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A Message From the CEO

Retrofitting a Brighter Future

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

Sometime last year – time is moving quickly! – I was driving through the Sepulveda Boulevard tunnels under the north runways of LAX, when I suddenly thought, wow. When did these tunnels get so bright?

If you've been there, you know. The tunnels - and most of the lights in the City – used to glow with that coppery-orange color of compressed sodium. It was a good solution in the 1970s oil crisis. But now, something had changed for the better. The lanes were bright, clear... just awesome.

And then I put it all together – it must have been the work of Public Works/Street Lighting and its Director, great Club Member Ed Ebrahimian. We'd been hearing about the project in the news, and Alive! had covered it as part of the CAO's 2011 Quality and Productivity Awards. I made a note at that time that we must do a cover story on this project. And now, a year later, with more than 150,000 fixtures replaced, here we are! (We have a lot of great stories to cover here at Alive!, so pardon our delay.)

I hope you enjoy the story, where Club Members **Jim** Quigley and Palani Segee take us on a morning jaunt to replace fixtures in Van Nuys. They have the replacement process down to a science, and the only thing that slowed them down was our need for photographs.



From left: Jim Quigley, Street Lighting's LED retrofit project director, being interviewed by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations (and new MBA graduate).

Public Works/Street Lighting's LED retrofit program is exactly the kind of City project that we love talking about - it's smart, efficient, forward-thinking, saves money... and everything's brighter! Kudos to all involved, and keep up the good work as you transition into the project's phase two.

Over the last few years, the LED conversion story received a lot of press, which is not typical for the good work that City Employees do every day. (Alive! loves covering the good news that otherwise would be ignored.) Ironically, another City Employee doing great work, Paul **Jewett**, Electrician, Rec and Parks, was also in the news lately. Paul did a great job of simplifying a situation, saving money and - most importantly - serving the residents of Los Angeles. Paul says that being a civil servant means you must serve the people. You're absolutely right, Paul; that's how we feel at the Club. I'm glad that we're able to catch up with Paul and get an update. (And thanks to **Jason Winter**, Electrician, Rec and Parks, for helping us with this story.)

Speaking of catching up with City Employees... can you believe it's been 10 years since the Club started our limited sponsorship of Baker to Vegas teams, and 10 years of coverage in Alive!? We love covering Baker to Vegas, a truly incredible exercise in fitness, mental toughness and team cooperation. Thanks to Dan **Basilgo** and **Anita Whited** at LAPD Communications for partnering with us 10 years ago on our Baker to Vegas coverage, and a special shoutout to the Club's own Arlene Herrero, Club Director of New Product Development, who handles the mind-boggling task of coordinating our coverage. Congratulations to all participants!

Some other quick notes: It's great to see so many people thanking their fathers on Father's Day. Our feature is rich with tremendous pride... don't forget that the deadline for the Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship is quickly approaching... and finally, a giant congratulations to our own Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, who earned his MBA at a mighty impressive school (the University of Michigan). I join with everyone here at the Club and say congratulations, Robert. Well done!

a great summer with our families!



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– Ed.

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- Irene Martinez, July 2013

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- Gloria Harris, July 2013

The Club's claims service is "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 a member of my family helping me during my difficult time. Thank you. You gave me good hope and con-

- Rosfelt Rafaiel, May 2013

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER OF THE MONTH



Photos of Club Members, **Pets Are Just Doggone Cute**

he Me + My Pet page was so fun to read. My kids loved the pictures, too. Did anyone see the cat Jim Booth had in his arms? Seemore the Cat is almost as big as Jim! Almost everyone was smiling, and I could almost see the pets smiling as well!

- Tina Milliken,

LAFD

The Power of Alive! **Stories Is With Them**

I just got my Alive! and, as usual, I really enjoyed the articles and the subjects you guys covered this month. More power!

- Glenn Abellanosa, **LAPD**

The main story about the LAPD Bomb Squad was very interesting and a fun read! It sounds like an exciting but risky job. I wish to thank each of those employees for the work they do to ensure the safety of the community and first responders. I am glad to see that they get tons of training and have access to some very important technology. My hat's off to Officer Don Thompson for risking his life to save the victim from the burning vehicle.

> - Roy Hendrickson, **General Services**

He Wishes More Memorial Day Answers Focused on Sacrifice

While I can appreciates the need for threeday holiday from work, I was disappointed to read that not a single person in your poll ("What are your plans for Memorial Day?" Question of the Month, June) indicated that they would be participating this Memorial Day in an event to honor and remember those Americans who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

It seems the people in your poll have joined the growing trend in this country that interprets Memorial Day as a day for cookouts, family barbecues or trips to Vegas. Although there is nothing terribly wrong with that, I hope these people will find time to discover the "real" meaning of Memorial Day.

I just happen to be old fashioned! I still believe that Memorial Day should be a day to remember all those men and women who paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom. Going to a ball game, family barbecues are things you can do any weekend. Honoring our heroes is something we should especially try and do Memorial Day.

President Abraham Lincoln said it best:

"A nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."

Thank you for the opportunity.

- Rodolfo Leyva

Club's Insurance, Ticket Deals Keep Getting Better

It just keeps getting better and better with the ticket offerings at the Club! I mean, they now offer tickets to Dodger games in San Diego, Anaheim and San Francisco. And the ticket prices are the best I have seen anywhere. No one believes me that there are quality and low prices at the Club, but after showing them these deals, they are all believers, too! Thank you all!

> - Henry Laughton, **Rec and Parks**

Saving \$300 on my auto insurance didn't seem possible. But it happened at the Club. It was a quick and easy process, and everyone I talked to was super-friendly. It must be fun working at the Club! You guys are wonderful!

> - Jenny Ferguson, **LAPD**

Butter-Fiend Fred Begs For More Luscious Recipes

Come on Chef Larios, can you cook with a little more butter? I know it is high in saturated fat but it tastes so good! It's that and bacon. If I could just have two foods to eat, they would be butter and bacon. Who doesn't love them? I think they could be used as facial products – they have to be good for the skin.

So Chef, I beg you, please list more recipes with butter. Forget the extra virgin olive oil. That's for people who want to live a long unhappy life. I would rather live a shorter life filled with yummy, tasty and buttery dishes at the dinner table. Thank you for reading.

> Fred Gillespie, Retired

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OF THE MONTH

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

Who's your favorite TV Dad?



"Robert Young from Father Knows Best."

- Tony Pratt, Chief Surveyor, Public Works, 32 years of City service, Club Member



"Bill Cosby from The Cosby Show."

– Diana Crowder, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service, Club



"Ray Barone from Everybody Loves Raymond, of course!"

- Guadalupe Mendoza. Secretary, 34 years of City service, Club Member



"Bill Cosby from The Cosby Show."

Rose Chin, Field Engineering Aide, 8 years of City service, Club Member



"George Lopez from The George Lopez Show."

Officer II Luis Ortega, LAPD, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



"Ricky Ricardo of I Love Lucy.

Socorro Aguilar, Probation Officer II, 27 years of County service



"Homer Simpson from The Simpsons."

Carlos Coronado, Probation Director, 27 years of County service



"Homer Simpson from The Simpsons."

- Officer II Josh Casanova, Airport Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member



"Howard **Cunningham of** Happy Days.'

- Dianna Melendrez, **Detention Service** Officer, 10 years of County service



"Jason Seaver from *Growing* Pains.

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– JeeAnna Lee, Jennifer Perez and Johana Lara, LA County Detention Officers, all with 6 years of County

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Club Angels



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

Scholarship **Deadline Fast Approaching**



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

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. Deadline is noon, June 27, 2014.

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 is 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 award each recipient \$500.

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

"The Club is all about excellence, and we love recognizing that quality 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."

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

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"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."

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Joannie Mukai.

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From left: Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Sr. PSR II Lillian Brock, PSR III Maisha Parnell, Capt. III Don Schwartzer, Asst. C.O. Peter DiCarlo, Communications and Records Bureau

LAPD

Story and photos courtesy Angel Gomez,



Good Going, Maisha

PSR III Maisha Parnell is honored for her poise after receiving a 911 emergency call.

PSR III Maisha Parnell, LAPD Communications, was recently commended by the California Public Safety Radio Association, a group that honors 911 operators.

She was commended for her poise and professionalism in handling a felony in progress. She was honored at an event at the Metro Communications Dispatch Center.

On Dec. 28 just before 1 a.m., PSR III Maisha Parnell received a call from a female who was in the basement of her home reporting a home invasion robbery in progress. The female could see the activity as it occurred on closed circuit television monitors (CCTV). The suspects could be seen as they took the caller's brother at gunpoint while he tried to enter his home. Parnell immediately provided specific details to the caller stating she was notifying the police of this information and that moments of silence would occur while she was communicating to the officers. Parnell maintained an open line with the caller as she watched the suspects on CCTV, and Maisha immediately relayed the updated information to the officers at scene.

When officers directed the caller to come out of the basement, Parnell relayed the caller's concern for her safety to the officers, as it was possible for the suspects to see her as she exited. Parnell worked diligently with the officers and the caller to come up with a safe exit strategy for the caller and her husband. Eventually the caller and her husband were able to safely exit the home. After a long standoff with officers, SWAT team members apprehended the suspects and the victim was released.

PSR Parnell is commended for her poise and professionalism during the course of a felony crime in progress. Parnell's calm demeanor allowed her to maintain control of the interview and ask relevant questions in an effort to assist the caller and the officers at scene. She established a good rapport and kept the caller informed of her actions. Parnell's command presence and leadership are demonstrative of her ability to work under pressure and perform her duties in an exemplary manner. Her dedication to the Department, Communications Division, and to public safety is genuinely appreciated.

Congratulations, Maisha!



From left: PSR II Quicy Mirage, PSR II Perla Perez, PSR III Toni McDonald, PSR II Diana Montano, PSR II La Ronda Humphrey, PSR II Keshae Paylor, PSR III Maisha Parnell, PSR III Ricci Hodge, PSR III Penny Franklin, PSR II Maria Coronado, PSR III Angelina Ortega, PSR III Karen Koukal, and PSR III Ray Guerrero.



From left: Lt. II Ray Valois, PSR III Maisha Parnell, and Capt



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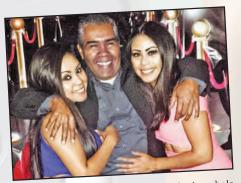
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"Happy Father's Day to the best dad in the whole wide world. I love you. I am so proud of being your daughter and I thank you for everything you have done for my sisters and me. Thanks to you I am the woman I am today." (for Saul Orantez)

- Love, your baby girl, Johana



Here's Aaron Williams, Public Works/Street Services, with his son, Jordan, 9, at Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor.



"Wishing our dad, Henry Banasiak (Retired, DWP), a very happy Father's Day! We all love you tons!"

From your girls, Coral, Crystal and Krysten



"Happy Father's Day to our dad: We always luv our daddy. He's our favorite dad. U only get 1, you only get 1 yea!" (for Timothy Mike Mingo, DWP)

- daughters Mikesha and Trezjah Mingo



"Mr. Bill! You are our number one! Happy Father's Day, and happy 87th birthday!'

 Love, your daughter, Gilda, and family



"Happy Father's Day." (for Tommie Braxton)

"Love you so much, Dad. (for

Adalia Noel Coleman

Rick Coleman)

Dee Braxton



Happy Father's



"We love you, Daddy! Thanks for all you do!" (for Farhad Dormani,

- Love, Kian and Megan

"Happy Father's Day to Eugene Chaney, Retired."

 Monica Chaney-Bickerstaff, Airports

"Happy Father's Day to Patrick

(Rocky) Sanchez - Dad (25 years),

Pop-in-Law (10 months), and Grandpa

to be in October ... and Husband of

32 years. We love and appreciate all

appy Father's Day to an awesome dad! Thanks for everything you do for

me." (for Burt Smith, Public Works) pictured with his son, Marquas.

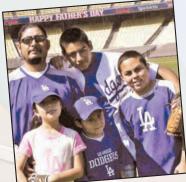
- Your Family

you do for us."



"Dad, thank you for all the hard work and sacrifices you've done for us. We are blessed to have you as our father. With much love from your daughters, Rene (Sweetie Pie) and Becky (Boobie).'

- Regina Osuna Genovese, **Public Works**



"Happy Father's Day!" (for Phillip Benavidez, LAPD) The Benavidez family



Here are the personal messages sent

to Alive! by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their Dad.

"Happy Father's Day, Dad! Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made for my brothers and me. I could never repay you. I appreciate everything you have done for me. You are an inspiring, intelligent and amazing role model. I love you and miss you very much. See you soon." (for Garth Romero Sr., from Adrianna Romero)

- Sissy



"Thank you for being my best friend, Papa." (for Garth Romero)

- Love, Nick

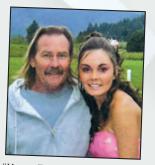


we've had together. We all love you!" (for Brad Sapolsky)

- Sammy Sapolsky, with brothers Brian and Kenny



"Happy Father's Day, Dad and Grandpa Mike. We love you!" (for



"Happy Father's Day to the best dad a girl could ever have! I hope you have a wonderful day. I love you lots." (for Robert M. Linn, Retired, Public Works/ Street Services)

- Caitlin Rose



"To my father on Father's Day. You are my hero; the man that I look up to; the man who makes me want to be a better person; and the father to my family. The man who always has the best advice, and the man who stands my decisions, whether you agree or disagree. I wish we were closer and able to see each other more, but that's what makes our visits so much more special. Love you, Dad, and Happy Father's Day!" (for James Case, DWP, left)

- Scott Case



"For City Employee Frederick Dorman -

Happy Father's Day to

- Christine Dorman

"Happy Father's Day to

the best dad ever!" (for

Frederick Dorman)

- Serenity, Jennae,

Freddie, Trevin and Tyler

the best dad ever!"

Michael Graham, DWP)

- Andrea, Alexandra, Michael and Vincent





"Last year our dad was battling cancer when he completed his first Relay for Life event. He's pictured here at this year's event. He is cancer-free. We are so proud of you, Dad." (for Manuel G. Solis, pictured with Claudia De Leon and Bertha Solis)

– Claudia De Leon, Library





"Happy Father's Day to our fun and crazy dad. We love you and can't imagine life without you!" (for Ray Guerrero, Public Works/Street Services)

 Love, your little monsters, Dominic, Alyssa, Jason and Mom, too!



"Happy Father's Day to my brother Franco, and dad, Vito!"

- Arlene Herrero, the Club's **Director of Product Development**



Happy Father's Day to Andrew Y. Lee, Transportation, pictured with sons Logan and Gavin.



"Happy Father's Day for Kevin Landrum, DWP. From left: John Landrum, Diane Landrum, Kevin Landrum, Janet Landrum and Sarah Berry. Front: Zachary, Cassidy and Jake Landrum."



"James, I wanted to tell you: Thank you for all that you have done for me and my mom and for our country. I am proud of you, Sgt. Major in the U.S. Army! I am proud to be your stepson." (for James Case, DWP)

- Akshay Mishra



"I miss you dad so much! You will always be Superman and my hero! I love you, Daddy-O!" (for George Clark, Retired, DWP)

- Cherilyn Clark, DWP



"We love you, Dad!" (for Omar H. Farlow)

 Amina and Khari Farlow, Douglasville, Ga



"I love my dad!" Cecilia Talbot, the Club's Director of Claims

and Member Advocate



"Happy Father's Day to Charles Sosa, Retired, LAPD.

- Johny Sosa, Public Works/Engineering, and grandson, Daniel



"Thanks for being a great father, a hard worker and a loyal person that I can depend on. I love you, Dad. I don't know what I'd do without you in my life. Happy Father's Day." (for Alberto Alvarado)

- Gabriela Alvarado



"Happy Father's Day, Dad. We love you! We wouldn't be who we are without you." (for Jimmy Serrano)

- Love, Jasmine and **Mayra Serrano**



"Pa we love and miss you. Hope you have a great Father's Day." (for Larry Lieswald, Retired, Public Works/Street Services)

 grandkids **Brian and Aubrey**



"To one of the greatest fathers to his children, Gregory A. Farlow, We love you, Dad!"

- Tiana Farlow, Shawndra Coleman, and granddaughter Adalia Noel Coleman



"For my father, pictured here with all four of his sons on a weekend fishing trip. My dad made sure that he spent time

– Det. Timmy J. Whisenhunt, Retired, LAPD



"Happy Father's Day to my wonderful husband, Zachary Thompson, who is also the best dad ever to our lovely daughter, Kalia. Together they stand proudly beside the Korean War Memorial in honor of my dad, Solomon Claiborne, who devoted his life to serving his family and his country as a Korean War Veteran. Dad said 'goodbye' to this life Feb. 24 and is spending this Father's Day and eternity with his Heavenly Father, God!"

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

Happy Ja



"Happy Father's Day. I can't express how much I appreciate all you've done for me and helped guide me down the right path." (for Garth Romero Sr.)

Love, Junior



"What a wonderful trip we had to Michigan visiting the University of Michigan, Detroit, and one of the Great Lakes at Lake Huron! Thank you for the memories, and Happy

"iQué maravilloso viaje tuvimos en

– Your son, Robert

Father's Day!"

Michigan visitando la Universidad de Michigan, Detroit, y uno de los Grandes Lagos en el Lago Huron! iMuchas gracias por los recuerdos y Feliz Día del Padres! Su hijo, Roberto."



And a few leftovers from Mother's Day! first woman I have ever loved.
Happy Mother's Day" - Love, Eric

"To the beginning of my Life, my Mother who I love so much. Wishing her a great day every day. Gracias por todo, la queremos mucho; Victor, Aileen, Hector, Julian, Sammy, y Yo.

- Yoly Ortiz





"To my dearest mommy, Mrs. Godiosa O. Navarro: Happy Mother's Day! God bless you always. Love and kisses.

- Cherry Navarro-Nicodemus, Public Works/Engineering



"Dad, thank you for your service in the Army's 66th Counterintelligence Corps, and thanks for being one hell of a Dad!

- from John Hawkins, Club CEO

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Story courtesy L.A. Zoo; Photos by Tad Motoyama, Zoo

A Dazzling **New Rainforest**

Zoo opens new \$18.8 million exhibit.





An otter sliding to happiness.



Baird's tapir

The Rainforest of the Americas, which opened in April, is the newest exhibit at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens. The 2.2-acre, \$18.8 million exhibit features rare and endangered species of mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians within exhibit spaces that exemplify their natural habitat in the rainforest biosphere. The Rainforest of the America's theme, "Everything Has a Home," is incorporated within the exhibit's design that takes visitors on a walking tour through areas that showcase some of the inhabitants of the rain forests of Mexico, Central and South America.

This newest Zoo exhibit represents a threeyear collaborative effort between Zoo curators and staff, architects and landscapers to create a tropical rainforest experience. Through various bilingual educational signage, visitors learn about the immediate need to sustain this rapidly disappearing biosphere. This latest exhibit is the culmination of a 15-year Master Plan effort to modernize the Zoo.

Among the more than 20 species that visitors will be able to see in the Rainforest of the America's exhibit are several endangered species, including giant river otters, blue-billed curassow (less than 250 left on the planet), Central American tapirs and cotton-top tamarins. Other vulnerable animals on exhibit include uakari — the Los Angeles Zoo is the only zoo in North America to have these rare Peruvian monkeys on exhibit harpy eagles, one of the largest eagle species in the world, and keel-billed toucans.

More information on the new exhibit can be found at www.lazoo.org/rainforest

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.





Female and male howler monkeys





Vanassa and Bonaventure Butts RCTO, 34 years of City service, Club

Jonelle Gardea, Supervisor, 19 years

of City service, Club Member, with





From left: Steven Johnson, Refuge Field Instructor, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Robert Sosa, Supervisor, West LA, 24 years, Club Member; and guests Mary Montoya and Debbie Angulo.



From left: Art Gardea, guest, with Enrique Meza, Refuse Collection Truck Operator II, 6 years of City service, Club



From left: Keith McCoy, guest; Janet Davis, Sr. Detention Officer, 29 years of City service; and Sterling Davis, RCTO, 9 years, Club Member.

Public Works

Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; Photos by Jackie Causillas and Isaac Burciaga



Around

West LA Sanitation Yard hosts annual picnic at Santa Anita Park.

he West LA Sanitation Stoner Yard employees gathered April 19 at the Santa Anita Race Track for their annual picnic. Attendees enjoyed betting on the horses and cheering on the exciting thoroughbred races under the warm sun. An all-day lunch buffet was provided, consisting of roasted chicken, hot dogs, barbecue sliders, pasta salad, green salad, vegetable medley, picnic potatoes, rolls and fruit as well as cookies for dessert.

Thanks to all Stoner Yard employees and Jonelle Gardea for inviting us and allowing us to participate in the event.



Robert Watson, RCTO, 24 years of City service, Club Member, with Diane Watson, guest.



Rhonda Wright, RCTO, 9 years of City service. Club Member: and Lester Moore, RCTO, 29 years, Club Member





From left: James Adams, RCTO,

30 years of City service, Club

Member; and Big Train, RCTO,

From left: Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; and Jordan Price, Instrument Mechanic, 20 years of City service, Club Member, Club Rep.



The attendees had fun.

Salt Marsh Open House

Saturday, June 21 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join CMA educators to learn about the Salinas de San Pedro wetlands habitat at Cabrillo Beach by using binoculars and microscopes to observe live animals. Visitors can view the birds of the marsh, learn about native plants and observe the changes in the tides.

Free and open to all! Parking: \$2

Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

Consider joining the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (310) 548-7410 www.cabrillmarineaquarium.org/ support.asp



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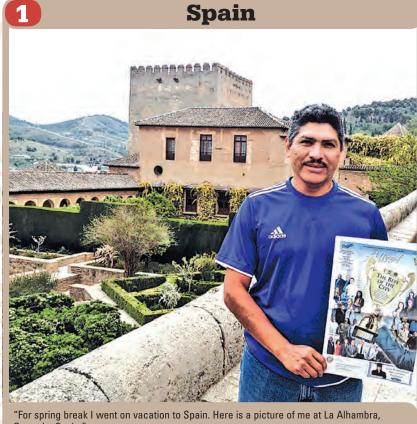




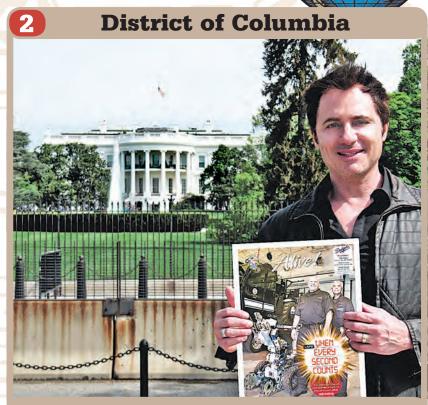


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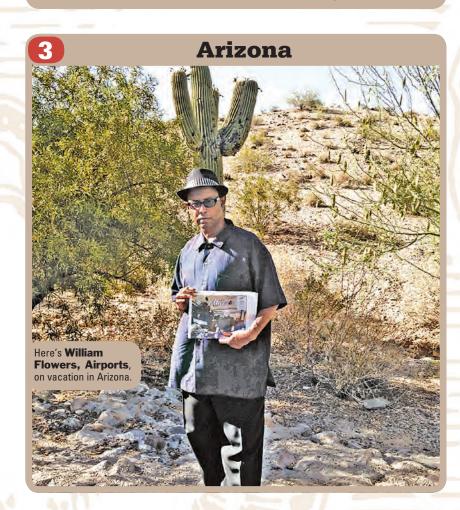


- Noe Maldonado, General Services



"My wife, Marie, and I took the trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C. Such a sense of history, legacy and national pride everywhere you go. Here I am standing in front of the south lawn of the White House, the President's backyard."

- David Jamgotchian, JJLA Associates (designers of Alive!)



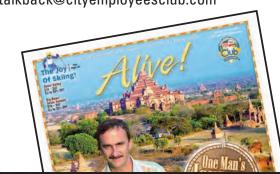


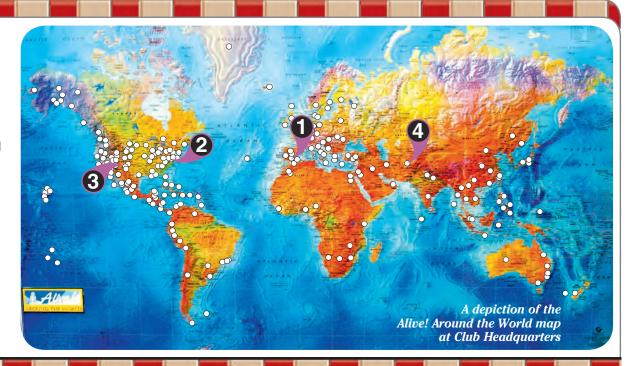
Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, the Club's incredible world adventurer (see him atop Mt. Everest on the cover of *Alive!* last July) took a trip recently to the Middle East. "I went to Afghanistan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Turkey and Israel. The first photo is in Afghanistan (taking this photo caused quite a commotion with the locals, and I thought my head was going to roll). The second pic is in Lebanon near the Israeli/Syrian border.

We know Doug has stories to tell about these journeys. You can ask him if you run into him!

Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of Alive! with you. Snap a high resolution photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com







CITY RETIREE **ASSOCIATIONS**

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

Retiree Upcoming Events

Reservation Lines:

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

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, 1025 Elysian Park, Dr. Los Angeles

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

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

RLACEI Website

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

Contact the LA City Employees Retirement System

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

DWP Retirees Association



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

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association (LARFPA)



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

Annual Picnic Looks to Double Up on the Meat



By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

hope all the mothers had a happy Mother's Day. I know that Martha, my wife, enjoyed her day. My kids and her kids gave her flowers and gift certificates. I hope you all enjoyed Mother's Day as much as Martha did.

I hope all the fathers enjoy Father's Day this month. I will be going up to my home in Nevada where I have four children. They always keep me hopping from casino to casino, from eating places to eating places with a lot of fishing at the great lakes nearby.

RLACEI Picnic: America Garza, Entertainment Committee Chairman, and his committee met at Chris and Pitts to pick a menu for our picnic Aug. 7. The menu choice is barbecue beef and turkey sandwiches, doubling up on the beef and turkey than

what we had in the past. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

RLACEI

Congratulations: RLACEI congratulates Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations of the City Employees Club, who on May 1st graduated from one of the top ten business schools in the country, the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. We wish you the best, Robert.

See you all at the picnic.

LACERS to Choose Dental **And Vision Coverage**



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

Tam pleased to report that I am Inow the Chair for the LACERS Benefits Committee, taking a role that former Board Member Ken Spiker held with distinction for many years.

At a meeting in May, the Benefits Committee took the first steps toward choosing the dental and vision (eyeglasses and contacts) insurance carriers for the calendar year beginning Jan. 1. As a matter of good practice, LACERS seeks bids for dental, vision and health coverage for our members every few years to be sure we are getting the best coverage at competitive rates. and two dental plans, an HMO

This year the dental and vision insurance contracts are being considered, while the health plans will be reviewed another year.

If you are happy with our current plans (MetLife for dental and VSP for vision), you might ask why we are considering any changes. We get bids through the Request for Proposal process so that we are sure we are receiving the best service for the most reasonable cost. While LACERS' cost is important, we are always mindful of the individual members and consider their total outof-pocket cost for copayments and premium payments over and above the subsidy amount.

We will continue providing the types of plans we have now for each category: a vision plan plan and a PPO plan. The finalists picked by the committee are: Anthem, Delta and MetLife for dental; and Anthem and VSP for vision (all listed alphabetically). The next step is to further review the finalist firms before picking one firm for each category.

We will not pick an inexpensive plan just because it costs less. Our staff and consultant thoroughly investigate each plan to make sure it is up to the job of providing high-quality service and has the financial stability to do the job. If we are considering changing an insurance carrier, we look for one that has the best member access and minimum disruption so that very few members will have to change dentists or vision providers to access the new firm's network.

What Does It Take To **Generate Your Pension?**



Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy By Michael Karsch

s public employee retirees As public employer sion and healthcare that give us a security anyone would want. It is time to stop for a moment and realize just how much money it would take in savings to generate a sufficient pension. A recent article in USA Today checked with several financial planning businesses about whether \$1 million saved over a working career would ensure a generous income

in retirement. It would provide a substantial income, but not that much. An Ohio financial planner estimated that \$1 million would mean \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year to the owner of the million. This is an estimate based on the age of the person and assumes that that amount could be replicated each year for the remainder of life of the person. He added that a decade ago \$1 million could have generated a lot more, probably \$70,000 to \$80,000, but that was based on your savings being spread over different accounts including some money invested in savings accounts dependent

on interest rates; over the last few years, interest rates have plummeted to extraordinary lows.

The financial advisers cited in the article suggested that saving \$2 million to \$10 million would provide a retirement life with travel, comfortable living, and buying what you want. With many retirees, it's 30 to 40 years of unemployment, as one put it. The message to those of us retired from government jobs with a defined benefit pension is to protect this benefit and enjoy it. LACERS and the City provide this valuable asset for us, investing the money to support the program.

For Retired

Club Members

LACERS Medicare Tips



LACERS Update By Mary Beetz, **RLACEI Publicity** Chair

Lacers Medicare Enrollment Requirement

To continue LACERS medical plan coverage when you and/or your dependents turn age 65, you are required to:

- Enroll in Medicare Part B and maintain coverage
- Enroll in Medicare Part A only if you are entitled to it at no cost

LACERS recommends that you enroll in Medicare three months before turning age 65 in order to have your Medicare coverage start the first day of your birthday month. To apply, contact Social Security at (800) 772-1213, or TTY (800) 325-0778, or visit www.ssa.gov. You can also create an online account with Social Security by visiting www. socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. If you fail to enroll in Medicare upon turning age 65, your LACERS medical coverage may be terminated.

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

For 2014, the basic Medicare Part B premium is \$104.90 Per month.

For Retired members who are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, and in a LACERS Senior medical plan, or the Medical Premium Reimbursement Program, LACERS will reimburse your Medicare Part B basic premium.

- You and/or your dependents are responsible for paying your basic Medicare Part B premium, and Parts B and D Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) if applicable.
- If you receive a monthly Social Security check, your Medicare Part B premium will be deducted from it.

LACERS

Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) -**Medicare Parts B and D**

■ If you do not receive a social

security check, you will receive

a Notice of Medicare Premium

Payment Due Form (CMS-500)

directly from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

(CMS). Be sure to pay CMS the

total amount due by the payment

due date to avoid Medicare cover-

age being terminated by CMS. If

you have no Medicare coverage,

your LACERS medical coverage

■ You can sign up for the Medicare

Easy Pay Program at any time if

you and/or your dependents are

billed the Basic Medicare Part

B premium directly by CMS. To

enroll, call (800) 633-4227, or TTY

REMEMBER: It is your respon-

sibility to maintain Medicare cover-

age. If you do not pay your Medicare

LACERS medical subsidy, your cov-

erage in a LACERS Senior medical

plan, and reimbursement of your

Medicare Part B basic premium,

if qualified. Additionally, Medicare

may impose a 10% premium pen-

alty as long as you have Medicare

■ LACERS Senior medical plans

■ Do not enroll in Medicare Part D

already include Medicare Part D.

separate from your LACERS med-

ical plan. If you do, this will cause

your LACERS Senior medical plan

■ You may be able to get extra help

to pay for your prescription drug

premiums and costs if you meet

certain income requirements.

The Low Income Subsidy (LIS)

Program or Extra Help Program

will help pay your Part D costs

if you qualify. To find out how

to enroll, visit www.ssa.gov/pre-

scriptionhelp or call (800) 772-

coverage to be terminated.

Medicare Part D

(Prescription Drug

premiums timely, you may lose your

may also be terminated.

(877) 486-2048.

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Coverage)

- Social Security assesses and determines your Medicare Parts B and D IRMAAs. They are in addition to your basic monthly premiums. If your annual income is over \$85,000 (single person) or over \$170,000 (married couple), you will pay higher premiums for Medicare Parts B and D.
- For inquiries, call (800) 772-1213, or TTY (800) 325-0778, or visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ EN-05-10536.pdf
- In order to continue receiving a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy, you must pay any Medicare Parts B and D IRMAA premiums, if applicable.

Free Medicare Help

In California, visit www. cahealthadvocates.org/HICAP/ index/html or call (800) 434-0222 to find your local Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.

For out-of-state, please visit www.seniorsresourceguide. com/directories/National/SHIP to find your State Health Insurance Assistance Programs.



As a Reminder:

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

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

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

Mail information to:

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

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

Los Angeles City Employees' (800) 779-8328 **Retirement System:**

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines	(800) 678-4145
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DWP Retirement (213) 367-1722 **Plan Office**

Life After Retirement

Pedals for a Cause

When one retires from the City, some retirees have plans on what to do after retirement, and some live a day at a time until they find what they enjoy. For Earl Magpiong it became bicycle riding.

Earl Magpiong started working for the City in 1957, in the Public Works/

Survey Division. He retired in July 1992 after 35 years as a Survey Supervisor. He took to bicycle riding in 1997. At age 76, Earl and his son, Glen, and four other friends are riding across the country in Tour2Cure to fight Lou Gehrig's disease. This will be Earl's third cross-country bicycle trip.

Glen, Earl's son, had an assistant basketball coach on his staff who contracted Lou Gehrig's disease at age 42 and subsequently died. Paul's loss was felt with sadness throughout the school, specifically those whom he coached.

The Tour2Cure was created for awareness by riding across the towns they would pass. The Tour2Cure began April 23 from St. Augustine, Fla., and will continue to San Clemente until mid-June. The ALS Institute has developed a Website to develop awareness for Lou Gehrig's disease. Earl, Glen and the others are journaling their cross-country trip at www.crazyguyonabike.com/

New Board Member, New COLA,



By Lee Kebler, **LARFPA** Director

ay was a pretty eventful month. First we had the results of the election for the retired Police Officer on the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners; George Aliano won his reelection in a landslide. He received 94 percent of the votes. It was a well-deserved victory. George has been an outstanding representative, working to preserve the benefits our members have earned.

Next, our Retired Fire and Police Association Director, Ken Buzzell,

received the Fire and Police Pensions System's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Service Medal. This medal is awarded for outstanding service to both the members and the Pension Department. A few of his accomplishments including restoring the unlimited COLA for Tier 1 and 2 members; allowing widows of disabled members to retain their pensions if they remarried; adoption of the Tier 5 Pension and the DROP plan; and assisting disabled members and widows during their retirement hearings. He's done an outstanding service to our members.

I should also mention that the

Pension Commission approved the recommendation from staff of a seven percent increase in the health subsidy. The medical trend rate of increase for health insurance premiums was 7.5 percent. The Board also approved a half-percent increase in the cost of living for our retired members. It is hard to believe that the COLA was only a half-percent when everything that I purchase has increased at least 10 percent.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our meeting and barbecue at Grace E. Simons Lodge on June 4. Our guest speaker will be Ray Ciranna, General Manager of the Fire and Police Pensions System.

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Bad Weather Means A Bergen Bonus

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



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; part one took 12 days, and part two took 16 days. We departed Aug. 14 and returned Sept. 15.

As we continue our story, we were at sea on the way to Bergen, Norway. At the Captain's welcome party, we met a nice couple from Oregon. Now that our travel mates, Lanny and Elaine, had left, it was just Evelyn and me for dinner. Our headwaiter asked if we wanted a table for two, but we like to have company at dinner, so he provided a table for six, and we met two other couples. We didn't know if we were going to have the same table mates each night, but whatever it was it would be fine, as we still had our waiter, Alicia, and Catalini, our head waiter.

That morning (Aug. 30) we ate breakfast in Sabatini's, which is reserved for elite and suite passengers. We got in because Princess Cruises gave us VIP status, which is as good as elite but without the free laundry.

The Captain had just announced that because of weather we would miss the Shetland Island and the Faroe Islands, and would stay overnight in Bergen, leaving at 5 p.m. the next day. We were disappointed to miss the islands, but safety first.

We docked in a commercial area of the harbor, so there was a complimentary shuttle bus to take us to the city center. Bergen is the second largest city in Norway, with a population of approximately 250,000. Traffic was heavy because the city is built on seven hills, with a harbor running through. It was the capital until 1299, when Oslo took over.

We caught the Hop-on Hop-off bus by the old fire station. It seemed there were a lot of fire stations because the city was first built using wood, and they had a lot of fires. Now buildings must be brick or concrete, but people still use wood and cover it with a thin layer of plaster. The houses in historic areas are still very close together and you can imagine how major fires marked Bergen's history.

The city was very crowded, with four cruise ships in port. Physically the tourist area isn't that large, and once we became oriented it was easy to find our way. After one time around on the bus we got off at the Mt. Fløyen funicular, which you ride to the top. You get a great view of the city and wonderful photo opportunities. We had a quick lunch, which cost \$40: one smoked salmon sandwich, a bowl of soup, and a Coke, which we shared. Thankfully, the sandwich and soup were filling. People told us it would be expensive, and it was. Evelyn's souvenir magnet cost more than \$7. Round trip on the funicular was \$11.

After lunch we rode down and walked around the fish market. All of it was fresh caught, and we planned to have lunch there the next day. The stalls sold ready-to-eat and fresh seafood to take home. We had a lot of

After dinner we saw the 10 p.m. show, which featured Brett Sherwood, a "Master Magician." He was very good and did some tricks that were hard to believe.

The next day (Aug. 31), our second day in Bergen, we did some shopping. Evelyn wanted to buy caviar, and I wanted to see the Bryggens Museum.

The sun was shining when we woke up, but by the time we left the ship, it was raining; that was about 10 a.m. It sprinkled on and off for about an hour and then the sun came back. We took the shuttle back to the

city center; I noticed that they had a special

shuttle for handicapped people. When we

got back I asked passenger services if they

always (when there is a shuttle) had one for

handicapped and they do; in fact the shuttle

is always handicapped-accessible if there is

to the Bryggens Museum, which has the

history of the area during the Hanseatic

League when Bergen was a principal city in

the trading alliance. They dealt in dried fish.

Of interest was the archeological excavation

of the various layers of the foundation from

1100 to 1900. The city burned many times,

and we could measure time between fires. They also had a very interesting display on

the shoe industry, Evelyn's favorite. The shoe

industry was very active in this area in the late

We continued our walk

and ended up at the old fort, and then we walked back

to the fish market where we

had lunch: Evelyn had a large

plate of mussels, and I had

fish and chips and a beer for

a mere \$50, but it was worth it. We then purchased three

different kinds of caviar and

then took the bus back to the

ship. I'm sort of glad we had

19th and early 20th centuries.

We did some shopping and then walked

one. Very good for Princess.

the extra time in Bergen, as it has a lot to offer the tourist

We sailed at 4:30 p.m. and I was hoping for good weather because we had a long sail down the fjord to the open sea, and I wanted to get some good pictures of the scenery.

To avoid the bad weather, we headed north from Bergen. On our original course we had gone south to the Shetland Islands, but there were gale force winds in that area. That morning (Sept. 1), the outside temperature was 55 degrees, wind force at 5 (25 knots), and the sea had 5- to 7.5-foot swells. The ship was rolling side to side. We hardly noticed it, but the nausea "bags" were by the elevator doors, and some folks already looked green. The barometric pressure was falling, which normally means the weather would get worse. We just had to wait and see.

After dinner the night before we played "Jeopardized;" the ship can't use the name "Jeopardy," and out of 25 answers we missed only four. The final "Jeopardized" question was, "Which book holds the world's record for most often stolen from the library?" The answer is the Guinness Book of World Records. It must be in honor of our eldest granddaughter, Madeline. It's her favorite book. We missed that one.

Our plans for the next day included trying to go to to the showroom for the 7 p.m. show and eat dinner afterwards. I don't know if I mentioned this, but they were repeating the dinner menus, so we had already picked our first choice. We considered trying the buffet or the fast food grill. We tend to eat too often in the dining room. The last two nights we had a table for two – very romantic – and we were in and out in an hour.

Evelyn used the gym that morning, but I just did some stretching in the room. The morning's activities included a bridge lesson, and then that afternoon we played duplicate bridge. The guy giving the bridge lesson was called the lessons intermediate, which might have been too advanced for us. During play, he announced that he would not post scores unless a player had an ABA number, which we didn't. We played pretty well that day, but it can be stressful, and this was a vacation.

I decided to try the knockwurst for lunch, and it was pretty good.

We did the suite party that night and then saw the 7 p.m. show with Irish comedian George Casey, who has lived in the United States for 40 years. He has lived in Branson. Mo. for some time and has opened for Glen Campbell and others. There were some funny things, but it wasn't worth a second view.

At dinner we had a table for six, with two couples from Australia who did not know each other (it is a big country). Dinner became a contest to see who had been to the most places. It is fun to talk to other travelers. More next month.



Bergen.

samples as we walked though the market even a piece of whale meat, which tasted just like chicken. Just kidding, a whale is a mammal, and it tasted like fishy beef. We walked through one of the shopping areas but we were going to wait until the next day to do our shopping.

We got back to ship around 3:30 p.m. and took a little nap and then attended the suite party. They changed the location to Club Fusion, which is on deck 7. It is not as bright as the Skywalker but much bigger and easier to get to, but I like the Skywalker better. They changed locations because there were more Elite and Platinum passengers on this trip.

We couldn't get our regular table for dinner so they gave us a table for two, and Alicia was our waiter, even though it wasn't her station. As we mentioned before, the menus and the food preparation were much improved.

Hal and the view from Mt Floyen.



The fish market in Bergen.



Evelyn at the Bryggens Museum.



Hal at the Old Fort.

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Costa Rica & Nicaragua

"I just returned from a hot and humid vacation to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. They're so different from Los Angeles." — **George Cormany, Retired Photographer, LAPD**







British Virgin Islands Here's Stephen Klitzky, Retired, Public Works Sanitation, sailing in the British Virgin Islands with his wife, Arlene.

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Here are the grandchildren of Fernando Delgado, Equipment Repair Supervisor, Airports/LAX. "He loves his grandkids!" according to Sylvia Delgado.

> "Drew, 6, is a good basketball player. Logann, 4, enjoys Disneyland as her second home. Aidan Sky Chang, 13, is the kindest person. Kai Chang, 11, is an animal lover." Sylvia Delgado



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BestYears

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

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Ainscough, Bruce	_	DWP	_
Assaf, Nabil	-	DWP	-
Beatty, Leroy	_	DWP	_
Bhatia, Sangeeta	-	DWP	-
Birt, Edward	Motor Sweep. Op.	Public Works	15
Blake, Susan	_	DWP	-
Bloor, James W.	Fin. Dev. Officer II	Housing	17
Briggs, Barron	-	DWP	_
Capistrano, Tina	_	DWP	_
Castillo, Pamela M.	Clerk Typist	LAPD	31
Cato, Regina	_	DWP	_
Chang, Gloria	_	DWP	_
Chen, Jerome	_	DWP	-
Cheney, Henry	Geo. Info. Spe.	Public Works	46
Clarke Harris, Doreen	Rec Facility Dir.	Rec and Parks	24
Clavel, Fernando	_	DWP	_
Cole, Marquis	_	DWP	_
Collins, Janet	_	DWP	_
Connell, Brian	Plumber	General Serv.	12
Cross, Victoria	_	DWP	_
Dang, Khiem	_	DWP	_
Daniels, Jack	_	DWP	_
De La Vega, Maria	_	DWP	-
Dubinsky, Michael	_	DWP	_
Eidem, Jay	_	DWP	-
Frances, Walter	_	DWP	-
Furubotten, Michael	_	DWP	-
Garcia, David	_	DWP	_
Givehand, Pamel	-	DWP	_
Glover, Hollis	-	DWP	_
Goldenberg, Charles	Sr. Asst. City Att.	City Attorney	44
Gonzales, Marcia	-	DWP	_
Gonzalez, Victor	_	DWP	_

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Graham, Merlin	_	DWP	_
Grijalva, Margaret	Crossing Guard	Transportation	3
Grospe, Joel	_	DWP	-
Guerrero, Rocky	_	DWP	_
Gutierrez, Raymond	_	DWP	-
Henslick, Loretta	_	DWP	-
Hickman, Theodore	_	DWP	-
Horswell, Jill	_	DWP	-
Jew, Steven	Sr. Sys. Analyst	Public Works	30
Johnson, Eddie	_	DWP	-
Johnson, Michael C.	Equipment Op.	Public Works	36
Kays, John	_	DWP	-
Kuan, Theodora Y.	Acco. Clerk II	Public Works	8
Le, Ly	_	DWP	-
Littlefield, Barbara	Messenger Clerk	Library	5
Luna, Roger	_	DWP	-
Mabini, Ramon	_	DWP	-
Maner, Gary	Enviro. Spec. III	Public Works	30
Marquez, Myrna	Sr. Accountant II	Public Works	15
Martinez, Deborah	Risk Ins. Asst.	City Attorney	35
Mayfield, Richard	_	DWP	-
McDermott, Kathryn	First Dep. Gen. Ma.	Harbor	7
McConnell, Larry	_	DWP	-
McDonald, Fred	-	DWP	-
McKnight, James	_	DWP	-
Merrel, Timothy	Gard. Caretaker	Rec and Parks	24
Millager, Edward	Com. Electrician I	ITA	25
Moeller, David	_	DWP	-
Monroe, Ronald	Airport Safety Of.	Airports	34
Monson, Andrew	Ref. Coll. Tr. Op. II	Public Works	30
Moreno, Pete	-	DWP	-
Morton, Marilyn	-	DWP	-
Musherraf, Saved	Env. Compli. Insp.	Public Works	25

NAME	TITLE	DEPT YE	ARS
Ngo, Ho V.	Inter. Was. Tre. Op.	Public Works	31
Paredes, Vincente	_	DWP	_
Patterson, Floyd M.	Supt. of Oper. III	Airports	29
Payne, William	_	DWP	_
Pena, Arthur	_	DWP	_
Peti, Gabriel	_	DWP	_
Phu, Nam	Sr. Computer Op. II	ITA	34
Pierce, Jeffory A.	Ware. T/R Wor. II	General Services	35
Pinkert, Jeryl	_	DWP	_
Pinuelas, Joe	Police Ser. Rep	LAPD	35
Pittman, Samuel L.	Police Sergeant	Airports	30
Polanco, Richard	_	DWP	_
Robles, Pierre A.	Light Eq. Opera.	Public Works	26
Rodarte, Lydia	_	DWP	_
Rodrigo, Myrna	Rel. Cor. Nurse IV	Personnel	1
Roll, Kenneth D.	Cons. Inspector	Public Works	22
Rosenfeld, Rebecca	_	DWP	-
Rowe, Theresa O.	Sr. Pol. Ser. Rep II	LAPD	34
Santos, Melvin	-	DWP	-
Serafin, Ceferino P.	Struc. Engr. As. IV	Public Works	28
Shost, Kevin	_	DWP	-
Smith, Frankie	Sr. Cartographer	City Planning	44
Stoddard, Michael	_	DWP	-
Tan Yap, Nenita	Sr. Accountant II	Controller's Office	18
Thomas, Liller Carol	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	23
Tillemans, Brian	-	DWP	-
Tran, Tammy	_	DWP	-
Tsuda, Wayne M.	Env. Affairs Of.	Building & Safety	38
Van Sickle, Sherrill	Librarian III	Library	37
Wilson, Richard	_	DWP	-
Wong, Han-Chi	_	DWP	-
Wyatt, Glynn	_	DWP	-

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Story and photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

Gang Task Force

Police Dept. hosts statewide conference to share information on combatting gangs.

n March 13 and 14, the LAPD hosted the California Gang Task Force conference for police and public safety agencies in the state. Law enforcement agencies gathered to share information and best practices.

Thanks to Det. Jorge Martinez, Club Member, and Officer Charles Surh for their assistance.



From left: Sgt. John Ficken, 24 years of City service; and Rosalind Curry, Funeral Coordinator, 20 years, Club Member.



Officer III Stinton Brown, Gang Intervention Liaison, 27 years of City



From left: Dep. Chief Kirk J Albanese, 33 years of City service; Capt. Anne Clark, 27 years; and Commander Det. Kevin McCarthy, 33 years.



From left: Dep. Sheriff Jim Lyman, 27 years of County service; and Det. III Jorge Martinez, 31 years of City service,



From left: Adolfo Jimenez, California Department of Corrections, 7 years of state service; and Janet Anders, California Department of Corrections, 15 years



Veno Miles, Homeland Security Federal Lead Intelligence Officer, 14 years of Federal service



Dep. Sheriff Anna Mata, 9 years of



Sammy Bell, California Department of Corrections Correctional Officer, 7 years of state service.



From left: Officer III Petrona Cummings, 27 years of City service; Rosalind Curry, Funeral Coordinator, 20 years, Club Member; Officer II Gloria Garces, 19 years; and Officer II Shawn



Officer II Keith Pak, 9 years of City service.



From left: Det. Luz Flores, 19 years of City service, Club Member; and Det. Michelle Pagan, 24 years.



Chief Charlie Beck, 37 years of City service.



From left: Det. Richard Jaramillo, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer II Ryan Bellows, 15 years.



Cynthia Martinez, State Parole,



From left: Officer II Charles Surh. 16 years of City service. Club Member; Jennifer Catanes Avancena; and Det. III Jorge Martinez, 31 years, Club Member.



Michelle Gonzalez. Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club



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For example, here's the likelihood of 65-year-olds living to certain ages, according to figures from the Society of Actuaries:

- Male: A 65-year-old man has a 41 percent chance of living to age 85 and a 20 percent chance of living to age 90.
- Female: A 65-year-old woman has a 53 percent chance of living to age 85 and a 32 percent chance of living to age 90.
- Couple: If the man and woman are married, the chance that at least one of them will live to any given age is increased. There's a 72 percent chance that one of them will live to age 85 and a 45 percent chance that one will live to age 90. There's even an 18 percent chance that one of them will live to age 95.

Given these numbers, it's important to consider a couple of things to be sure you have enough of a nest egg to last you for

25 or 30 or even 40 years of retirement. We have all been assured that our pensions are secure, but pension reform is a hot topic nowadays. It's important to set aside some extra retirement savings to give yourself a cushion. It's also important to diversify, not having all of your eggs in one basket. Sure you want to take advantage of good market returns, but your entire retirement nest egg shouldn't be subject to market downturns. A good chunk of your funds should be in a product with a fixed, guaranteed return.

Secondly, you need to protect your nest egg from a health crisis, a major illness that can cause you to dip into your retirement funds just to survive financially. A critical illness policy can provide thousands of dollars to survive financially through a medical crisis rather than forcing you to rob your nest egg.

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. Contact Dearborn National at (888) 443-8829.



Held a month earlier to facilitate cooler temperatures, the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay was held in the desert

This, the race's 30th anniversary, also marks the tenth anniversary of the Club sponsoring several teams in the race, and covering the

This amazing footrace is an annual event for public safety organizations throughout the world. The relay race is a 120-mile, 20-stage footrace between Baker, Calif., and Las Vegas and is considered the "Super Bowl" of law enforcement; the champions are the best, in terms of physical fitness and logistics the police world has to offer. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for

Baker to Vegas was bigger this year, with 261 teams registered.

The earlier schedule was great news to the runners, as the racecourse temperature was not expected to exceed 80 degrees with 20 percent humidity, whereas in past years the temperatures topped

It's hard to imagine that 10 years ago, the Club were approached

by Club Members Anita Yang and Dan Basilgo to sponsor the team from LAPD Communications. The Club is happy to say that since that invitation, the Club has continued to be part of this great race. What was unique this year was having by far the largest team the Club has sponsored and bringing on two new teams as the Club has now expanded to be open to State and LA County employees.

The Club sponsored a great mix of teams this year, and the Club is proud of each and every one of them:

- LAPD Security Division together with Transportation;
- LAPD Mission Station:
- Port Police;
- Airport Police;
- LAPD Jail Division;
- LA County Probation; and

State of California DMV Investigators. On the following pages, teams share their 2014 Baker to Vegas stories in their own words.

Thanks to all who participated and contributed to another memorable Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

Story by Arlene

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Port Police

By Port Police Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member

Dalila Vielma

The Los Angeles Port Police Dept. Baker to Vegas Running Team "mugged" (won a mug trophy) the top three in their category (150 Sworn). Their official time to complete the 120-mile challenge was 17:07 hours.

The team appreciates the hard work of its Port Police support staff, who continue to be the same core group from the initiation of the team (2007). The team would also like to thank the City Employees Club for its continued sponsorship of the team since 2007.



From left: Officer Mario Cubillos, Port Police, 17 years of City service; and Mattie Cubillos, guest.



Port Police: Arthur Kurkowski, PIII, 8 years of City service.



Port Police: Brandyn Anderson, PII, 6 years of City service, Club

Department of Justice



Cal. Dept. of Justice: Middle right, Armando Zambrano, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, 41 years of State service.

Marisol Vielma, PSR II,

12 years, Club Member





Kuykendall, 29 years of State service.

CDCR Chino



CDCR Chino: Giovani Perez, CO, 8 years of State

CDCR Chino: Giovani Perez, CO, 8 years of State service, and "LAPD Old Blue" - Mel Sandvig, Retired, 30 years of



LASD Parks

LASD Parks Bureau: Far right, Cecil Rambo, Assistant Sheriff, 33 years of County service.



From left: Tiffany Mercer, Deputy, LASD Parks Bureau, 13 years of County service; and John Magana, Deputy, LASD Parks Bureau, 24 years.

LAPD Mission Station

By Sgt. Michael McComas, Club Member

This year's Baker to Vegas team was led by Sgt. Julian Munoz, third year team captain.

With only pine years of experience in the second of th With only nine years of experience in the race, this year's team set out with high hopes. Our greatest challenge this year was to keep all of our runners healthy as we were light on avail-

able alternate runners. Having moved up from number 146 to number 68 last year, this year we were aiming for the podium. Although we came up 22 minutes short of our goal, we secured fifth place in our category (Mixed) and, more importantly, we had a great time and enjoyed the mug that we won, our final time being 16 hours and 22 minutes.

A special recognition goes out to one of our female runners, Heather Herrera, who last year lost her tummy contents at the end of her segment. This year she dedicated herself to improving her performance and smoked her segment, keeping pace with the competition and leaving all she had on the course.

It goes without saying, but we could not have competed without the support of our support team, which ensured that all runners were on time at their assigned legs, and also the folks who lent us a helping hand, the City Employees Club. A big heartfelt thank you from all of us here at Mission Station and the Baker to Vegas team.



LAPD Mission: In the middle, Sgt. II Kika Wheeling, 24 years of City service.



LAPD Mission Station: Ko Kim, PI, 1 year of City service.



LAPD Mission Station.



LAPD Mission Station: Sgt. Jules Munoz, 25 years of City service; Ko Kim, Pl, 1 year; and Sgt. Brian Reynolds, 14 years.



California DMV Investigators

By Elizabeth Gonzalez, Club Member

MV Investigators improved their time in this year's Baker to Vegas race. Imagine running 120 miles across the Mojave Desert with your co-workers. That is exactly what a group of 20 DMV Investigators did for the 30th annual Baker to Vegas (B2V) Challenge Cup Relay.

Three years ago, Investigator Luis Hernandez coordinated the first DMV Investigations B2V Team. Even though he had been with the Department for just a few months and was attending a full basic police academy, he did not let his new hire status stop his vision of being part of the B2V Challenge Cup.

As this year's team Captain, Hernandez shared his love for the race. "I was honestly a little sad when I came over to this department knowing it did not have a team. I am beyond thrilled that running this race is something I did not have to give up, and even more so, how much I enjoy being with every one during race weekend. Imagine being with 20 crazy cops who go out into the middle of the desert and run under the heat of the sun, or run up mountains, or both."

This year's DMV Investigations Baker to Vegas team completed the 120-mile race in 19 hours, 46 minutes, and 29 seconds. This is a 36-minute improvement over last year and one hour, 32 minutes faster than the first year in 2012. The DMV Investigations team finished 233rd out of 261 teams.

The DMV Investigations race team also had 25 supporters cheering them on along the course. Deputy Director (Chief) of Investigations Frank Alvarez crossed the finish line in Las Vegas. He wanted to thank everyone who has contributed along the way: "Without your support and contributions, our event would not be a success."

The Investigations team is already getting ready for next year's race, set for March 28-29.



DMV Investigations support follow vehicle



DMV Investigations, from left: Paula Lucero, DMV Commander 24 years of State service; and Angie Resendez, DMV Special Agency Supervisor, 24 years.



DMV Investigations: The pass off between Jimmy Gomez, Supervising Investigator, 8 years of State service, and Malcolm Chamber, DMV



From left: Malcolm Chambers, Investigator, DMV Investigations, 8 years of State service. Club Member; with Amanda Rice, quest.



DMV Investigations: Chief Frank Alvarez, 28 years of



DMV Investigations: Juan Hernandez, DMV Retiree, 11 years of State service: Paula Lucero. DMV Commander, 24 years; and Jimmy Gomez, Supervising Investigator, 8 years.

Out of Towners



Berlin Police, Germany.



Cal State University Police: Jessica Ferguson; Chauncey Fonner, PII, 5 years of State service; and Lt. Mark Benavidez, 16 years, team captain.



San Diego Police Dept. 800: Joel Sandoval, PII, 14 years of City service; Det. Steve Berner, 26 years; and David Maley, PII 14 years.





LAPD Security/LADOT

The LADOT/LAPD SECSD Baker to Vegas running team entered the race prepared, motivated and determined. It was our seventh year competing in this prestigious race and first time in the Invitational Mix category. Our goal this year was to finish strong, have no injuries and get that

We started the race at 1400 hours under warm/dry conditions and completed the 120-mile course in just over 17 hours and 56 minutes. In doing so, we placed 32nd out of 62 teams in the Invitational Mix category and 161st place overall. We achieved our goal this year by obtaining that coveted mug that every team desires. The long hours of painstaking training paid off in the end for the running team.

We would like to thank Arlene Herrero and the City Employees Club for sponsoring and supporting the team for six consecutive years. You guys are out there cheering us on in the hot desert sun and taking pictures in the wee hours of morning. Once again, thanks for all your help.



LA Transportation/LAPD Security Division.



LA Transportation/LAPD Security Division: Dolores Gonzalez, Johnny Raxtun, Traffic Officer, 12 years of City



LA Transportation/LAPD Security Division: Lt. Ray Ingal, 14 years, Club Member; Art Ladezma, Traffic Officer II, 14 years, Club Member; Jose Quintanilla, Traffic Officer II, 8 years; and Sgt. Gabriel Mayorga, 15 years, Club Member

Gang/Narcotics

City Attorney



City Attorney: In the middle, Mike Feuer, City Attorney, 19 years of City service



LA City Attorney: AP Diaz, City Attorney, 15 years of City service.



LAPD Harbor Division: Irmina Dumaplin, PIII, 18 years of City service; and Jaroen Hitanukukit, PII, 17 years.

LAPD Jail Division

By Team Captain James Lemos

ail Division has participated in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race since 2003. We J missed 2004 but have not missed a year since. We have enjoyed sponsorship from The Club for four years now.

Our team goal for 2014, as was the goal for many of the teams who participated, was to earn a Challenge Cup mug, which we accomplished. We had our eyes on setting a new record for Jail Division that would have put us in the top 100 of participants. Jail Division's current record for the completion of the race was achieved in 2009 with a finish time of 17:11:45. We were not able to achieve that goal this year but we have our eyes set on breaking it in the next few years. Our finish time this year was 17:58:17. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but we are working to have more of our runners train year round.

We had some challenges this year, including at one point having only 17 of the 20 runners plus additional alternates necessary to make our team viable. The division stepped up, and we put together a good team, and I do mean team in every sense of the word. We worked well together without complaints from the team. It was a team that I will not soon forget. Most importantly, we had no injuries, and everyone had a good time.

Thank you, City Employee Club, for your support. The Club's support to our team has been the difference between sending a team and not sending a team to the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race.



LAPD Gang/Narcotics: In the middle, Det. Paul Miller, 25 years of City service.





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Club Member; Christopher Aragon; Denna Thompson, SDO, 16, Club Members; Janet Rankin Davis, SDO, 28 years, Club Member; Charlene Ramirez, DO, 5 years; and Anson Anderson, SDO, 26 years, Club Member.



LAPD Training Division



LAPD Training Division: Emigdio Neri, Retiree, 29 years of City service; and Mike O'Donald, PIII, 35 years.



LAPD Jail Division.



From left: Janet Rankin Davis, Security Detention Officer, 28 years of City service, Club Member, and Christopher Escobar, Detention Officer, 5 years



Captain, 27 years of City service, Club Member, and Diana Lindsay.



BAKER TO VEGAS 2014

LA County Probation

By Sandra Perez-Quintero, Club Member

The Los Angeles County Propation ream competed in the mixed division consists of at least five female and 15 male run-The Los Angeles County Probation Team competed in the mixed division, comprised of ners. Last year our team finished with a time of 17:08.00; this year, we were expected to finish in 16:45.00. However, our team fought harder than anyone expected and we finished the event with a time of 16:08.22!

Although the team accomplished so much, this year luck was not on our side. On the last leg, DPO II Ted Gomez of the Long Beach Area Office suffered a catastrophic injury. Around 5:20 a.m., approximately halfway through his 4.6 mile run, Ted's tendon ripped from his tibia. A purple streak was visible on his leg and this left him unable to continue. He was helped to the transport van and taken to receive medical attention.

At that moment, SDPO Sam Banuelos of the Long Beach Area Office, who suffered a hip injury while running leg 19, took charge and jumped out of the chase van that follows each runner and picked up the baton. He finished the run and brought our team to the finish line. Without SDPO Banuelos pushing through his injury, we would not have finished the race. Unfortunately, because of the established rules for the race we received a 10-minute penalty and an "unofficial finish," which means we were unable to receive individual team member awards. However, our team was recognized for our hard work and we received a team awards plaque for our accomplishment in the run.

The support team members worked diligently behind the scenes coordinating the transportation of all 20 runners out to the course in the desert. They ensured that the team was taken care of and that everything went well. They also manned the team room during the entire period of the race. Their dedication and support was vital to our success, without them we would not be able to compete.

Although the event did not go as planned, we are all VERY proud of our 2014 Baker to Vegas Team, as they ran harder and faster than any team the LA County Probation Department has

entered since 2006. We all take honor in representing the Probation Department, our team members participate on their own time. Our team relies on donations and fundraisers in order to cover the costs of the race. Both individually and as a team, we take away a sense of accomplishment in preparing for and competing in the event. The Los Angeles County Probation Baker to Vegas committee

would like to express our appreciation to everyone who contributed to our participation from the runners, to support staff and to those who purchased shirts. We would especially like to thank the City Employees Club for their sponsorship and management for supporting our endeavor in allowing our Department to participate in the event, and working with staff so that they may be part of our department's Baker to Vegas team.

We also extend an invitation to all who may be interested in participating next year, either as a runner or as support

staff. We invite you to take part in an event that fosters a sense of excitement, joy, personal satisfaction, and pride in our Department. When all is said and done, we feel a rewarding sense of pride and accomplishment in professionally and competitively representing the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Airport Police

By Officer Alfonso Lagos

erome Evans and I have been co-captains since 2009. Team LAX has won three mugs - in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Our first year of participating was 1999.

This year, we finished 42th overall, with the time of 15:49; both are team bests.

Next year's B2V team is looking bright. We hope to finish in the top 30 and under 15 hours and 30 minutes.





Airport Police: Roger Cuevas, Security Guard, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Elmer Quevedo, Pll. 5 years; William Garcia, P II, 5 years, Club Member; and Porchia King, PII, 7 years, Club Member



Airport Police: Josh Casanova, PII, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Carley Oliver, PII,



Airport Police: Chief Patrick Gannon 36 years of City service, Club Member







LA County

Probation



LAPD Rampart: Yesenia Egan, PII, 4 years of City service.

LA County Probation: Nancy Roman,

Deputy, 9 years of County service,



"LAPD Old Blue" - Mel Sandvig, Retired, 30 years of City service.



Middle in green shirt: Det. John Macchiarella. LAPD Robbery Homicide, with family



LAPD Communications: Dan Basilgo, PSR III, 18 years of City service



Rudy Pardo, PII, 8 years of City service; Det. Adrian Parga, 23 years; and Jacob Avalos, PII, 10 years.



LAPD Metro Black: On the left, Adam Futami, PIII, 17 years of City service.

CENTER

LAPD Metro Blue: On the left, Cliff Chu, PIII, 17 years of City service.



LAPD Valley: David Ham, Senior Lead Officer, 26 years of City service: Capt, John Fagan, 26 years; Det. Jason Wagner, 18 years; Mandee Duyanen, Pll, 6 years; Michael Puno, PII, 5 years, Club Member; and Jose Fernandez, PII, 6 years.



Andy Aquava, 23 years of City service.



LAPD Newton Division.



From left: Sqt. Albert Gonzalez, LAPD Headquarters, 11 years of City service; and Officer Paul Corralejo, 17 years.



LAPD Northeast Area: Javier Barnal, PII, 15 years of City service.



LAPD Rampart Area: Robert Solorio, PIII, 12 years of City service.



LAPD Major LAPD Topanga: Mervill Dunn, PII Crimes, 18 years of 12 years of City service; and Todd City service. Jaron, PII, 8 years



LAPD Southwest Area: Blanca Saldana; Jose Saldana, Sr. Lead Officer, 11 years of City service; and Det. John Flores.

Various



Dept. of Insurance Fraud, 15 years of State service



25 years of State service.



Ngayan, Forensic Attendant, Medical Examiner/Coroner; 1 year of County service; Hayden Velasquez, Billing and Administration, Medical Examiner/ Coroner, 1 year; and Caitlin Miller, Sr. Criminalist, 2 years



Hello again! This month let's visit one of La Cañada Flintridge's most popular attractions, Descanso Gardens.

The Descanso Gardens is only 20 minutes away from downtown Los Angeles, and I have only heard great things about this wonderful urban retreat. The year-round natural beauty has a collection of seasonal horticultural displays. E. Manchester Boddy founded and preserved the area in 1953, with more than 160 acres of gardens, woodlands and chaparral for future generations to experience the natural beauty of Southern California. Descanso Gardens is visited by thousands of people every year.

Let's begin!

Here are descriptions of some of the many gardens at Descanso:

Rose Garden: This five-acre garden is amazing, with all the lovely scents and perfumes of America's most popular flower. There are more than 3,000 roses here representing centuries of horticultural history from around the world.

Japanese Garden: Enter this area and stroll though Zen gardens and walk under shaded paths along koi-filled streams. There is also a teahouse designed by Whitney Smith and built in 1966. Note: The teahouse is open limited hours during the summer.

Oak Forest: These trees are giants in the Descanso landscape; the trees are centuries old and are the reminder of a forest that once filled the region. There are 19 species of coast live oak native to California. The coast live oak is known as a keystone species, which means the tree supports the existence of hundreds of other species, which include birds, insects, fungi and mammals.

Nature's Table: The edible garden has fruit trees and seasonal vegetables along with herbs, edible flowers and other tasty greenery. The area is like a homemade garden, with lots of seasonal items, such as citrus, pomegranates, pumpkins, squash, corn and even apples. The design of Nature's Table came from students enrolled at Cal Poly Pomona's landscape architecture design studio.

Camellia Collection: In the 1930s and 1940s, publisher E. Manchester Boddy was building his estate, and he planted thousands of camellias in the shade of the oaks to provide blossoms for the cut-flower industry. Today, Descanso Gardens is home to North America's largest camellia collection. Camellias at Descanso bloom from early autumn to spring; best time is January and February.

California Native Garden: This eight-acre garden was designed and dedicated in 1959 by a core group of California native plant lovers who wanted to revive the interest in California flora education for all people, including school children in native plants.

Lilac Garden: Lilac Garden blossoms into life in spring from mid-March to the end of April. Since lilac flowers bloom in many shades of white, violet, blue. pink, magenta and purple, they have always been a part of beauty pageants for more than 50 years in Southern California. Note: Many lilacs in the Lilac

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Highlights: Rose Garden, Japanese Garden, Oak Forest, Nature's Table, Camellia Collection, California Natives Garden, Lilac Garden, and of course the Enchanted Railroad

Hours: Open daily except for Christmas. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last entry is 4:30 p.m.).

Admission: General \$9. Senior/students, \$6. Children (5 to 12 years) \$4. Guild members and children under 5 are free.

Lady ancestry.

Grove come from Lavender

Tram: The tram was damaged in a recent fire and is not currently operating.

Parking: Free

Turn right onto Verdugo Boulevard. Verdugo Hills Hospital will be on your right. Turn right at Descanso Drive. Entrance is on your right side.

Directions: From downtown, take the 2 north and exit at Verdugo Boulevard.

The Boddy House den and study room.

Kathy sits by the gorgeous flowers.

Enchanted Railroad: If you like small trains and have children, they will love to take a ride on the Enchanted Railroad. The 1/8 replica of a diesel train travels through sections of the gardens and is only \$3. The Enchanted Railroad operates from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays; and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each or \$25 for a book of 10 rides. Tickets can be purchased at the Visitor Center. Riders must be at least 30 inches tall and able to sit on their own.

Boddy House:

High above the Descanso Gardens landscape, the historic Boddy House offers a glimpse of a glamorous past era. When E. Manchester Boddy. founder of Descanso Gardens, decided to make Rancho del Descanso his home, he commissioned prominent Los Angeles architect

James E. Dolena to create the perfect house to raise his growing family. Boddy, publisher and owner of the former Los Angeles Daily News, purchased the land that is now Descanso Gardens in 1937. Dolena was known as the "architect to the stars." Dolena produced a 12,000-square-foot, two-story, 22-room mansion for the Boddy family and nestled it into a prominent hillside in the far southeast corner of the property, with a panoramic view of the San Gabriel Mountains. The Boddy House is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. To find out if the Boddy House is open prior to your visit, please phone the Visitor Center at (818) 949-4290.

Sturt Haaga Gallery: Opened in the fall of 2011, the gallery was created by restoring Boddy's original garage, located near the entrance to his house in the southeast corner of his property, and then doubling

nestled into the hillside behind the structure.

Gift Shop: The Gift Shop is open every day except Christmas. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Descanso Café: The Descanso Café, located near the Gardens entrance, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Café, operated by the Patina Group, provides sand-

wiches and luncheon specials with outdoor seating.

Descanso Gardens was more than I expected, with many beautiful flowers and gorgeous trees everywhere. Visiting Descanso Gardens is relaxing and fun, too. The price is right, only \$9 for adults, and add another \$3 for the Enchanted Railroad, a must for all visitors. That is a whopping \$12. What a great deal! The gardens and all the tranquility are priceless.

So, if you just want to take a casual stroll or go out and take lots of gorgeous photographs, this is the place to visit. I will come back and revisit the gardens; not all flowers bloom at the same time, so there will always be something blooming in the next few days. Take a look

at the Descanso

Gardens Website and mark your calendar for its next festival. Along with the festivals there are guided tours, Toddler Treks, and music on the grounds, too. So, bring or invite your family and friends to a wonderful place, that's only 20 minutes away from downtown Los Angeles. See you there.

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

> As always, be safe and Be Alive!





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Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos by

Running **For Tommy**



Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott's Memorial is located on the north perimeter of LAX.

Airport Police raises money for scholarships during Tommy E. Scott Memorial Ride.



Hubert Scott (Officer Tommy Scott's father) looks on as Airport Police Officer Tanansuk Chow and Assistant Chief Michael Hyams post the U.S. flag at Officer Scott's Memorial on the north perimeter of LAX.

irport Police hosted the third annual Arommy E. Scott 5K April 30, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Airport Police Station. The annual run was held in honor of Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott, who was killed in the line of duty April 29, 2005. Proceeds from the event go toward the Tommy E. Scott Scholarship Fund.

Officer Scott was the first Airport Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty in the 68-year history of the force. He joined Los Angeles Airport Police in 2001 and was 35 at the time of his death. Officer Scott was killed after stopping a suspicious man in a vehicle near the LAX fence line. The suspect, William Sadowski, was convicted of carjacking and first-degree murder Nov. 16, 2009, and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"I am proud to be a part of an organization with a group of people dedicated to preserving the memory of a great man." Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said. "We will never forget his service to the aviation community and will always remember his sacrifice."

Officer Scott's parents. Hubert and JoAnn Carter-Scott, attended. He is also survived by a brother, Hubert Scott Jr.



Airport Police Bike Officers escort the group running in remembrance of Officer



Runners approaching the location of Officer Tommy E. Scott's Memorial

Airports

Det. Cruz Honored

Det. Claudio Cruz honored by Westchester Rotary.

Airport Police Det. Claudio Cruz, assigned to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) LAX Narcotics Task Force (LAXNTF), was recognized for exceptional performance recently. He was honored May 7 at the "Guns and Hoses" Police and Fire Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Inglewood and Westchester Rotary Clubs at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Det. Cruz, a 23-year veteran, was honored for his service and dedication to the aviation community, which has set him apart in the performance of his duties during the past year. His hard work, professionalism and commitment have been credited with the overall success of the Airport Police Division's participation in the LAXNTF, one of the first units of its kind in the United

The LAXNTF is comprised of DEA agents and detectives from the Airport Police Division, the LAPD, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. LAXNTF is partially responsible for the apprehension and interception of domestic drug and money couriers at LAX. The LAXNTF interdicts numerous couriers attempting to transport large numbers of illegal drug proceeds through the airport, in an attempt to disrupt and dismantle the financial infrastructure that is paramount to drug trafficking organizations.

Det. Cruz is also collaterally assigned to the Los Angeles Inter-Agency Multi-Jurisdictional Police Apprehension Crime Team (LA IMPACT).

He holds a unique position in that he is also a deputized federal DEA Task Force Officer.

During federal fiscal year 2013, LAXNTF, in partnership with LA IMPACT, seized more than \$7.2 million in U.S. currency, 320 pounds of marijuana, 4.6 kilograms of cocaine, and seven kilograms of heroin. In addition, 19 arrests

were made. Det. Cruz has conducted lengthy investigations, served multiple search warrants, con-

ducted numerous interviews. and prepared cases for the City Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney's Office for prosecution and assetforfeiture proceedings. These cases led to the recovery and seizure of millions in U.S. currency and property, and resulted in the arrests and convictions of numerous suspects. In July 2013, Det. Cruz was

the lead case agent in charge of an investigation that resulted in an arrest and seizure of two pounds of marijuana, two kilograms of cocaine, 23,500 scheduled prescription drug pills, and \$375,644 in U.S. currency.

"Detective Cruz is a true testament of someone who is dedicated to making a difference in the community he serves," Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said. "His commitment to partnership and team work has made a tangible difference in protecting our communities from drug infiltration."

Congratulations to Det. Cruz from the Club! His photo is withheld for security reasons.



replacement project is winning awards, saving millions and brightening up the City's streets.

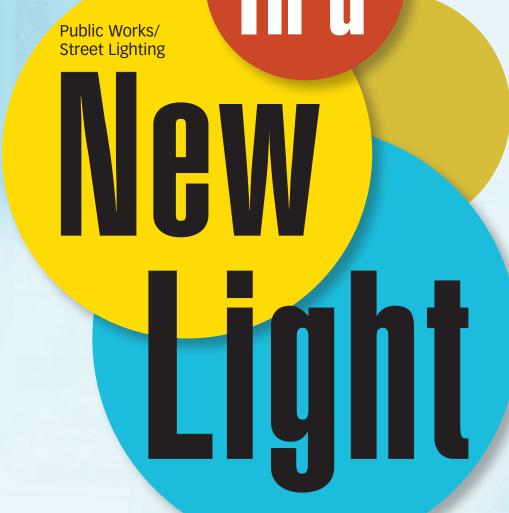
If the streets of Los Angeles are looking a lot brighter, you're not seeing things. Well, actually, you are - you're seeing the results of one of LA's most successful recent programs, replacing all of the high-pressure sodium orange lighting (previous technology) with super-bright and efficient LED bulbs.

If you look up at the City's more than 140,000 lighting fixtures (just don't stare too long), you'll see that most have been replaced with the sleek, white-light LEDs.

Just as important as brightness and color are the savings millions of dollars in energy, according to officials.

"The importance of the LED Conversion Program cannot be overstated," said Ed Ebrahimian, Director, Street Lighting, and Club Member. "It is a shining example of how green technology can be both environmentally responsible and cost-effective.

"With the LED program, we have transformed the night landscape of the City of Los Angeles, made our City safer and





pedestrian-friendly at night, and have exceeded our initial program goals on both energy efficiency and CO2 reductions.

"Angelenos have embraced the new white LED light, as we have received many positive comments from citizens, community groups, the LAPD and even the Dark Skies Association for the reduced sky glow at night, reduced light pollution and trespass.

"We have gained national and international acclaim by leading the way with our LED program, which has become a model program and example for a lot of cities as we continue to get recognition and inquiries from municipalities and utilities around the world."

History

In September 2009, Public Works/Street Lighting began implementing the LED program, which replaced 140,000 existing street lights with the far more efficient LED units. The program was initiated to allow Street Lighting to continue delivering street lighting services:

- To reduce the City's costs in both energy and maintenance, and
- To reduce the City's carbon footprint by reducing the use of electricity.

Initially the retrofit program was to span five years, but

at the instruction of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Public Works began an acceleration so as to complete the conversion of the 140,000 lights by June 2013. This cut one year from the schedule, making the original five-year program a four-year

Response from the community and law enforcement has been extremely positive.

This program and its results have made the City of Los Angeles a model for other cities around the globe that are interested in emulating the City's retrofit methods. Public Works receives many phone calls and e-mails from municipalities seeking guidance and information.

Public Works reports that the actual number of fixtures retrofitted is more than 155,000.

Phase Two

As a part of the budget process for the next fiscal year, Street Lighting has put together a package to address decorative fixtures and other special lighting in the City that will require intensive design and research because of the sheer volume and diversity of the lighting equipment in the City of Los Angeles. That work is beginning now.

For more information, see the rest of this feature story,

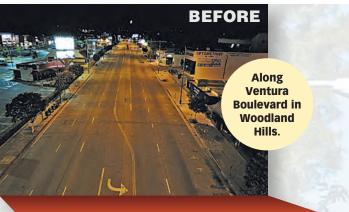
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Before and After

Here are some before-andafter views that demonstrate the difference in light color and brightness between the old technology (high-pressure sodium, casting the familiar orange glow) and the bluishwhite clarity of the new LED bulbs.











THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

Innovation Burns Bright

On May 7, Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, interviewed Jim Quigley, Street **Lighting Engineer** and manager of the LED replacement project, Public Works/Street Lighting, 21 years of City service, Club Member. The interview took place in Street Lighting's conference room in its downtown headquarters.



an excellent opportunity to double-check and correct any errors that are there. The Bureau of Street Lighting is constantly adding equipment through private development; even pole knockdowns have an impact, so it's a good opportunity for us to update all of our information.

What is this project all about?

JIM: The project is actually two phases. The first, which is basically complete now, was to replace 140,000 existing modern cobra-head-type luminaires with the appropriately sized LED fixture. The standard cobra head fixtures look a little bit like a cobra. At the time they were installed, they were a good, efficient, effective way of lighting the streets, as opposed to some other fixtures, which were much more decorative.

That was high-pressure sodium.

21 years of City service.

JIM: Right. That was the majority, but there was also quite a bit of mercury vapor out there and some other strange stuff from

It was good technology when it came out.

JIM: Exactly. It was very, very efficient compared to incandescent bulbs and stuff like that, but the technology is 60 years old or so and so it's high time it was replaced.

Technology is advancing at a very rapid rate and street lighting reflects that.

You're sticking with this through Phase Two?

Alive!: Hi Jim, what's your history with the City?

JIM QUIGLEY: Well, I've been working for the Bureau of Street

Lighting for 21 years, and one of the really great things about

working here is that you get the opportunity to transfer and

rotate around through all of the programs that the Bureau has.

So after a certain number of years I'd managed to go through

all of the programs - design, construction, bid and award, grant

funding, etc. And after that time I was familiar with every facet of

our operations. I took advantage of that opportunity and it's been

great. I have a Master's degree in electrical engineering. Before

coming to the City I spent about ten years working in construction

up, I was fortunate enough to be selected for this. Frankly the

opportunity to choose, test, evaluate and then install and review

the performance of this cutting-edge-type technology is a dream

job for an engineer. I consider myself very fortunate to have this

So when the LED retrofit project manager position opened

JIM: Absolutely.

doing electrical work.

About the Project

opportunity, and it's been great so far.

Describe your roles and responsibilities with the LED bulb replacement project.

JIM: Sure. The LED replacement program is under the purview of the New Technology and Energy Efficiency Division, the division that I manage. It incorporates this whole concept of the LED. There are two separate engineering functions that our division is responsible for – one is the testing and evaluation of new LED equipment, and the second is the replacement plans.

Almost like mapping?

JIM: It is like mapping, but it's a lot more complicated than that because we've also got to keep track of the energy that was used by the previous equipment, the new energy, the loads on the wire, all of that sort of stuff. It covers a huge area, approximately 460 square miles.

The replacement plan is an opportunity for us to go through and update our geographical information system so that it's accurate. It's always been a pretty good system but now it's

Phase Two

So that's Phase One. You've moving into Phase Two.

JIM: For all intents and purposes we did what we were instructed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to do, which was complete Phase One by June 2013, which we did. We've been doing some work that's over and above the initial 140,000 streetlights, and cleaning up some of the things that weren't done. We've exceeded our 140,000 by a reasonable margin.

The second phase is more complicated and includes some of the project's most important work.

You're focusing on the more decorative fixtures now.

JIM: Yes. It's going to be a lot more labor intensive because there are so many different styles of equipment out there. A lot of it is very beautiful, and some of it is quite old, so we have to be super careful to replace the bulbs so that not only are we improving the efficiency of these lighting fixtures but we're maintaining the historic value of them as well. It's going to be interesting; it's going to be a challenge. I'm really excited about it because there are some great ways of retrofitting existing equipment, but this is real new - just within the last few months. It's going to be a

In the evaluation lab here we saw the fixture that you're working on to go into Chinatown.

JIM: Yes, exactly.

Is there any way to quantify how many types of decorative fixtures are out there?

JIM: I think about 400 special types. There's a huge variation, some dating back to the 1920s.

Your job has gone from sort of a macro to a micro.

JIM: That's an accurate way to look at it. The Bureau of Street Lighting is responsible for somewhere around 215,000 streetlights, and eventually all of these are going to have to be dealt with one way or another. We've taken a good first swipe at it with 140,000 during Phase One, and the rest during Phase Two.

So you're maybe 60, 65 percent finished, something like that.

JIM: That would be fair to say. In terms of the amount of labor and effort, though, the remaining 35 to 40 percent is going to be much more intensive.

History and Efficiency

Can you give me the history of this?

JIM: Sure. Going back to as early as about 2006, our Director, Ed Ebrahimian, began investigating the LED technology for street lighting. At that time the industry was really in its infancy but he saw the potential, and he put together a proof of concept pilot program installing LEDs in various locations throughout the City, about 200 units in total. The evidence that this small pilot provided gave enough confidence for Ed and Assistant Director Norma Isahakian to invest in the technology. Even though it was still early and it wasn't exactly what you'd call great - it was nowhere near as good as it is now - it gave them enough confidence to actually put together a five-year program. Ultimately the five-year program was cut to a four-year program by Mayor Villaraigosa wanted to have the entire thing completed before he left office. That gave my team some real challenges because we increased our production by 50 percent. But we managed to meet that goal, so Mayor Villaraigosa went away happy. We were all happy.

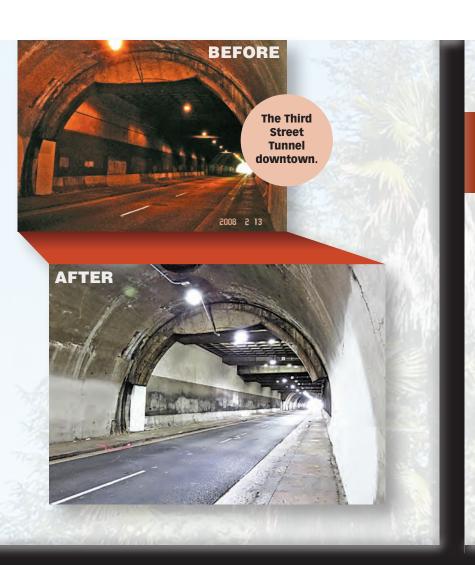
Has anything this big been attempted in such a compact amount of time here in Street Lighting?

JIM: At the time we completed Phase One in June 2013 our project was the biggest in the world by quite a reasonable margin, but at some stage someone is going to have a project that's bigger than us. The equipment continues to improve at a pretty dramatic incline, and in a lot of ways some of the people coming later are going to benefit from our effort, and I think that's good.

It's drawn a lot of positive attention to the City of Los Angeles and to our director because he had the foresight to take advantage of this technology.

How has the equipment gotten more efficient, and how have costs come down since you started this project?

JIM: The efficiency is incredible. We started out hoping for about a 40 percent savings in energy, and now we're getting well over 60, and it shows no sign of decreasing; we're getting more lumens per watt. It's spectacular how the efficiency of these units has improved, and costs have come down tremendously, in the neighborhood of 60 percent reduction since we've gotten started. If you're getting an improvement in efficiency of 30 or 40 percent and a reduction in costs of 50 or 60 percent, it's great.



ALIVE! FEATURE

Among LA's Best

Public Works/Street Lighting's LED retrofit program was among many City projects named as the best in the City during the 2011 edition of CAO's annual Quality and Productivity Awards. Here's how *Alive!* covered the project in our December 2011 issue (all figures were accurate at the time).

LED Street Light Energy Efficiency Program

Office of the Mayor

Public Works/ Street Lighting

DWP/Non-Residential Energy Efficiency **Programs**



The winning team at the Quality and Productivity Awards ceremony in October 2011

his project exemplifies the benefits of cooperation. The DWP provided the financial backing that included rebates and loans. Public Works/Street Lighting's New Technology Group spearheaded the use of LED for civic projects. And, the Mayor's Office coordinated this five-year plan centered on adopting new technologies and improving efficiency. The City has converted 45,000 streetlights to LED and will replace 140,000 existing streetlight fixtures in the City with LED units. Using LED units to replace current incandescent lamps will generate energy savings of 40 percent, which will translate into annual cost savings of \$1.6 million for the next seven years as DWP's loan is repaid.

You're working with manufacturers pretty much every day to develop this technology.

JIM: That's so true. Early on there were many companies just appearing, startup companies bringing equipment made in somebody's garage, and we could tell. A consideration was, who are these manufacturers and are they going to be around by the time their warranty expires? That's one thing we had to take into consideration while we were doing this.

Impacts

Is there any way to describe what your savings are?

JIM: Yes. The results of this retrofit are easily quantifiable, and our team has gone to great lengths to ensure that our data is both accurate and verifiable.

With each replacement we calculate how much energy was being used, how much energy is being used, and a bunch of other data. As of today, we've reduced our energy use by 89 gigawatt hours.



Over a year?

JIM: Yes, exactly, so that's a savings of 89 gigawatt hours, and that's a big number. That represents an annual savings of approximately \$8 million at the cost of energy now. Energy costs are going to continue to go up. It's critical for our Bureau to look for ways of reducing costs, and of course this program is an excellent example.

About other impacts: If you look at some of the before and after pictures, you can see an enormous improvement in the color rendition and the brightness. Recognizing faces and colors is much easier under this new whiter light, and even something like curb address – painted addresses on the curb, which are virtually invisible underneath the old high-pressure sodium color light - stand out quite clearly with the LED light. Even police helicopter pilots are saying how much easier it is to see a particular color of a car as they are doing a police chase. Those are some of the advantages not as easily quantified as the money or the metric tons of carbon dioxide that are being saved, but it's definitely a quality product improve-

We did get some data from the LAPD. We've had very positive feedback from them, by the way, and the nighttime crime has gone down. How much of that is an impact of our program I'm not sure, but I think we should take some credit for it because it's reduced substantially.

Everyone feels safer in a brighter neighborhood.

JIM: I think you're right.

Have you heard anything from Hollywood studios or studio lighting people saying that they like shooting better because the light's better?

JIM: Well, one of the really interesting things: We converted the Sixth Street Bridge back in 2009 or 2010, and almost immediately these car commercials started appearing because the light was different. It gives this super-clear rendition of their cars at night. But if they're trying to do a period piece it's going to be somewhat problematic because it looks different and bright.

Another interesting thing is that incandescents put out a lot of heat, but LEDs don't, right?

JIM: Yes, the older technology created a lot of heat, and a lot of dirt and grime got baked onto the lens side of those things. You have to assume that your light is going to depreciate a certain amount because of dirt. But we're finding with the LEDs that there isn't really any dirt depreciation, there isn't soot and smog and dust getting baked on at night. These LEDs are staying a lot cleaner, and that's really good.

Accolades

Talk about being a national leader and the kind of attention that you're getting.

JIM: The program has garnered a lot of attention both nationally and internationally. We get a couple of calls a week from various groups that are wanting to get information on best practices, how did we do it, what worked, what didn't work, what units did we use, and so forth. These latecomers are going to benefit greatly from the things that we've learned and the improvement of the equipment.

Ed Ebrahimian is internationally known for this program. He talks to people and gives them ideas about how to make

It puts L.A. in a great light, so to speak.

JIM: I think it does. The attention that it's drawn to our City has been positive. The Clinton Climate Initiative was one of the sponsors of our program way back in 2009, and the DWP contributed loans to this program.

Household Advice

What advice would you give to residential people about switching from incandescent bulbs? What do you recommend? What should people do?

JIM: That's an interesting question. I have to admit it was just a couple of weeks ago that I purchased my first LED bulb for home because they've been expensive, and quite frankly I was a little put off by the whole CFL twisty-tube bulbs ...

... the swirly ice cream-shaped bulbs ...

JIM: ... right. I wasn't happy with them, so I was a little bit hesitant. But now if you go to Home Depot or Costco, these new LED bulbs are appearing. I bought my first ones just recently, and I think they were ten bucks apiece. That seems like a lot for a bulb, but they work. One of the really important things to remember with this kind of purchase is to compare the actual lumen output of them. Do an actual lumen-output comparison, not just a marketing claim, so you know what you're getting. Find one that gives you the same amount. Look at the lumen output and the color of the light.

One thing we can certainly expect is that these things are going to continue to go down in price particularly at the residential level because it's pretty new. The price of these things is going to continue to go down, the lumen output is going to continue to increase, and I think it's really promising. I don't think it's too early now, but last year it was too early to buy them.

Great. Thanks for the advice, and thanks for the interview.



Among its many functions, Street Lighting's testing and evaluation team brings fixtures into its lab and tests what bulbs would be optimal in them. Here, as part of the LED retrofit project's Phase Two, the team is testing LED bulbs in a decorative fixture used in Chinatown. The team is, from left: Jeffrey Tangonan, Street Lighting Engineering Associate II, 3 years of City service; Michael Fabregas, Street Lighting Engineering Associate II, 7 years; and Clinton Tsurui, Street Lighting Engineering Associate III,



Street Lighting's implementation team uses a geographical information system to formulate replacement plans - complex maps and graphs that determine where the new bulbs will go, when they will be retrofitted, how much power the new installations will require, how much power they will save, how to get that power to the light standards, updating the bureau's databases, and so forth. The team is, from left: Richard Sarigumba, Street Light Engineering Associate III, 21 years of City service; Nick Tran, Street Light Engineering Associate II, 13 years; Shabnam Shahriari, Street Light Engineering Associate II, 6 years; Mark Libuit, Street Light Engineering Associate II, 7 years; and Steven Jew, Civil Engineering Associate II, 8 years.



Rec and Parks

Alive! checks in with Paul Jewett, the Rec and Parks Electrician who found a way to save big money and wear and tear on HVAC units... and became a celebrity during the mayor's state of the City address.

ast year, Paul Jewett, Air Conditioning Mechanic, Rec and Parks, 6 years of service, saw a situation that was costing ■taxpayers a lot more than it should have – the air conditioning unit in the community center at Peck Park in San Pedro was running virtually all the time, even when no one was there. It didn't measure the inside temperature properly, either, and some seniors could not use the community center anymore because they were shivering.

That's when it got personal for Paul - he took it upon himself (with proper approvals) to rework the system, which had been designed by outside contractors. Over a period of a few weeks, he set up an incredibly simple one-button system someone from the group could hit just one button, turning the system on for four hours; it would shut off automatically. The system measured the temperature of the air intake, ensuring the users didn't freeze or sweat to death. He set the button in a box so that the thermostat couldn't be vandalized.

It worked brilliantly; the seniors returned to their group; the machine ran only maybe 20 percent of the time, saving tons of money and strain; and he went on his way.

Paul continued doing his job until he got a call from the Mayor's Office earlier this year - Paul was going to be mentioned for his innovation and clear thinking at the annual State of the City address April 10. And in doing so, he was highlighted in local media, including the Los Angeles Times and Fox 11. Here's Paul's story.

Alive!: Thanks for talking to us today, Paul. When you joined the City workforce, it was very different from your career in aerospace.

Paul Jewett: Well, this is no different than anywhere else. One really nice thing is I get to take ownership of this. The whole Pacific region is my responsibility, so the buildings are mine, the equipment's mine, and the customers are mine. I love doing stationary work because of the ownership aspect.

You own the challenges of everything that comes to you.

PAUL: I just take one job at a time, make it as good as I possibly can and move on, and usually I don't have to worry

What did you think when you first saw the system here?

PAUL: It was a system that was very poorly designed by outside contractors and that wasn't functioning at all. Unfortunately, there were about 75 to 90 seniors here that were suffering because the building was 56 degrees. There's a moral obligation to take care of childcare facilities and seniors in particular that I take very seriously. I'm a civil servant; a big part of my job is taking care of people who are in my buildings.

It wasn't serving them, and it wasn't serving the City well either.

PAUL: The senior club here had lost about half of its membership because they knew it was always going to be hot and it was always going to be cold and they were going to be uncomfortable. When I first came in here it was really, really sad. I watched a lady in a walker about 90 years old, maybe in her late 80s, dressed like the Michelin man. She had five layers of coats on and a down jacket and a walker coming through the door, and I thought this is just wrong. I really felt strongly that this place needed some serious attention to take care of these people. That's what really got me started here

What was the first change that you tackled here?

PAUL: A complete re-control of the system. I could see what had been done. The control strategy needed to be rethought and redone, so I designed, engineered, installed and commissioned a complete control system for the job.

PAUL: It's a fully automatic control system, and that means that there's no intervention whatsoever. There's a start button with a four-hour timer and whoever comes in here - be it staff or the general public - hits the button, and it runs for four hours.

Just one button.

PAUL: Right, and there's no ability to stop it. It runs for four hours. It was my wife Tari Lynn's suggestion because she always feels that everything's too complicated. Most of the building events last four hours or fewer. We plugged that into the system, and it's worked just fine for them. Anybody who has access to the stage can go back there and push the

What were the results of reworking the system?

PAUL: The occupants are much happier; they're much more comfortable. The membership – this is the biggest one - has been coming back. The numbers have gone up since this has been done

That's great. Have there been any documented energy savings?

PAUL: Well, before, it was running about 14 hours a day, seven days a week, so that works out to about 96 hours a week. Now I'm guessing it's probably running no more than 10 to 20 hours a week, where it used to be running almost a hundred.

And yet it's bringing people back to the building.

PAUL: Even though the fan was on and circulating air, wasn't controlling the temperature. There had been a complete failure of the control system, and it was based on the outside air temperature rather than the return air temperature, which tells you what's going on inside the building. I immediately identified that. That's a very poor control strategy in an auditorium where you can have 300 to 500 people.

And you've lengthened the lifespan of the air filters.

PAUL: Absolutely There's a huge domino effect of every aspect of savings on this, and it's not just the energy. I'm looking at possibly having these air filters live for two years, maybe even longer, because my run hours have been cut back so much.

I've got other numbers. The life of the system equipment typically is 15 years. I'm hoping right now by cutting the operating hours to extend that somewhere between 25 and 30 years. I'm hoping to double the life of the equipment by cutting back on the run hours, which, since it's a \$150,000 system, that would be considerable.

NEXT STEPS?

Where do you go from here? You did it here at Peck Park. Clearly, there is a need at other places in the City.

PAUL: I have at least 15 places I would love to do this right now, but because of my responsibilities at the other facilities – I think I'm responsible for about 80 some-odd buildings and 250 pieces of equipment – I don't have a plan or timeline for putting the new system in. There's always another emergency that's keeping me from getting to install more buttons, and I could really use some help! If I were doing the buttons full time, there would be a huge immediate savings that we could see, but because of the manpower and the situation, that's not happening.

Update: Since this interview, Paul reports that he has been asked to give a presentation to the Architectural Division in Public Works/Engineering on how to implement the one-button system into new and existing buildings throughout the City. - Ed.

RECOGNODOON

Were you prepared for all the attention that this has gotten you?

PAUL: Well, I'll tell you the silliest thing that had ever happened to me, besides all of this recent attention. I was inside the building auditorium. It was a Monday when the seniors were meeting here. They were just getting their meeting started, and the director, Susan Schultz-Benites, who runs the program saw me standing at a thermostat making some adjustments and she said, "Before we get our meeting started, I would just like to say – I know you've all seen Paul, our air-conditioning guy, running around here for the last couple of weeks. If you like what's been going on, please give him a round of applause." Well, the senior club, all 75 or 90 of them, stood up and gave me a standing ovation. I didn't know what to do. I mean I had never gotten a round of applause for doing air-conditioning work. It was pretty comical; it really was.

Well deserved though. Let's talk about this whole tsunami of publicity with the mayor and the state of the City address and all of that. How did that happen?

PAUL: This is a very high-profile park. Our General Manager, Mike Shull, had heard about this, and he sees the deputy mayor on a biweekly basis. Mike told her about it and then I got a telephone call. I was so shocked at how down to

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earth the mayor is. I just couldn't believe I got a call from this guy. I felt like I was talking to an old friend. I told him, "There will be a time and a place when a guy walks up with a hard hat and a Sharpie and asks for your autograph." I thought that was it.

A day and a half before the state of the City address, my management told me that I had an invitation to be there. I took a hard hat and a Sharpie; that was my goal.

And then he mentioned you -

PAUL: - by name and asked me to stand up. I was shocked. That was truly an amazing moment in my life. Again I got a standing ovation from the seniors for air-conditioning work; and then here I am in a roomful of dignitaries; I'm the only person not wearing a suit, and I'm asked to stand up!

That was just beyond anything I had experienced.

And you got Mayor Garcetti's autograph?

PAUL: I did. This whole thing has just been astounding, but I do want to say - the article in the L.A. Times said, "Rec and Parks hero Paul Jewett..." and it's absolutely not like that. I work for heroes, the directors in these parks. There are gangs, there's nonstop graffiti. The painters that I work with have actually taken a break and come back from covering graffiti and found new graffiti on their wet paint. This is just a never-ending, nonstop battle.

A large part of adding the button and everything I did is to stop vandalism. I've got a \$2.20 button, where we used to have a \$30 timer or a \$140 thermostat that were being vandalized. If a button is destroyed, you're looking at \$2. Now I can hide thermostats, I can hide timers, I can use remote sensors, I can make this so that vandalism is a non-issue, and that's a big plus.

HERO, LEFT UNSPOKEN

Your star status never seems to die down here.

PAUL: This is all available technology. People have called the button an invention. That's totally wrong; it's just available technology. I'm using something that has been around and should have been used before. I'm really encouraged by all the publicity to use it to make something happen; that's what I want to do. And as far as the people who really deserve it – before I was in Rec and Parks, I took care of the electrical work for the police at LAX, and they're heroes. But the directors at Rec and Parks, they have nothing. They don't have flak jackets; they don't have guns. They've got nothing and they're out there trying to make a difference in the community. The people putting together these programs, they are heroes. They are committed to making a

We won't use that word for you, then, although it applies to you as well. PAUL: I'm innovative at best.

really are some special people.

difference in the community, and they

I can live with that! Okay, then. Thank you for

sharing your story. PAUL: Thank you very much.





From left: Jason Lee, Refuse Collection Truck Operator; Ron Lee, Superintendent, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Adriana Nunez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years, Club Member; GR Perez, Retired; and Lloyd Gaines, Assistant Manager, 26 years,

Children aboard the truck

The crew from Radio Disney leads the hula hoop activity



From left: Jeff Browne, Supervisor, 25 years of City service; and Bill Musselman, Truck Operator, 14 years.



Typist, 7 years of City service, Club Member, serving

Kristy Lee, Ron Lee's daughter, volunteers at the recycle games booth





From left: Martin Lara, Exempt Refuse Truck Operator, 3 years of City service; and Daniel Castillo,

Exempt Truck Operator, 2 years.



Lupe Ramos, Maintenance Laborer, 8 years of City service, Club Member, with her children signing quests in



7 years of City service, Club



Ana Rosario, Clerk Typist,

Lester Quintana, Truck Operator, 8 years of

City service, Club Member, at the grill





Public Works

Erin Knight, Secretary, 15 years of City ser-

vice, Club Member; and Victor Perez, Event

Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor

East Valley Open House

Sanitation's East Valley Yard celebrates annual open house.

On April 26, Public Works' East Valley Sanitation Yard threw an open house for the community to come and enjoy. Sanitation opened its doors for the community to come and experience the Department's functions and operations. There was food, drinks and even fun activities for the children and their families. This event was part of Sanitation's series of annual vard open houses.

The area-wide Sanitation open houses started in 2005 to reach out to the community. As Sanitation services have modernized and become more automated, there has been less

personal contact between residents and our employees. The open house is one way for Sanitation to bridge the gap.

The Open House is also a great way to educate residents about what we do and the direction Sanitation is headed in the future. Employees volunteer their time to make the open house events a success. There are tours of the facilities with different stations that offer information on the related Departments including the mulching facilities, container services, recycling division, etc.

Trucks are staged so that the public can

Attend a Sanitation Open House!

Public Works/Sanitation has more open houses scheduled. Join in on the fun!

The following are the dates and locations for the remaining 2014 open houses. The events are held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

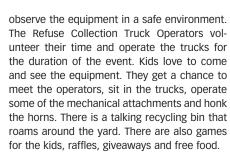
June 7: South L.A. District Yard (Expo Center), 3990 Menlo Ave., Los Angeles

June 21: Harbor District Yard,

1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro June 28: West L.A. District Yard.

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By Jennifer Shackelford, **SEEN** Club Application Coordinator **Around Town**

Neon Lights

"If Paris is the City of Lights, LA is the City of Neon" - Kevin Starr

ne might have thought that New York or even Clas Vegas had the most neon but truth be told, our City of Angels is the reigning queen of the Neon. All throughout the city, you can find well kept (and not so well kept) signage. The marquees on old movie palaces; a simple sign for a hairdresser. All these things tell a grand story of the cities past and few tell that story better than the folks over at the Museum of Neon Art. They have even put together a bus tour to show you the neon sights and share some of that story.



The Neon Cruise is a 3 hour ride full of elegant architecture, bright lights and drinks. It is fun, infor-

mative and a entertaining way to see the city in a brand new light. They even do a tour in December to incorporate the Christmas lights.

The Museum of Neon art is currently closed. It recently moved to a new location in Glendale and its setting up shop at the moment, but don't let that stop you from a new adventure. Head over to their website and book a seat on the Neon Cruise. It's a great night out!

The Museum of Neon Arts website is neonmona.org.

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Rec and Parks, Harbor

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Surf Bard

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea program returns to Pt. Fermin Park in June.



Ends Well, directed by Patrick Vest for Shakespeare by the Sea's 2013 season.

unded partially by Rec and Parks and Harbor, celebrates its 17th anniversary in 2014.

The magical comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream and the daunting drama Hamlet open at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in June. Admission is free.

This year's City portion of the season includes two performances on either side of the Fourth of July (Hamlet, July 3 and 5).

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Let Puck entertain you with extraordinary feats of mischief as he mercilessly toys with lovers of all kinds, humans and fairies alike.

Pt. Fermin Park: June 12-14, 27; Aug. 16

Hamlet

Disturbed by the ghost of his father, the despondent prince weighs family lovalty and self-preservation against his duty to the crown, with tragic results.

Pt. Fermin Park: June 19-21, 27; July 3, 5; Aug. 15

This year, the company will deliver approximately 40 performances in approximately 21 locations, beginning and ending with its hometown crowd at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro. The tour has become a much-anticipated event each summer, drawing an audience

A's Shakespeare by the Sea theatre troupe, of more than 20,000 to enjoy Shakespeare

Founded in 1998, and funded entirely by donations and grants, Shakespeare by the Sea brings contemporary and classic works to underserved, culturally diverse audiences to ignite imagination, promote literacy and encourage artistic expression. This season's San Pedro performances are made possible in part by the City's Cultural Affairs Dept., and funds to support the tour have been committed from the Orange County Community Foundation, Union Pacific Railroad, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Supervisor Don Knabe, and The Norris Foundation. Associate Sponsor PBS SoCaL is generously partnering with SBTS to promote the season in conjunction with their Shakespeare Uncovered National Community Outreach Initiative.

Bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic plays. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets.

Point Fermin Park is at 807 Paseo del Mar. San Pedro.

www.shakespearebythesea.org/

LAWPOA

Story and photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor



Women **Officers** Symposium

LA Women Officers Association hosts training symposium.

The Los Angeles Women Police Officers Association (LAWPOA) held its annual professional training and development symposium March 20.

The symposium was held at the Marriott in Burbank with assistance from sponsors including the LAPD and the LA Police Foundation.

Topics covered included "Sandy Hook – The Psychological Aftermath," building up resolve, intuition, and career advice. The symposium was sold out.

The LAWPOA, which has been in existence since 1925, believes in and supports the importance of encouraging and assisting with the professional training and ongoing development of all law enforcement leaders.



Det. III Adrienne Hamilton, 18 years of City service; Officer III Lillie Darvish, 16 years; Officer III Jenny Escalante, 12 years; and Officer II Mercedes Hallock, 18 years.



From left: Cadets Raydean Perez. 1 year of City service. and Gabby Ocampo, 4 years.



MEMBERSI

Ally Jacobs, Retired, 13 years of City

From left: Officer III Lisa Gropp, 12 years

of City service: Officer III Marcela Garcia,

18 years, Club Member; and Officer II

From left: Officer II Crystal King, 5 years

of City service; Joanie Hall, Clerk Typist,

9 years; and Officer II Jocelyn Baguinat,

Esmeralda Ramirez, 6 years.

Brandi Navarro, Corona Police, Distinguished Service



Rhonda Williams, PSR III, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Jorge Rios, PSR III, 15 years, Club Member; and Manuel Garcia, PSR III, 16 years, Club Member



Officer II Nancy Lomeli 7 years of City service, Club Member



Lt. Jonathan Tom, 18 years of City service, Club Member



Officer II Monique Cross, 6 years of City service; and Officer III Jamie



Sgt. II Greg Hoyte, 27 years of City



From left: Officer III Toni Wolfe, 24 years of City service, Club Member; Officer III Dina Diaz, 10 years, Club Member; and Sgt. II Karen Leong,



Andrea Netterville, PSR II, 16 years of City service, Club Member, and Sophia Carr, Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer II Marlon Nagana, 9 years of City service; and Officer II Nicholas Zehner.



Officer II Yesenia Avalos, 7 years of



Officer II Nancy Rodriguez, 5 years of City service; and Officer II Adam



Sr. Clerk Typist.



Officer II Lakeisha Gibson, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer II Maria Fimbres, 9 years, Club Member.

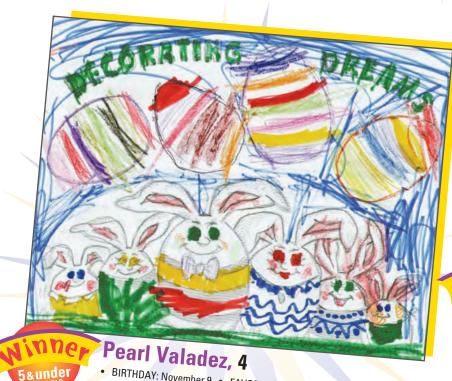


Sgt. Maria Abarca, 13 years of City service; Thania Noguera, Security Officer, 15 years; Roxana Castro, Security Officer, 12 years; and Hector Graciano, Security Lead Officer, 17 years, Club Member.

Coloring with Mariana! Look for our next The *Alive!* Children's contest in the July edition of Alive!

Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

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





- FAVORITE SNACK: Strawberries BEST FRIEND: Aiden WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO RAGING WATERS: I have never been there before. • PARENT: Sara Vega, Housing
- BIRTHDAY: November 9 FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Daniel Tiger"
 FAVORITE SNACK: Nutella toast BEST FRIEND: Daniella
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO RAGING WATERS: I like to play with water! • PARENT: Jesus Valadez, DWP

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Lyrea Pagnella	2	Rodney Dishman	Retiree
Emma Christopher	3	James Christopher	DWP
Danny Pagnella	3	Rodney Dishman	Retiree
Saylor Rowley	3	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Sophie Aubin	4	Michael Aubin	Airports
Natalee Hernandez	4	Marco Hernandez	Transportation
Ethan Alvarado	6	Carlos Alvarado-Chavez	DWP
Maya Campos	6	Juan Campos	DWP
Jack Christopher	6	James Christopher	DWP
Jasteen Flores	6	Miguel Tejeda	Airports
Omar Reza	6	Guillermo Reza	Rec and Parks
Kimberly Rincon	6	Jose Rincon	Rec and Parks
Rebecca Wamsley	6	Steve Wamsley	Rec and Parks
Sophie Chou	7	Maria Hontiveros	DWP
Angelica Diaz	7	Jose Diaz	Transportation
Madison Kuzichev	7	Alfred Kuzichev	LAFD
Amy Lindsey	7	Brian Lindsey	Public Works
Jenna Moutes	7	Tom Moutes	LACERS
Gianna Moutes	7	Tom Moutes	LACERS
Shane Rowley	7	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Kaitlin De La Cruz	8	Lupe De La Cruz	LAPD
Sydney Hernandez	8	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Lily Pagnella	8	Rodney Dishman	Retiree
Angel Reza	8	Guillermo Reza	Rec and Parks
Raymond Trinh	8	Thai Viet Trinh	Public Works
Josie Chou	9	Maria Hontiveros	DWP
Sophia Fonte	9	Lena Mokdad	LAPD
Cheyenne Garcia	9	Gilbert Garcia	DWP
Arianna Roberts	9	Satoru Tanaka	Retiree
Jeannine Rodriguez	9	Jose Rodriguez	Public Works
Angel Galicia-Cooper	10	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Nadia Gallarzo	10	Georgina Tamayo	Housing
Nichelle Perkins	10	Evelyn Fitzpatrick	Retiree
Kennady Rowley	10	Jaren Rowley	DWP
Jonathan Sandoval	10	Noe Sandoval	DWP
Kyla Thomas	10	Nyra Smith	Harbor
Jacob Campos	11	Juan Campos	DWP
Aresha Echols	11	Charles Echols	Retiree
Brandon Roberts	11	Satoru Tanaka	Retiree
Lily Cruz	12	Mardoqueo Cruz	Public Works
Shawn Jackson Jr.	12	Phyllis Massey	Retiree
Alexa Rosales	12	Alex Rosales	DWP
Isaac Truong	12	Richard Truong	ITA
Nicola Marcial	10	Lucila Manaial	Dan and Daulia

Nicole Marcial

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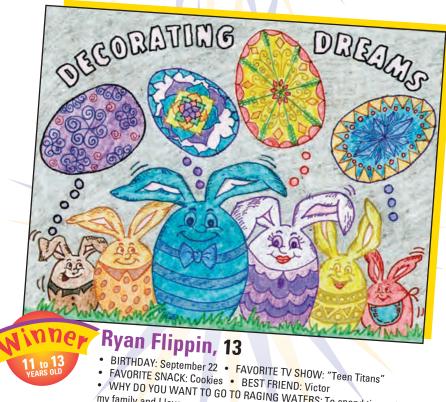
Lucila Marcial

Rec and Parks



Isabella Gonzalez, 9

- BIRTHDAY: August 14
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sam & Cat"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Chips
 BEST FRIEND: Jacklyn
- WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO RAGING WATERS: I have never been and I have always wanted to go. • PARENT: Frank Gonzalez, Retiree



- WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO RAGING WATERS: To spend time with my family and I love water. • PARENT: Oribel Rositas, DWP

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

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.





In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, and Director of Sales Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.



Airport Police Officers (from left) Michael Dear, Jonray Selby and Sofia Gallegos taking part in Police Memorial Week activities in Washington, D.C.

Airport Police participate in national, state Police Week events.

uring Police Memorial Week May 9-12, three Airport Police officers – Michael Dear, Sofia Gallegos and Jonray Selby – rode 305 miles in the Police Unity Tour (PUT). The ride started from New Jersey and ended in Washington, D.C. This annual Law Enforcement Memorial ride is to show support for all law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty and to honor the memory of Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott, killed in the line of duty in 2005.

Part of

Police

Week

Airport Police officers also took part in Police Memorial Week activities in Sacramento. May 4-6, Honor Guard Officers Cindy Colon, Alicia Hernandez, Elizabeth Sanchez, B.G. Davis, Mark Corral, with Sgt. Joe Espitia represented Airport Police at the California Peace Officer Memorial in Sacramento. This event was in recognition of officers from Los Angeles and throughout California who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities.



Honor Guard Officers in Sacramento were (not listed in order) Cindy Colon, Alicia Hernandez, Elizabeth Sanchez, B.G. Davis and Mark Corral.

Airports

Story and photos courtesy Airport Police

Officer Ngan Lee undergoes final inspection by Airport

Airports

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

New LAX Officers

Airport Police graduates two new officers.



Officer Devin Feldman delivers the class speech.



Officers Ngan Lee (left) and Devin Feldman (center) being sworn in by Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon.

Agraduation ceremony held May 16 at the Police Academy at Elysian Park marked the start of a career with the Airport Police Division for Officer Devin Feldman and Officer Ngan Lee

Among the 29 graduates of Class 12-13, Officer Feldman was selected as class president by his classmates and delivered the class speech. He also received the Human Relations Award for his excellent performance during domestic violence scenarios.

Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon performed the swearing-in of the new officers,

saying, "I commend both officers on their accomplishments and welcome them to the ranks of the Airport Police Division."

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Capt. Fernando Castro, Lt. Robert Rios, Sgts. Joe Espitia and Daniel Romo, Officer Cipriano Montes and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

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

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Story courtesy L.A. Zoo; Photo by Ian Recchio



Snakes Alive!

Zoo reminds residents to watch out for rattlesnakes.

he Los Angeles Zoo and California Poison Control System remind all California residents to be aware of rattlesnakes that are waking up earlier from hibernation because of the warm weather; even newly born rattlesnakes possess dangerous venom. Experts say 2014 has the potential of greater snake infestation as result of heavy rains a few years ago. Mother snakes are giving birth to a bumper crop of babies, and California residents should be aware and cautious.

If you want to see the real thing, but in a safe environment, the Zoo's LAIR (Living Amphibians, Invertebrates, and Reptiles) encompasses several visually stunning areas that include habitats for various unique and endangered species. The LAIR is one of the few reptile and amphibian-focused facilities to open within the last decade in a North American zoo. There are more than 60 species of amphibians, invertebrates and reptiles represented, and each habitat is themed to exemplify the natural environments of the many diverse species.

For more information on snake poisoning, go to: www.calpoison.org

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.



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History Comes Alive!

Some History Comes Alive! columns can be heard on 89.3-KPCC's Off-Ramp, online at www.kpcc.org/offramp/ \sim Tales From the City Archives \sim

by Michael E. Holland City Archivist

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

The recent discovery of a length of a pipe made from bricks in Chinatown has been a source of curiosity. That got me thinking about how a typical Angeleno in, let's say 1872, would have thought about their water and how it was delivered.

Many of the early City charters had an entire section devoted to the management of the water supply. The 1872 charter has chapter seven titled, "Water Canals -Water Regulations." What do you think of when you hear the word "canal"? An open ditch of flowing water, or a shipping lane similar to the Panama Canal? How about the Spanish word zanja used by the

earliest residents as well as the Spanish, Mexican and American periods during most of the 19th century? Zanja means "ditch." The section of pipe uncovered near Capitol Milling belonged to the zanja madre, or "mother ditch" in other words, the main canal of water for the City.

So, who was in charge of the zanja? That was the Zanjero, sometimes known as the Water Overseer in the charter. The job was appointed by the mayor and council to someone who would "assist and direct the repairs and work upon the main canal and branches ... keep a book of all persons having purchased water ... setting forth the days, nights or hours ... to get permits for one day also a certain number for nights and hours..." If you think it sounds bureaucratic, read on.

The typical water user needed to apply for a permit in advance. The 24th and 25th of each month were days to file a petition to buy water for the following month. The 26th and 27th were days set aside to return to the office, buy

your permit and take it with you. The permit allowed you to have access to water during certain times of specific days. Stop and think about that. Moreover, charter section 76 lavs out the exact times: "A day's water shall be from sunrise to sunset and a half-day's water shall be from sunrise to 12 noon and from 12 noon to sunset." So an Angeleno had to plan for their irrigation needs and that of their families at home. If you missed the days to pay for and pick up your permit, you were out of luck for that month.

Now, if you're thinking that these were



The zania madre in the basement of the Hammel Building downtown, during renovation of the buildings used to house the Siquieros mural two years ago. This renovated space in the Hammel Building has become the new Olvera Street Welcome Center.

restrictive measures, let me acquaint you with the earlier regulations from 1855. The overseer would need to know what was being irrigated, how many acres and the valuation of what was being produced on those acres. The landholder would have to demonstrate that the field was improved sufficiently to make the best use

of the water. Irrigation for crops started no later than May 15 and ended after September. You couldn't water your pasture in October. Imagine our use of water today. Could you go from October through half of May without watering your lawn?

Oh, I forgot to mention that you could irrigate once a week and no more. The rate of water use in 1872, by comparison, was "two and half hours per acre for each twenty-four hours - once in each month."

It was also necessary to be able to check the conditions of the canal and the branches at any time. The 1855 overseer was designated an ex-officio policeman, which gave him access to any property under his jurisdiction to do inspections, repairs and enforce the



A section of the zanja madre, west of Union Station,

taking of the water. By 1872, what was important was being able to pay for the water you wanted, assuming it was being used for irrigation, livestock and standard household uses. A privately owned decorative fountain was considered socially unacceptable

Property owners had to accommodate the priority of the canal system. As far back as 1848, prominent landowners who wanted a credit towards their use of the zanja provided some of their laborers - some of the local Native Americans called "peons" in City documents – to help the overseer dig and maintain the ditches. A credit was worth 12.5 cents toward the overseer's salary. Jean Luis Vignes – one of the largest property owners with vineyards and other agriculture - contributed four laborers in exchange for four credits.

The property owners also made room for the zanja on their lands. The canals crossed through many properties, and the Council practiced a type of eminent domain. They would approve a new or expanded canal in exchange for increased access to the water in that canal by the landholder. If someone's road was affected by a new canal, a bridge would be built over it to make the landholder whole. Several days a month were set aside for maintenance of the canals to keep them clean and in good repair. Fences were built by the property owner to keep animals and livestock away from the canal. If the property owner failed to follow all of the rules, he would lose access to the water. Stealing water by diverting it from the zanja was a quick way to land in jail for up to ten days with a \$30 fine.

The same questions apply to the 1872 water user as to the 2014 customer: How much was the water, and how was the infrastructure being funded? The water rate for 1872 was \$1.50 for one day. A half-day cost \$1 and an hour cost 25 cents. Using water from sunset to sunrise the next day was a bargain at \$1. Don't forget that this was pre-paid water.

As early as 1855, a water fund was established that would provide for the salary of the overseer (\$100 a month) plus paid labor as needed. Infrastructure including bridges, flumes and other expenses would be transferred to the cash (general) fund to pay vendors. Speaking of salaries, the Water Overseer - still called the Zanjero in the 1872 charter - collected \$1,200 a year, whereas the mayor and City Marshall were paid \$1,000 a year each. Cristobal Aguilar - the city's mayor in 1872 – became the Zanjero for several years, making more money after his term



Managing LA's early water supply was a big job.

ended that year.

During years of sufficient water supply, the Overseer was allowed to sell excess water. The charter of 1872 allowed the overseer to sell excess water to people outside of the City limits. This was also what happened to the unsold water if you missed the petition deadline each month. The water was used during nighttime hours only and cost an extra 50 percent. It was against the law for a citizen to trade or sell his water permit to someone outside the City. The penalty: \$25 fine and no water access.

By the late 1860s, homes and businesses were starting to have iron pipes transport their water from the zanja. By



The Los Angeles City Archives received several brick pieces of the zanja madre pipe May 14, and they are safely stored away for future display and research. The archives wishes to thank Sharon Lowe of Council District One and Nate Arnold of Forest City Builders for their help in securing the artifacts for the City.

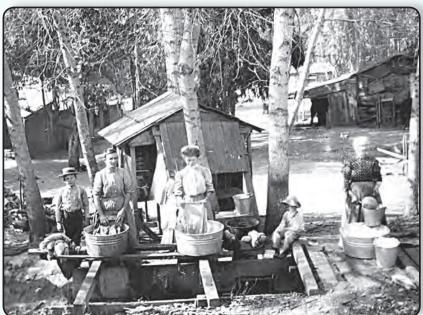
the end of the 1870s, the main canal was slowly being encased in brick and cement, whereas most of the branch waterways were still open trenches. The improve-

> ments were part of the conditions of leases that allowed private ownership of the water supply after 1850.

> The Canal and Reservoir Company started in 1868 and managed the system of reservoirs feeding the zanja and other infrastructure. Their management of the water system was decidedly mixed. For one thing, water quality was always a concern before the development of treatment facilities. One of the major chores of the deputy Zanjero was clearing weeds, dead animals and other debris out of the ditch. Water rates were a never-ending source of complaints to the mayor and Council. One example was when the company wanted to charge a higher water rate for homes with bathtubs at one point in 1879. They were also slow to install fire hydrants in

a City where many of the buildings were still made of wood.

Through a series of lease agreements and favorable bond measures, the Company held onto the water rights until the City bought them back in 1902 through yet another bond measure, one that promised to benefit all the citizens of Los Angeles. Shortly after they were formed, the Los Angeles Board of Water Commissioners agreed to retain the services of the superintendent from the previous ownership group. He had started out as a deputy Zanjero in 1877 and had worked his way up to the top of his field by the turn of the 20th century. But William Mulholland was only getting started.

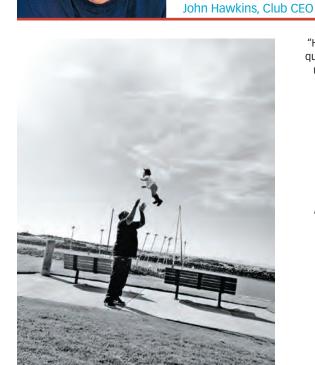


View of three women and two children washing clothes at the zanja madre. Circa 1900.



John's -**Picture Perfect** Contest

Kelsey.



"My son, David, and his daughter, Zoey, share a precious moment while Granny gasps behind the camera.'

– Lisa M. Williams, Airports

John's comment: Ha ha ha, this is great. I used to do this all the time with my kids, but now they are just a little too big. Thanks, Lisa!



"A good-day-with-bad-hair day."

Marilou Romney, LAPD

John's comment: Well, it took me a while to see the plant with the hair, but once I did I couldn't stop laughing!

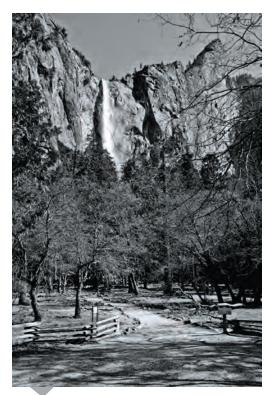


"The beauty of springtime."

- Victor Ladd. Retired. LAPD

John's comment: Beautiful work, Victor, it's hard enough to get this close, let alone to get a live, moving creature at just the right moment. Well done!





"This photo of the Bridal Veil Falls in Yosemite was taken with my handy-dandy Fuji x100s. It was the family's first time in the breathtaking Yosemite and definitely won't be the last. I have taken a lot of photos, but I would rather be looking at the real

- Rhys Pilapil, DWP

John's comment: If I didn't know better, I'd say Ansel Adams took this shot! Nice work, Rhys!



"Funny face time! My daughter, Sophie, and a newfound friend.

- Mike Aubin, DWP

John's comment: Ha ha ha! There's nothing like a good ole funny face! Thanks, Mike!



"I took this picture last Easter Sunday. It was a beautiful, blessed sunny Sunday at the California Poppy Reserve, with the yellow poppies in full bloom. I like how the afternoon sunshine made the petals of this particular bunch glow like yellow light bulbs.

- Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD

John's comment: Wow! You did a fantastic job capturing the colors; and yes, they glow just like light bulbs. Thanks,



"This was taken during a day at the beach with my family. We were having some fun and getting creative and silly with the sand!"

- John Sousa, **Airports**

John's comment:

This shot reminds me of beach time when I was a kid - I love the choice to make it black and white! Thanks, John!



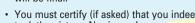
"Here's a priceless moment of my niece, Audrey, bonding with her cousin, Cali! They look like little angels with their wings!"

- Cheryl Garcia, LAPD

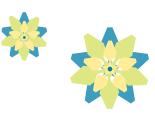
John's comment: That is definitely priceless, Cheryl. It looks like one of those really cool vintage greeting cards.

RULES:

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







Shalon Barbee

Share your moments!

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

Welcome New Members!

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



New Members

Airports Bertha Cruz

Alberto Davalos Jr. Michael Stevens

Animal Services Eugene Rodriguez

Building and Safety

Donald Gallagher **City Attorney**

LaShon Simmons

CDD

Tanisha Wilson

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Cultural Affairs Jose Cabrera

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Retired

William Buchanan James Jones Julie Wang

Michael Suarez

DWP

Brandee Bereal Mike Cahill Daphne Evangelista Alicia Madrid Andrew Perez Louie Puentes Elliot White

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Peace of Mind

The Importance of Cancer Coverage

The American Cancer Society reports that in 2014, there will be an estimated 1,665,540 new cancer cases diagnosed and 585,720 cancer deaths in the United States. Cancer remains the second-mostcommon cause of death in the United States, accounting for nearly one of every

Some folks have asked me why they need cancer insurance if their health plan covers treatment? My response: You will still need to pay for items not covered by health insurance, including out-of-pocket medical costs/co-insurance, home healthcare, travel to treatment facilities, and

childcare. Also, who's earning the paycheck when you're off work and recovering?

The Club's group-rated Cash Cancer plan will pay you a lump sum, nontaxable benefit of up to \$50,000 to protect you from all the associated costs of dealing with cancer not covered by your health plan upon first diagnosis of internal cancer or malignant melanoma.

Now, let's say that you've enrolled in the Club's cancer plan and it covers your family for the next 20 years, and everyone is healthy and free of cancer 20 years from now. Here's the kicker: You get all your premium dollars back. All the company to insure you for the past 20 years will be returned. And the icing on the cake, say goodbye to payments and keep the coverage for a lifetime! (These are options offered on 20-year, ROP plan.) You are automatically approved if

you've never been diagnosed with cancer. It doesn't matter whether cancer is prevalent in your family history, nor does it matter if you are a tobacco user or work in a high-risk environment that exposes you to carcinogenic chemicals. You will qualify for the plan as long as you are a Club Member in good standing and actively working for the City. (Must enroll by age 64.) This plan is portable so you can take it with you when you retire or

You have the option to apply for benefits in increments ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 per person in your family. Rates are locked in to your

age at the time of enrollment. So, what are you waiting for? C'mon, get started today!



Anita Ward

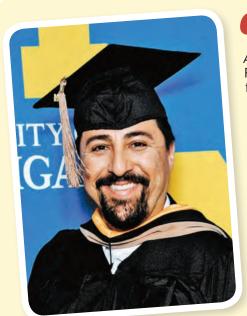
Dawn Williams



Robert Larios (left) with John Hawkins,

Club CEO, in Ann Arbor, Michigar

Graduations



Congrats, Robert!

Alive! is delighted to report that the Club's Vice President of Operations, Robert Larios, graduated from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business with a Master of Business Administration on May 1st. Michigan's program is ranked by the Financial Times number 2 in general management, number 4 in corporate strategy, and number seven by Fortune and U.S. News and World Report, and number 10 overall by Bloomberg Businessweek in its ranking for best MBA program in the United States. The select few executive MBA candidates have an average of 10 to 15 years of experience with more than five years of supervi-

sory experience. Congratulations, Robert Larios (center) celebrating with David Jamgotchian, JJLA Assoc. (designers of Robert! Alive!) and John Burnes, editor of Alive!





Rufus Gray V graduated from Gahr High School in Cerritos. He's the grandson of Brenda R. Edwards, DWP.



Kasey Stokes graduated from Cal State Northridge with a degree in photography. He works for Rec and Parks, and both his parents, Betty and Thomas Stokes, worked for the City. Kasey dedicates his degrees to his sister, Sydney K. Stokes, who passed away in 2005. All his hard work and sacrifice was in honor and memory of his sister. Kasey hopes to become a director of photography and professional freelance photographer.



Mary Patricia Jade Navarro Cruz graduated with a degree in behavioral science from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. She's the niece of Cherry Navarro-Nicodemus, Public Works/ Engineering.



Christian Lipps is graduating from Champs Charter High School of the Arts, Multimedia and Performing in Van Nuys, where he has specialized in broadcast production. He's been involved in basketball and boxing. "I am proud that you have made good choices. Continue what you have started," says proud mom Kreshell Ramey, DWP.



Tiffinee M. Derby is graduating from William "Pete" Knight High School in Palmdale. She plans to attend Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. on a full-ride academic and athletic scholarship. She plans to major in business administration and join the track team. Her parents are Michael Derby, Public Works/ Sanitation, and Gwen Derby, DWP.



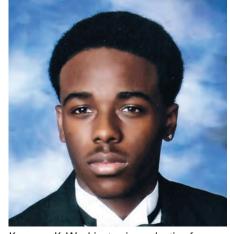
Shayla Denise Calleros is graduating from Alta Loma High School in Rancho Cucamonga and plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, in the fall. Her dad is Edward Calleros, Public Works/Sanitation. "Congratulations, Shayla," he says.



Tim Spears Jr. is graduating from Highland High School in Palmdale and has a scholarship for Berklee College of Music in Boston. His father is Timothy Spears, Public Works/ Sanitation.



Danielle Davis is graduating with honors from the Port of Los Angeles High School. She plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona this fall, majoring in graphic design. Danielle is the daughter of James (Harbor) and Lydia Davis.



Kameron K. Washington is graduating from City Honors College Preparatory High School in Inglewood. In the fall he plans to attend Tuskegee University on a full academic merit scholarship studying kinesiology. He's the son of Kevin L. Washington, DWP.



Falysha Stefanovich is graduating from Abeka Academy. She's the daughter of Robert Stefanovich, Airport Police, and Denice Stefanovich. "Falysha, we are so proud of you, and watching you grow up all these years has been a great blessing from God."



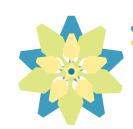
Justine Bennett is graduating from Diamond Ranch High School in Pomona. She intends to attend Cal State Northridge in the fall, majoring in kinesiology. In high school she was active in her local community, a student writer and a BSU and performing arts academy member. Outside of school, she volunteered at her church. Justine's mother is Pamela Bennett, City Attorney's Office, and her father is Otis Bennett.



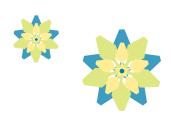
Anthony Ulysses Longoria is graduating eighth grade from St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School in Pasadena. He has been granted the Trustee Scholarship from Don Bosco Technical High School in Rosemead for his outstanding academic achievements. His future plans are to become an engineer. His father is Manuel Longoria, DWP.



Ashley Orantes is graduating from George Washington Carver Middle School in Los Angeles. She wants to become a singer and someday pursue her career in law. She's the daughter of Sonia Galan, Transportation. "Your family loves you and we support you in anything you decide to do in every step of your way," her mom writes.



Life's **Important Moments**





Weddings

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

Deron McBride and La Tonya Walker, Oct. 3. Deron is the son of Belinda Hill, LAFD, Club Member.

> "May it be a marriage that will be blessed." Belinda Hill





Alive! in the **Military**

Births

Special Achievements

Have a photo of a recent event? Send photo and the appropriate information 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

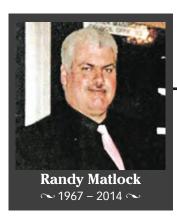
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Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

DeGuzman, Antonio, Controller's Office, 24 Diaz, Arthur, General Services, 38 DiGenova, Marilyn, DWP, 22 Dosevski, Christopher, General Services, 30 Ferrara, Ronald, DWP, 37 Garcia, Manuel, LAFD, 22 Havins, Edward, Building and Safety, 37 Heinricks, Fred, Harbor, 22 Hoffman, John, Public Works, 30 Jones, Doyle, DWP, 26 Lorentzen, Paul, DWP, 24 Madison, Willis, LAPD, 13 Marshall, William, DWP, 33 McChristy, James, General Services, 10 McCoy, Charles, Public Works, 22 Medina, Alfredo, DWP, 26 Mercado, Rudy, Airports, 36 Montemayor, Julio, General Services, -

Moran, Myles, DWP, 16 Quan, Charles, DWP, 38 Reeves, Donald, DWP, 35 Riley, Bob, Rec and Parks, 30 Rozzelle, Charles, City Planning, 36 Salas, Rudolph, Rec and Parks, 33 Sechrest, Arthur, General Services, 7 Shaw, Richard, DWP, 33 Shimizu, Ko, General Services, 20 Smith, Donald Jr., DWP, 29 Terry, John, DWP, 11 Villanueva, Melchor, Public Works, 12 Wentworth, Janet, Mayor's Office, 13 Wesley, Roberta, General Services, 13 Wilson, Richard, DWP, 15 Woodard, Novia, Public Works, 33 Young, Libbie, LAPD, 19



Remembering **Randy Matlock**

Public Works/Sanitation

Randy Matlock passed away Jan. 30. He was 47.

Randy was born at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles and grew up in the Highland Park area of Los Angeles. He attended Benjamin Franklin High School. He started working for the City January 1989 as a Maintenance Laborer, Public Works/ Street Services, Lot Cleaning Division. He was promoted a few years later to Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation. He was employed by the City for 25 years.

Randy was a member of the Knights of Columbus, having attained third degree status. He coached countless youth sports teams, including baseball and softball. He also volunteered many hours to his children's parochial school and church. He was a strong LA sports fan: Dodgers, Lakers, UCLA, and still a Raiders fan. He was somewhat of a history buff as well.

He was a loving husband and father to his wife, Barbara, and their three children: Brandon, Brittany and Amanda, He adored his 15-month old grandson, Aidan.

Randy will be remembered for his strong voice, his crazy sense of humor, and for his amazing cooking and barbequing talents. He will also be remembered for being a familycentered man.



Remembering **Connie Zambrano** Library

My mother, Connie M. Zambrano, worked for the City 1973 to 1991. She started her career at the North Hollywood Regional Library. She loved working for the libraries and made some great friends and co-workers. My greatest memories, as a child, were of her taking my sister, brother and me to all the functions held throughout the City. From Central Library to North Hollywood, she took great pride in her work and time with the City. She last worked at the Van Nuys Valley Book Mobile.

She was loved by all but mostly by me. Thank you, Mother, for helping me obtain my first City job as a Messenger Clerk for North Hollywood Library in 1981. Working alongside of her taught me good ethics, responsibilities and integrity. I'm sure she would be proud to know that I continued my career with the City and have enjoyed working all Departments of the city, including Library, Airports

> - Isabel Gonzalez, PSR, LAPD Valley Communications

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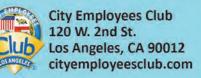
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Reviews by Fellow Club Members VITERITAINMENT

At the Movies

In the cinema

Fading Gigolo Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

John Turturro writes, directs and stars in this indie film about a middle-aged man (Turturro) who is talked into becoming a gigolo by his friend, Murray (Woody Allen), as a way of making some much-needed cash after a surprise request from Murray's dermatologist (Sharon Stone).

Although this is supposed to be Turturro's movie, it has the feel and film-music background of an Allen film, which is nice and amusing. Also starring Sofia Vergara and Vanessa Paradis, Turturro's melancholy hero and Allen's conniving manager make a funny duo that keeps the plot in focus.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Draft Day

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Draft Day takes place on the day of the NFL draft for new players. This movie stars Kevin Costner, who plays the general manager for the Cleveland Browns. He has to decide which player would be best for his team. He has to decide on not only talent on the field but character, both on and off the field. This movie is not all about football, but it does show what goes on during the day of the draft. This movie can definitely can be enjoyed by the non-sports

fan. Jennifer Garner and Denis Leary also add

Enjoy this movie with the family.

- Gwen Lew, Retired, DWP

Chef

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Jon Favreau plays a Los Angeles chef who quits his restaurant job and starts up a food truck as he tries to rediscover his creative edge, at the same time reuniting with his estranged family.

Written and directed by Favreau, Chef is a very entertaining comedy/road trip/adventure tale that is not particularly emotionally trying, but sometimes that is just fine. Chef has fun with the culinary skills (a real local chef, Roy Choi, was the technical adviser), great music. colorful characters and a perfect hipster vibe. The soundtrack is not to be missed. Enjoy.

Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Million-Dollar Arm

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Can you take a young fellow from India, preferably a cricket player, and fashion him into a baseball player... within a year? When sports agent JB Bernstein (Jon Hamm) had the lightbulb moment of taking a chance on just such a gambit, he was desperate to make a deal and save his dying agency. What it became was the contest "Million-Dollar Arm" - searching India to find any young man who could throw hard, with the two winners coming to LA to train and try out for a pro-ball team.

That true story is now a Disney movie: a

swift fastball and a gentle curveball that puts it squarely in the emotional strike zone. Even for a non-baseball crowd, it's a home run in family

- Dearbhla McNulty, Club wife

Cesar Chavez Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

While I will praise actor Michael Pena's portrayal of Cesar Chavez in this biopic of the same name, I will also point out that I thought the film concentrated too much on what made Chavez so popular with Hispanic/Latinos and avoided any kind of controversy concerning his controversial actions, like his opposition to the Bracero Program or the endorsing of the Ferdinand Marcos presidency in the Philippines. Still, it does what it was supposed to do and enlightens modern moviegoers to the struggles the man faced during his time and why his message still rings true today.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Transcendence Rated PG-13

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I don't mind suspending logic in place of great storytelling; I mean, come one, I am a huge video game, comic book and sci-fi/ fantasy nerd – but *Transcendence* forgets that a decent storyline is still needed to keep the viewer invested on what is going on in the film. As it was, I thought that the film's plot didn't do enough to keep my interest or even explain why certain things were the way they were. You're taking the viewer on a sci-fi trip not everyone will understand - throw us a bone or

two to help keep up with where you're going. - Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Other Woman

Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

You would think that with the amazing cast that The Other Woman was able to assemble that they could make the film something special and really treat the audience to some original and fresh nonstop laughs. Nope! They seemingly settled for rehashed and cheap laughs all to seemingly make a quick buck off the fans of Leslie Mann and Cameron Diaz, as well as capitalizing on the sex appeal of Kate Upton. Slow-paced, unoriginal and void of any kind of genuine emotion, this film is a huge waste of time and did little to really showcase the talents of the three female stars.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Rio 2

Rated G

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

While Rio was an amazing movie with stunning CG visuals and a memorable story, Rio 2 tries to outdo it in every way and in doing so makes more of a mess than a flock on Brazilian birds after a food binge. Okay, maybe it's not quite that bad, but it definitely doesn't quite live up to par with what the first film had set up. More to the point, the younger audience this film is aimed at will definitely love the newer, flashier colors and awe it presents, but older viewers will have wanted just a bit more story to go along with it.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

This Is Rage

Ken Goldstein; Crime thriller, 530 pages My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Kimo Balthezar, shock jock radio show host of the "This Is Rage" show, is fired for making brash comments. So he starts his own Internet radio program with the same name.

When Silicon Valley's EnvisionInk CEOs Calvin Choy and Stephen J. Finkelman are kidnapped, everything goes wrong. When word leaks out that Envisionlink and Atom Heart

Entertaining are merging, employees leave the company, thinking that the merger will cause disastrous problems between the companies.

This thriller of high-tech insiders exposes the inner workings of the high tech computer corporate world with a little murder and mayhem thrown in.

This high-tech-savvy crime thriller is a brilliantly written book by first-time novelist Ken Goldstein.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

On a Screen Near You

Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

Grudge Match

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Grudge Match stars Sylvester Stallone and Robert De Niro as old boxing rivals who come out of retirement after 30 years. The feud between these two local Pittsburgh fighters puts them in the national spotlight. Watching these two train for the big match is hilarious.

This movie was funnier that I thought it would be. It's a great family movie to watch.

- Gwen Lew, Retired, DWP

Video Gaming

 Video games via online, rental or purchase

Resident Evil 4 Ultimate HD Edition

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

Resident Evil 4 is considered a benchmark game, not just for the horror/survival genre, but all video games in general. It redefined what it was to be an action game and how to tell a great story as well. While HD remakes for the game have been in release since 2005, this new Resident Evil 4 Ultimate HD Edition for the PC, via Steam, definitely lives up to the hype of the original. It doesn't introduce anything remarkably new, and maybe that's a good thing, but rather it lets what was first fun with the game shine through

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Plants vs. Zombies: Garden Warfare

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+ Windows, Xbox 360, Xbox One

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

My only, and I do mean only complaint with Plants vs. Zombies: Garden Warfare is that it lacks a split-screen two player mode so two people in the same household can play with each other. Other than that, I love that this third-person shooter, based on the hugely popular Plants vs. Zombie tower defense game is as addicting and as fun to play as the original. I saw it for myself early on at E3 last year, but now having played the game for myself, I am happy that my initial reactions to it last year were justified.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD



Megan Recommends Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich,

The Last Confession

Robert Crane, Conspiracy Thriller, Ahmanson Theatre Through July 6

The Last Confession is a riveting conspiracy thriller by Robert Crane that surrounds the election and mysterious death of Pope John Paul I in Vatican City, 1978. The story is told by the character of Cardinal Benelli, who engineered the Pope's ascent. In his last confession, he recounts his role in the Pope's death and what led him to lose his faith. Benelli orchestrated the vote for Albino Luciani (Pope John Paul I), disturbed by the corruption within the Vatican and amongst the cardinals as he saw it.

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Pope John Paul I was known as the "Smiling Pope," who had his

heart set on liberal reforms for the church, including the removal of three prominent cardinals. He died just 33 days after being elected, the shortest papacy in church history. No autopsy was performed, and the Vatican press release which declared that he had had a heart attack was later deemed to be false. His death is still speculated upon, but no conclusive results have ever been determined.

The Last Confession runs June 7 – July 6 at The Ahmanson. It is recommended for ages 13-plus. It stars David Suchet and Brian Bedford. Tickets are available at www.centertheatregroup.org

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

100 Words or Fewer

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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: My Score: X (out of 5).
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If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of Alive!, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Cookin with the

with Chef Robert Larios

HALIBUT KABOBS

As the summer approaches, grilling on the outdoor barbecue becomes more common. Sometimes I can drive through a neighborhood and see almost every family congregating around the barbecue.

I have been experimenting with more fish recipes, and I introduce to you this recipe on halibut kabobs. I like it because it is very simple to prepare and quick to cook. I use halibut, but you can use any other fish that can hold its firmness. Just remember not to overcook because it may tear off of the skewers. Feel free to incorporate other vegetable including zucchini or potato. You can also add other seafood including shrimp or other cuts of fish.

Happy Father's Day, and enjoy!

iBuen provecho!



Halibut Kabobs

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cherry tomatoes
- 6 ounces halibut, cut into 6 pieces
- Half of a medium red onion, cut into squares
- Half of a red pepper, cut into squares
- Sea salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 cup white rice



You may use any other ingredients to fill the skewers including zucchini, shrimp or salmon.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Halibut:

Abundant in the northern Pacific and Atlantic waters, this large member of the flatfish family can weigh up to half a ton. The norm, however, ranges between 50 and 100 pounds. Considered the finest is the chicken halibut, which can weigh anywhere from 2 to 10 pounds. Halibut meat is low fat, white and firm with mild flavors. Fresh halibut is available year-round but most abundant from March to September. Both fresh and frozen halibut are usually marketed in fillets and steaks. It's suitable for almost any manner of preparation. Halibut cheeks can sometimes be found in specialty fish markets.

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Food Quote

"Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

- Mark Twain





onion, halibut, red onion, red pepper, etc. Do this in this order until you reach the end of the skewer. Once at the end, add another cherry tomato. If using bamboo or wooden skewers, soak for a few hours in a water bath prior to using them. Drizzle extra virgin olive oil on all skewers after adding all the ingredients.

Serves 1-2

Place the skewers on the grill over medium heat. Add sea salt and pepper to both sides of the skewers. Cook for two to three minutes on each side or until there is some browning on the fish.



Remove skewers and plate them on a bed of cooked white rice. Add lemon juice and garnish of your choice.



Serve and enjoy!

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



Sign Up for Softball!

New season expects to start July 9. What are you waiting for?

Welcome to the 2014 season of Club softball! Games are scheduled to start on July 9 at

Yosemite Recreation Center 1840 Yosemite Dr., LA, CA. 90041

Shatto Recreation Center 3191 4th St., LA, 90020

Downey Recreation Center 1772 N. Spring St., LA, 90031

Stay tuned for the official game schedules.

FREE AGENTS: Want to play but don't have a team?

Are you a softball player who's not part of a team but would like to play on one? Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 ext. 134, or via email sportsdude@ cityemployeesclub.com

Who can join?

Managers of teams with at least nine players are welcome to register. At this time, the Club is not registering individual players.

Please note: Time and space are extremely limited for the 2014 season of the Club Softball League. Once filled, we will keep your name for next summer's league.

All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join to play in the Club Softball League. Some exceptions might be made for specific relatives of Club Members. Contact the Sports Dude for more information. Club membership fees are \$2.25 a pay period for City and DWP employees and \$2.50 a month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility

requirements are offered for relatives of Club members over 18 years of age. Players who are not eligible to play may cause forfeit of games and/or season.

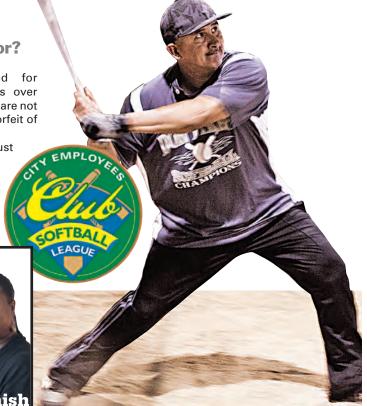
All new players must be City, State or County employees. Exceptions must be approved by the league office.

This is a co-ed league: for both men and women.

Returning for 2014:

The Softball Commish, Lady Smith! Read Lady's comments each month in Alive! during the softball season.

Lady Smith, The Commish



Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for

basketball, bowling and softball

Please contact sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent or for more information.

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

Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club Store on Mondays (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

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New Ads This Month!

Exchange Wanted: Will care for an elderly person in exchange for private room! Experienced assistant will help elderly person by providing light housekeeping, shopping, driving & companionship. Excellent references, prefers Pasadena area. Karen Hysell @ (626) 252-1288.

Motorcycle Touring Jacket: Men's, Reima Cycloak, Kevlar & Goretex materials, removable liner, barely used, looks new. Paid \$400, sell \$225. Curtis Shapiro @ (310) 508-6465.

2005 Southwind RV: 32ft. Like new w/ 2 slide outs, 2 panasonic tvs, 2 cds, full surround sound system, dvd, satellite, cable, new tires, only 15,000 miles. \$49,000. Rosemary Finch @ (951) 218-4414.

For Rent: 2BD/2BA, XL living room, dining room, 2 enclosed patios, laundry room in unit, XL kitchen w/built-ins, stove, dish washer, central air & ceiling fans in bedrooms. Enclosed car port w/electric gate. Walking distance to metro link, grocery stores & bus stops. This is only unit on lower level, 4-unit building. \$1,800/ mo. + security depo \$1,800. Gail Brown @ (323) 313-3231.

Crypt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum. \$8,000. Sanctuary of Grace, 243, Tier-3. Dennis @ (661)433-1912.

Factory Mag Rims: (4) 2006 F150 w/near new Cooper/Hercules P265/165/17 tires. \$500 firm. Vinyl rear seat sold separately. \$400. Scott @

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Garden of Benevolence. Lot 1329, graves 3 & 4. No transfer fees, \$5,000 for both, Raymond Carter @ (702) 255-7851.

Wine Glasses: Lead crystal, wine goblet style. Large \$15; small \$10. Have 4-large & 4-small Jan @ (310) 347-1203

Wine Glasses: 10-large crystal, \$5 each. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Cardboard Boxes: 20-assorted used, Home Depot brand. Have 18 x 18 x 16 (medium) boxes & 18 x 18 x 24 (large), \$5 each, Jan @ (310) 347-

Noritaki China Set: Etienne pattern, 45 pieces, \$500 OBO, Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Sargo China Set: Chrisma pattern, 4 place settings + side pieces. 45 pieces. \$250 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.

Sewing Machine: Antique Kenmore in cabinet, needs refurbishing. \$75 OBO. Jan @ (310)

Shannon Crystal: Godinger, large cut glass punch bowl, matching 8 cups & silver ladel. \$35 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203.



Books: "Dream Killers" by Jullian Stine, Horror/Erotica themed fiction, \$20 each book. Contact istine90503@gmail. com or (310) 409-5653.

Transport



Moped: 150cc engine, 3 wheel, runs on 92 unleaded gas, practically new. Blue color. \$1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595.



1976 Datsun **280Z:** Runs good. Needs TLC. \$2,000. Pics available. 3/14



2005 **Pace Carrier Trailer:** Good for hauling, camping gear, motorcycles, furniture. 5 ft.

wide x 8 ft. long. \$1,600. Alex Serna @ (818) 235-6566.

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



1967 Ford Mustang: Coupe, project car, needs restoration, 289 V8 engine, auto trans, runs good, 2 brl dual exhaust

\$6,700 OBO. John @ (310) 977-4642 or e-mail: 2/14



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 \$21,000,0B0 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 @



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



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 Romhardier 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 win-

dows, leather seats, very low mileage, 37,000 miles. \$14,999. James @ (626)919-5209.

Cemetery Plots

2 Cemetery Plots: Beautiful side by side flat plots in Rose Hills, Lupine Lawn. \$3000 each/OBO. Adria @ (626)826-2025 or ayofhh@gmail.com. 5/14

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 hetween 1-7 nm

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

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

Furniture

Coffee Table: Custom-made, glass top. 2 x 4 ft, 34" thick glass, 22" tall. Light brown w/wood, inlaid w/metal, Glass sides, \$100 OBO, Robert @ (626)



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:



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



after 5pm @ (323) 778-8297.

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

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

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

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

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Lovely 1BD/1BA, Inglewood (4-units). Kitchen, granite countertops, living room, dining room, 1-cargarage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows & fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transpo. Info @ (323) 292-9989. 5/14

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)

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-

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 yr lease. Small, quiet complex w/ pool & jacuzzi. Located near the City Park + where City van pool meets. Near hospital, USPO, markets, schools & narks 2BD/15BA 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-



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-

Household Items



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

Power Juicer: Jack Lalane, rarely used, \$100. Tanya@ (310) 713-0244. Weight Bench System: Classic Universal, 10

Clarence Young @ (213) 725-3647.

able sit-up bench, good condition. \$350. Jeffery Whitmore @ (323) 578-5707. Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aquos Quattron 52" LED TV. \$1,200 at Best Buy, sacrifice

for \$600. Hurry, won't last long at this price!

apparatuses in 1 system. Includes separate adjust-

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

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. Info @ (818) 764-2091.

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.



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.



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

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

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

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

Travel/Timeshare

others. John @ (951) 203-4438.

Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trin: Come join us on our annual bus trip & tailgate party! Joe @ (909) 519-8683 for more info or email Raiderio@roadrunner.com

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 igonzlz@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 & Jounge w/nool 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



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

John Long @ (909) 837-8347. Timeshare: Kona Hawaiian Village, Big Island. 2BD/1 week anytime during the year, resort on the beach. Serious buyers. Info @ (310) 415-7388. 2/13

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

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

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



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A Doggone Miracle

Six puppies found on a Harbor worksite were adopted by Harbor employees.

ast month's "Me and My Pet" photo feature in *Alive!* prompted Harbor employees to share a **L**recent story.

The story began back in November 2012 at a Harbor worksite in San Pedro. A contractor noticed a dog running around the worksite and storage area. A few contractors and a few Harbor employees made several attempts to catch the dog, but she was very skittish. Finally, they were able to catch her, and one of the contractors said the dog looked as though she may have just had puppies. They put a leash on her and took her back to the area where she was normally spotted. She led her rescuers directly to a construction trailer, where underneath lay six tiny, malnourished puppies, all bundled together waiting for their mama.

One of our dedicated Harbor employees, Jill Shimamoto, Construction Division, took all the pups including their mama to her own dog's veterinarian, where the dogs were all examined and with the exception of being a little malnourished (especially the runt puppy), they all seemed to be in good health. It was confirmed that the mama dog was looking for food for her pups and, according to the veterinarian, she kept her pups alive for two and half weeks. It was a miracle that they survived as long as they did and truly a miracle that they were found.

The mama dog and all six puppies were adopted by Harbor employees. They are:

- Bri (the mama dog) was adopted by David Bickel, Construction Division
- Cabri was adopted by Amber Klesges, Board of Harbor Commissioners Office
- Russell was adopted by Mary Ramos, Port Police
- USO-Norman was adopted by Joy Rendon, City Attorney's Office
- Daisy was adopted by Shirin Sadrpour, Environmental Management Division
- Midnight and Pudge were adopted by one of the contractors who helped in the rescue of these loving puppies.

Mama Bri and her pups now have loving homes and are lovingly spoiled, but more importantly, they are all healthy and happy, and the rest is history.



The first-year anniversary party for the pups, from left: Russell, held by Mary Ramos' son, Quintin; USO-Norman, held by Joy Rendon's husband, Frank; Daisy, held by Shirin Sadrpour; Cabri, held by Amber Klesges' husband, Doni; and (kneeling) Mama Bri, held by David Bickel.





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If Your Claim Is Small

A ccidents happen. It's always a bummer, but sometimes it's not that major of a problem. How do you know whether or not you should bother submitting an insurance claim?

First, let's talk about auto insurance claims. These claims are a little tricky, so it's important that you follow prudent advice.

The insurance company has the right to adjust your claim to the best of their ability. If you get involved in the claim and make things worse, the insurance company has a right to deny all coverage instead of helping you out. This is frequently the problem with people who try to handle their own claims.

Say you are in a parking lot and back into someone who is also backing out of their spot. The only damage is a broken tail light on the other car, so you say, "Oops, my fault," and offer to replace the taillight. A few days later they call you, and you write a check for \$125, thinking the matter is resolved. Then you get a notice in the mail six weeks later from an attorney saying that the person suffered "trauma to the neck and upper torso upon impact with your vehicle," and they are suing you for \$15,000. If you turn the claim over to the insurance company at that point, they might claim that you broke the terms of you policy by not reporting the claim "in a timely manner" after the incident, and deny coverage.

A simple rule to follow is: If there is anyone on, in or near the car, or the police are called for any reason, then *turn* in the claim!

But, if there is not even the slightest possibility of someone submitting a "bodily injury" claim, then you may want to consider paying the claim yourself.

Comprehensive coverage covers losses arising from, among other things, fire, theft, vandalism and impact from flying objects. These claims generally do not affect your premiums. A major consideration in deciding whether to report these losses is your deductible. If the cost of these losses is below your deductible, then you would have to pay the entire cost of the loss anyway. Frequent comprehensive claims may also result in your insurance company raising your deductible or deleting this coverage upon your policy's renewal.

Collision coverage cover losses as a result of a collision with anything attached to the earth's surface. These claims most likely affect your premiums, depending on the degree of fault attributed to you. Again, if you are involved in an accident with another vehicle, then turn in the claim, no matter how small or minor it might appear. But if you simply scratch your own car on your own garage door on the way to work, you might want to consider repairing it yourself.

The other area for us to consider is homeowner's claims.

Keep in mind that you bought insurance to help you pay for damage to your property. Not everything is covered, but since you bought the coverage you should not hesitate to use it when you need it. Insurance companies are heavily regu-

lated by the state they operate in, and just like any business, they prefer happy customers over angry ones. Keep this in mind when deciding whether or not to submit an insurance claim.

Not surprisingly, insurance companies are allergic to claims. With increasing frequency, they are adding surcharges on premiums at renewal (or some may even drop your policy altogether) for a single claim in the past year.

Homeowners insurance companies have been struggling financially over the past few years, so they've been trying to get back on track by boosting premiums and dropping customers that cost them a lot of money. As a result, many homeowners insurance companies won't renew your coverage if you submit just two small claims within a few years.

Because of this situation, it's best to avoid filing a small claim.

A good rule of thumb is: Don't submit any homeowner's claim worth \$1,000 or less, or if your deductible is higher than \$500, then use 1.5 times your deductible as the rule. This may seem crazy since you buy homeowners to pay out if you have a loss. But if you end up getting dropped, the extra charge for your new policy could end up costing you much more than the payout you received from the claim.

Another thing to consider is the "second claim." Most carriers will not cancel you for having one claim, but many will consider doing so if you have two claims in a three-year period. Let's say someone steals some bikes from your garage, and the total loss is \$800. You have a \$500 deductible but decide to submit a claim for the remaining \$300. Then you have a major claim... say, \$20,000. You can't even consider paying this one yourself, so you have to submit it to the insurance company. Now, you've had two claims, and one is quite large, so you probably will be shopping for new insurance soon (at a much higher cost.) If you had known, you wouldn't have bothered with the \$300 claim, and the \$20,000 claim would be your only claim.

To get some benefit from taking on so much of the risk yourself, raise your deductible to at least \$1,000. Some folks with decent emergency funds are even increasing their deductibles to \$2,500. Raising your deductible from \$250 to \$2,500 could cut your premium by up to 30 percent! This also helps to eliminate the temptation to submit a small claim that could get you dropped. Also drop add-on coverage that encourages you to make small claims, such as riders for jewelry worth \$1,000 or less.

If you have one claim in 10 years that costs the insurance company \$10,000, you will probably remain in good standing with them as long as you pay your premiums. However, if you submit a \$1,000 claim every year for three or four years you may find a cancellation notice in your mail before long.

So it often makes sense *not* to submit claims that exceed your deductible by just a few hundred dollars. Paying for the loss yourself might cost you less than the premium increase you'll probably face later.

Be safe and have fun!

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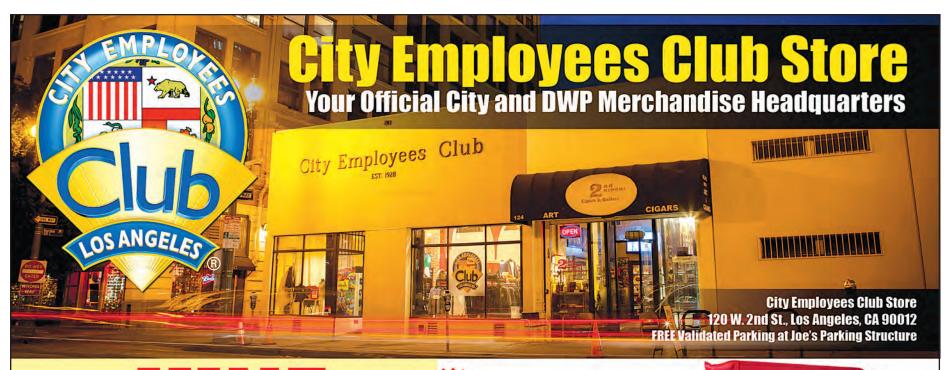
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