

Lost in the Line of Duty

On Feb. 8, 1986, Det. Arleigh McCree and Officer Ronald Ball, Bomb Squad, responded to a bomb call in North Hollywood Division. While attempting to dismantle a pipe bomb, an explosion occurred, fatally injuring both bomb technicians. These two officers were expert bomb technicians who had contributed extensively to the research and development of numerous techniques for dealing with bombs that are still being used throughout the world today.

After the untimely deaths of their husbands, Edie McCree and Ann Ball established a nonprofit memorial fund in honor of Arleigh and Ron. The Memorial Fund supplements the LAPD's efforts in providing equipment and assisting in research and training for personnel assigned to the LAPD Bomb Squad.

If you are interested in donating to this not Memorial Fund, please call the Los Angeles Police Foundation at (213) 489-4636. Contributions could be tax deductible; contact your tax adviser.

Public Safety

The Bomb Squad has maintained an aggressive Research and Development Program to develop new tools, equipment and procedures to render explosive devices safe. The tools and procedures developed by the Bomb Squad are used by civilian and military Bomb Squads throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Russia and Australia. These equipment and technology have saved the lives of several bomb technicians while they worked on explosive devices.

The Bomb Squad continually strives to improve the quality of its contacts with the community, as well as with police and fire department personnel at the scene of an explosives-related call. The Explosives Section is dedicated to enhancing public safety at the scene of any incident involving explosives. A recent increase of high-profile cases, involving explosive devices, has generated an increase in public awareness and the need for quality equipment and training to match these new threats. The Bomb Squad has set specific goals designed to promote not only the safety of police personnel but of the public at large in dealing with explosive devices and bombings.



A display of some of the explosive device types the Bomb Squad is prepared to handle

The Bomb Squad also maintains an active weekly training program for Department personnel in the form of roll-call training. The Bomb Squad also conducts explosive recognition and evacuation procedures seminars for community groups, private industry, and the school system.

Calls For Service

The Bomb Squad has 27 full-time Bomb Technicians who respond to all explosive-related incidents throughout the City. The Bomb Squad maintains an on-call team to respond to calls 24 hours a day. Each Bomb Technician carries essential equipment including the bomb suit, x-ray, bomb blanket and other special tools. This equipment is required to handle the variety of explosive-related incidents.

The Bomb Squad responded to 600 calls for service in 2012.

For more information, or to learn what you should do if you happen upon something that appears to be explosive, see the Bomb Squad Website:

www.lapdonline.org/emergency_services_ division/content_basic_view/6527



Bomb Squad support staff includes, from left: Irene Garcia, Clerk Typist, 30 years of City service; and Teresita "Ressie" Herrera. Secretary, Emergency Services Division, 11 years of City service.



Above: Lt. Rick Smith shows Club CEO John Hawkins a model of a type of bomb used against the LAPD in a domestic terrorist attack in LA in the 1970s





Officer Steve Hennigan, Bomb Tech and former U.S. Marine, 26 years of City service stands in front of his desk. "Everything on my desk has been confiscated in the City,"



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This month's feature on the LAPD Bomb Squad is part two of our series covering the three elements of the department's Emergency Services Division the Bomb Detection K9 Unit, the Bomb Squad, and the Hazardous Materials Unit. Alive! featured the K9 Division in November 2009. with Officer III Tom DeLuccia, Club Member, on our cover. We'll finish with part three on the Hazmat team in the future.

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LAPD

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW



Capt. III John Incontro

Alive!: Thank you for welcoming us. But before we begin our interview, let me just say - we were here for the first time last week, and I think just two days later the Bomb Squad was called to a major incident where there were allegedly three pipe bombs found in the back of a car, and your bomb techs rendered them safe. There I am watching it on TV and I thought, "We were just interviewing those people defusing that bomb." It was pretty amazing. Lt. Rick Smith had just explained to us what the Bomb Squad is trained to do, and then, there it is on television.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: Right. We have officers and detectives who are bomb technicians, and they go through quite a bit of schooling through the FBI and other agencies and groups. They're the ones responsible when there is a call involving a potential explosive device. And they respond and they render it safe, they also are part of the investigation team with Criminal Conspiracy Section, Major Crimes Division that does the actual filing and follow-up and interviews, the traditional detective work. My bomb techs are able to discuss in court through their expertise, explaining how the device was made and what the potential damage and/or the potential of loss of life, things like that that.

What I saw on television, the real dramatic stuff, is only just a small portion of the important things that the Bomb Squad does.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: Exactly. There's quite a bit of work that's done outside of the spotlight. The techs are constantly trying to be ahead of the terrorists and criminals.

You're doing your training and preparation, and all of a sudden you get that one call, and your day can really change in a hurry.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: These guys are outstanding. I am very proud to work here with them to see what they do every day. They're always ready for

Well anyway, we're getting a little ahead of ourselves. Tell me a little bit about what your responsibilities are as the captain over **Emergency Services Division. Your vision** necessarily has to be further ahead, and broader.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: Well, the role of the captain is to make sure, first of all, that my officers are doing their job properly, that we're all following the rules and working toward the goals of the department. In this case I make sure that we're safe from terrorism and that we reduce crime, and then make sure that my folks are trained; that's a really important component in this place. We have mandates from the federal, state and local levels, making sure that we meet all of those and that the materials we use are handled safely. We have a process for all of that. When you realize that we work with high explosives and other materials, we have to make sure they're safe, and when we take things into custody we have to make sure they're safe. That's a big part of the management

Being Ahead of the Criminals

On March 28, Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Capt. III John Incontro, Commanding Officer of the LAPD's Emergency Services Division, Club Member, 35 years of City service. The Emergency Services Division includes the Bomb Squad, the Bomb Detection K9 Section, and Hazardous Materials Unit. The interview took place at the Bomb Squad's headquarters near downtown.

> After that, I make sure that we think about what are we going to need two, three and five years down the road. What are we doing toward personnel selection and expansion? Are there things that we can do and serve the community and the department better, reminding our folks that we are a support entity.

> And then leadership means making sure that my folks enjoy coming to work and that they're motivated, and that we're doing the right things for the right reasons. It's a great job. I'd never had any experience in any of the areas served in Emergency Services, well, some with K9 through Metro, but it's still a very interesting place.

Where is the Bomb Squad service going? Is it becoming ever more intense and challenging?

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: We have to make sure first of all that we know what possible threats are going to come our way, and we have outstanding relationships with our federal and military partners, along with the other agencies in the area and state levels.

As for five years down the road, we have to think about whether we have enough people, are we training the people to do their job, and are they doing the job that is going to benefit the department and the City. You can look at that in a couple of different ways. Are we able to detect potential explosive devices? Are we able to render a device safely? And are we able to understand how a device is used, how it's built, and how it was going to be used so that we can successfully prosecute the offender. Five years down the road, are we using the best available technology and is technology more efficient than adding more people to the command?

I also have to think about how expensive it is to run this place. Financial resources in the City are limited and require us to make sure that we are using the funds available to us in the best possible way and that I'm not wasting money. Understanding the use of technology and the human side of operations so we can be very efficient in how we do our job. I have to make sure that we are at the leading edge of understanding of what could be used for destructive devices. How are we working with our partners in this region, for example, the relationship that we have with the FBI, is unbelievable, really outstanding. There's no comparison with any other major law enforcement agency in a major city, it's really tremendous.

We're coming up to the first anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing. Did that incident change anything?

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: Yes. It gave us a better understanding of an incident like that. We learned from it, we trained for it, we worked toward new ways to handle it, but it opened the eyes of a lot of people. And also it reminded us of technology. The device that was used with -- the pressure cooker -- is not unknown to our military personnel. Promptly the following day our bomb techs here worked on things like that, similar devices, to try and see how they work and how to defeat them. Our research involved the

We exchanged information with Boston and the agencies involved. We have that ability because we're the Los Angeles Police Department. We have great relationships in the EOD community so we were able to pick up the phone and send some folks to Boston to understand things a little bit better.

Beyond the human tragedy, of course, of the **Boston Marathon bombings, the surprising** thing to me as an outsider was the identity of the people who allegedly perpetrated it. So much of the media was saying, "This clearly shows the marks of a terrorist" and it ended up being no one in any known group, although the trial is still to come. The threats can be a lot different than some might think.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: One of the problems is that we have a short news cycle. It's not like the old days when I grew up where you waited for the evening paper or you waited for Walter Cronkite to come on to tell you what happened during the day. With this incident, some were waiting for Al-Qaeda or the Taliban or someone like that to claim responsibility for this thing and that didn't happen. What did happen is that we lost people. The important thing is to make sure that the Bomb Squad and the whole police department does our job right and makes sure that we find who's responsible and do the investigation properly so we can successfully prosecute these people. You get a lot of people making statements or opinions, but we have to sit back and look at the evidence and do our investigation to make sure that we do everything right and follow the law.

That's the nature of the Bomb Squad – every once in awhile you might be quite visible, but when you're not, you're still very active.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: Right. It's important to understand that people may not see us very often or that we only show up when things are really bad, but we're always here, investigating, learning, training.

We are also available to the community to provide someone to talk to a community group about what we do and how to be safe if they should encounter a device or suspicious package.

This is a great place, and the officers here are just amazing. With their technical skills, they're some of the best in the world. We're very, very fortunate to have the skill level of these men and women, and this department is fortunate to have people of their caliber. More importantly, we have to thank the department and the City for allowing us to be this good. Without their support, whether it's just moral support or budget support, we couldn't do our job right and provide the service. The City has been very good to this department.

Thank you.

CAPT. JOHN INCONTRO: You're welcome.



Alive! Feature

On March 12, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! Editor John Burnes sat down with Lt. Rick Smith, 33 years of City service, Bomb Squad Commander and Officer in Charge of the LAPD's Hazardous Devices and Materials Section, to talk about the Bomb Squad. The interview took place at the Bomb Squad's headquarters near downtown.

Alive!: Lt. Smith, tell us the path of how you got to your position.

LT. RICK SMITH: During my career, I've been fortunate to hold a variety of positions, many of which involved specialized units. Immediately prior to the Bomb Squad, I was assigned to Air Support Division for approximately ten years.

You're a pilot?

LT. RICK SMITH: Yes, and in addition to my time at Air Support, I've worked narcotics, vice, and uniformed patrol at Wilshire, 77th, Rampart and Central. During my years in patrol, I was assigned as a training officer, a sergeant, and a watch

How often does the Bomb Squad get called out?

LT. RICK SMITH: It can vary widely. In a busy year, we'll handle close to a thousand calls, many of which involve suspicious packages. Others include explosives, military ordnance, ammunition, precursor chemicals for homemade explosives, and illegal fireworks. In addition, with assistance from the Bomb Detection K-9 Section, we do a fair number of bomb sweeps in support of the United States Secret Service and the State Department for visiting dignitaries and heads of state. Our bomb sweeps also include a number of the special events that routinely occur in the City such as the Academy Awards, the Grammy Awards, etc. Our call load is often affected by events occurring throughout the nation and the world. For example, in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings last year, we saw an increase in calls for service and sweeps. The Department implemented additional security measures at significant events throughout the City, and there was a rise in calls for service from members of the public.



Give us an overview of what the unit does in general.

LT. RICK SMITH: The calls to which the Bomb Squad routinely responds include improvised explosive devices, suspicious packages, military ordinance, commercial and homemade explosives, ammunition, black or smokeless powder, and fireworks. We conduct bomb sweeps for visiting dignitaries and special events. At Los Angeles International Airport, bomb technicians are on duty seven days a week and available to respond immediately to the central terminal and the aircraft operations areas for any calls for service.

So physically there are Bomb Techs there?

LT. RICK SMITH: Yes. Our technicians at LAX partner with Bomb Detection K-9 Section provide high-visibility patrol and protective sweeps throughout the airport on a regular basis. We also work closely with personnel from the LAX Police Department, FBI and the Transportation Security Administration to enhance security at the airport. Here at the Metropolitan Bomb Squad Facility, our primary partner is the Hazardous Materials Unit (HMU). Officers assigned to HMU are primarily tasked with identifying, classifying, mitigating and safely removing any hazardous materials within the City of Los Angeles associated with criminal activity. Whether it is chemical, biological or radiological, our Hazmat Techs focus primarily on criminal activity—suspicious letters and packages, illegal dumping, unsafe transportation, unpermitted activity, unregulated sources and those kinds of things. Each member of HMU is a certified hazardous materials technician.

The Bomb Squad is a stressful job.

LT. RICK SMITH: It has its moments. Law enforcement is a risky profession, and it can be a stressful job. Look no further than the loss of Nick Lee last week [March 7], a great patrol officer who was responding to a routine call for service and was killed in the line of duty. Working the Bomb Squad comes with associated risks, as does flying for Air Support, working undercover in vice or narcotics, and patrolling the City streets. Each of us who puts on the badge understands the dangers associated with the job. Fortunately our technicians are experienced and well trained. They also have access to a significant amount of sophisticated equipment that provides an added margin of safety. Through the years, the Bomb Squad's remote and robotic capability has increased substantially, and this has significantly reduced technician time on target.

What are some of the remote advances that have been made?

LT. RICK SMITH: We have robotic capability that ranges from the LRV, a Lightweight Reconnaissance Vehicle, which is a small, single-technician deployable robot that can remotely travel down range and examine a suspect package or vehicle, to

the 39,000-pound BatCat, which is a robotic, remote-controlled telehandler manufactured by Caterpillar. It has a telescoping boom with tremendous lifting capability and an assortment of attachments designed to complete a wide range of tasks that can vary from lifting and transporting a suspected vehicle bomb to assisting SWAT in breaching a structure and locating a barricaded suspect. If there's something big and heavy that we need to investigate or move, BatCat allows us to accomplish that task while the bomb techs and SWAT operators are a safe distance away

Emerging Threats

What is the biggest danger today? Is it dirty bombs? Is it the IEDs?

LT. RICK SMITH: That's a good question. Both traditional improvised explosive devices and radiological dispersal devices or "dirty bombs" represent a continuing threat.

What is on the top of your mind? What are the emerging threats?

LT. RICK SMITH: Along with what you've mentioned, we also deal with threats associated with homemade explosives and devices made with low-explosive fillers such as black or smokeless powder, pyrotechnic mixtures, etc. In addition to what we see on bomb calls, our partners at Major Crimes Division support us with threat analysis and investigative support. Personnel assigned to MCD are responsible for the traditional detective work that follows the discovery of an explosive device or the completion of a post-blast investigation. For example, if the Bomb Squad responds to and renders safe a pipe bomb discovered in your driveway, investigators assigned to MCD are responsible for the investigative follow-up. If there is an explosion, our technicians will conduct an on-scene post-blast investigation, locate the evidence, reconstruct the device, and provide expert testimony during any criminal proceeding. MCD detectives will work to identify the suspect, serve any necessary search warrants, make the arrest and file the case with the District Attorney. We have a strong partnership with MCD, and they also keep us up to speed on emerging threats.

However, as significant and as wide ranging as these threats can be, what we frequently encounter are fairly simple devices—those that can be made with easily acquired low-explosive fillers or pyrotechnic mixtures similar to the Boston Marathon pressure cooker bombs. Those devices had a devastating impact and as we see in the media, the instructions on how to build them are readily available to anyone with an Internet connection. Terrorist groups routinely publish and post material encouraging others to build inexpensive explosive devices and target American citizens, and a person can accomplish this task in his or her kitchen or garage. It doesn't require high explosives, a dangerous radiological isotope, or a sophisticated circuit. To me, that is the greatest threat we face.

If I saw a pressure cooker on the sidewalk of Boston I'm not sure I would recognize that as a threat, at least not before the Marathon incident.

LT. RICK SMITH: I don't think any of us would prior to the Marathon bombings. But, as you can imagine, following the news coverage of the bombings and the details of the explosive devices, we received a number of calls related to pressure cookers and similar items. Fortunately, none of them contained any explosives or other energetic materials.

I'm assuming that the military in Iraq and fghanistan, they've been dealing with IEDs constantly, of all forms and variations. Do they share their knowledge?

LT. RICK SMITH: They do. We have a very good working rtnership with the military. For example, the Marines at Camp Pendleton often invite us to participate in training at their facility, and we have also hosted them in Los Angeles. Their EOD techs provide us with a wealth of information and insight into the threats and devices they encounter overseas.

Training

What does it take to become a Bomb Tech?

LT. RICK SMITH: The Department requires that an officer complete five years of sworn service before making application for the Bomb Squad. The initial selection process involves a written application and an interview. If a candidate is placed in the outstanding pool, a background investigation follows. Once a tentative selection is made, the candidate must successfully pass a practical exam in the bomb suit, which weighs approximately 80 pounds.

I saw it.

LT. RICK SMITH: In addition, all bomb technicians must pass a medical exam and qualify for a secret clearance. Following selection, the candidate must complete a number of training courses. These include a hazmat/weapons of mass destruction first responder course provided by the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Ala. It involves the identification, classification and mitigation of hazardous materials, and also includes practical, hands-on problem-solving tasks where the trainee functions in various levels of personal protective equipment. The Hazardous Devices School follows at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., and this leads to certification as a



bomb technician. The HDS training involves classroom work, explosive demolition and a series of practical "locate and render safe" exercises and exams conducted in a series of unique settings built to replicate various rural and urban residential and commercial environments.

Our technicians also complete basic and advanced postblast training coordinated by the FBI, and there are a host of other courses available involving advanced explosive destruction techniques, military ordnance, etc.

That's a lot.

LT. RICK SMITH: It's interesting stuff.

Incidents

Can you tell us a couple of stories of the Bomb Squad in action?

LT. RICK SMITH: We handled a call last month out in the San Fernando Valley, which originated with a vehicle stop conducted by uniformed patrol officers. While conversing with the driver, the officers observed a pipe bomb in the passenger compartment of the car. During the course of the Bomb Squad's investigation, a total of three pipe bombs were robotically recovered from the vehicle and remotely rendered safe. Two of the devices exploded during the render-safe process. Fortunately, the area had been evacuated and no one was injured. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of methamphetamine, and the suspect was linked to the recent detonation of other destructive devices in the area. In addition to our Bomb Techs, personnel from Bomb Detection K-9 Section, Major Crimes Division, and the involved patrol division all played an important role in that investigation.

Another incident that comes to mind occurred a number of years ago when the Bomb Squad responded to a warehouse in Van Nuys where it was believed a large quantity of dynamite was present. Uniformed patrol officers had pursued a suspect to the location; the suspect initially barricaded himself inside. Following a six-hour standoff, the suspect surrendered, and approximately 50 pounds of unstable dynamite was discovered inside. Because the dynamite could not be safely removed, the best resolution was to burn it in place. With support from the Los Angeles Fire Department, the warehouse was set on fire. This event resulted in the closure of the 405 Freeway and the complete destruction of the building.

In 2003, we responded to Felix Chevrolet in downtown Los Angeles pursuant to an ongoing investigation of an elaborate extortion plot that included a fake bomb and a demand for money. The family of the dealership's general manager had been kidnapped, and the suspects forced him to wear a vest that he thought contained a bomb and a transmitting device that would broadcast his every word to the kidnappers. Our technicians were able to determine the vest contained a hoax device, and the family members were later found handcuffed in a restroom at a storage facility in the San Fernando Valley. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

We also support SWAT with explosive breaching [using explosives to break through walls, doors, etc.], and those calls also offer unique challenges.

You blow things up, too?

LT. RICK SMITH: We do. In addition to countercharging energetic material and destructive devices, we provide explosive breaching support for SWAT. Our technicians partner with SWAT breachers to accomplish explosive entry as needed to facilitate the resolution of some tactical situations involving barricaded suspects.

You have some pretty special people working for you.

LT. RICK SMITH: Yes. The Bomb Squad has a group of experienced, well trained and very capable technicians. Some of our personnel have military backgrounds, which include extensive knowledge of military ordnance and explosive combat breaching experience. Other technicians have specialized unit experience in a variety of Department assignments.

This diversity serves us well as the Bomb Squad maintains a number of specialized cadres, including underwater dive, explosive breaching and electronic countermeasures. FEATURE

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Thanks for your time, Lieutenant.

LT. RICK SMITH: You're welcome. ■





Examining aircraft is an important function of the Bomb Squad. In this training exercise, Bomb Techs examine a plane for explosive devices at LAX.





Sgt. Michael Salinaz, the Officer in Charge of the Bomb Squad, cuts through a panel truck's wall so the squad can insert a camera and examine the truck's contents.





Alive! Feature

The Bomb Squad's famous BatCat, for heavy-duty explosive device handling.







The Christmas Day Miracle

The Bomb Squad's Officer Don Thompson risked his life when he encountered a car on fire with a victim inside and then took action.

ast Christmas Day, Officer Don Thompson was driving south on the 405 on his way to work as part of the LAPD Bomb Squad at LAX when he saw a northbound car hit the middle rail and burst into flames.

He took quick action.

"I saw the vehicle hit the retaining wall. It veered all the way across all the lanes of the freeway," he remembers. "As soon as it hit the concrete divider, it exploded into flames. I was saying to myself, 'Is this for

It was.

"As soon as it came to rest, I managed to get my vehicle over to the carpool lane and activated my lights, and I ran to the vehicle. It was a pretty substantial collision.

"At that point, there were huge flames coming out of the rear of the car, 15 or 20 feet high. You could feel the radiant heat. I was having difficulty getting the door open because of the damage. But I got it open and found one person unconscious in the driver's seat. I had to get him out, because if I didn't, he wasn't going to live. The fire was increasing and moving toward the interior."

The scene quickly grew intense.

"As I was struggling to release his seat belt, some fire came up and licked me right across the right arm and burned my hand. I retracted for a second. But I said, well, it's now or never, or else he's going to burn to death. I went back in, released the belt, grabbed him and pulled him out."

And at just that moment as he pulled the victim out, "the entire car totally went

up in flames. It was a whole wall of fire, and I was amazed at the timing.'

At that point, a couple of Good Samaritans had also stopped. "They stepped towards us, and they grabbed him from me and pulled him over the center divider. I was disoriented because

of the heat, and one of them pulled me over the divider, too. There's a period of a few seconds that I don't remember what happened."

One day a few months later, the victim, who survived, called Officer Thompson. "He said he had had a medical reaction to his medicine, and that he didn't remember any part of the incident at all."

Officer Thompson saved his life. "Yes. It's strange to think about it, but if I had been driving just a little bit faster or maybe 15 seconds earlier in my travels, I would have passed by, and there's no way I would have been able to get my truck over to the car pool lane. Either he would have been burned, or I would have been burned more than I was, or something very bad would have happened to me. The timing was unbelievable."

Timing ... and training ... and courage ... are what heroes are made of.

"People have said, 'You know, you're a hero," Officer Thompson continued. "But in my heart, I don't feel that I'm a hero. I did something good. I protected someone. Yes, I put my life in jeopardy, but just helping someone - everyone should do that. Everyone's okay, so I'm happy.

"Everyone should be more selfless," he believes. "It seems that people are becoming a bit more selfish, caring about what they can get for themselves, as opposed to doing what's best for people in general. I totally respect people for being selfless." ■



Officer III Don Thompson, LAPD Bomb Squad, 26 years of City service.



Lt. Raymond Garvin, Officer in Charge,

Bomb Detection K9 Section Officer Eric Young, Bomb K9

Sgt. Mitchell Lambdin (behind Officer Young),

Lt. Richard Smith, Officer in Charge, Hazardous Devices/Materials Section Det. Gary Borg, Bomb Squad Rozine Kalaidjian, Management Aide, ESD

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Sgt. Randy Goens (behind Huerstel), Bomb K9

Officer Mark Sauvao, Bomb K9 Sgt. Michael Salinaz, Officer in Charge, Bomb Squad Officer Donna Odle, Bomb K9 Capt. John Incontro, Commanding Officer, ESD Officer Thomas Davoren, Bomb Squad Officer John Long, Bomb K9

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Officer Oscar Iturralde, Logistics Officer Stefanie Alcocer, Bomb Squad Officer Leslie Salinas, Bomb K9 Officer Edwin Dominguez, Bomb K9 Officer Lauraine Harrington, Bomb K9 Officer Alberto Franco, Bomb K9 Officer Joseph Getherall, Bomb K9 Officer Christian Christensen, Bomb Squad, with his K9, Rocco.



Living Longer In Retirement

saw a quote the other day that really made me think about why we buy insurance. We all possess a little of the "it will never happen to me" attitude. Only when tragedy occurs do we come to the realization that we are not infallible and that the potential for financial devastation exists. The quote reads:

"The art of living successfully consists of being able to hold two opposite ideas in tension at the same time: First, to make long-term plans as if we were going to live forever; and second, to conduct ourselves daily as if we were going to die tomorrow."

- Sydney Harris

We could add to that: "to conduct ourselves as if we were going to come down with a critical illness tomorrow."

To cover those bases in retirement. we need to ask ourselves the following

Will you have enough income and assets to last you throughout your retirement?

These days, more Americans are retiring earlier and are living longer, sometimes several decades into retirement. Planning for your future can be a daunting task, especially when it comes to your finances. A major illness can have a serious impact on Boomers' retirement plans. It is at this point in their careers that they are often making the most money and the highest contributions to their retirement savings. "A critical illness can have a significant impact on their lifestyle, both while they're trying to recover from the illness but also on their retirement savings and when they'd be able to retire."

Will you leave your loved ones with enough to continue living a lifestyle they are used to?

Making sure that your family is financially secure in the event of your death can be a huge concern. Before you retire, life insurance is an important source of security for your family, providing assets to your survivors that enable them to potentially:

■ Replace the income lost from the death of a wage-earner

- Pay off mortgages and other debts
- Send children to college
- Maintain their standard of living

Just as important, life insurance proceeds can also potentially help your spouse enjoy a financially secure retirement by replacing years of retirement savings cut short by a premature death.

Will you be prepared for a critical illness in your retirement?

A prolonged and severe illness or disability cannot only be devastating emotionally, but it can quickly drain your financial resources. Unexpected critical illness such as a heart attack, stroke or cancer can strike at any age, and they are costly. Individuals in retirement years rarely have enough time to recover from the financial devastation of a critical illness.

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.

Rec and Parks

Banning Is Coming Up Roses

Museum event is for lovers of roses.

he Banning Residence Museum in Wilmington is scheduled to host "A Celebration of Roses" in the museum's rose garden Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is free. Guests are invited to celebrate by bringing and displaying roses from their personal garden. Everyone is welcome to attend and all participants will receive a small gift for sharing.

Included in the event will be a flower arranging demonstration; a special lecture "Why We Celebrate Roses" by Gloria Leinbach; a children's activity, "Make Your Own Potpourri and Card;" and a taste of history, "Roses in the Victorian Kitchen." There will be a sampling of rose tea and desserts. Rose experts will be on hand to discuss roses and answer questions. For more information about how to par-

> ticipate with your rose display or to RSVP, please call Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005 or visit www.

thebanningmuseum.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial

LA Lions

Zoo welcomes adult African lions.



The Zoo's new lion residents

he Los Angeles Zoo has added two 15-year-old African lions, Hubert and Kalisa. Coming from the Woodland Park Zoo, the companions of 10 years were introduced to their new exhibit at the L.A. Zoo for the first time March 25 and are getting acclimated to their surroundings.

The L.A. Zoo has made several renovations to the lion habitat and concentrated its marketing efforts toward announcing the new power couple in town. Zoo guests

have also been eagerly anticipating the powerful roar that can be heard throughout the park when there are lions in the Zoo.

"Guests are always asking us where the lions are," said Jennie Becker, Curator of Mammals at the Los Angeles Zoo. "We're very happy this pair became available, and we think people are going to be excited that we are able to have lions in the Zoo again. Hubert and Kalisa seem to be very comfortable so far and really are a magnificent sight." The lions are viewable with a regular admission.

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

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



Photo by Tad Motoyama, Zoo



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An Alive! Photo Feature

Me + My Pet

■ere at the Club, we love animals. So do our Club Members! We're publishing this fun new feature, with our Club Members showing off their animal companions. Thanks for sending them in over the last few months, and look for another "My Pet and Me" in the future.



Here's Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions, **Club Rep**, and Princess, her Chihuahua. "I spoil her immensely!'



– Julie Briones, **City Attorney**





This is my Lab

mix, Molly. She is about 12, and

I adopted her 11

Shelter of Animal

years ago from

the East Valley

Services.

Retired

- Marilyn

Moore, LAPD,

- Roger Cuevas, **Airports**







four years old, and with our family since one month old.

Estrella Arindaeng, DWP



"We've had Dulce, our little

Chihuahua, for five years. She is a very sweet little girl who loves to cuddle in our

laps! Lili is our eight-year-old

Greyhound mix who we've

had since she was eight weeks old and love dearly! Both of our dogs (and four cats, not shown!) are all res-

cues and make our home

– Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, Club Rep

complete with love and hap-

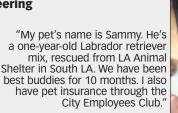
piness! We hope more people

adopt from rescue organizations. Who says you can't buy



"Meet my dog, Kenjie. He's two-anda-hálf years old. He's a schnauzer-terrier mix (not 100 percent sure). I adopted Kenjie when he was six months old, and we have been best friend for two years now.

Henry V. Sisomvang, **Public Works/ Engineering**







opossum we had as a pet. We got her when she was a bitty baby. She thinks I'm her mom, and has never bitten me. She is so sweet!

Lori Griner, Transportation



Here's Jim Booth, Retired,

with Seemore. "My wife res-

a big cat."

cued him 14 years ago. He is

"Here's my pet, Kingston. He is a green-cheek conure (parrot). We have been friends for eight

Julie Briones, **City Attorney**



"This is Tyson. He's an English bulldog, and he has been my boy for the last four-and-a-half years. I can't imagine my life without him. He's the best!"

- Larry Gates, LAPD **Communications**



"This is Atticus, and he is

our family since

a Labrador

September

Herriott,

2006.

- Bill

DWP

retriever. He has been part of

"This is my fur baby, Max, and

me. He is a Yorkshire terrier. I

have had him since 2009, and we spend a lot of time together since retiring."

- Linda Richardson,

Here's Ismail Nanabawa, with my friend, Gudu, since 1996.

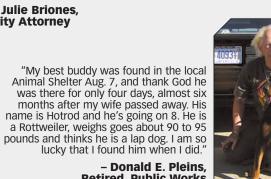


Here are the two cats of **Robert Larios**, **the Club's Vice President of Operations**. "This is Cannoli (left), the younger sister of Tiramisu (right). Cannoli is a British short hair and has energy that will light up a city. Tiramisu is a full-blooded sister of Cannoli from a different litter. Tiramisu is aristocratically laid-back and loving."



Here's nineyear-old Paxton, a Jack Russell terrier, at Dodger Stadium's Bark in the Park. "He has been a part of the family for five years.

Jessie Simon, LAPD



Retired, Public Works



"Here is a selfie of Sophie, one of our cocker spaniels, and me. Sophie is special little girl. She is partially blind, frail and a senior rescue from a Valley shelter, yet she is full of life, gaining weight and enjoying a new lease on life. she also likes my lap to rest on after a long day of napping. My wife and I have had her in our lives for 10 months.

- Ralph Morones, Airports



Here's Bruno, a German shepherd, 7, adopted from a co-worker by **Vernon Tabirara**, **Public Works**; **Christine Tabirara**, **Building and Safety**; and Yzie and Dylan.



– John Sousa





'Honey is my frequent flyer to Indianapolis, St. Louis, Miami and Oakland.

- Allene Buchanan, LAPD, Retired



Allene Buchanan, LAPD. Retired





Don't have your special pet yet? It's easy and affordable to adopt, but please do it responsibly. LA Animal Services has six shelter locations! For more information on Animal Services' offerings, go to: www.laanimalservices.com



From left: LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, 37 years of City service; and Sgt. II Kelly Benitez, Sr. Drill Instructor with the graduating class of January 2014.



































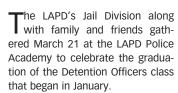
The LAPD Honor Guard, from left: Sgt. Tom Tavares, 32 years of City services: Sgt. Amy Wong, 20 years: Officer II Gloria Graces, 19 years; and Officer II Shawn Hetherington, 18 years.

LAPD

Story by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor; Photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

New Detention Officers

Police Dept. graduates new **Detention Officers.**



The ceremony began with a presentation of colors by the LAPD Honor Guard. Shenita Easter then sang the National Anthem with a salute the flag. The recruit class speech was given by Detention Officer John Paul Olivarez, Class President. The ceremony ended with the presentation of diplomas by LAPD Chief Charlie Beck.

It was a beautiful ceremony on an equally beautiful sunny day in Los Angeles. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2014!

Special thanks go to Christina Hernandez for her assistance.



Capt. III David A. Lindsay, 27 years of City ser-



The graduating class of January 2014 celebrates with the official co



January's graduating class of Detention Officers.



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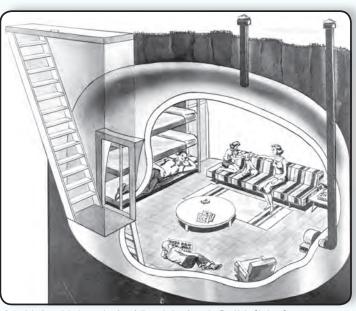
History Comes Alive!

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland City Archivist

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



A model of an eight-by-twelve-foot fallout shelter from the Fox Hole Shelter Co. 1961

women, especially those with

young children. How to deal with childcare 1940s style?

How about a local govern-

ment/civilian service that

provided childcare to LA's

"Rosie the Riveters" with the

burdensome title "Child Care

Coordinating Committee for

Women In Industry." A future

column will highlight the

collection of press releases

response to the Soviet nucle-

ar threat after 1947. The Civil

But let's fast forward to the

Defense and Disaster Board and the Civil

Defense and Disaster Corps were cre-

ated nationally at the same time the City

Council was enacting Ordinance 97,600 in

January 1951. It defined a disaster as "an

act of violence affecting the local, state

or national welfare... floods, fires, earth-

quakes or other acts of God..." Most of

these events happen from time to time in

Southern California, so why was the need

become such a major producer of military

technology, in addition to the importance

of the seaports at San Pedro and Long

Beach as well as the airports, that a

possible enemy attack

wasn't unreasonable.

Keep in mind that

there was actual evi-

dence of atomic war-

fare in the Japanese

cities of Hiroshima

and Nagasaki that

gave validity to a

possible nightmare

scenario on a globa

scale. An entire indus-

try based on world-

emerged and contin-

ues today with differ-

ent threats. Some of

the technologies origi-

nally employed in the

name of civil defense

have also found roles

in today's new emer-

gency scenarios.

devastation

Because Southern California had

stored in the archive.

so critical at this time?

Photos courtesy the City Archives and the Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection

os Angeles has been preparing for Lmany worst-case scenarios for many decades - and why not? Our history of earthquakes, floods and fires have provided many "teachable moments" that have translated into stronger building codes, better fire suppression techniques and technologies that allow various agencies to communicate better in times of need. It's not perfect yet, but we plan and prepare a lot for actual real-world events.

This month's column looks at the ultimate unforeseen events that have kept most of the civilized world on edge for almost 70 years - the threat of nuclear attack. The Los Angeles City Archives houses some of the reports and supporting materials in the City's Civil Defense efforts. These materials still carry an ominous warning along with a healthy dose of gallows humor.

Let's look at Box B-2196. It's important to distinguish the two forms of "Civil Defense" in our story. The first was the form of civil defense practiced during World War II. It was called the "L.A. City Defense Council." Its job was to oversee local deployment of emergency medical personnel, police and fire brigades and other public services with trained civilians

this book may save your life!

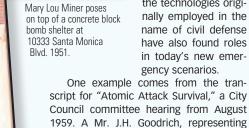
How to

Survive

CONSULTANT, Civil Defense Office

instead of professionals. Remember that many of the men employed as police and fire personnel had been drafted, so the slack had to taken up by local citizens. The necessary expansion of the local factory sector brought women into jobs that had to be done if the war was going to be won. The City had to respond with support for

If thera's ATOMIC WARFARE



1959. A Mr. J.H. Goodrich, representing Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, described an early version of what we would now call "reverse 911 calling," whereby authorities could call a number of citizens simultaneously in an emergency. He said, "There are a number of units that can be rung at one time by just energizing the signal...but we would have to charge for that." Left unanswered was the age-old question of who

would pay for the service.

After 70 years, preparing for the worst can look both serious and less so.



The Rade family of Van Nuys spent four days in a simulated fallout shelter to demonstrate a concentrated food compound as part of a commercial demonstration of the food technology, 1962

Meanwhile, throughout the 1950s, the strength of the radios in police and fire vehicles, utility trucks and even animal control cars increased, partly to be better prepared in times of need. The City Council approved and spent both local and federal civil defense resources to upgrade infrastructure everywhere. Soon, police and fire departments could keep in contact while inside tunnels and in remote locations due to better technology. Outdoor mounted sirens and other warning systems were part of the school experiences for children of a certain age, who may still remember the classroom drills that would have provided some protection in case of attack. Those drills, updated to reflect the current dangers in our society, are still practiced today.

I sensed a touch of dark humor just under the surface of our topic. Alongside the rational public safety discussions reside the assortment of materials on what a post-Bomb world might look like. The pamphlets and books may have tried to reduce the fear of atomic death by offering resilience as a mantra. But the end result can best be described as maca-

One such book on our collection is titled - I kid you not - How to Survive an Atomic Bomb, published in 1950. The paperback cover carried the warning, "If there's atomic warfare, this book may save your life!" Looking past the bomb shelter layouts and what constituted fallout, what were some of the topics that we should be aware of? How about

whether food containers would be safe to eat out of? Page 74 answers that question. "Atomic rays can pass through tin and glass very easily. This does not cause them to spoil and make them dangerous to eat. But don't eat anything from a car or jar or package that was opened before the atomic bomb went off or that was broken open. Better to throw it away." After a similar discussion on what was safe



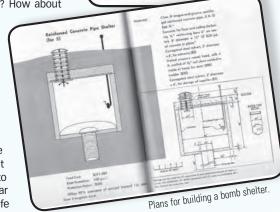
The I.J. Lenack family of Reseda stocks their backyard fallout shelter, which houses a TV, phone, canned goods, lanterns and furniture. 1962.

water, the topic on page 76 shifts to the use of tobacco. "How about smoking? Is it all right to smoke?" Let's not even get into the question contained on page 111 about rural living that went, "You said earlier that light-colored materials throw off the heat of the bomb-flash better than darkcolored ones. Does this apply to animals, too?" You'll have to come to the archive to get the answer to that one.

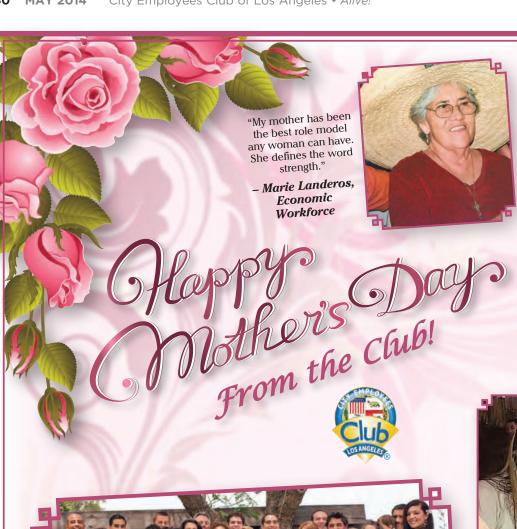
So far, we have avoided the real-life fate as depicted by a number of Hollywood disaster movies. Earthquakes, fires and floods have taught us a great deal about where we build things or if they should be built at all. We did - or perhaps we still do – have plans to deal with nuclear attack should it ever happen here. On the other hand, I know a guy who turned his bomb shelter into a wine cellar. I suppose there are more enjoyable ways to ride out the end of Los Angeles, but that one is good enough for me.



Sample from How to Survive Bomb. 1950.



Cover for 1950 survival guide after a bomb attack.



"What a blessing for a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to have her family. My Mother has always been the rock of the family, teaching us morals, values and love of family." – Maria C. Garcia, LAPD

"Happy Mother's Day"

- Obaachan,

Suzanne Law, DWP,

Retired, mother of

Anthony Law DWP, and

grandma of Audriana

(AJ) Law



"Happy Mother's Day,

Mama! You are the best. Lots of love and kisses.

- Kiara, Leyla and Tyce

(submitted by Eric

Yoshida, DWP)

"Thank you for your unconditional love and guidance, but most of all for just being you. You are the greatest and strongest mom of all. iTe amo Mami!"

- Cecy Gómez, Economic Workforce



"Happy Mother's Day to my mother, Vinetta Thompson, and my wife, Michel Thompson. I love you both with all my heart.

- Zack Thompson, Airports



for all that you have done for me and the family! You are one of the most beautiful people I know (honestly!). Thank you for having me, for loving me and for teaching me... I want to be like you! I

– Susan Girard-Manzo, LAFD



"To my beautiful mother, B'Elma Claiborne, thank you for your unconditional, sacrificial love through the years and for creating a nurturing home environment where my brother, Ronnie, and I always felt secure and loved. Happy Mother's Day with all my love. Your daughter, Shel."

- Michel Claiborne-Thompson, **Building and Safety**



"Happy Mother's Day to the best mother ever. Hove you. Mom.

- Lisa Edwards, Airports/Ontario



"Mom, I cannot ever say it enough – I love you and thank you! You have always been there showing your support and love. Happy Mother's Day, Mom!"

-Kimberlee Alas, LAPD, and Connie Troutt

"Mom and Mommy. You are the

most awesome mother a kid could ask for. Happy Mother's

Day, we love you to the moon!!"

– Noah, Isaiah and

Hannah



"Mother Dearest, thank you for being my best friend and the best mommie in the whole world. I love you so much and forever!"

– Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor



"Happy Mother's Day to my mommy, Regina Hamilton, Public Works/ Sanitation. You are the best! I love you."

– Adriana



Here are my mother, Carmen Osuna; sister, Rebecca Osuna; and me, Regina Genovese; helping me get ready for my wedding day April 6, 2013. Mom, we both love you and are blessed to have you for our mother."

– Regina (Osuna) Genovese



"Happy Mother's Day to my beautiful daughter, Ruth -I love you so much. - Mom"

Even at 77 years old,

Mommy, you're still

the most beautiful,

kind and generous woman I've ever

known. I love you

more than you'll ever

know, and I'm so

blessed to be one of

your daughters."

- Rita Harper,

Fire and Police

Pensions

– Noemi Garcia





"Mom, I hope you know how blessed I feel to continue to have you in my life. You continue to inspire me with your optimism, self-discipline and faith. I love you very much and look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with you."

- Melinda (Thun) Rho, DWP



love you!"



"Love you with all my heart, from your little Monkey!"

- Emily Simmons, daughter of Douglas Donovan, Rec and Parks



"As the years pass, you grow even more special and dear to me. You are a true blessing in my life, and I love you! Happy Mother's Day with all my love."

 Lori Kwiatkowski, Retired, LAFD



"Hi Mom, happy Mother's Day from long distance. Thanks for all your support during these amazing years. Love you!"

- John Burnes, Alive! editor, and Dearbhla **McNulty Burnes**



"None of this is possible without you. For all that you do for us, thank you. Love you, Mom."

– Carlos Naranjo



'Happy Mother's Day, Granny! I love you."

– Love, Mariah



"Happy Mother's Day to a strong woman, a cancer survivor at 85! You are loving, caring and thoughtful. We love you so much!"

– Estrella Arindaeng, DWP



"Happy Mother's Day! We love you, Mom. You rock! Love, Princess Killa of Malibu and Zena Warrior Princess

- Iver Dreben



"Happy Mother's Day to you, Mom... without you I do not know where I would be. Your constant giving and give it all back to you and then some.

Personnel, and sisters, Dijuan



Happy Mother's Day

– Sandra Mendoza, City Clerk/Election Division



"Mom, we wanted to remind you of what a special wonderful person you are. You are special wollderful person you are. Too are so important to the three of us and you have given us the best gift of all, love. We want to return the gift and say, we love you, too! Happy

Mother's Day."

- Katherine, Bridgett and Melissa



"With love I say, thanks for yesterday, for today and tomorrow. Happy Mother's Day. God bless you always. Thank God for my mother."

- Hector Garcia



- Sharon Jackson, Airports



"It's a family affair – Mardi Gras 2013."



separated by the miles, but when she comes to visit we always have a great time touring by train."

- Sgt. Gary Newton II, **LAPD**



"Family time is always perfect when Mom has both her boys with her!"

- Marquas Smith and Burt Smith, Public Works/ Sanitation



"My mom is amazing! She works hard all week and takes me fishing on the weekends. What boy doesn't love his mom wearing camo. I love you, Mom."

- Cody Coogle, **LAPD**



being there for me is beyond appreciated. Because of you my son graduates from college in May. Praying that I can

– Kasondra "Kacy" Evans, and Lisa



"Sharing the passion for motorcycles with my mother, Pilar Molina, is priceless."

- Gildardo Luna



Mother's Day to the most beautiful mother, granny and grandma in the world. I want you to know that I appreciate and love you. I thank God for blessing me with a mother as wonderful as you."

"Нарру

– Diane Richmond-Walker



"Becoming a single dad made me realize how tough it is to be a parent. My mom taught me how to be a strict but loving father. Thanks, Mom, for helping me become a respectable man and father. Love you always."

– Jaime Ramirez





"Mommy, thank you for

letting us play until we

get tired and give us

yummy food when our stomachs hurt. We love

you more than all the

– Jaime and Camila

Cruz, son and daugh-

ter, and also nephew

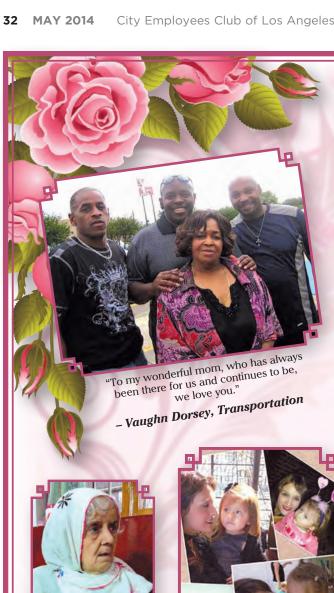
and niece of Club

Vice President of

Operations Robert

Larios

stars in the sky.



"I remember my

mother's prayers,

and they have always

followed me. They

have clung to me all my life."

– Ismail Nanabawa, for his mother,

Aishabibi, pic-

tured in Burma



"Celebrating our third Mother's

– For Yesenia and Autumn Hope, wife and daughter of Fred Lira, Building and Safety



"Joan Marion Crocker, my

mom, passed away March

25. She touched so many

lives. Thanks so much to

so many of my co-workers

and Mike's crew as well, for

their generous outpouring

of care."

- Debra Mack, Building

and Safety, with

Michael Mack, Public Works

"Reci ne mogu opisati koliko mi je drago sto smo ponovo zajedno! Volim te!"

– Goran Lazarevic, Airports



"To our mother, our angel, Linda Vida. We love you, Mommy.

- Submitted by Jing Vida, Housing



"This is the last picture I took with my mother. I miss her every day! I love you, Mom! Happy Mother's Day!"

- Renee Ramirez, LAFD



"Mom, every day should be Mother's Day! You taught all seven of your children to do the best they can, no matter what the job or status, and to treat people just as we would want to be treated. Thank you, Mom; you are my hero!"

- John Hawkins, President and CEO of the Club





"To the greatest Mother in the Milky Way Galaxy! We love you and wish you the best Mother's Day. P.S. We will make sure to wash dishes and take out the trash from now on."

– Love your Sons, Oscar and Marcos (Norma Larios is Robert Larios' sister)



"Happy Mother's Day, Momma! Hove you and thank God for you every day!"

– Judy Ramirez, Finance



"Dear Mom, I can not believe that you already left this Earth. This Mother's Day will be the first that we are without you, but you will forever be in our

- Thuthuy Nguyen, DWP



"Mother, I love you to the moon and back! Where would I be without you! You mean the world to me and so many others!"

– L'keva Harris, LAPD



"Happy Mother's Day to the world's best mom and grandmother. Love, Tyi, Eugene and Kierra"

– Tyiesha Mims, Housing



"To the lady who worries and prays constantly for each of us and who loves us more than anyone can know. Happy Mother's Day!"
"Para la señora que se preo-

cupa y reza constantemente por cada uno de nosotros y que nos ama más que nadie puede saber. iFeliz Día de la Madre!"

- Patricia, Norma, Ana and Bobby (Robert) Larios



Pictured are Cecilia

"I'll always love my momma – she's my

favorite girl! Happy Mother's Day with all

– Luisa Tovar, Rec and Parks

my love.

Tovar and Luisa Tovar.

"Felicidades, Mama. Happy Mother's Day,

– Michael Saucedo

"I thank God you are with us another Mother's Day, and we thank Him for you every day. Love always."

– Jerri, Mary, Louise and Robbie

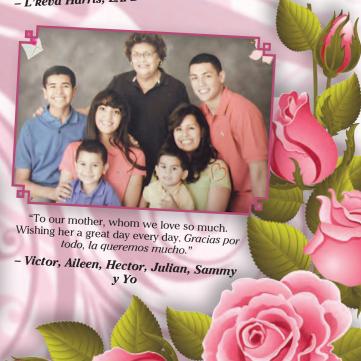


"God could not be everywhere therefore he made Mothers."



"God could not be everywhere. Therefore he created mothers.' Mom, thank you for all you do for us all year! Happy Mother's Day. We love you."

- Leonor, Frankie and Moises





Former Alive! cover story subject Albert Torres, Chief Park Ranger, in front of the Hansen Dam Ranger Station.





Rec and Parks Rangers attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Rec and Parks

Story courtesy Joanna Berni, Rec and Parks;

Home For the Rangers

Hansen Dam Ranger Station enjoys grand opening.

Rec and Parks opened its impressive new Hansen Dam Ranger Station with a ribbon-cutting Ceremony March 27.

Hansen Dam Regional Park is at 12200 W. Osborne St. in Sylmar.

The newly built ranger station is a control, orientation and security headquarters for the community and visitors of Lake View Terrace.

The 4,600-square-foot single-story building includes a community center, information counter, offices for recreation staff and park rangers, restroom facilities, new parking lots, drought landscaping, and security lighting. In addition, cottonwood trees that represent the Hansen Dam riparian habitat were planted along with Coastal Oak and Valley Oak trees.

In attendance were Councilman Felipe Fuentes; Rec and Parks Commissioner Sylvia Patsaouras; Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Rec and Parks; Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Public Works/Engineering; and Terry Kaiser, Vice President, Lake View Terrace Recreation Center;

Congratulations to Rec and Parks for its new ranger station!





Park Rangers welcome guests to an open house after the



By Jennifer Shackelford, Club Application Coordinator

Cherry Picking



he weather is starting to warm up and its time to start thinking about fine summer fruits. U-pick farms are a great way to get farm fresh produce, spend time with friends and family and get a little exercise. And nothing tastes quite so good as fruit warmed in the early summer sun.

One of my favorite

things to pick are cherries. I took the opportunity a few years ago to learn how to make jam and now my cherry peach jam is a summer favorite in my house. I tend to head up to the Leona Valley and stop in at Villa del Sol. Fat Reniers and juicy Bings go into the basket and later, into some kind of delectable treat.

Go get on their mailing list now so you are ready when the cherries are ready. Maybe I'll see va there!

Villa del Sol

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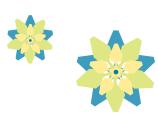
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Welcome New Members!

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

New Members

Airports

David Cohen Deirdre Williams Xiaozhen Yuan

Animal Services

Jesus Castillo Alvaro Guillen

Building and Safety

Camille Davis Anthony DeSantis Chiu Tam

City Attorney

Alysia Lim

City Clerk

Peter Flores Josue Marcus Sandra Mendoza

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Fabre Atkins-Nwadine Margarita Calderon Tamika Taylor

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Daniel Goto

Library

Tiffany Coleman Carol Linton Eloise Nelson Karla Valdez

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Sevak Palamazian

Personnel

Natalie Shorter Planning Juliet Oh

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Maria Fimbres
Alejandro Galvan
Charles Garcia
Jesus Garcia
Marcela Garcia
Maria Garcia
Davis Giron
Juan Gonzalez
Santos Gonzalez
Grant Goosby
Michael Gray
Mary Hazer
Richard Jaramillo
Shirmika Jones
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Helen Lim
Nancy Martinez
Thomas Mason
James McDonald
Sean McGee
Alonso Menchata
Kelly Muniz
Tamara Myers
Robert Olmos

Jose Organista
Aldo Quintero
David Ramirez
Karen Rayner
Catherine Riggs
Kathryn Sain
Mauricio Salazar
Juan Santa
Jonathan Tom
Justin Tombar

Cheri Windle PUBLIC WORKS

Kenneth White

Jose Torres

Tracy Ware

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Gary Evangelista

PW-Engineering

Sean Phan

PW-Sanitation

Juanita Bell
Veronica Boatner
Ciara Dowdy
Mario Duran
Greg Fisher
Salomon Galvez
Rosendo Garcia
John Gersjes
Cherise Gutierrez
Michael Hidalgo
Vanessa Licea
Raymond Martinez
Quincy Nevels
Shawn Person
Tracie Williams

PW-Street Lighting

Billy Martinez Rosemarie Ostic

PW-Street Services

David Davis Daniel Kim Gabriel Llamas Manuel Munoz Andrew Perez

Rec and Parks

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TransportationAujanee Baldwin

Kandeish Bell Daniel Campos James Fountain Freda Gardner Tamika Jones Tamera Lanns Alsavon McGlorie Antonio Moreno Diana Portillo Clara Ramirez Enrique Salinas Martha Sevilla Ricardo Tapia

DWP

Pasha Hampton Roberto Morin Terry ODonnell

Benjamin Affalo Jr.

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Charles Smith

Cherie Wallace

Peace of Mind

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





Is Your Paycheck Covered For Long-Term Disability?

s your paycheck covered if you can't work? Why risk your income when it comes to supporting yourself or your family?

The latest government research founded by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2011 shows approximately 5.3 million Californians living with a disability, cognitive impairment, ambulatory disability and/or needing assistance with independent living. The Americans with Disabilities Act predicts nearly 33 percent of all people will suffer a serious disability between the ages of 35 and 65. At age 30, the chances of disability are approximately 3.5 times greater than death. At age 40, the chances of disability are about three times greater than death, and at age

50, two times as great. Protect yourself and your family against the worst odds and apply for long-term disability insurance (LTDi). LTDi provides a replacement income when you cannot work due to an illness or disabling injury.

The Club's group exclusive long-term disability insurance plan is offered to City and DWP employees. Qualified claimants will receive a monthly benefit to supplement your income if you cannot perform your duties at work. It covers you in the event of an illness or injury, whether on or off the job. After meeting your preselected elimination period or waiting period, you are entitled to file a claim for a non-taxable benefit of up to 70 percent of your gross salary or 60 percent of

your gross salary without other benefit sources. Since the benefit you receive from us is not taxed, it will closely reflect the amount of income on your pay stub after your tax deductions. The duration of the benefit is paid out until the age of 65 (retirement age) or until you can return to work.

It is standard procedure to undergo medical review or underwriting by the insurance carrier during the enrollment process. There are a few medical questions required and health records are requested by your physician's office to establish if you are qualified for the coverage by the underwriter. Typically, the entire process could take up to 10 weeks before a decision can be made.

If you have recently been hired by the City/DWP, the great news is you qualify for open enrollment! If you sign up for LTD within the first 60 days of your hire date, you can enroll without medical underwriting! That means no health questions are asked and you are automatically approved. If you have been employed longer than 60 days, you can still apply, but will have to pass medical underwriting.

Do not take chances with your paycheck! Contact your counselor today on how you can provide security for your income into tomorrow.



Special Achievements

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



Cadette Girl Scout Hannah Johnson completed her Silver Award by donating eight boxes, almost 200 pounds, of clothing that she collected to the Los Angeles Mission. Her Troop #886 of fellow Girl Scouts helped her sort the clothing and box it up. Hannah is the daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD.



Tania A. Farlow-Malbrough and her team at Summit High School in Fontana won the championship in their group (co-ed varsity cheer team) at Anaheim Convention Center March 29-30. This is the third year they have won, and she expects to graduate May 28. She is the one next to the coach in the blue shirt. She's the granddaughter of Eva Farlow, City Attorney, Club Rep.



Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

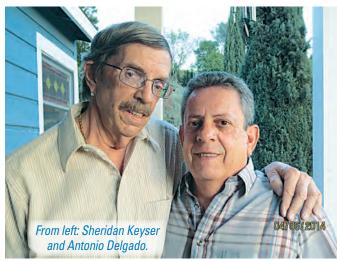


Julian Armas celebrates his first birthday May 6. He is the grandson of Jose Beltran, Custodial Supervisor, LAX.



Weddings

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



Antonio Delgado and Sheridan Keyser, April 13 in West Hollywood United Church of Christ. Antonio and Sheridan were married in the same church (formerly West Hollywood Presbyterian Church) in 1981. Antonio and Sheridan will be bonded with a marriage license 33 years and one day after their first wedding. Sheridan is a Management Analyst with the Department on Disability.



Miguel Sanchez and April Bartolotto, July 19. Miguel is an Acting Sr. Detention Officer, LAPD, 5 years of City service, and the son of Patrick (Rocky) Sanchez, Welder, DWP, 14 years of City service.

Graduations

Have a photo of a recent grad? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



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.

Gabriel E. Sanchez graduated from Westwood College in Los Angeles Dec. 21 summa cum laude and received his Bachelor of science degree in graphic design/animation. He is the son of Patrick (Rocky) Sanchez, Welder, DWP, 14 years of City service.

ive! in the Military

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



In Memoriam

It's Time to

Tell Their Story

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

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com Subject line: Tell Their Story



An Alive! feature

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



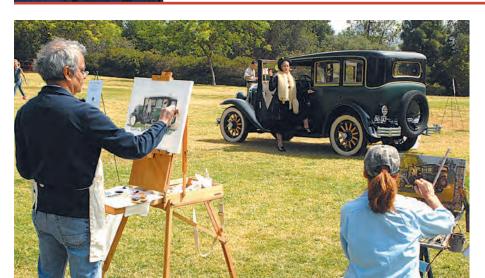
People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.





John's — **Picture Perfect** Contest John Hawkins, Club CEO



"Art Imitating (Automobile) Art – that's what came to my mind as I was strolling over the grounds at the Gene Autry Museum today and observed an art class that was busy at work with its paint brushes and doing a great job! Perhaps you're as intrigued with the scene as I was. It also goes to show that classics live forever."

- Yves Didier, Airport Police

John's comment: Yes Yves, classics live forever. Nice shot!



"My daughter, Sophie ... a rainy April day ... and a low low tide at Pismo Beach."

- Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comment: I love this picture. Her expression is priceless, and the bucket sitting there on the sand juxtaposed with the water and pier is perfect. Thanks, Mike!



"I was on a month-long Asian vacation, and one of the places I went was Panglao Island, Bohol, Philippines. The wharf is in a property called Flushing Meadows Resort. All the rooms were named after famous international players. One of the boats can be hired to go on an island 30 minutes away where dolphins, stingrays and turtles abound. A seafood lunch, some of which we had the privilege of catching ourselves, was also included. The broiled stingray was awesome with lemon."

- Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works/Engineering, Retired

John's comment: I wish I were there, right at the end of this dock! Thanks, Gina, for a relaxing Picture Perfect!

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Nonmembers are welcome to submit, but Club members are eligible to win the
- monthly prize. · If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- · Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for Alive!
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, Alive!, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good
- · We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please!
- · Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering Alive!, or for delays in the transmission of responses.



"Shiny objects like this building are difficult to photograph without the high-intensity burns. I benefited from the cloud cover that dropped the ambient light."

- Harold Johnson, Airports

John's comment: Harold, you are so right, it is extremely difficult to capture shiny objects and buildings. But you succeeded on this one. Good job!



"Dusk at Lincoln Park.'

- Martin Alarcon, **Public** Works/ **Street Services**

John's comment: at a beautiful etting, Martin ery peaceful. I can almost hear the fountain and the birds. Nice work!

Club Angels



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

Club **Scholarship Deadline: June 27**



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

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store.

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.

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 at least

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.

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment.

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants. We expect this year to be every bit as good."

This year, the Club has rolled the Mukai Scholarship into the Club's Club Angels program, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

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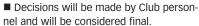
www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"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.
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- 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

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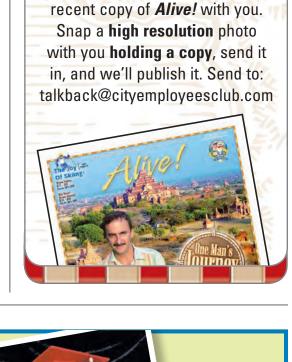


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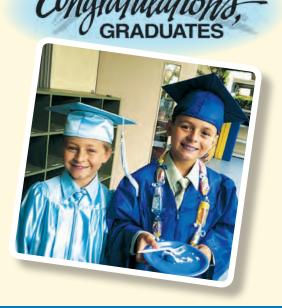
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Reviews by Fellow Club Members

At the Movies

In the cinema

Draft Day

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Kevin Costner is Cleveland Browns' general manager Sonny Weaver, who has an opportunity at the annual NFL Draft to rebuild his team. This is a sports story that is predictable, fun and, for this football fan, shows an interesting behind-the-scenes look at the drama and wheeling-dealing during the draft.

Enjoyable too is seeing how the draft affects all the other teams, and the selection of one player affecting the chances of others is like watching a giant falling-dominoes display.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Grand Budapest Hotel

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Wes Anderson directed this comedy, based

on the works of the European novelist Stefan Zweig, who wrote about the fading glory of Europe as the Nazis rose to power. The film is a comic retelling, in the director's unique style, of the rise and fall of a famous hotel concierge (Ralph Fiennes) and Zero (Tony Revolori), the lobby boy who becomes his "most trusted friend." This is a crazy, funny and very entertaining tale, featuring some of the most famous actors of today, including Bill Murray, Tilda Swinton, F. Murray Abraham, and many more.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Grand Budapest Hotel

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The musical

Bevond Sight.

stars blind actor

Enter a story within a story, from the heyday of *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. Director Wes Anderson is at his best here, inviting us into a delightful and mischievous caper, aided by a marvelous central performance from Ralph Fiennes as M. Gustave, the hotel concierge. Along the way, we are introduced to Zero the new hotel lobby boy and a whole host of characters brought to life by an array of acting talents. This quirky and entertaining tale

evokes a bygone era and leaves you wanting to visit this fictional hotel again. You won't want to leave this one

- Dearbhla McNulty. Club wife

Under the Skin

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I suppose every movie star gets a free pass for doing an incomprehensible art-house film, and Scarlett Johansson is now on notice that her one ticket has been torn. Under the Skin - a bizarre, dark, quiet, dense, slow headscratcher (will someone please turn on the lights!), will nonetheless delight socialist film school professors everywhere.

Having said that, though, the movie wasn't uninteresting. It tells the story – I think – of an alien who drops into sad-sack Glasgow (the city is cheerier than this, really) and hooks up with selfish or just dense men (all non-actors). luring them into a pool of oil to ferry them back, well, somewhere. Stuck in the middle is a tender episode with a seriously disfigured man (Adam Pearson), who thankfully seems to evade her wrath. But then the motorcycle men

return, and the head-scratching continues. A sci-fi epic? A relationship metaphor? Who knows. There might be a moral in this fable, but it wasn't worth the brainpower to figure it out. I often want something different from Hollywood, but not this different.

- John Burnes, Alive! editor

Bad Words

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Jason Bateman stars in and directs this comedy about a spelling bee loser who takes revenge by finding a loophole and attempting to win as an adult. Also notable is Kathryn Hahn as the reporter/girlfriend who accompanies him on his quest.

Part of this movie is a disturbing slam on innocent children who compete in spelling bees, and the adults around them, but another element is a genuinely funny satire on our taking ourselves so seriously. Uneven and flawed, Bad Words is also highly entertaining and ought to make a good rental download.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Theatre News

Beyond Sight

Rec and Parks theatre director helms original musical about Marine coming home.

Jeremy Aldridge, longtime Rec and Parks employee who started the Theatre in Residence program at Lake Street Community Center in Echo Park, is directing a new musical about a U.S. Marine who comes home after losing his sight in Afghanistan.

The musical, Beyond Sight, which stars blind actor Robert Smith and former U.S. Marine Ginger Lawrence, is being produced



Theatre Director Jeremy Aldridge, Rec and Parks.

by CRE Outreach, which works with at-risk youths, the blind and veterans through the performing arts. It was developed and rehearsed at Lake Street. The show features a book by Nick Sivakumaran and Jeremy Aldridge, music by Emmy-nominated Mark P. Leonard and Colin Simson, and lyrics by Greg Shane, Colin Simson and Mark P. Leonard.

Beyond Sight, runs ends through May 25 at the Stella Adler Theatre, 6773 Hollywood Blvd. Tickets can be purchased by calling (310) 902-8220 or at www.creoutreach.org

Video Gaming

 Video games via online, rental or purchase

Halo: Spartan Assault

Rated T for Teen

Windows, Xbox 360, Xbox One

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

While it may be a different kind of game than Halo fans are accustomed to, Halo: Spartan Assault is a fun and good outing for the series. Taking place between the third and fourth game of the main Halo series, Spartan Assault does a great job evoking the original Halo feel into this top-down third-person shooter. The story is pretty solid and is nothing short of what fans expect from the series, which helps the game immensely. Now if only they could do away with those pesky microtransaction fees, everything would be golden. - Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Z

Rated T for Teen

PlayStation 3, PS Vita, Xbox 360 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

While Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Z has some impressive visuals and fun offline co-op modes, the lack of an online mode in a modern-day fighting game and some weak story issues and balancing problems in team battles will keep this game from being a great fighting game contender. Still, fans of the series will certainly love the action and voice acting in the game that brings much of the Dragon Ball Z universe to life. It could have been a much better game. and something fans of the series deserved, but as it is only the most diehard DBZ fans will brave this one out.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

On a Screen Near You

Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

Arrested Development

Season Four Netflix (exclusive)

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

After three seasons on the air, Arrested Development became a firm fan favorite, and when Netflix exclusively released season four in May 2013, it was a welcome chance to catch up with the goings-on of the Bluth family.

With the focus on one family member's story per episode, season four deftly weaves

a variety of points of view and time shifts to deliver payoffs for the attentive binge viewer. This season seems to pave the way for a (much-rumored) movie version of Arrested Development. However, for anyone new to the series, head for seasons one to three for some now-classic viewing. Season four feels like a season apart, satisfying but different in tone meant perhaps for that binge watch, when all we had before were weekly treats. A little too much of a good thing.

Dearbhla McNulty, Club wife

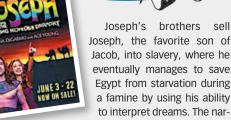
Megan Recommends

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



Family musical (ages 5 and above) Pantages Theatre, Hollywood

This June, one of my favorite I musicals from childhood is coming to the Pantages in Hollywood. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat has it all: sibling rivalry, deceit, cheating, and a whole lot of Andrew Lloyd Webber/ Tim Rice songs! Starring Diana DeGarmo (of American Idol and The Young and the Restless fame) as the narrator and her real-life husband, Broadway alum Ace Young, as Joseph.



Joseph, the favorite son of Jacob, into slavery, where he eventually manages to save Egypt from starvation during a famine by using his ability to interpret dreams. The narrator and a group of children tell

the story to the audience, through song. My favorite songs include "Prologue," "Pharaoh Story," "Potiphar," "Close Every Door" and "Go, Go, Go, Joseph."

With a fun take on a Bible story, Joseph is appropriate for all ages, but the Pantages has a strict rule prohibiting children under five from attending performances. Tickets are on sale now and are available at hollywoodpantages.com

Book Reviews

Inferno

Dan Brown; Thriller fiction, 463 pages My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Robert Langdon (Brown's character from The Da Vinci Code) wakes up in the hospital in Florence, Italy, with no memory of how he got there. Robert finds a cylinder object in his jacket pocket and opens it, finding a high-tech projector displaying Botticelli's Map of Hell, which sends Robert and Sienna Brooks, the doctor who tended to him while he was in the hospital, on a scavenger hunt.

This book is jam-packed with twists and turns, and when you think one piece of the puzzle has been solved, another piece pops up that can lead to the destruction of mankind.

Linda Rorex, Personnel

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Earthquakes: Before, During and After

There have been several earthquakes in Southern California this spring, and it reminds me that it's a good time to talk about being safe in a quake. Here are some tips:

Before an Earthquake

- Build an emergency kit.
- Make a family communications plan.
- Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower
- Store breakable items including bottled foods, glass and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks. Get appropriate pro-
- Install flexible pipefittings to avoid gas or water leaks.
- Secure your water heater, refrigerator, furnace and gas appliances by strapping them to the wall studs and bolting to the floor.
- Repair any deep cracks in ceilings or
- Be sure the residence is firmly anchored to its foundation.
- Store weed killers, pesticides and flammable products securely in closed cabi-
- Hold earthquake drills with your family members: Drop, cover and hold on.

During an Earthquake

If indoors:

- Drop to the ground; take cover by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and hold on until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.
- Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, including lighting fixtures or furniture.
- Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Protect your head.
- Do not use a doorway except if you know it is a strongly supported, load-
- Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Do not exit a building during the shaking.
- Do not use the elevators.

If outdoors:

- Stay there. Move away from buildings, streetlights and utility wires.
- Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops.

If in a moving vehicle:

- Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle.
- Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped.

If trapped under debris:

- Do not light a match.
- Do not move about or kick up dust.
- Cover your mouth with a handkerchief
- Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is avail-

After an Earthquake

- When the shaking stops, look around to make sure it is safe to move. Then exit the building.
- Expect aftershocks.
- Help injured or trapped people. Remember to help your neighbors who may require special assistance.
- Look for and extinguish small fires.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for the latest emergency
- Be aware of possible tsunamis if you live in coastal areas. Stay away from the beach.
- Use the telephone only for emergency
- Go to a designated public shelter if your home had been damaged and is no longer safe. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345)
- Stay away from damaged areas.
- Be careful when driving after an earthquake and anticipate traffic light outages
- Open cabinets cautiously.
- Put on long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects.
- Inspect the entire length of chimneys for damage.
- Inspect utilities.
- Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building.
- Look for electrical system damage.
- Check for sewage and water lines damage.

Of course, you probably should consider getting a quote for earthquake insurance as well. It does cost a lot of money, and it has a high deductible. But if it happens to you, you will be glad that you

Be safe and have fun!

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Presenting Walt Garrick (second from left) with a newspaper clipping are, from left: David Simich, Walt Garrick, Brian Pendleton, Chief Building Engineer, 30 years of City service; and Ralph Morones.



Walt Garrick, Retired Chief Building Operating Engineer, 43 years of City service, switches off the Central Utility

o switch the power from its old plant to a new, \$438 million state-of-the-art facility, Airports invited back Retired Chief Building Operating Engineer Walk Garrick. He accomplished the task at a public event March 11, when the 53-year-old former plant was shut down. The old plant had provided all of LAX's power since the plant came online in 1961.

The modern and more efficient new facility, located west of the LAX Theme Building in the middle of the Central Terminal Area, is now running.

The old plant is scheduled to be demolished. In its place will be constructed a 1.6 million gallon thermal energy storage tank with a new underground hot/cold water pipe network that will serve passenger terminals and other buildings. The new facility and systems will provide additional capacity for air conditioning, heating and lighting of the airline terminals and other airport buildings, which will enhance passenger comfort, and reliability of utility service and safety.

The new Central Utility Plant is designed to be approximately 25 percent more energy efficient than the prior Central Utility Plant and will meet all current air quality regulations. It will also minimize adverse environmental impacts on surrounding areas.

Retired engineers including Garrick and others had been assisting Airports with running the old plant during the transition to the newer plant. While current employees were being trained to operate the new plant, Airports needed others to assist with the final months of operation of the old plant. That cul-

Airports





Power

LAX invites retired operator to flip switch on its new state-of-the-art power plant.

minated in Garrick flipping the switch.

The new plant will double the airport buildings' cooling capacity and increase steamheating capacity by about one-third to allow for future LAX construction. The plant's gas turbines will generate nearly nine megawatts of electricity for the airport, with excess power to be exported to the DWP's electrical grid.



service; Edison Callegari, Engineer Facility Management, 25 years; and David Almanza, Engineer Facility



Manuel Cheng, Director, 34 years of



From left: V. Seeram, Engineer Facility Management, 6 years of City service, and Nelson Marquez, Supervisor



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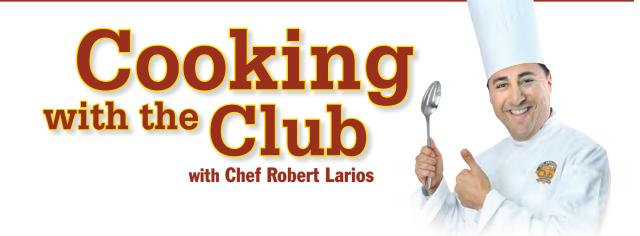
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Mama's Favorite French Toast

If it weren't for old, stale bread, French toast would not have been invented, and mothers around the world would not have had Ithe pleasure of their loved ones making them this delicious dish for Mother's Day.

It is thought to have been traced back to fourth-century Rome but was largely in use by European cooks in medieval times who improvised to find ways to feed their families. Cooks added eggs to moisten the bread. So, ironically it was not invented in France. However, the term "French" toast may have been coined by chef Joseph French.

Today, French toast has become a breakfast favorite with recipe variations that can fill entire cookbooks. People will use a variety of fruit toppings, syrups, whipped cream and even bananas Foster. I encourage you to add your favorite combination of toppings or check with your Mom first. Chef Larior

Happy Mother's Day! iBuen provecho!

Mama's Favorite French Toast

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup milk
- Pinch of sea salt and white pepper
- Pinch of ground cinnamon
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon powdered sugar
- Maple syrup (to taste)
- Sliced strawberries
- 4 thick slices of bread
- 1/4 stick unsalted butter



If your sliced strawberries are too tart, you may add sugar to them to help bring out the sweet flavors.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



French Toast:

A breakfast dish made by dipping bread into a milk-egg mixture, then frying it until golden brown on both sides. It's usually served with syrup, jam or powdered sugar. In Eng-

land, French toast is called "poor knights of Windsor." The French call it "pain perdu" (lost bread) because it is a way of reviving French bread, which becomes dry after only a day or two.

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Food Quote

"Always get married before lunch. That way, if it doesn't work out, you haven't wasted the whole day."

- Mickey Rooney, who was married eight times

DIRECTIONS:



Measure flour into a large mixing bowl. Slowly whisk in the milk. Whisk in the salt and pepper, eggs, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla extract and sugar until smooth.

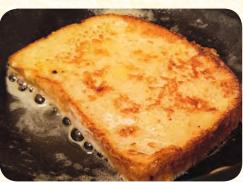


Serves 1-2

Heat a lightly buttered griddle or frying pan over medium heat.



Soak bread slices in mixture until saturated.



Cook bread on each side until golden brown. Serve hot. Add maple syrup, sliced strawberries and powdered sugar to French toast



Serve to Mom and enjoy!

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • May 2014









Tournament Time!

The Club holds its first preseason softball tournament.

By the Commissioner of Club Softball, Lady Smith; Photos by QueJonné Smith



he City Employees Club's Invitational Softball Tournament began April 12, with eager umpires/ staff and two unfinished softball diamonds. As umpires Javier Vega and Sal Murillo prepared the Club's rented diamonds in anticipation of the start of the big day, players began arriving ready to warm up and take out the competition; after all, Club T-shirts and bragging rights were at stake.

The free-agent list turned into a Who's Who of City Club softball players. It was filled with some of the greatest players of the league (three amazing shortstops, a sacrificial third baseman, and three awesome pitchers). A few days before Tournament day, the Sluggers acquired a pitcher from the free-agent list - none other than a Jets pitcher (Kenny Webb). What an awesome pickup; the Sluggers agreed! Also from the list, the Enforcers picked up two Guzzlers (Robin Stinson and Darryl Prince), Pola Bombers picked up a triplethreat player (Martha Egure) and Last Minute's recipe included one Sewer Rat, one Slugger, two Guzzlers, and newcomers (LAUSD, Library). The Club also welcomed four new Members from this event.

As the beautiful sun rose warmly that Saturday morning, first to arrive on the scene was members from team Pola Bombers (Harbor) lead by Chris Torres. Soon players from team Last Minute (Coach Demitrius Jones) arrived for a piece of the action; next the Sluggers (Coach

Rodriguez)

and then the Enforcers (Coach Cesar Ponce). After everyone was properly checked in with waivers signed and fancy wristbands attached, it was heard "let the games begin!" and it was on!

Diamond 2 started with the Pola Bombers versus Last Minute. Over on diamond 4, the Enforcers opened up by competed against the Sluggers. Each team had absolutely awesome pitchers on the mound (Robbert Parral, Victor Pallares, and the aforementioned Ponce

and Webb). Although these pitchers landed countless strikes on the plate, they were also met with a multitude of singles, doubles, stretched triples, and in the park home runs.

A record of all games revealed amazing feats. Webb held the record for most hits (15 for 16, including one sacrifice). Bryan Johnson came in second place for the most hits (12 for 13 including four home runs). Akiba Mitchell held the record for greatest throws from any field. One of his throws was from the outfield and landed at home plate, cleaning the plate with one of the fastest-running Sluggers. Another throw narrowly missed the head of a competitor, yet completely demolished umpire Murillos' clipboard. Sabrina Fernandez easily earned the game winner play of the day, with her awesome winning hit. However, this achievement only enhanced her abilities as she held down

second base with great fielding. Lauren Pitpit got down and dirty on third base and performed



Eddy Rodriguez's third-base defense. See the ball in his



Team mixture: Guzzler (Victor Pallares), Slugger (Demitrius Jones) and Sewer Rat (Bryan Johnson).

dynamic plays and awesome hitting. Eddy Rodriguez also got dirty on third base, sacrificing his body to stop the ball from getting past him, thereby saving an unknown number of runs against his team. Last but not least, Manny Ortiz and Ponce made a dynamic play at second base when, while backward, Ortiz tipped the ball to Ponce, who was still running to cover the base, executing a last-minute forceout. It was timely!

Championship Game

The crowd enjoyed close competitions throughout every game, eagerly awaiting the championship game, held between the Pola Bombers and the undefeated Sluggers. The Pola Bombers led off with three runs in the first inning. It wasn't until the bottom half of the second inning that the Sluggers decided to show up and answered back with seven runs. Pola Bombers picked up one run in the third and gave up three moments later including a two-run sacrifice fly from Webb. Sluggers would hold Pola Bombers again and earn another seven runs in the fourth. Again, Pola Bombers were silent yet had to hold the Sluggers at just one run for an opportunity to take the championship. Nevertheless, Sluggers earned another two runs to end the game and the day.



Bryan Johnson's home run

Great times were had by all! Participants commented about how nice it was to play with mixed teams, giving players an opportunity to get to know league competitors better. Many smiles and lots of laughter filled the air that day. There were no real complaints, not even about the "Candy-Man." (You had to be there.) Don't miss out on the action next year. The free-agents' list is already starting to fill for league play. If you don't already have a team, just sign up and you will. We will also have a free-agents list for the tournament next year.

Special thanks to umpires Javier Vega and Sal Murillo, scorekeepers Alexandria Ross and Horace Sealy, tournament assistant Jason Jackson, and volunteer photographer QueJonne' Smith. City Club merchandise was given to those who made great plays and had great team spirit.

Thank you to all the participants for making that already glorious day an absolute one.



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1998 Yamaha XL760 Waverunner: \$2,500. Excellent condition. Must see! Summer will soon be here, don't

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



1967 Chevy Nova: 327 Cu in, Muncie 4-speed, Holley 650 carb, newer interior, carpets, stereo w/mp3,

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



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

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



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



2002 Honda EX-L: **O**dyssey \$6,000 original owner Very low miles. Text me @ (626) 905-5077 & I will

send you more info & photos



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

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

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.



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

(951)-796-4565 & make an offer!



Coachmen RV 2005: Purchased in 06 in excellent condition, 27 ft. Sleeps 8-10. 2 pop-outs, AC, 2 awnings, full bath w/extra outdoor shower.

\$15,500 OBO, Fernando Torres @ (562)900-9229, 9/13

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

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

For Rent: Ontario Townhouse. 3BD/2.5BA. Large enclosed patio, laundry hook-ups, 2 parking spaces & no pets. \$1.350/mo. + security deposit. Info @ (562) 322-6972.



Moped: 150cc engine, 3 wheel, Frank @ (323) 240-3595.

2000

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

w/hid, new cowl vents, rear spoiler, new chin spoiler, new tires w/brand new Ford oem 17"rims. No trades, cash only. Tags good till Jan 2014. Frank @ (323) 252-6011. 8/13

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

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



Harley Motorcycle: 1985 Super-glide. \$5,000. John @ (909) 593-5835 or ianete43@gmail.com

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

Harley Helmet: Brand new, black.



Sells in stores for \$300, selling for \$180 OBO. Info @ (213) 447-9838. 2012 Camaro LS: Reduced price \$19,500!

XcInt condition inside & out. 12.000 mi. auto. 6-cycl silver w/blk racing



Chevy 2011 Silverado: Crew Cab LTZ. 22.500 miles. Warranty! Navigation, leather

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





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

Cemetery Plots

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills Memorial Park. Whittier, Garden of Benevolence, Lot 1105, Graves 3 & 4, easy access. \$4,900 for both or \$2,600 each. Monica @ (949) 922-3928 after 5pm.

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.

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.

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

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.

Furniture



Solid wood large dining table: \$300. Ben @ (213) 484-2682.3/14

Headboard: Leather King size, diamond pattern, excellent condition. \$150. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323)

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

Bedroom Set: Gently used, 8-piece whitewashed pine. Pieces include: twin bed, twin bunkie board, 3-drawer under bed, 6-drawer

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

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



Estate Moving Sale: Assorted furniture including:Entertainment center, couch sets, chair sets, coffee & side tables. To schedule a

viewing, call (909)244-2469 or (909)440-6364. 9/13



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

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

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

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Sale: House in Inglewood, CA. 3BD/2 BA. Laundry, attached to garage, schools nearby, formal dining room. 2-car garage w/big back yard. Martina White @ (323) 753-5542

Room for Rent: Sherman Oaks 91401. \$820 monthly, incl utilities, WiFi & DirectTV. Looking for roommate, preferably female, to share 3 BD/2.25 BA condo in newer bldg. Central air & heat, W&D in unit, & gated parking. No smoking & no pets, however owner has small dog. Terry @ (818) 769-3382

Room for Rent: In 3BD house, Inglewood CA. \$500/mo, cable included & laundry facility. Sharon or Randy Coleman @ (310) 677-5292.

For Rent: Condo in Lancaster, \$900/mo. 1 vr 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



For Sale: Lancaster condo. Only \$90,000! Small, quiet complex w/ pool & jacuzzi. Located near the City Park + where City van pool meets. Near hospital, USPO, mar-

kets, 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.

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 & manageeverything practically brand new! Being sold as-is, where-is, for sale by owner, w/seller selects services. Info @ (323) 919-1163.

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 deposit: \$1,250. Additional depo for pet. Available 04/01/14. Ms. Adams @ (323) 360-4268.



For Rent: 2BD/1 BA house in Fontana. Near 10 & 15 freeways, Good size back yard & walk in closet, 6 month lease.

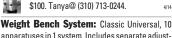
\$900/mo. + sec deposit \$900. Javier @ (909)762-

For Sale: 2 vacant lots in heautiful Lake Flizabeth 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.

Household Items



AbDuctor: Rarely used, \$100, Tanya @ (310) 713-0244, located in Corona,



apparatuses in 1 system. Includes separate adjustable sit-up bench, good condition. \$350. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707.

Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aguos 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.

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

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

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

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

Tools: Home repair tools, hand & power tools.

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.



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

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.



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



Musical Casiotone 401 keyboard. Includes foot pedal, instruction manual. cover, song books-\$100. Seth Thomas Metronome \$40. Library

desk (shown) \$50. Photos available. Frances @ Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, \$25 each. Info @

(805) 477-2866 Collector Comic Books: 1960s-1980s. \$2.50 each & up, discounts for purchasing complete sets – Spiderman, Fantastic Four, The Thing & many

others. John @ (951) 203-4438. Summer Sports Camp: Inglewood. Boys & Girls, 5-14 yrs. Basketball, baseball, softball, flag-football & more. \$75/week. Mention Swift Games & 1st week is \$50. Info @ (310)641-4131. Sponsors: Top Prospects Baseball, Inc. & H.O.O.P.

Photographic: Enlarger & other photo equip-

ment items. Free! Ben @ (213) 484-2682.

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

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

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

Travel/Timeshare

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 & reserva-

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



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

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

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

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



Vacation rental in Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-

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

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. 903 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 @ Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal,

Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC Michael @ (626) 592-2929.

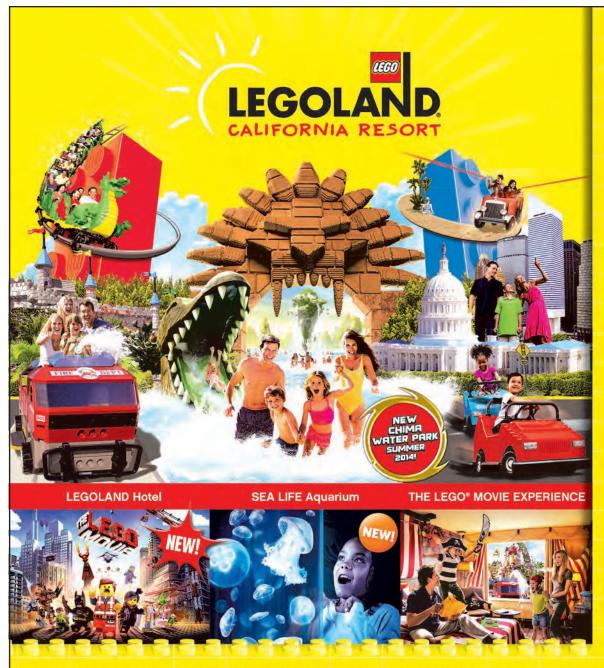
Wanted: Looking for a 2BD+, w/d hookup preferred, garage in San Pedro or within 5 miles. Maximum Rent \$1,100. Contact: a.townsend78@



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LAABP

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Celebrating **African American Heritage Month**



Enjoying the marketplace are (from left) Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions Club Member and Lance Bailey, EWDD.

LAABP Trailblazers reception and African Marketplace attract hundreds.



Trailblazer participants (from left) are Councilman Bernard Parks, Shelia LeFridge, Dr. Gregory Burks, Patrice Lattimore, Fred Dowell Sr., Sharon Loudd, former Councilwoman Jan Perry and Controller Ron Galperin. Photo by Haywood Galbreath.

More than 125 people came out Feb. 12 for the eighth annual Trailblazers Reception in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall. The program was sponsored by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel

"This event recognized individuals, who have contributed to the progress of African Americans in City government as well as achieved notable positions in their City careers," said LAABP President Terrence Montgomery.

"Also, I want to commend Chairperson Shelia Brooks-Lefridge and her committee for organizing an amazing Black History celebration."

The honorees were Dr. Gregory Burks, Fred Dowell Sr., Patrice Lattimore and Randy

Dr. Gregory Burks is the Director of Adult Operations for the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD). In this capacity, he manages 18 centers, 200 employees, and \$45 million budget that connect 140,000 job seekers with employers. Previously, Dr. Burks served as Regional Director for the Community Development Department, board member of the ABC Unified School District, and Chief Operating Officer for Los Angeles Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Fred Dowell Sr. is an Acting Senior Gardener, Rec and Parks. A 17-year employee, he is also active in the union and serves as president of ACESBA, the All City Employees Services Benefits Association.

Patrice Lattimore serves as a Legislative Assistant in the Office of the City Clerk. She also represents the City Clerk's office at most meetings of the City Council. Patrice advises people seeking career advancement to "trust that God will lead you along the right path and bring the right people and opportunities into

Marketplace

visitors Leslie

Wall, Bureau of

Engineering and

Capri Maddox,

City Attorney's Office, greet two

friends (at right)

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Randy Gordon is a clerk in the Mail Services Division, General Services. His 25-year career includes 12 years of perfect attendance. Previously, Randy was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and as a result of that experience, he implemented many innovations and improvements in the processing of the City's mail.

Among the more-than 100 guests offering salutes to the honorees were Controller Ron Galperin; Council President Herb Wesson; Councilmen Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Bernard Parks; former Councilwoman and current Economic and Workforce Development General Manager Jan Perry, Club Member; General Services General Manager Tony Royster, Club Member; Interim City Clerk Holly Wolcott; Transportation Interim General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri, Club Member: Rec and Parks General Manager Michael Shull; and City Executives Carmen Hawkins, Greg Irish, Capri Maddox, Joseph Rouzan and Jeffrey Whitmore.

The LAABP continued its tradition of celebrating African American Heritage Month by sponsoring the African Marketplace in coniunction with the City of Los Angeles, LAABP's theme was "Kuonja: Flavors of Soul African Marketplace." This year's Marketplace was held Feb. 19-20 at the Triforium. Attendees enjoyed shopping, food and entertainment.

With more than 21 vendors, the event was further enhanced by contests, employment

> recruiting, networking, personal services, poetry readings, and raffles. Performers included Alvin L. Hayes Jr. and Friends. Connie Williams and Amun Neteru El.



Tamara Brown created a beautiful treat for the bake-off contest



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Colette Wilhurn entered a delicious cake in the bake-off contest.

Organizations that donated gift certificates or services were ACEBSA, Trimana, Café St. Michel, Elite Cleaners and

Starbucks.

The LAABP, a 550-member organization, is the official representative for City of Los Angeles employees of African-American heritage. LAABP provides career development seminars, a mock interview program, networking forums and scholarships to college-bound

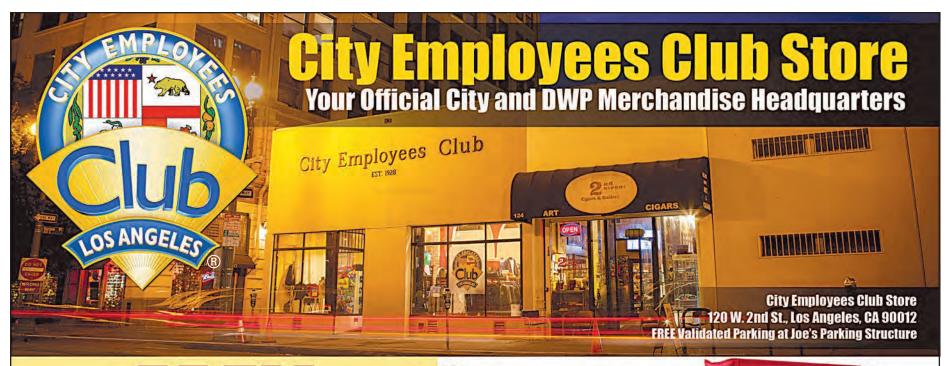
In addition to Montgomery, LAABP officers are Sharon Loudd, First Vice President; Henry Chisom, Second Vice President; David Jackson, Third Vice President; Mignon Washington, Corresponding Secretary; Directors-at-Large Carmen Steward, Club Member, Rashid Mfume, Shelia Brooks Le-Fridge, and Damien Jackson; and Cora Jackson-Fossett, Immediate Past President.



More than 125 people attended the Trailblazer Reception. Photo by Haywood Galbreath.



Past and present LAABP Board Members include (standing, from left) Jeffrey Whitmore, Rashid Mfume, Terrence Montgomery, Henry Chisom, honoree Dr. Gregory Burks, and (seated) Cora Jackson-Fossett, Mignon Washington, Carmen Steward, Sheila LeFridge and Sharon Loudd. Photo by Haywood Galbreath.



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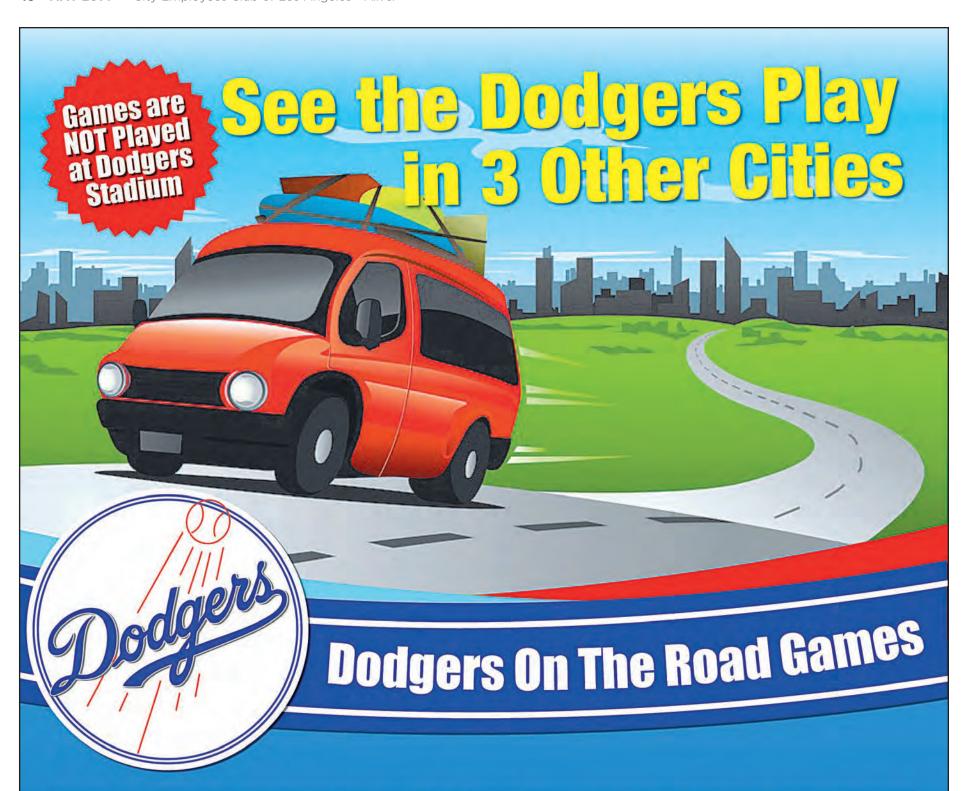
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Date Dodgers VS.		Stadium	Seat Section	Club Members	Gate Price
Saturday, June 21	Padres	Petco Park, San Diego	Toyota Terrace, Reserved 214	\$42.00	\$60.00
Wednesday, August 6	Angels	Angels Stadium, Anaheim	Field All Star	\$62.00	\$118.00
Wednesday, August 6	Angels	Angels Stadium, Anaheim	Left Field Pavilion	\$34.00	\$61.50
Thursday, August 7	Angels	Angels Stadium, Anaheim	Field All Star	\$62.00	\$118.00
Thursday, August 7	Angels	Angels Stadium, Anaheim	Left Field Pavilion	\$34.00	\$62.50
Saturday, August 30	Padres	Petco Park, San Diego	Toyota Terrace, Reserved 214	\$42.00	\$60.00
Saturday, September 13	Giants	AT&T Park, San Francisco	View Reserved Section 315	\$49.00	\$80.00

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