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Smarter Soil

DWP's capital landscaping crew is beautifying City properties with water-saving designs.

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ABOVE: Landscaping the DWP's Vose Street Yard in North Hollywood are, from left: Joseph Sanchez, Sr. Gardener, 7 years of City service; Chevo Serna, Gardener/Caretaker, 9 years; Charlie Kagan, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years; and German Perez, Gardener/ Caretaker, 23 years.



ABOVE: The Landscaping crew finishes up a water-saving installation at Distribution Station DS-91 in Tarzana. BELOW: A foliage design for DS-91.

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Alive! Behind the Scenes



Here's the Club's Summy Lam (foreground) photographing DWP Landscaping Capital Group members (from left) Joseph Sanchez, Sr. Gardener; Chevo Serna, Gardener/Caretaker; Charlie Kagan, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor; and German Perez, Gardener/Caretaker.

***Alive!* Cover Picture**



A Message From the CEO

Beauty Deeper Than the Dirt

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

It's summer here at *Alive!* – well, everywhere north of the equator – and that means lots of Club Members working on their lawns. I know I am. So that's why we thought a story on the DWP Landscaping crew would fit right in. And it does, but it goes deeper than we were expecting. A story on the beauty of the earth turned out to have a serious ecological theme. More on that in a minute.

Here's how it came about – the **Gedina Bergstrom**, Club Counselor, attended the dedication ceremony for the refurbished Centennial Garden project in Los Feliz last November. The DWP, noting the 100th anniversary of William Mulholland bringing water from the Owens Valley to LA, freshened up the gardens surrounding the Mulholland Fountain. Gedina was covering it for *Alive!*, and there she met **Carlos Gomez**, head of the DWP Landscaping crew that installed the revised garden. She thought the crew and its work would make a good story, and she was right. So it was scheduled for the summer, when things in the City would be in full bloom.



With the Club's John Burnes (left) and Robert Larios (right) are (from left) DWP Landscaping's Carlos Gomez, David Vara and Charles Kagan.

But the story, which we intended to be strong graphically, turned into something more interesting. There's a lot more to what the Landscaping crew, also led by **Charles Kagan**, is up to. As we're in a tough drought, their work has turned quite serious; with all the smart water savings they're bringing about, beauty runs deeper than the dirt.

That's what I love about celebrating the lives of City employees – has anyone done a story on how landscaping in the City has become very serious business? Not that I'm aware of. Here's a crew, working pretty quietly, and yet saving up to 70 percent of the water that the lawns used to use. That's awesome.

While we're on the subject, did you know the DWP will pay you to remove your thirsty lawn and replace it with more drought-tolerant designs? The DWP's incentive program is a good idea if it's right for you; that's up to you to decide. But if you're interested, you'll have to apply first online before you do anything else. Check it out if you want to; the Website is www.ladwp.com/CF

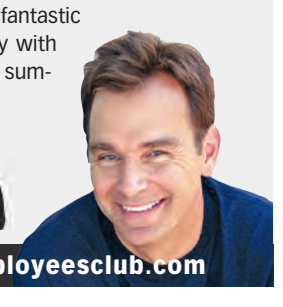
On another subject, *Alive!* is well known for the Christmas/New Year parties we chronicle in our January and February issues. It looks like we've found a summer party complement – the Baker to Vegas celebration parties. It's only right that the City's public safety employees celebrate their great achievement after completing the grueling and notorious desert footrace. Thanks to **Noelle Kauffman**, Club Counselor, for bringing us this month's fun stories and photos, and for our **Arlene Herrero**, Club Director of Product Development, who started this *Alive!* tradition a decade ago.

Congratulations to **Paul Blount**, Public Works' Mulch Master, and great Club Member over the years (I was out of town), on his retirement. Whenever we would meet while we were producing a newspaper feature, I would always enjoy the stories he told. Paul, thanks for your service to our country and our City, and have a great retirement.

Congratulations also to Club Counselor **Jackie Causillas**, who tied the knot with LAPD Municipal Senior Lead Police Officer **Isaac Burciaga**. We're happy for you both, and wish you a great life together.

Before I go, I recommend you attend the 150th anniversary celebration of the Banning Residence Museum in Wilmington; the details are in this month's story. **Michael Sanborn** and **Melanie Streitfeld** put on a great event. It will be a lot of fun, and the museum is a real City treasure. Go and have fun!

Speaking of fun – have a fantastic and meaningful Fourth of July with your family, and enjoy your summer.



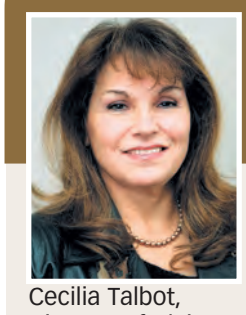
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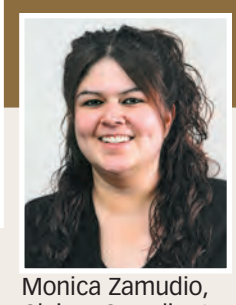
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— Ed.

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– Yvonnie Dockery, April 2014

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– Yvette Sanders, April 2013

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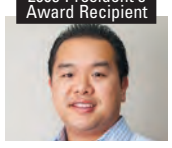
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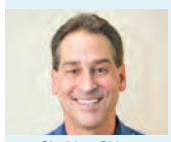


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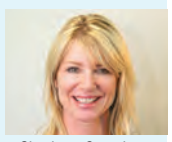
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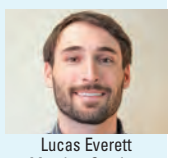
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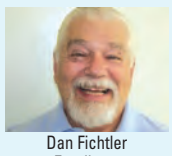
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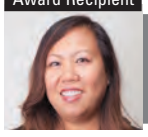


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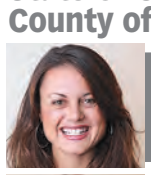


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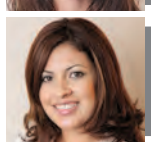


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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Father's Day Feature Thanks Dads for All They Do for Us



Hi there, *Alive!* I just wanted to thank you for your Father's Day special *[June 2014]*. What a great way to celebrate all the great things that our fathers do for us. Thank you so much for running that feature every year. You guys are the best!

– Robbie Armijo, General Services

Michael Wilkinson Gives Important Info for Retirees

I have never written into a paper before. I am doing so because I wanted to say how much I like the monthly column by Michael Wilkinson *[Best Years, RLACEI]*. I have been retired now for over 15 years, and getting important information about our benefits is so important to me. Thank you, City Employees Club, for such a great service.

– Monica Randolph Spears, Retired

'Smart Move' Insurance Column Helps in Making Good Decisions

Greetings. Please let your columnist, Patrick Miller, know that I really appreciate his column, "The Smart Move." I seriously wish I started reading his column 10 years ago, as I would have made better decisions about my insurance and finances. Thank you.

– Mitch Thomas, Retired

Baker to Vegas Footrace Is Now a Major City Event

It is always fun to see the pictures and story about the Baker to Vegas race. It has become a staple event for City of Los Angeles and County employees and a way to create wonderful memories. My hat is off to all who trained and sacrificed to participate. Congratulations, and may you run it again next year!

– Tim Hanks, Rec and Parks

LED Retrofit Project Puts The City in a Great Light

That was a very detailed and well-written story on Public Works/Street Lighting's LED project *[June 2014]*. The before-and-after photos are amazing. It comes to show how far we as a society have come from the days when Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. The interview with Jim Quigley was filled with facts that made my two boys interested in the way the lights work in the City. Over 155,000 fixtures have been retrofitted? "That's a lot, Daddy," as my sons put it. It truly is a feat. Well done to Jim Quigley and the rest of the employees at Street Lighting!

– Ronnie Chang, General Services

Cheers to Robert Larios, Who Adds MBA to His Many Titles

Whoa! Congratulations to Robert Larios for graduating from the University of Michigan with a Master's degree in business administration. It's well known that the Ross School of Business is one of the best business schools in the nation. It would seem that the Club and the Members are in extra good hands with Robert there. All the best to him.

– Rebecca Anderson, DWP

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE...

Question OF THE MONTH

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

What is your favorite karaoke song?



***"Volver Volver* by Vicente Fernandez."**

– Salvador Talavera, General Services, 12 years of City service



"Angel Baby."

– Aurora Garcia, General Services, 8 years of City service



***"Sitting in the Park* by Billy Stewart."**

– Jose Garcia-Lopez, General Services, 8 years of City service, Club Member



"Desperado."

– Yvonne Reyes, DWP, 25 years of City service



"Hotel California."

– Lourdes Retana, DWP, 34 years of City service



"No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem."

– Bill Herriott, DWP, 29 years of City service



"On the Radio."

– Sandra Bingham, DWP, 24 years of City service



***"N.I.B.* by Black Sabbath!"**

– Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor



"Can you see me singing *Don't Stop Believing* by Journey?!"

– Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor



"I practice my karaoke skills in the kitchen by singing *Red, Red Wine* by UB40."

– Chef Larios

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The Smart Move

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

What's Your Financial IQ?

I ran across a publication the other day called *Financial Fitness for Life*. It is produced by the Council for Economic Education (CEE) and is designed for students from grades six through nine. The CEE has long known that students exposed to the "economic way of thinking" are more self-confident and capable of making smart financial decisions. They also do a better job of saving and investing, building solid careers, and acting as informed citizens. In other words, when they gain an understanding of how the "real" world works, they improve their prospects for better lives in it.

Unfortunately most folks don't get the opportunity to learn the valuable lessons the program teaches at that early age, or at any age, for that matter. Focusing on one important section of the program (saving) can help a lot of folks who now are wandering towards retirement. Most are without a clue of how they are going to get there and how they are going to fare during those golden years.

Here are a few of the questions that the program explores with regards to saving. Remember the program is targeted to kids in grades six through nine. See how you would fare if you were going to take the test by answering the questions below:

- What is a long-term savings goal?
- Why are there different kinds of savings plans?
- What about inflation?
- What is the role of banks and other financial institutions?
- How can compound interest help make people rich?
- What is the Rule of 72?
- What is a bond?
- How do bonds provide income?
- How is a U.S. Savings Bond different from other bonds?
- What are stocks?
- Which pays a better return, a stock or a bond?
- Why own bonds if stocks pay more?
- What does "buy low, sell high" mean?
- Do you buy stock directly from a company?
- Why does investing in companies matter?
- What are financial intermediaries?
- What about risk?
- How do you minimize risk?
- Should investors keep some money in "liquid" investments?

I suspect that many questions went unanswered simply because we have not been schooled in these areas.

Finally, the study concluded with the following exhortation.

These are the "Five Golden Rules for Investment" that children and every adult should know:

1. Live below your means and save the difference.
2. Start saving now and save as much as you can on a regular basis.
3. Decide to save for the long term — compound interest is effortless wealth. Remember that compound interest means earning interest on interest.
4. Investigate before you invest. Get the best deals.
5. Take risks to get better returns. Be prudent, but remember that the stock market has provided a better return than most other types of investments over the long term.

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LAFD



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

Hope for Firefighters

Fire Dept. holds annual fundraiser for families of the fallen.



The crew from Fire Station 21.

From left: Aaron Roundell, Firefighter, 6 years of City service; David Gastelum, Firefighter, 15 years; Capt. II Edward Holguien, 37 years; and Miguel Perez, Firefighter, 25 years.

Hope for Firefighters, benefiting the LAFD Widows, Orphans and Disabled Fireman's Fund, was held at lunchtime June 7 on Hope Street downtown. It was the 17th annual "Hope for Firefighters" event, with more than 5,000 attendees.

Hope for Firefighters featured live music, delicious meals prepared by more than 25 different fire stations throughout the City, fire apparatus and demonstrations, LAFD gift merchandise booths, raffle drawings, prizes, trophies and exciting Firefighter "Muster" games, where more than 20 sponsored teams competed for trophies and prizes in everything from a bucket brigade and a firefighter suit-up to an old fashioned hose pull contest. Funds are raised through sponsorships, meal ticket sales, raffle items and the sale of LAFD merchandise through the Dalmatians Store.



Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor, with Brian Whalen, Firefighter, Fire Station 3, 11 years of City service.



From left: Ray Hoffman, HR 56, 33 years of City service; Monica Escamilla, 20 years; and Randy Kemp, Firefighter, 27 years.



The crew from Fire Station 2.



From left: Gerard Jordan, Firefighter Paramedic, 10 years of City service, and his son, Jackson; Matt Nunez, Firefighter, 7 years; Christian Riley, Firefighter, 6 years; Capt. II Tommy Kitahata, 26 years, Club Member; and Mario Salazar, Cook, 15 years.



From left: John Mattei, Firefighter, 7 years of City service; Brian Puels, Firefighter Paramedic, 8 years; and Capt. David Cohen, 24 years.



From left: Dishan Chaudhuri, Equipment Mechanic, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Teren King, Equipment Mechanic, 7 years; Al Jensen, Equipment Mechanic, 5 years, Club Member; and Anthony Escarcega, Mechanic Helper, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Fred Magalona, Apparatus Operator, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Officer III John Bailey, LAPD, 18 years; Brett Cartier, Firefighter III, 8 years; Matt Mammone, Firefighter III, 6 years; and Randy Lenain, Firefighter III, 6 years.



From left: Battalion Chief Roy Harvey, 36 of City service; Interim Chief James Featherstone, 28 years; and Ronnie Villanueva, Chief of Staff, 31 years.

Transportation



Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor

Summer Picnic

Crossing Guards enjoy annual picnic.



From left: Doris Weston, Chief Shop Steward, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and Alice Thomas-Leslie, Crossing Guard, Hollywood Central, 13 years, Club Member.



The Crossing Guard picnic committee.



Face painting is always a picnic favorite.



Hannah Estrada, daughter; Theresa Estrada, Crossing Guard, 7 years of City service, with her daughter, Hannah, and son, Max.



From left: Doris Weston, Chief Shop Steward, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Straughter Bonita, Union Rep Steward, 14 years; Savannah Robinson, Lead Crossing Guard, 8 years; and Carlos Rubio, Business Representative, 9 years.



Adrian Young, Crossing Guard, 13 years of City service, signs in the guests.



From left: Olga Varela, guest, and Evelyn Alcala, guest, with Felicitas Barajas, Crossing Guard, 18 years of City service, Club Member.

On May 30, Transportation's Crossing Guards held their annual picnic at Griffith Park's Shane's Inspiration. They enjoyed a day of food, raffles and fellowship. Children were able to enjoy face painting as well as other games.

The staff gave this year's picnic with a breast cancer awareness theme in honor of two Crossing Guards – Alice Thomas-Leslie and Martha Nungaray, who are both breast cancer survivors. The Department appreciates their hard work as they are actively at work while undergoing treatment. The Club sends our best wishes to them both.

Transportation also thanked Arturo Bonilla and his family for being actively involved in the picnic for four consecutive years.

Many thanks go to the Crossing Guard's picnic committee and Dorris Weston for all their hard work to make this picnic a success, and special thanks go to Saira Gonzalez for drawing all the banners used in the event, including the City Employees Club logo. We thank Dorris Weston for inviting us to be part of this event, too.



Arturo Bonilla, Crossing Guard, 11 years of City service, Club Member, and his family.



Selling popcorn and cotton candy were, from left: Maria Guzman, Crossing Guard, 15 years of City service; Alice Thomas- Leslie, Crossing Guard, 13 years; and Fe Tillotson, Crossing Guard, 11 years.



Dorris Weston with her family.



A clown and Balloonman entertain the kids.



Curtis and Bobbie Davis, Crossing Guard, 17 years of City service, Club Member.



Rosario Moroyoqui, Crossing Guard, with her husband, Nacho Rodriguez and their family.



Crossing Guards enjoy their picnic.



Rest Insured

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

Covering a Large Judgment

What happens if you have a *big* claim against you?

Sometimes it happens. You can get involved in a large claim, where the lawsuit can easily reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

An umbrella liability policy, or excess liability policy, is the best way to protect yourself against a potential large claim. And dollar for dollar, it could be the cheapest insurance ever! You can get millions of dollars of coverage for a few hundred dollars.

If you are ever sued, your standard homeowners or car policy will provide you with some liability coverage, paying for judgments against you and your attorney's fees, up to a limit set in the policy. However, in our litigious society, you may want to have an extra layer of liability protection. That's what a personal umbrella liability policy provides.

An umbrella policy kicks in when you reach the limit on the underlying liability coverage in a homeowners, renters, condo or car policy. It will also cover you for things including libel and slander.

For about $150 to $300 per year, you can buy a $1 million personal umbrella liability policy. The next million will cost about $75, and $50 for every million dollars after that.

Because the personal umbrella policy goes into effect after the underlying coverage is exhausted, there are certain limits that usually must be met to purchase this coverage. Most insurers will want you to have about $250,000 of liability insurance on your car policy and $300,000 of liability insurance on your homeowners policy before selling you an umbrella liability policy for $1 million of additional coverage.

The umbrella liability policy gets its name from the concept that this policy comes down on top of your other policies, and "covers" them (and subsequently, you!). Umbrella insurance is "over-and-above" coverage. An umbrella policy doesn't replace your homeowners or car insurance, but it extends them to cover liability claims in excess of the amount your "underlying" policies cover.

No one plans on having a bad accident, and we certainly hope you don't, but in today's society, the amount that you could be sued for can easily run into the millions.

If you own a pool, a trampoline or a dog, experts say you absolutely need umbrella insurance. If you own an edgy cat, collect guns, have a child who plays football, or tend to bump into things in the supermarket parking lot, you need umbrella insurance also.

Another benefit of an umbrella liability policy is that a good policy can actually provide you coverage for things that you don't have coverage for elsewhere. If you ever rent a Jet Ski or boat while on vacation, or borrow your neighbor's scooter for a spin around the neighborhood, then you will benefit from knowing that often your umbrella policy can provide coverage for these exposures also.

When an individual decides to sue you after slipping on your sidewalk, being bitten by your shepherd, getting in the way of your ninth hole tee shot, or being sideswiped by your Suburban, their attorney will look for "deep pockets." Your assets, your earnings and even your future earnings potential will be closely scrutinized.

If you own a home in Southern California, a sailboat, a chunk of Google stock, or just hold a degree, you are well worth going after. The attorney will try to get the lion's share of the settlement from other players, perhaps the crew who put down the sidewalk or the golf course's architect, but he still will try to shake a few bucks loose from you. And while these dollars might not mean much in terms of the overall settlement, to you they could mean the loss of your home, your savings and part of a paycheck for years to come.

Umbrella liability policies generally are written in increments of $1 million, and are surprisingly affordable. Some policies cover legal expenses, and some do not. Ask, and be sure to cover legal expenses if you can, as they can be exorbitant. Every policy has exclusions; read them carefully because they can put large holes in your safety net. If damage caused by certain breeds of dog is not covered, for instance, and you own that dog, then that policy is not for you.

Be safe and have fun!

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Danny and his grandpa, Octavio Chapa, Truck Operator, 37 years of City service.

Public Works


Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

North Central Open House

North Central Sanitation Yard hosts annual open house.



Anthony Graham, Truck Operator. 7 years of City service, with his son, Alaunn.



From left: Kim Tran, Environmental Supervisor, 14 years of City service; Angel Ibarra, Clerk Typist, 1 year; and Portia Pio de Roda, Clerk Typist, 1 year, explaining Sanitation services to an LA resident.



From left: Eddie Flores, Truck Operator, 8 years of City service (in the background is his truck, "Betsy"); and Tim Moen, RCTO, 23 years, Club Member.

The Bureau of Sanitation has been hosting its series of annual public open houses over the past couple of months. I had the pleasure of attending the North Central District yard May 30 and learned that many City Employees from various divisions donated their time as volunteers to make the event a great success for the community. Among the Public Works/Sanitation divisions represented were Waste Water and Solid Resources, Recycling, Collection and Disposal, to name a few.

Their goal was a simple one: to showcase each division's occupational contributions to keep our city clean and raise awareness among City residents to their entitled services. I learned that as a City resident myself, I can apply for up to seven free trees! And, the trees are delivered to your doorstep!

Some early-bird LA residents were fortunate enough to walk away on the spot with one free fruit tree per household – had they arrived early enough to win a tree from the limited supply. However, all were welcomed with jamming beats from the DJ booth, fun and educational games for the entire family, knick-knack giveaways including posters, pens, and a desktop pencil holder shaped like a trash bin. I came home with what I considered to be the shiniest penny in the bunch – a nifty ruler made out of recycled currency! How cool is that!

Sanitation truck operators allowed kids big and small to climb in the driver's seat and operate their vehicles. Other truck operators gave demonstrations by moving large and heavy items including a large tree trunk. Again, all of the City Employees volunteered their time. If I could insert a happy emoticon in this article, it would go here. Parents participated as well or observed from nearby as they enjoyed their free food – barbecued hamburgers and hotlinks with a drink and side of chips, courtesy the City.

Free mulch conveniently bagged and ready to haul was given out to all. The Solid Resource and Disposal division also handed out small plants for residential gardens including tomato, strawberry and chili pepper plants. I graciously accepted a pepper plant. My salsa is thankful for the added kick. I am definitely coming back next year!


Priscilla, Student Volunteer, and Khalil, 30 years of City service.


Armando Gatewood, WWCW II, 28 years of City service.



Hands-on learning for City kids and a volunteer truck operator.


From left: Tina Navarro, Secretary 25 years of City service; Miguel Zermeno, Environmental Engineer, 20 years, Club Member; Peony Ho, Environmental Engineer, 5 years; Epi Solis, Event Attendant II, 6 years; Marcel Zuniga, Clerk Typist, 24 years, Club Member; and Doren Green, Maintenance Laborer, 2 years, Club Member.


Jonathan Zari, 28 years of City service, gives out mulch and advice.





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Public Works



Story by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor; Photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

West Valley Open House

West Valley Sanitation Yard hosts annual open house.

On May 17, Public Works/Sanitation's West Valley hosted its annual open house. From morning to afternoon, the yard was packed with all ages enjoying the demonstrations of the refuse collection trucks and other equipment and touring the yard and repair shops. Radio Disney made a guest appearance, teaching the kids to dance, while West Valley's very own DJ Sweat played the latest tunes.

A free barbecue lunch was provided, which consisted of hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, fruit and soft drinks. The open house also featured games and prizes, information booths, a raffle, and free mulch (made from yard trimmings).

Congrats to the West Valley Yard for another great open house!



























This artistic rendering of West Valley's logo was painted by Julio Cruz and Santos Duran, Club Member, in May. Great job, guys!











Harbor

Story and photo courtesy Harbor

Harbor's New Leader

Gene Seroka confirmed as new Harbor Executive Director.



Gene Seroka, Harbor Executive Director.

On June 11, the City Council unanimously confirmed veteran shipping industry leader Gene Seroka as the new Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.

He replaces Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member, who retired last year. City Engineer Gary Lee Moore had been serving in the interim.

"Gene Serokais is a dynamic, seasoned executive with all the right knowledge and skills to seize the opportunities and navigate the challenges of a fiercely competitive industry and ensure the Port of Los Angeles continues to thrive as a global leader in international trade," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

"The Los Angeles trade gateway is a vital force in our nation's economy," Seroka said. "I am honored to lead the team dedicated to making this powerful engine the most competitive, efficient and sustainable source of prosperity for the benefit of both our region and U.S. international trade."

As the Port's Executive Director, Seroka will be responsible for managing a $938.8 million budget, advancing major capital projects, growing trade volumes and promoting innovation and sustainable practices that strengthen the region's economy. The duties involve interacting with a wide range of stakeholders, including Port customers around the globe, industry partners, elected and appointed officials at all levels, and harbor area residents and business leaders.

The Harbor Board of Commissioners unanimously voted June 5 to approve Seroka for the executive director's position. Mayor Garcetti's May 27 announcement that he had chosen Seroka for the job concluded a global search to fill the Port's top management post.

15th District Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino said, "I am excited about Mr. Seroka's commitment to investing in a strong port that benefits the harbor communities of San Pedro and Wilmington. I feel that he understands my priority and urgency of redeveloping our LA Waterfront, which will create jobs, boost our economy and strengthen the value of our neighborhoods that surround the Port of Los Angeles."

Seroka brings more than 25 years of experience in shipping, global logistics and executive management to the Port. Most recently, he was Head of Commercial in the Americas Region for American President Lines (APL) Limited. After several key overseas positions for APL, he returned to the United States in 2010 to become President – Americas for APL Limited in Phoenix, where he managed sales for APL's Liner Shipping, managed 1,000 employees and was responsible for all commercial, port terminal, intermodal and labor activities throughout the region.

Seroka joined APL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Singapore-based Neptune Orient Lines (NOL) and the world's seventh largest ocean carrier, in 1988 as a sales support representative in the company's Cincinnati office after earning an MBA and Bachelor of science in marketing degree from the University of New Orleans. Over the years, he has held various positions in the sales management and marketing fields with increasing responsibility and high-level assignments all over the world. Throughout his career, Seroka has played a key role in global marketing and corporate strategies for APL.

Seroka's first overseas posting was in Shanghai where he served as Director of Sales and Marketing for North and Central China from 1999 to 2003. He then moved to Jakarta where he was President Director of PT. APL and APL Logistics in Indonesia for two years before relocating to Singapore in 2005 to become Vice President of APL Logistics' business units in 26 countries in the company's Asia/Middle East and South Asia regions. From 2008 to 2010, he served as Regional Vice President for APL and APL Logistics Emirates LLC in Dubai where he managed APL's business in the Middle East and East Africa.



Paul Blount on the cover of the April 2010 edition of *Alive!*

Public Works



Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor

Goodbye, Mr. Mulch

Paul Blount, City Recycling's Mulch Master and great Club Member, retires from Sanitation after 40 years of City service.

On June 4, friends and family gathered to say farewell to Paul Blount as he retires after 40 years of City Service. The party took place at Luminarias in Monterey Park.

Paul retired as Solid Resources Manager and Operations Manager, Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division, Public Works/Sanitation.

Alive! featured Paul on the April 2010 cover and in that issue's main story.

The farewell party consisted of food, fellowship, and many stories from Paul's family and co-workers. Everyone also enjoyed a performance from Diana Williams as she sang one of Paul Blount's favorite songs, "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The Club thanks Paul for his City service and for being a Club Member for 29 years. Paul was also a Board Member and Committee Member at the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

Special thanks to Mary Presto, Isaura Navarro and Michelle Brown for planning this special event for Paul and inviting us to partake in the event as well.

Paul, we wish you the best in your retirement!



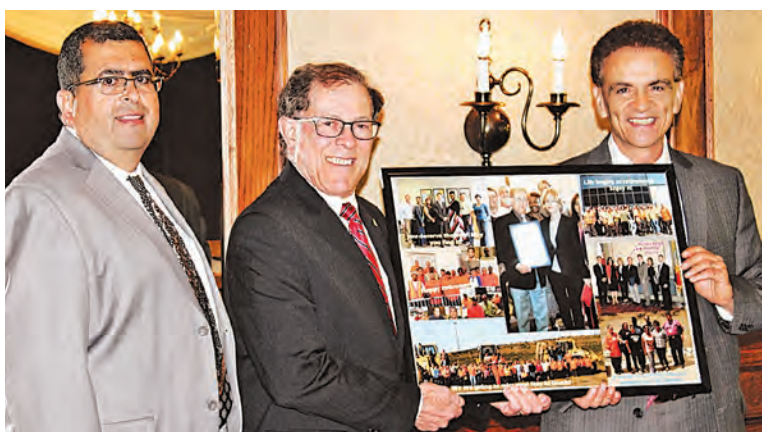
From April 2010: Paul Blount, Operations Manager (right), describes to Club CEO John Hawkins, how solid contaminants (bottles, paper, etc.) are picked by hand from the raw mulch, along a conveyor belt.



From left: Khalil Gharios, P.E., Division Manager; Michelle Brown, Acting Management Analyst I; Paul Blount, Retiree; and Alex Helou, Assistant Bureau Director, Sanitation.



Paul Blount with his wife, Peggy; brother, Marty, and sister in law.



From left: Alex Ehelou, Paul Blount and Khalil Gharios.



From left: Martha Lucero, Assistant, 18 years of City service; and Linda Jeter, Management Analyst II, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Malikka Smith, Clerk Typist, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Lloyd Gaines, Assistant Manager, East Valley Division, 26 years, Club Member; and Diana Williams, Paul Blount's former Secretary, 28 years, Club Member.



The "Pop Quiz" team.



From left: Rafael Porter, Personnel Officer, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Karen Coca, Division Manager, 21 years; Rhonda Dowdy, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 19 years, Club Member; and Veretta Everheart, Sr. Management Analyst II, 26 years, Club Member.



Paul Blount, Retiree and Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor, with a plaque from the City Employees Club.



Paul Blount, Retiree, with Marilyn McGuire-Holley, Club Insurance Board Member, Retiree.

Diana Williams, Secretary, 28 years of service, Club Member, sings "Wind Beneath My Wings."





Superintendent Paul Lebel shares stories about Paul.

Marty Blount, Paul's older brother, shares stories about Paul.





From left: Jim Filles, Acting Supervisor, N. Hollywood Construction, 24 years of City service; Leo N. Martinez, Resource Manager, 31 years, Club Member; Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, 27 years; and Jonathan B. Zari, Environment Engineer.





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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

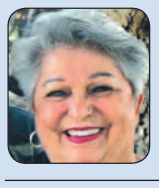
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RLACEI

Real Estate Holdings an Important Part of Pensions

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

I wish to thank the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association for extending a personal invitation for our editor, Mary Beetz, and me to attend the Association's annual barbeque celebration at the Grace E Simons Lodge, June 4.

It was a very well-prepared event. More than 100 people attended.

Of note, attending this event was Sam Hochberg, a Retired Convention Center Superintendent and RLACEI member who sat next to me. He stated that he read about the picnic under "Retiree Upcoming Events" in *Alive!* and thought it was an RLACEI picnic he was attending. Therefore, it is important that I ask you to please read carefully the section under "Upcoming Events" listed in *Alive!* It not only shows RLACEI events, but also shows events for Fire and Police as well as the DWP. (RLACEI is the only one that does not charge our members for our events!) *Alive!* has made listing changes recently to clarify which events pertain to which association.

The RLACEI picnic is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. Be sure to make your reservation.

See you there!

Why LACERS Invests In Real Estate



Michael R. Wilkinson

From time to time I like to give you background on how your retirement plan works. This month's topic is real estate, one of the important components of the investments that support your pension.

To ensure that we will always have enough money to support the pension and health benefits, LACERS diversifies using carefully thought-out plans to spread investments among different asset classes. The plan uses asset allocation to diversify into stocks, bonds, real estate and alternative investments, since the ups and downs (volatility) of each class tends to be on a different cycle. That is, when stocks are going down, other classes such as bonds or real estate may be going up or holding their value.

LACERS not only diversifies to invest five percent of its total assets into real estate, but it also makes diversified investments inside of the real estate portfolio. It would be unwise, for instance, to put all of the plan's money in a shopping center in Portland, Ore., when any number of unforeseen events could cause that investment to lose value. The old adage, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," certainly applies. Instead, LACERS diversifies its investments several ways:

- By style (comparatively low risk core properties along with more volatile, but higher returning strategies called value added [medium risk] and opportunistic [higher risk]).
- By geography (United States: east, south, Midwest, west, as well as international).
- By property type (apartment, office, industrial, retail, hotel and other).

LACERS' newly hired real estate consultant, the Townsend Group, just gave a report to the Board on our performance compared to two benchmarks used in the industry to measure how we are doing; our performance was very good. Here are the returns over the following time periods:

- One year: 12.2 percent;
- Three years: 11.9 percent; and
- Five years: 3.3 percent.

The multi-year totals are the average return per year over the time period.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) In Public Pensions



Michael Karsch

While in California there is little consideration of reducing or eliminating cost of living adjustments (COLAs) in public pensions, across the country there is.

In the City of Los Angeles, COLAs are mandatory for pensions up to three percent a year (the LACERS board determines the COLA based on the federal Consumer Price Index as spelled out in the Administrative Code); if the CPI is higher than three percent, any further increase is up to the Council and mayor. COLAs for active employees can and have been reduced pursuant to labor agreements.

Between 2010 and 2013, 17 states enacted legislation that reduced, suspended or eliminated COLAs for current workers and often for current retirees. New Jersey, Rhode Island and Oklahoma essentially eliminated the COLA for the foreseeable future *(Wall Street Journal)*. Eight other states (Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio and South Dakota) either reduced or temporarily suspended the guarantee or shifted to a CPI-Linked COLA. Of the 17 states that reduced their COLA, 12 have been challenged in court. The courts have ruled in nine states, and in all but one case, the cuts have been upheld. In summary, the *Wall Street Journal* article noted that COLAs are not considered to be a contractual right in most of these states. COLAs are viewed very differently than core benefits.

LACERS

LACERS Update


Mary Beetz

Important News About Your Pension Information

In response to a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request, LACERS has been advised that it must release information regarding all of its Retired Members, including their names, pension amounts, years of service, and retirement year.

This information was provided to ***Transparent California*** and may be published on its website, www.transparentcalifornia.com, which has published information from many other pension systems.

We wanted to let you know that your retirement information may be more available than it had been in the past so that you can take any appropriate precautionary measures to help protect yourself from identity theft or financial scams.

LACERS *Well* Program Coordinator Appointed

Tara Miller was appointed as the LACERS *Well* Program Coordinator and will be overseeing many wellness events for our Retired Members. These events include lectures, health events, fitness classes, and social activities. Tara is a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, wellness specialist and fitness enthusiast.

Watch for emails and flyers about upcoming events, incentives, challenges, and more. For more information, visit the LACERS *Well* webpage at www.LACERS.org/LACERSWELL.



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
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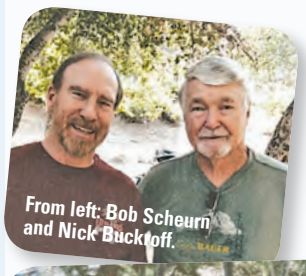
Life After Retirement

Camping With Friends



Retiree Nick Buckroff, Rec and Parks, enjoys getting together with fellow retirees for monthly cookouts. He reports:

"Since retiring in 2001 from Recreation and Parks (Pacific and Valley Division), I always enjoyed outdoor cookouts and camping with other former employees. I organize (as the coordinator) these monthly outdoor cookouts at the Montecristo campgrounds in the Angeles Forest with friends. Our friendship started as City Employees, and it continues today as we enjoy cooking breakfast and the aroma of fresh coffee. Each person is responsible for bringing something from the pre-chosen menu. We all participate in the event by building a fire and food preparations. After the morning meal, we sit around the campfire and enjoy some good conversation. We have been doing this for four years now!


From left: Bob Scheurn and Nick Buckroff.


From left: Scott Ramsey, Nick Buckroff and Bob Scheurn.


From left: Mark Meyer, Nick Buckroff, Larry Glotfelty (friend of group) and Scott Ramsey.

"The 'Old Friends Stick Together' list is:

- Nick Buckroff, Rec and Parks, Director; 34 years of City service, Club Member since 2005
- Bob Scheurn, Rec and Parks, AC Tech
- Jim Owen, Transportation, Diesel Mechanic
- Mark Meyer, Rec and Parks, Sr. Painter; and
- Scott Ramsey, LAUSD, Plumber."


From left: Nick Buckroff, Bob Scheurn and Jim Owen.

LARFPA

Summer BBQ Brings Strong Pension Fund News


Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

I attended a great meeting with more than 300 members enjoying the camaraderie of fellow workers and the great barbequed food prepared by the Rattler's Barbeque restaurant (it was so good it almost melts in your mouth). This took place after the meeting, when Fire and Police Pensions General Manager Ray Ciranna presented a superb report on the status of our Fire and Police Pension System.

Ray really got the members attention when he started with the announcement that our pension fund is the highest it has ever been at more than $18 billion. This was an increase of more than $2 billion since June 30, 2013, with a 13.1 percent return on the fund's investments. Wow, what a great achievement of Chief Investment Officer Tom Lopez and his team.

The system is only 83.1 percent funded, but funding should be on the rise if we continue to make double-digit returns on our investments. Combining all of the active personal, retirees and dependent children and parents makes a grand total more than 25,780 members served by the Pension Department. And, to pay for all of the benefits our members receive will cost $1.16 billion in the fiscal year, 2014-15. These items were just a few of the highlights presented by Ray before he answered many questions from the floor.

The nominating committee made recommendations for Officers and four Directors for the coming year, then opened nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. The Committee's recommendations are President Paul Enox; Vice President Bob Olsen; Secretary Will Gartland; Treasurer Jimmy Hill; and Directors Ken Buzzell, Jim Chastain, Ray Case, Art Placencia and Garrett Zimmon. Election of the Offices and Directors will take place at the September meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting. We will have another great speaker along with coffee and donuts.



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RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

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

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Hal Danowitz: Finance
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Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
Helen Salgado: Membership
Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
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2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Near the Northern Lights

ADVENTURES with HAL!

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

PART SIX

My wife, Evelyn, and I took a cruise on the Caribbean Princess from London (Southampton) around the British Isles and then crossed the pond to New York City.

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

As we continue the story last Sept. 2, we were at sea with calm waters and overcast skies. The temperature was just below 50 degrees. Before we were to reach Akrueyri, Iceland, we would cross the Arctic Circle.

I found a new drink to enjoy. I always order a Jack Daniel's on the rocks, which cost $6.95. A server in the bar told me to order a JD Manhattan, but hold the sweet vermouth and the sherry, and put it in a glass with ice. It cost $7.95, but you get a double shot of JD. *Hal then shared this important information with most of the staff on the ship. At first they didn't understand, but then we got an "ah-Ha!" look. – Evelyn*

Evelyn went shopping on board the ship at a sale, which was like Filine's Basement or Ohrbach's, if you remember either of them. The ship wasn't scheduled to be in this area again until the summer of 2014, so everything left over from any port between the Mediterranean and Greenland they needed to get rid of. It was really not worth the time or energy unless you wanted a hat or T-shirt indicating someplace you had not been. She came back empty-handed.

We were invited to visit the bridge; we have done this on our last three cruises. We met our group in the lobby just outside the bridge area. There were 12 people, more then we have had before on a bridge tour on other ships. Usually they take only four people. The Officer of the Watch described various equipment. The bridge is wider across than the width of the rest of the ship. There are always two spotters and two officers on a four-hour watch. Things are done as automatically as possible. This was the first time we had been to the bridge without meeting the captain. Anyway it was still an interesting experience, and we enjoyed it.

The next day we were scheduled to visit the Port of Akrueyri, Iceland. We were looking forward to the sail into Akrueyri harbor because it was up a very beautiful fjord, and I suspected the scenery would be outstanding. Iceland is about the size of Virginia, with a population of just over 300,000.

We docked at 7 a.m. We didn't have any tours booked, and we left the ship around 9 a.m. It was only a short walk to the center of town. We stopped at the information center and booked an afternoon tour to the Godafoss Waterfall. Godafoss translates to "falls of the gods." It was a two-and-a-half-hour tour and the cost was $80 each. The ship charged $109 for the same tour, and a taxi would do the same for $160 US, which works if you have four people. Akureyri has a population of 18,000 and is called the capital of north Iceland. There were no indigenous people when the Norwegians first sailed, around 900 AD, to Iceland, probably by accident. They found a green and temperate land, warmed by the gulf current, although they didn't know that at the time.



Evelyn at the map of Akureyri.



Isafjordur.

We spent about two hours walking around the town, buying souvenirs and such. Iceland is not cheap and may be more expensive then Bergen. The weather when we left the ship was about 45 degrees, sunny with no wind. It was pleasant to walk around. On our way back to the ship, the winds picked up, making it feel a lot colder. We brought heavy coats and gloves, so we were toasty.

We saw a group of preschoolers crossing a street with their teachers, and all of them wore child-sized neon-colored safety vests. Even the adults did; they looked so cute. And it is a good idea.

After lunch, we met the tour and found out they had overbooked by one person. Luckily one lady gave up her seat, so we were able to start the tour. The drive to the falls took about 40 minutes. The ride was through rolling hills and small mountains. It snowed last night and the mountains were covered in white. As I said, the falls are called "the falls of the gods" because this was where the ruler of Iceland made a choice in 1000 AD to choose Christianity over paganism. The falls were impressive, but they were not Niagara. Due to the delay in leaving because of the number of people on the tour, the tour company brought coffee and cake at the cafe for us, and they offered the woman who gave up her seat a different tour for the afternoon. On the way back to the ship we had a photo stop overlooking the bay. The area is very big in agriculture, sheep, and thermal energy.

Back aboard, we set sail for Isafjordur, and sailing out of the fjord was picturesque.

We had dinner with the bridge director and his wife and a couple from Connecticut. Everyone had interesting stories, and it made dining very enjoyable.

The next morning, we awoke to the sound of the tenders being lowered for our visit to Isafjordur, Iceland. The sound would wake the dead.

That day was $20 laundry day – you stuff as much as you can into a paper-thin bag and the crew will wash it for $20. We will never have to do that again on Princess because, on our next cruise, we will have Elite status and have free laundry. *Hal can't wait. – Evelyn*

We get a lot of perks from Princess because of their loyalty program. Like the airlines, cruise lines want you to choose them for your travels. By picking one cruise line you get the benefit of the loyalty program faster than if you spread your cruising around.

Isafjordur is the municipal center of the West Fjords peninsula. It is one of the least-populated and oldest inhabited areas of Iceland. The population of Isafjordur is about 1,300.

We decided to have breakfast in the dining room, but there was a long line so we ended up in Sabatini's instead. I still wanted to try the dining room to compare with the breakfast in the buffet.

With our tender passes, we didn't have to wait in line to go ashore. The walk from the dock to the information center is about a half-mile. We picked up a map, but I don't think we could have gotten lost. The town center is about two streets, four or five blocks long. We managed to find a magnet with the town name on it.

It is a fishing village, and we saw them icing down the fish for shipment. We went into the supermarket to check out the local prices. It was more expensive here, but most everything is imported. We spent around two hours, which was more than enough. The weather in Isafjordur was cool, 50-plus degrees with no wind and mostly sunny. We needed just a warm coat.

We hoped to see the Northern Lights. We talked to someone who was able to see them the night before from the ship from 10 to 11 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, started that night, and there was going to be services with a rabbi, which we would attend. The service was nice, not too short or long. There were about 40 people in attendance. The rabbi was from Israel, but was American.

We had dinner in the buffet to try it out. It was good, but the dining room feels better. It was probably due to the portions and the presentation.

We stood out in the cold for two hours waiting for the Northern Lights to appear. No luck that night, but we would try again the next night. The skies were clear, with very few clouds.

The next day we were to dock in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. More next month.



A nice view of the Icelandic fjords.



Hal with… something he can't quite describe.



Godafoss Waterfall.

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Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Abrams, Jeannie	–	DWP	–
Adams, Bernita	–	DWP	–
Afkari, Hussein	–	DWP	–
Alfaro, Leslie H.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	32
Aranda, Anita	–	DWP	–
Barco, Martin	Housing Inspector	Housing	6
Benedict, Robert	–	DWP	–
Black, Gregory	–	DWP	–
Bozoian, Elizabeth	–	DWP	–
Bozoian, Paul	–	DWP	–
Braman, John	Plumber Supervisor	Airports	14
Bush, Callie	–	DWP	–
Cabeza, Hernando	–	DWP	–
Carney, Janet	Clerk Typist	Library	13
Christman, Tania	–	DWP	–
Clarke, Norma	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	36
Contreras, Virginia	Spe. Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Parks	1
Cortez, Maria H.	Spe. Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Parks	5
De La Bretoniere, Martha	–	DWP	–
Diggins, Donna	–	DWP	–
Dory, James Edward	Env. Affairs Officer	Public Works	35
Dubinsky, Terri	–	DWP	–
Falkner, Frank Jr.	Ref. Coll. Tr. Op. II	Public Works	31
Fleming, Mark	–	DWP	–
Flores, Carlos	–	DWP	–
Fosselman, Joseph C.	Fl. Sv. Heli. Me. Sp. II	General Services	30
Fuentes, Jose	–	DWP	–
Goodman, Gerald W.	Sr. Bu. Mech. Insp.	Building & Safety	27
Guerra, Art	–	DWP	–
Hall, John M.	For. Print Spec. III	LAPD	20
Hall, Wendy C.	For. Print Spec. III	LAPD	30
Haynes, Sharon	–	DWP	–
Heavelin, William	–	DWP	–
Hudson, Janet K.	Veterinary Tech.	Animal Services	12
Hunau, Robert A.	Electrical Inspector	Building & Safety	14
Jansen, David	–	DWP	–
Jew, Steven	Sr. Sys. Analyst II	Public Works	30
Jimenez, George A.	Street Ser. Supv. II	Public Works	27
Kass, Donald J.	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Kellgreen, Laura	–	DWP	–
Kennedy, Ronald D.	Ref. Coll. Tr. Opr. II	Public Works	26
Ko, Max Ching	Database Architect	ITA	28
Lackpour, Martin	–	DWP	–
Lawrence, Elliott	–	DWP	–
Limtao, Helen G.	Sr. Accountant II	Housing	13
Love, Corliss	–	DWP	–
Ma, John	–	DWP	–
Manriquez, Martha	–	DWP	–
Martinez, Adrian	Spe. Prog. Assist. II	Rec and Parks	5
Mohajer-Rahbari, Asghar	–	DWP	–
Naggles, Cheryl	Accounting Clerk II	General Services	17
Nunez, Norma	–	DWP	–
O'Donnell, Toni M.	Aquatic Fac. Ma. III	Rec and Parks	30
Ordonia, Charles	–	DWP	–
Padilla, Jorge A.	Const. Inspector	Airports	33
Perez, Jose	–	DWP	–
Prevost, Dana V.	Engr. Geologist III	Building & Safety	28
Putnam, Patricia J.	Transitional Worker	Rec and Parks	16
Ramirez, Albert	–	DWP	–
Richard, Thatcus (T.C.)	–	DWP	–
Roberts, Adina	–	DWP	–
Robinson, Gregory	–	DWP	–
Rohaly, Richard L.	Bu. Mech. Ins.	Building & Safety	14
Rothwell, John A.	Const. Inspector	Public Works	22
Salas, Diana	–	DWP	–
Santiago, Dante	–	DWP	–
Serrano, Robert	Crossing Guard	Transportation	2
Scott, Jack W.	Sr. Real Est. Officer	General Services	13
Shahlapour, Shahrokh	–	DWP	–
Shigg, Carlton	–	DWP	–
Shortridge, Benjamin	–	DWP	–
Smith, Brian W.	Equip. Mechanic	Airports	14
Smith, Darryl	–	DWP	–
Sparks, Daniel J.	Custodian	General Services	25
Stillman, Jon C.	Wast. Trea. Opr. III	Public Works	36
Tu, Minh-Tri	–	DWP	–
Valentine, Arleen	Legal Sec. III	City Attorney	25
Valenzuela, Daniel A.	Air. Police Officer	Airports	30
Vasquez, Michael	–	DWP	–
Veeraprasit, Kunawat	He. Duty Eqp. Mec.	General Services	14
Villa, Martin	–	DWP	–
Villegas, Joseph	–	DWP	–
Walker, Brenda	–	DWP	–
Walker, Cheryl Denise	Pr. Deten. Officer	LAPD	31
Walker, Eddie	Spe. Program As. II	Rec and Parks	6
Wells, Brenda Elaine	Manag. Assistant	Aging	30
Whitaker, Larry	–	DWP	–
Williams, Jesse Cary	Transportation Inv.	Transportation	20
Wolfe, William Reed	Sr. Per. Analyst II	Personnel	32
Young, Gordon	–	DWP	–



Tara Miller, Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist

LACERS

Get Well With Tara

LACERS Well — Your Health Matters

LACERS adds Wellness Coordinator for healthier retirees.

The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) has added a new wellness program coordinator.

Meet Tara Miller, a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, wellness specialist and fitness enthusiast who is passionate about creating a health-infused lifestyle.

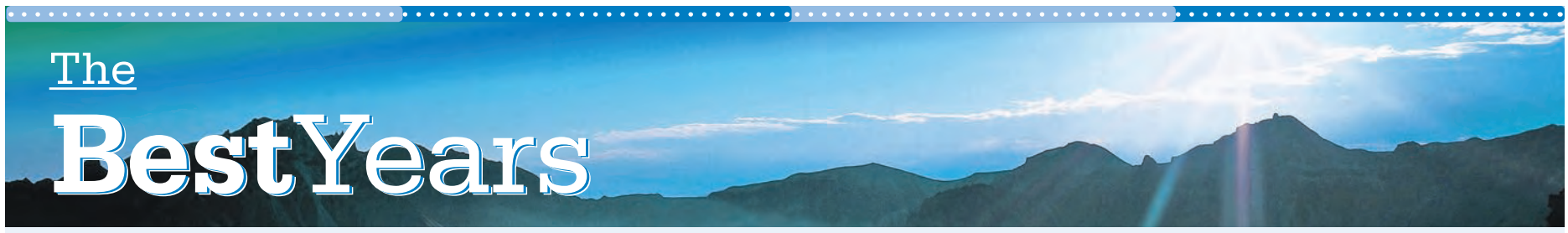
As the new Wellness Program Coordinator for LACERS *Well*, Tara will be present at lectures, fitness classes, health events and Member socials. She expects to be LACERS' go-to source for all things wellness-related: from utilizing the vast array of wellness resources available through insurance carriers to exploring fun and informative community health opportunities. Make sure to look for LACERS *Well* emails and flyers, to stay in the loop about events, incentives, challenges and more.

For up to date information, go to the new LACERS *Well* Webpage:

www.LACERS.org/lacerswell

You can also email Tara at LACERSWell@LACERS.org

Welcome, Tara!



The BestYears

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD

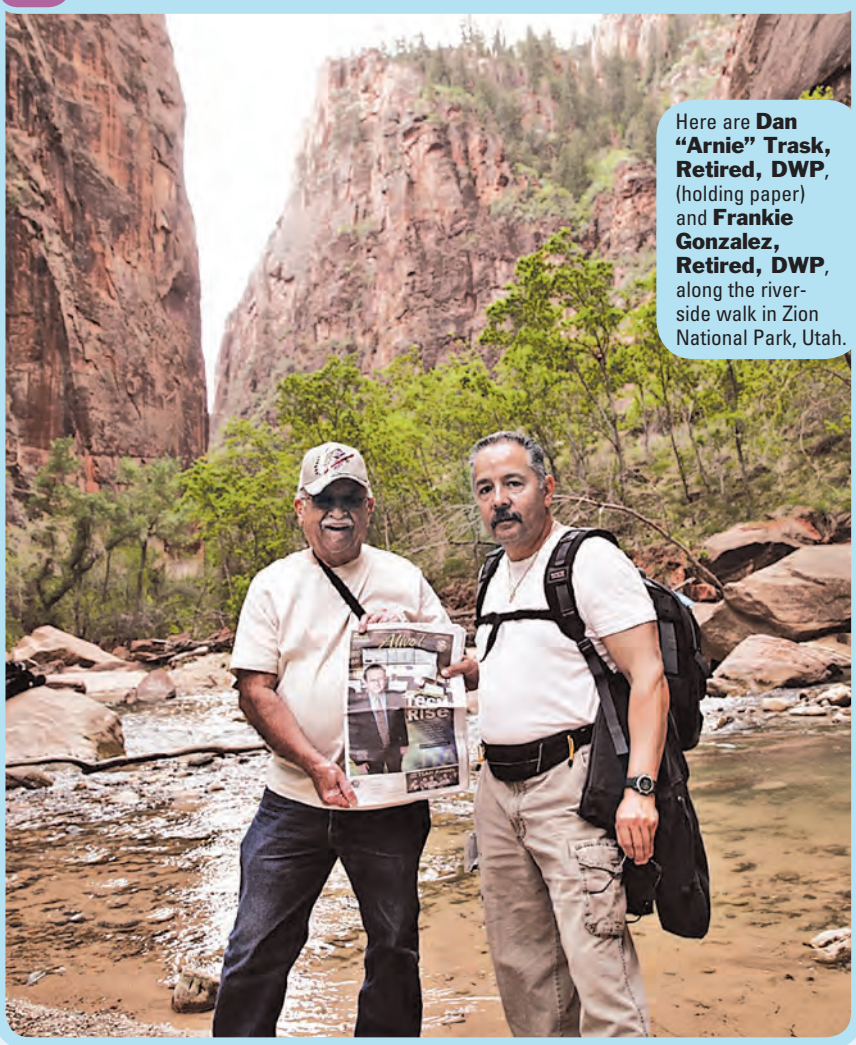
1 Western Europe



"My husband, Tim, and I took a three-week vacation in May. We spent one week each in London, Paris and Florence. I'm happy to read about current and retired employees who are enjoying life around the world."

– Marjorie Thayne, Retired, Cultural Affairs, and Timothy Thayne, Retired, Building and Safety

2 Utah



Here are **Dan "Arnie" Trask, Retired, DWP**, (holding paper) and **Frankie Gonzalez, Retired, DWP**, along the river-side walk in Zion National Park, Utah.

3 San Diego

"Here is a photo from my recent trip to Mission Valley in Old Town San Diego."

– Dorothy Dillard, Retired, former City Employees Club Board Member



Show Us Your Grandkids!



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Alive! wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos! Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have the permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
2. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
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LAPD



Story and photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

Detectives Unite

Detective Association symposium helps officers share knowledge.

The Institute of Criminal Investigation Detective Symposium 2014 was held April 7 - 10, at The Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City.

More than 600 investigators attended the symposium, and guest speakers from across the nation and locally were featured. The symposium enables detectives to receive emerging, state-of-the-art investigative training; to provide a forum for networking and an opportunity for detectives to meet their continuing professional training mandates. The training selected for the symposium is designed by a steering committee whose yearlong efforts culminate in this highly anticipated annual symposium.

Special thanks go to Det. Amira Smith, LAPD, Club Member, for assisting us in producing this story.



Jackie Lacey, District Attorney, 28 years of City service, and Bob Baker.



From left: Det. Jeanette Garcia, 17 years of City service: and Nichole Trujillo, Management Analyst II, 10 years, Club Member.



Officer II David Shu, 8 years of City service.



From left: Motor Officer Ray Hallenbeck, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Motor Officer Doug Nguyen, 24 years; and Motor Officer Fred Yamamoto, 27 years.



Officer III Kurt Iwasaki, 7 years of City service, with Officer III Monica Mora, 9 years.



From left: Officer II Chris Luth, 10 years of City service; and Sgt. Melissa Luth, 11 years.



From left: Det. Frances McBride, 15 years of City service; Det. Shaun Murphy, 19 years; and Det. Carolyn Jones, 19 years.



From left: Officer II Charlotte Broughton, 18 years of City service; and Officer III Mary Hodges, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Det. Marjan Mobasser, 19 years of City service; and Officer III Sandra Gonzalez, 19 years.



From left: Det. Amira Smith, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Chief Jim McDonnell, Long Beach PD, Club Member.



Guest speaker Commander John San Agustin, El Paso (Colorado) County Sheriff's Dept.



Guest speaker Chief Jim McDonnell, Long Beach PD, Club Member.



From left: Officer III Alex Sampson, 17 years of City service: and Officer III Celia Komathy, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Roger Gripe, Reserve Officer, 45 years of City service: and Chris Figueroa, Reserve Officer, 38 years.



From left: Capt. Rob Patrick, 29 years of City service: Det. George Thomas, 30 years; Marisa McCullough, Director of Training; Sgt. Paul Belli, 16 years: Det. Amira Smith, 17 years, Club Member; Capt. Larry Nespit, 27 years; Sgt. Steven Pennington, 23 years; and Lt. Tony Souza, 26 years.

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Relive your favorite memories and create new ones during CMA's Family Sandcastle Building Day. Bring your best sandcastle building tools, a little shovel and bucket, and your castle creativity to this fun beach event. The sand on Cabrillo Beach will be thoroughly wet down to prepare for sand construction; the rest is up to you!

All castle styles are welcome: moats, draw bridges, spires, windows, turrets, let your imagination run wild, but most importantly, have a great time at the beach with family and loved ones. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture Kodak moments and your sandcastle handiwork.

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

Club Angels

Scholarship Extended

Club's scholarship program extends deadline to July 31.



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

The Club has extended its Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship deadline approximately one month.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, July 31, 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.

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at:
www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2014. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2014 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of $500 (each).
- ***Deadline:*** Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon July 31, 2014. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.



Joannie Mukai.

- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store and Service Center address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to:
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SEEN Around

By Jennifer Shackelford, Club Application Coordinator

Meiji Shrine:
Vacation Edition



Yoyogi Park sprawls out over nearly 175 acres and is one of the largest parks in Tokyo, Japan. It houses the Meiji Memorial Picture Gallery, the National Stadium, the Meiji Memorial Hall which is now used for Shinto Weddings and the Meiji Shrine. I paid this park a visit recently but my day was spent almost entirely at the Shrine.

Construction began on the shrine in 1915 and was finished in 1926. It was dedicated to the Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken. The area is covered with nearly 365 different species of trees which were donated from all parts of Japan when the shrine was established. The original building was destroyed in WWII and what you see now was completed in 1958 through a public fund raising effort.

Passing through the first great Torii gate takes you a leisurely walk on a wide path, through the next Torii gate and on to the shrine complex. We were lucky enough to have a guide on hand to explain what we were seeing, offering up tidbits on history, the finer points of Shinto religion and the general care of this historic property.

It was a calm, wonderful experience and if you are ever in Tokyo, take the train to Harajuku Station to visit this lovely space.

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– AND SEE PAGE 45



Patrick Gannon, Deputy Director, Homeland Security and Law Enforcement, Airports.

Airports

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police

Gannon Is Promoted

Airport Police Chief gets new job leading Homeland Security for LA airports.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon has a new title and responsibilities: He is now the Deputy Director, Homeland Security and Law Enforcement. He was selected following an extensive nationwide recruitment that attracted more than a dozen candidates. Gannon has been performing the duties on an interim basis since January.

In a memo to staff, Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey wrote:

"His stellar performance in the aftermath of the November 1 incident has helped him to stand out as a candidate and a superb leader. As Deputy Executive Director, Homeland Security and Law Enforcement, Gannon will provide leadership, management oversight and policy direction to all law enforcement and security staff at LAWA's three airports, coordinate with other Law Enforcement Agencies, be responsible for counterterrorism efforts and oversee firefighting, emergency medical, and fire prevention services provided by the LAFD at LAX. He has taken to heart my emphasis on the importance of participation in airport-wide leadership teams and the responsibility for integrating the law enforcement and homeland security functions with Airport Operations and other aviation staff. Gannon will continue to serve as Chief of Airport Police for the foreseeable future."

Patrick Gannon joined Airports as Chief of Airport Police in October 2012 after retiring from the LAPD following a 34 years of service, of which 12 years were at the executive management level.

The Club congratulates Chief Gannon on his new appointment.

Coloring with Mariana!



Compiled by
Mariana Guevara,
Club Store Manager

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Deadline for submission:
August 5, 2014

Submit to:
Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck and have fun!

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name_____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday?_____ What is the first name of your best friend?_____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is your favorite television show? _____

Why do you want to go to this park? _____

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For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/city/zip: _____

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Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Angel's Be Alive! – Laguna Beach

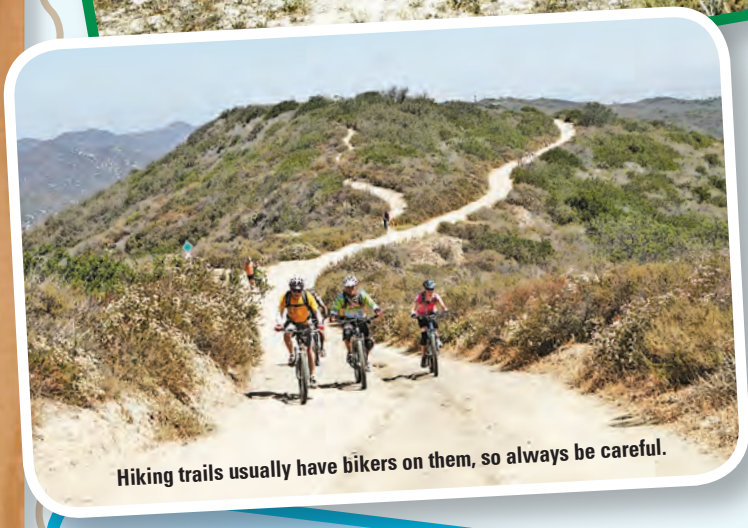
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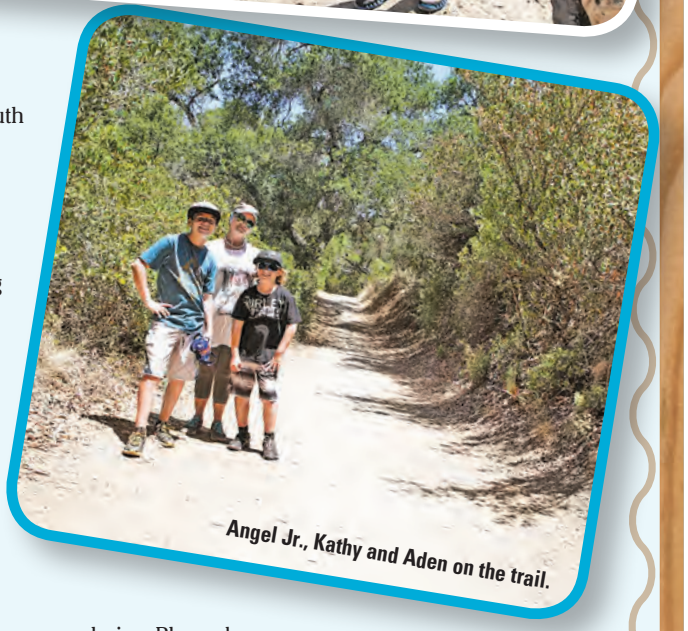
A view of the coast from the trail in Alta Laguna Park.



Angel Jr. and Aden at Aliso and Wood Canyons.



Hiking trails usually have bikers on them, so always be careful.



Angel Jr., Kathy and Aden on the trail.

Hello everyone!

This month we travel south into Orange County to Laguna Beach. There are two places you should stop and explore. The first is Alta Laguna Park, and the second is Top of the World Park. Both these parks are in Laguna Beach because… I'm kidding you. They are two names for the same park!

There are amazing views and lots of trails to choose from. These are must-see locations.

(Some trivia: The park is named Top of the World Park because it's about a thousand feet above sea level.)

Let's begin!

The Hike: The park is very nice, immediately giving you views everywhere you look. It's a true 360-degree view! The sea breeze is nice, too.

Here are two trail options:

Trail Option 1: Starting at the Alta Laguna Park, you can travel across the top of the mountain ridge on West Ridge Road until you reach Wood Canyon Trail, then turn back, and that should be about three miles. That is the easy route.

Trail Option 2: Go down one of the trails at the end of West Ridge Road. However, if you choose to go down one of the trails, you will be adding another four miles, so you will be hiking at least seven miles or more. That is what I did, but I forgot to tell my family. I was not their favorite person, to say the least!

Also, if you hike the extra miles, of course you will add more hiking time. We were out in the sun for almost four hours. The good news is that we survived (!), and my tracking app said we all burned almost a thousand calories. Please be sure you have enough water, and that your family is up for the extra miles. Don't just assume they will be okay. You could get yourself in deep trouble.

Overall, this is a gorgeous place to hike with all the amazing views!

Finally, and this is very important: Beware of the wildlife in the area. Warning signs are posted.

I recommend you hike at least the three-mile ridge-top trail. It is easy walking for all ages. If you want to go farther, please bring extra water, and start early in the day. If you happen to go in the early morning, take some photos with your *Alive!* newspaper and email them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. Bring plenty of water snacks and maybe spend a little time just walking and enjoying the scenery.

As always, be safe and *Be Alive!*

Angel



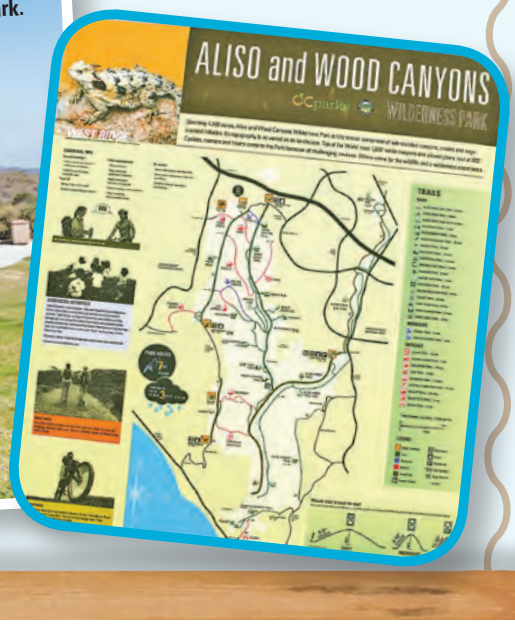
Which way to go, Oak Grove or Mathis Canyon Trail?



Small deer along the trail.



Angel Jr. and Aden in front of the playground at Alta Laguna Park.



Alta Laguna Park

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

Distance: from three miles up to eight miles or longer (we hiked seven miles).

Approximate Time: 3.25 hours, depending on your pace.

Difficulty: moderate to strenuous.

Directions from downtown:

Take the 101 south and merge with the 5 south, then take the CA 133 south. Exit Laguna Beach. Turn left toward Forest Avenue, then right onto Forest Avenue.

Parking: Free.



LAPD Cadets, looking sharp.



The LAPD Cadet Color Guard.

LAPD

Story and photos courtesy Officer II Nuam Ware, LAPD

Be a Cadet!

LAPD's Cadet program begins a new class July 26. Is your son or daughter ready for the challenge?

The LAPD's respected Cadet program is beginning a new class July 26. Is someone you know ready for the challenge of becoming an LAPD Cadet?

The program is for youths 13 to 20 who will work with Officers to learn communication skills, physical fitness, job interview skills, decision-making skills, driver's safety, and much more.

For more information, call (213) 486-0123. Apply online at LAPDCadets.com

About

The Cadet Program offers youths an opportunity to develop skills that will help them throughout their lives, while working with one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the country. The program is offered at each of the 21 community police stations across the City, as well as at two specialized divisions – Metropolitan Division and Communications Division.

Cadets are as diverse as the City they represent. Each comes from different backgrounds and has different goals and paths that they are following to get there. However, all Cadets display a desire to achieve excellence within their own lives and to then leverage those achievements to positively impact the community where they live.

But before someone can begin experiencing the benefits of being a Cadet, they must first meet the eligibility requirements and go through the Cadet Academy as a recruit.

Mission

The LAPD Cadet Program has four principal goals:

- To recruit young men and women interested in building positive relationships between police and the youths of our communities.
- To provide a forum in which young people can provide community service while working with law enforcement.
- To provide character training, public speaking and academic instruction that prepares young people for their future.
- To offer physical training that will result in improved physical fitness for all who participate in the program.

Eligibility

Cadets must meet the following conditions and requirements:

- Between 13 and 20 years of age
- Doing well in school
- Have no record of serious arrests or convictions
- Maintain good moral character
- Present a written recommendation from a teacher, faith leader or other responsible adult who is not a relative.
- Obtain a medical examination (to qualify for insurance)
- Attend and graduate from the Cadet Academy
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve the community and participate in Cadet activities.

United States citizenship is not a requirement to participate in any of the LAPD youth programs.

If you do not meet all of the Cadet Program requirements but are still interested in participating in a youth program with the LAPD, please take the time to explore the other programs offerings to determine which is the best fit for you.

Academy

The Cadet Academy is an exciting 144-hour program that meets on Saturdays for 18 consecutive weeks and is designed to help recruits lay the foundation for their future as an LAPD Cadet. Through academics, physical training and drill, recruits develop teamwork, leadership and a variety of basic law enforcement skills that they will be able to use throughout their time as a Cadet as well as in their everyday lives.



LAPD Cadets at mealtime.



The LAPD Cadet training program includes rigorous exercise.

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Police Chief Charlie Beck, 36 years of City service, with this year's winners.

LAPD



Story and photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

Thanks,

Police Dept. Communications celebrates National Dispatchers Week by honoring this year's best.

On April 17, LAPD Communication Division gathered at the Valley Communications Center to celebrate National Dispatchers Week and hand out annual awards. Chief Charlie Beck presented the awards for Police Service Representative of the Year and had coffee with the division staff members.

Each year, law enforcement agencies across the nation take the second full week in April to serve as National Dispatchers Week among public safety telecommunications divisions. The week consists of recognition ceremonies, public demonstrations, luncheons and various other activities. This year was no exception, and the local celebration carried a superhero theme for all to enjoy.

Honorees included:

- Supervisor of the Year: **Catherine Sotos**
- Police Service Representatives of the Year: **Elisa Escobar-Gomez**, Club Member; and **Araceli Ayala**, Club Member
- Administrator of the Year: **Catherine Brault**
- Sr. Police Service Representative of the Year: **Deby Herdrich**



Congratulations to this year's winners, and to all our LAPD 911 operators. You do a great job!

Many thanks to Maria Moreno for assisting us.



From left: Angelina Ortega, PSR III, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Olivia Sandoval, PSR II, 5 years.



From left: Cheryl Garcia, PSR II, 9 years, Club Member; and Meg McKeever, PSR III, 26 years of City service.



From left: Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Teresa Kachinsky, PSR II, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Sarah Farell, PSR III, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Araceli Ayala, PSRIII, 14 years, Club Member.



Damita Robinson, PSR II, 15 years of City service.



From left: Yesenia Medina, PSR II, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Natrese Thomas, PSR II, 13 years, Club Member; Penny Subia-Guzman, PSR II, 10 years, Club Member; and Marisol Vielma, PSR II, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Linda Sandefur, PSR III, 26 years of City service; Sue LePre, PSR III, 29 years.

Sr. Police Service Representative of the Year



Sr. Police Service Representative of the Year recipient: Deby Herdrich, 12 years of City service.

Supervisor of the Year



Supervisor of the Year recipient: Catherine Sotos, Club Member.

Police Service Representative of the Year



Police Service Representative of the Year recipient: Araceli Ayala, 14 years of City service, Club Member.



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

Administrator of the Year



Administrator of the Year recipient: Catherine Brault.

Police Service Representative of the Year



Police Service Representative of the Year recipient: Elisa Escobar-Gomez, Club Member.



From left: Yolanda Arroyo, PSR II; Police Chief Charlie Beck, 36 years of City service; Maria Moreno, PSR III, Club Member; and Daniel Hill, PSR III.

Dispatchers!



From left: C.T. Feng, PSR III, 14 years, Club Member; and Ian Marabe, PSR II, 3 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Manuel Garcia, PSR III, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Ricci Hodge, PSR III, 17 years, Club Member; and Renee Anderson, PSR III, 17 years.



From left; Officer II Bill Romanelli, 19 years of City service; Pauline Rios, PSR II, 6 years; Evelyn Rios, PSR II, 6 years, Club Member; and Officer Terry Turner, 24 years.



From left: Guadalupe Delacruz, PSR III, 18 years of City service, Club Member; and Sylvia Robinson, PSR III, 19 years, Club Member.



From left: Talia Chism, PSR II, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Sal Tillit, PSR II, 5 years.



From left: Valerie Covington, PSR II, 24 years, Club Member; and Nicole Hamilton, PSR II, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



A. Manuel, PSR II, 23 years of City service.



Fabiola Lomeli, PSR II, 9 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Lisa Scutaro, PSR II, 9 years of City service, Club Member; Aaron Johnson, PSR II, 8 years, Club Member; and Christina Campos, PSR II, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Vanessa Sanchez, PSR II, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Autumn Kohoutek, PSR II, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Kimberlee Alas, PSR II, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Pamela Liske, PSR II, 13 years, Club Member.

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ALIVE! FEATURE

DWP

Smarter Soil





DWP Landscaping is replacing its thirsty lawns with beautiful designs that save water.

The DWP has long had a landscape crew to manage the foliage on its properties, but two droughts – first in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and the now – have changed how the department uses water on its own sites.

In October 2012, the beginning of the current drought, one of historic proportions, a major shift took place, and the department created the Landscape Capital division, which does more than just tend to the grass and flowers – it redesigns to replace all the water-thirsty plants with smarter elements, both plants and hardscapes.

The DWP's Landscape Capital division is run by Carlos Gomez, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent for Field Operations, Support Services Division, and Charlie Kagan, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor.

"We saw a need to convert some of our high maintenance and water consuming facilities into more water-friendly and less maintenance-usage facilities," Carlos says. "We asked for volunteers from our Landscape Operations crew while informing crew members that they would be performing other task besides lawn and plant care. They would be using equipment such as ditch witches, compactors and the skid-steer while learning about irrigation installation.

"It is vital that our crews take into account the area where the project is located, as some plants that thrive near the coast would not be a good choice in the North San Fernando Valley."

In this feature, Carlos and Charlie describe how they go about redesigning the DWP's lawns, and how the results are helping the City to save water at a critical time. ■

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ABOVE: Landscaping the DWP's Vose Street Yard in North Hollywood are, from left: Joseph Sanchez, Sr. Gardener, 7 years of City service; Chevo Serna, Gardener/Caretaker, 9 years; Charlie Kagan, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years; and German Perez, Gardener/Caretaker, 23 years.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, and courtesy the DWP and Councilman Tom LaBonge's office



The Centennial Garden around the time of its dedication last November.

Lawn

Mulholland Fountain

Los Feliz Boulevard

Garden of California Friendly plants

Decomposed granite path

Section of the orginal L.A. Aqueduct

Cascades

Mulholland Memorial Compass

Mulholland monument

To Plant, and to Educate

ALIVE! **INTERVIEW**

On June 11, Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios and Alive! editor John Burnes sat down with DWP Landscaping's Carlos Gomez, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, Operational Support Services Division, Field Operations, 30 years of City service; and Charles Kagan, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years. The interview took place at the department's Vose Street Yard in North Hollywood.

First, tell us your paths to get to your current positions.

CHARLES KAGAN: I first started in Recreation and Parks, working in golf, and I moved up to Public Works/ Street Services in the Landscape Division. Then I was promoted over here to Water and Power/vector control, and then moved up to Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor in the landscape section.

Great. Carlos?

CARLOS A. GOMEZ: I started back in 1984 as a Maintenance and Construction Helper at Castaic Power Plant. In '99 I was promoted to Building Repairer, and in 2000 to a Labor Supervisor with ISS Construction. In 2007 I became a Construction Maintenance Supervisor, and this year I became Superintendent for Facility Maintenance.

Carlos, what is the function of the DWP Landscaping Department? What does the department do?

CARLOS: We have more than 150 facilities that we have to maintain, from Boulder City, Nev., to the Eastern Sierras – our Bishop facility, Independence, Lone Pine and Big Pine. We also have outlying facilities like Castaic Power Plant, Power Plants 1 and 2, then all the areas in the San Fernando and L.A. metro region.

One of our main objectives is to give all our internal customers the facilities that best represent the Department of Water and Power. By that, I mean, let's make them showplaces, while at the same time reducing maintenance and water consumption, which we are doing at this time.

It's not just for looks. You're being very environmentally friendly.

CARLOS: That is a very true. Over the last year and a half we started a capital division here within our landscape division. Their primary goal is to convert a lot of the facilities that are high-water-consuming and convert them to be more water-friendly. We're going in there, removing all the sod, the plants and anything that consumes lots of water. We're using decomposed granite, different types of mulch and soils, and putting in water-friendly plants.

CHARLES: Carlos has said it right. We're using different-colored rocks, materials and various drought-resistant plants to be maintenance-, environmentally-, and water-friendly.

The Design Process

You're not just installing these, but you're designing them, too, right? Talk about the design process.

CHARLES: Sure. We are going from water-consuming facilities that have lots of turf, to California-friendly native plants. We use different concepts such as Mediterranean, arid, or a combination of both, depending on where the locations are. There's no cookie-cutter design. Each station has its own natural look, depending upon the layout. We basically look at the facility, start designing it, and retrofit the irrigation system to low water usage. We do designs that fit the community. This is evident as we have received positive feedback from the ratepayers we serve.

Our designs basically come together as a group effort. We take everyone's input. We'll come up with a rough design concept, brainstorm it with everybody, lay it out, and make sure the community and management are happy, so everyone's on board.

Once everyone is on board, the project goes full steam ahead, as we like to get in and out of the neighborhood as to cause the least amount of inconvenience to the neighbors.

Tell us a little bit more about the community. What is their reaction to a project once it's finished?

CHARLES: Our most recent project was Distribution Station DS-91 up in Tarzana/ Encino. It had 9,000 square feet of sod, plants and other materials that required removal. The department met with the community and provided concepts that we designed. After receiving community feedback, we modified our design and moved forward. We've gone from a facility that consumed lots of water, to a facility that uses minimal water. It uses decomposed granite, volcanic rock, California crushed gold rock, and includes succulents, and drought-tolerant California-friendly plants.

CARLOS: It's not something we throw together overnight. Projects such as DS–91 had a lot of lush green area. We did not want to put a lot of decomposed granite and walk away, as this would not look good – the neighborhood has a tropical look. DWP held meetings with the community. We illustrated our proposed drawings, keeping in mind the budget allocated for this project. We always want to give DWP and our valued ratepayers the biggest bang for their buck. We discussed the project with our in-house architect, Agvani Sargsyan, as she assists with our landscape designs. Once the design was agreed upon by all, including the community, we moved forward to complete this project in a timely manner. Our goal was met as the facility now saves thousands of gallons of water and requires less maintenance.



At a Landscaping project at the Sylmar Receiving Station are, from left: John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; Carlos Gomez, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent; Charles Kagan, Park Maintenance Supervisor; and Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations.

Precious Resources

Saving water and maintenance costs is what it's all about.

CARLOS: Like everybody else in the City, we've been hit with budget cutbacks. If we can take a facility like DS–91 that requires 10 hours a week for maintenance, and cut it down to where it uses two or three hours, that's a big plus for Water and Power.

Is there any sort of number that tells how much water is being saved at these locations?

CHARLES: Yes, there's data. The type of sprinkler head tells you how many gallons per minute it puts out. We do the math – gallons per minute, gallons per day, gallons per month. When we retrofit the system with the new heads, it's the same process again. The newer heads use a lot less water. I would say it's roughly a 70 percent savings of water.

CARLOS: We're in a historic drought right now. If we go back in time, we all remember Southern California as having ample water; everybody wanted everything lush and green. As time has moved forward, we understand here at the DWP that we need to be the trailblazers in showing the public that we should be getting rid of all these lush green lawns and replace them with items including crushed rock, water-friendly native plants, and low water-consuming irrigation systems.

The big thing I see is that we are the example; we are the ones who say, look at what you can do. We're presenting to the public all the ideas. We are putting plant names on placards at each station so the general public can identify the plants that work in that neighborhood.

Models for the Public

You touched a little bit about what people are doing with their lawns and their gardens now. What's your advice to them? What should they be growing or designing?

CHARLES: They can look at the Department facilities.

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The Support Staff



The DWP Landscaping Capital Group cannot function without its downtown support staff. They are (from left) Rhonda Morgan, Management Analyst; Billy Washington, Clerk Typist; Beryl Taylor, Management Analyst; Gail McFarlane, Utility Administrator; Brenda Nesby, Sr. Clerk Typist; Linda Duong, Utility Administrator; Sharon Lovely, Principal Clerk Utility; Debbie Nakamoto, Sr. Clerk Typist; John Gardner, Clerk Typist; Zhi Qiu, Student Worker; Betty Johnson, Clerk Typist; and Faye Strong, Manager of Business Support Services. NOT PICTURED: Rachawn Baker, Utility Administrator; Julie Walters, Management Analyst; Elizabeth Mar, Principal Clerk Utility; Janie Rios, Clerk Typist; and Yim Lui, Clerk Typist.

Sylmar Reservoir Facility



Digging an irrigation trench at the Sylmar Reservoir facility are (from left) Juan Raygoza, Gardener/ Caretaker, 10 years of City service; Reyes Nuñez, Gardener/Caretaker, 6 years; Rodrigo Mendez, Capital Projects, 8 years; David Garibay, Gardener/Caretaker, 29 years; and Joseph Sanchez, Sr. Gardener, 7 years.

Projects

Below are some photos of the DWP Landscaping process, saving in some cases up to 70 percent in water consumption.

Distribution Station 23 Pomona





Distribution Station 28 West Los Angeles





Distribution Station 91 Tarzana





Distribution Station 85 Tujunga





Stonework
Here's a before-and-during sequence of the landscaping crew placing water-saving stonework.

ALIVE! INTERVIEW

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CARLOS: We strongly recommend that they get rid of their lush green lawns and go to more drought-tolerant landscaping. The DWP is offering rebates; you have to be pre-approved from the department first. *[See related story.]*

CHARLES: The public can still make their house look tropical. There are different ways of doing it. They don't have to go with all California natives or California-friendlies, but they can mix and match their plants with a nice design and conserve water. That's the main point – they can remove a lawn and conserve water and still have a nice-looking house.

CARLOS: That's the same message we're trying to convey when we revamp the distribution stations. It looks gorgeous out there. In some places, they can save up to 70 percent of their water bill, if not more.

I know Charlie and I agree on this – we both strongly encourage people to take advantage of the Department's rebate program as California faces a record drought.

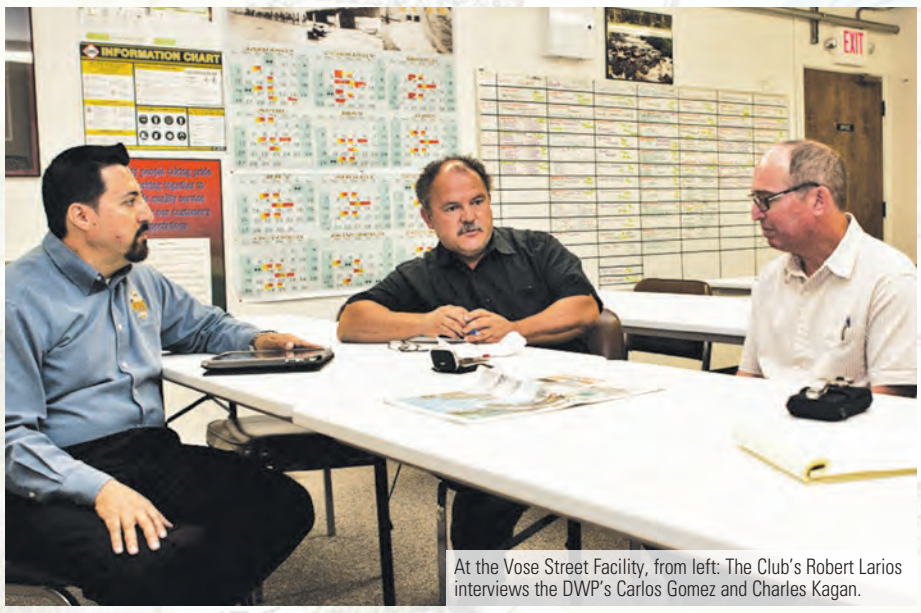
An Education Mission

Has anybody been doing it? Have you noticed any shifting in the community, even small beginnings, anything like that?

CARLOS: In some of the areas where we've revamped these distribution stations, we have driven around and noticed changing landscapes. DS–91 was a perfect example – a lot of the public was coming up to our crews and asking us, "Hey, what kind of plants are these? Can you give us the name of that gravel?" They're helping themselves because they're going to see a major savings in their water bill.

You have more than just a landscaping function. You have an educational mission, too.

CARLOS: That would be very accurate.



At the Vose Street Facility, from left: The Club's Robert Larios interviews the DWP's Carlos Gomez and Charles Kagan.

CHARLES: It's very accurate, because we've had people come up to us and want us to help them. We have given them advice on the type of plants, irrigation systems and aggregates they can use. We've noticed some community members changing their landscapes.

CARLOS: Not only are we giving ideas, but Water and Power also offers free classes to the customers to attend to learn about the projects and get ideas on what they can do. That information is on the Website.

What do you wish people knew about what you and your crew do?

CHARLES: The crews work really hard and take tremendous pride in the work they perform daily. They are smart and give their heart and soul to the job they perform.

CARLOS: I'll tell you what: I would put any one of the crews I oversee against anybody in private industry. That's how proud and sure I am that they would hold their own, because they are a very hardworking staff here at the DWP.

What comments do you get from the good work that you're doing?

CHARLES: At each of the stations we have converted, the community has praised the work that the DWP has performed.

CARLOS: At DS–28, with all the dog lovers in that area– they just praised the heck out of the department, as we made it "doggie friendly".

CHARLES: It's all been positive. The crews take tremendous pride in the work they perform.

CARLOS: We're both adamant that if people come up and ask our crews questions, we want our crews to take the time and answer the questions for the public, because it's in our best interest. We want them to know what plants we recommend. In the long run it's going to help the department save money, and it also gives us a positive image in the community. These guys are the frontline people. These guys are the first thing that the public sees. The customer drives by, sees a facility and says, "Wow, that looks beautiful." If it doesn't look beautiful, we get the worst effect; that is, "What the heck are these people doing out there?" That's what we don't want. We want everybody to think extremely positively of the DWP.

CHARLES: We get good feedback, and people comment on the design and nature of the project. It's really interesting how they pick up on the small details that we take for granted because we've done it so often. "Hey, you left the regular shrubs there. You didn't rip out everything." And we explain to them that, "You could do that at your house, too. You don't have to demo your whole yard. You just do areas of it to make it drought tolerant or California friendly," because there are shrubs and trees that you don't have to touch; you just work around the main structures and the framework of the station or the facility to make it look good and blend in with the community.

What about your support staff?

CARLOS: People don't get to see one group that makes us all function and that doesn't get the recognition they deserve, and that's our support staff – our clerical staff, our people behind the scenes. Yes, our crews are out there doing the landscape operations, and the general public sees them. But if it weren't for our support staff securing the contracts for plants and materials, our capital projects wouldn't be finished in a timely manner.

CHARLES: They make things click really quickly. It's teamwork.

CARLOS: That's exactly what I was going to say!

CHARLES: They're an integral part of our work.

CARLOS: Without them we fail. It's as simple as that.

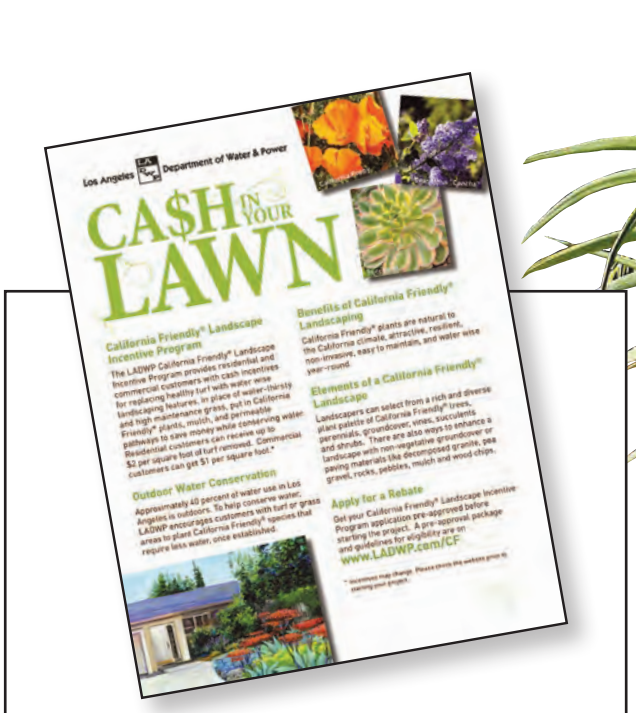
Our first project, DS–86, probably took us four to five months to complete because the support wasn't in place. Now we go to a place like DS–91, where our support staff has put the contracts in place – we just pick up the phone; the contracts are all in place; the materials, the plants, and everything else arrives; and our crews can focus just on their job of changing out the old and putting in the new. I think our support staff is too often forgotten.

We'll include them, for sure.

CARLOS: Great. And on a side note, I think the newspaper you guys put together is awesome. I personally enjoy reading the articles.

Thanks. And thanks for the tour and interview today, too.

CARLOS: Thank you.



Get Paid to Redo Your Lawn

DWP offers incentive program. You must apply online first.

You could be paid to convert your grassy lawn to a drought-resistant mix. And the amount has just been raised.

DWP launched its **Landscape Incentive Program** in 2009, which involves replacing turf grass with California-friendly plants, mulch and permeable pathways. Since turf grass is very expensive to maintain, requiring heavy water use and lots of attention, the California-friendly Landscape Incentive Program can save you money and, more importantly, save water for both residential and commercial customers.

Application pre-approval is required before starting any landscape project.

Since May, the single family residential program now pays $3 per square foot of healthy, green grass removed and converted to drought-tolerant landscaping.

For more information and to apply online, go to:
www.ladwp.com/CF



Plants

Pictured here are some of the California-friendly and -native plants Landscaping uses in its designs.

SHOWN HERE:

1. Aloe bainesii
2. Cotinus coggygria 'Royal Purple'
3. Erigeron speciosus
4. Stachys byzantina 'Lamb's Ear'







Brush Clearing Crew

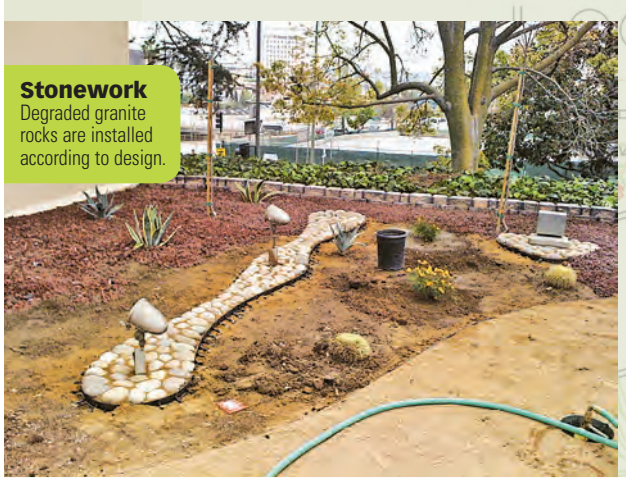
Clearing brush as part of the DWP's regular fire prevention efforts are members of the Landscaping Maintenance crew (from left) David Vara, Park Maintenance Supervisor, 17 years of City service; Jose Hernandez, Gardener/Caretaker, 32 years; Esiquio Landa, Gardener/Caretaker, 7 years; David Ruiz, Gardener/Caretaker, 11 years; Alex Garganta, Gardener/Caretaker, 10 years; and Emilio Valenzuela, Gardener/Caretaker, 12 years.



Projects

ALIVE! FEATURE **Smarter Soil**

Distribution Station 7 Downtown



Stonework
Degraded granite rocks are installed according to design.

Irrigation
Water-saving irrigation systems are critical to the new designs.



BEFORE
Digging a new pipe trench.



AFTER
The new system, installed.

Fletcher Pumping Station Atwater Village



Installed
The work is finished and ready to go. All that's left is growth.

LANDSCAPING'S SHOWPIECE: The Centennial Garden

Of all the projects that DWP's Landscaping capital crew has undertaken since its inception in October 2012, probably the most prominent is the Aqueduct Centennial Garden and Mulholland Memorial Fountain in Los Feliz.

The team, plus additional resources inside and outside the DWP, officially opened the new garden last November.

Aqueduct Centennial Garden features:

- Maintenance of the pine trees, cedar trees and rose bushes
- Drought-tolerant landscaping, including California native grasses, Blue Flame agave surrounding the existing rose bushes, sycamore, Manzanita, oak trees and bushes with a variety of colors, and drip irrigation with automatic controllers
- Decomposed granite paths that mimic the Los Angeles Aqueduct alignment, starting from Mono Lake to the City of Los Angeles
- Additional interconnected granite paths, and benches
- Sitting areas
- Unobtrusive interpretive signs
- A section of the original aqueduct pipe

The fountain was named for William Mulholland, the DWP engineer who designed and engineered the LA Aqueduct, which brought water to Los Angeles and fueled the City's growth. November 2, 2003 marked the 100-year anniversary of the completion of the aqueduct.

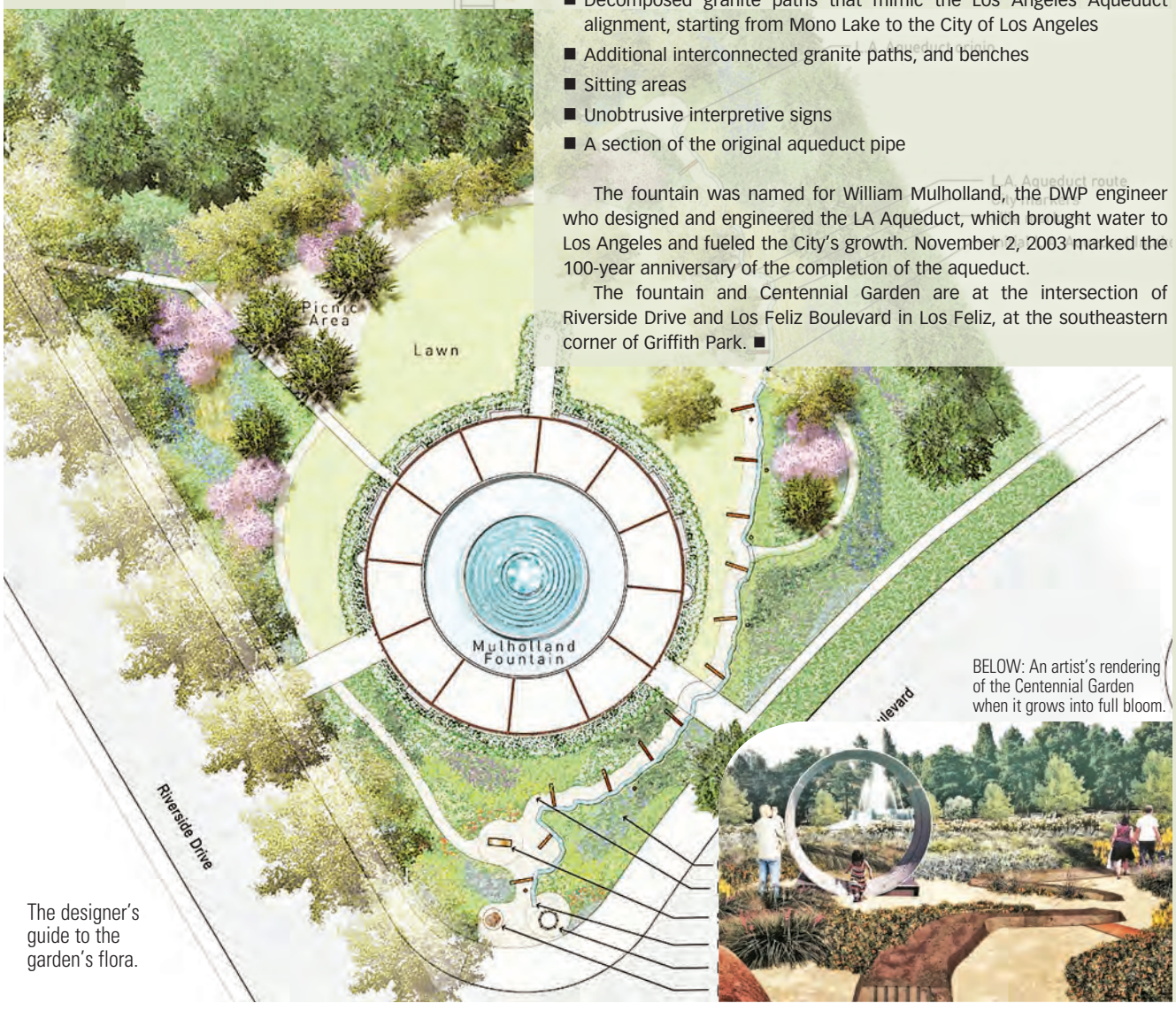
The fountain and Centennial Garden are at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Los Feliz Boulevard in Los Feliz, at the southeastern corner of Griffith Park. ■



The Centennial Garden around the time of its dedication last November.

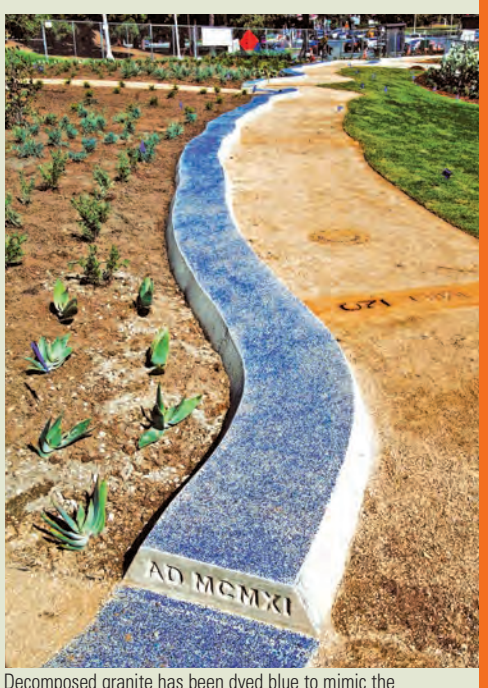


Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member (center), cuts the ribbon as the Centennial Garden is dedicated last November.



The designer's guide to the garden's flora.

BELOW: An artist's rendering of the Centennial Garden when it grows into full bloom.



Decomposed granite has been dyed blue to mimic the alignment of the LA Aqueduct.

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

1 Mexico



"I had the opportunity to enjoy another one of Mexico's beauties: Huatulco is in the state of Oaxaca, where the foothills of the Sierra Madre del Sur Mountains meet the Pacific Ocean. It's also known as the city of nine bays. Behind me is the Port of Huatulco, which can accommodate two cruise ships a day, and the marina."

– Victoria Anaya, Harbor

2 Dominican Republic



At the Hard Rock Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, honeymooners **Kortley Norris** and Frank Scotti declare, "It was complete paradise." Kortley works at **Rec and Parks**.

3 New Zealand









THE ADVENTURES OF MICHAEL BARNES HARBOR

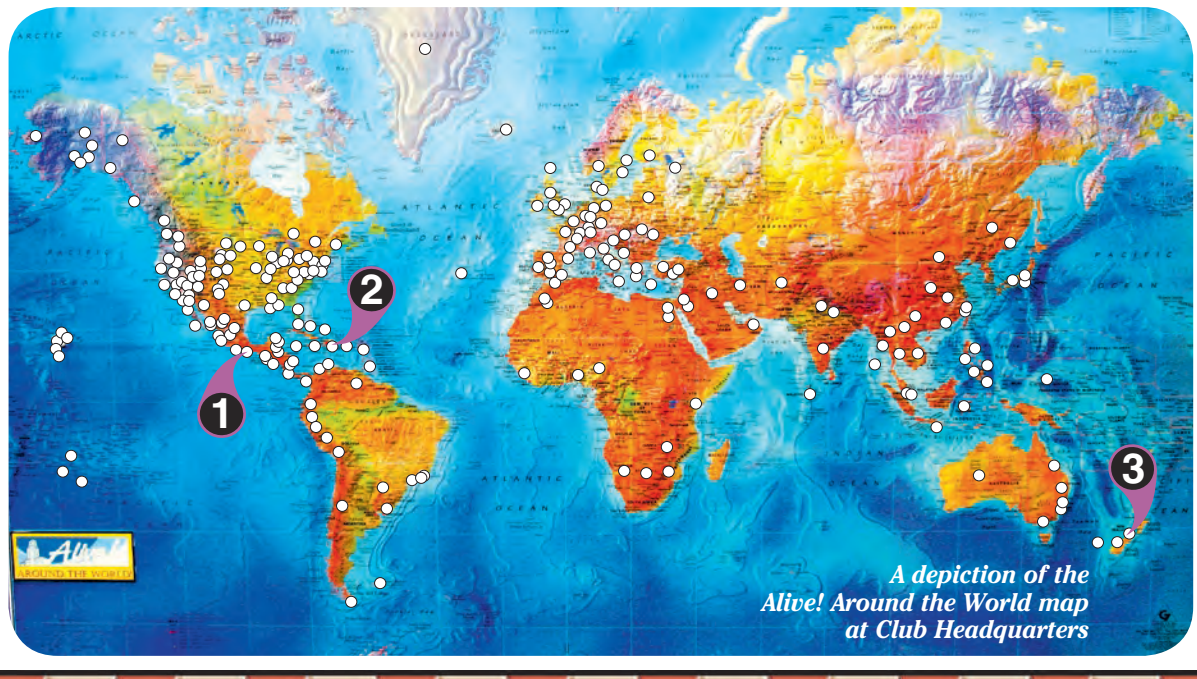
"To recuperate from a recent back problem, I went to New Zealand and spent five weeks walking and breathing in the fresh air, on my brother's waterfront property in the Marlborough sounds. There were lots of trees and seabirds, but that's it. It was a two-hour drive down dirt roads to the nearest village! And as much as I like the local products, one can drink only so much Cloudy Bay and eat so much seafood."

– Michael Barnes, Harbor

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



From left: Son, Mark; daughter, Jaclyn; wife, Deanne; Sgt. Sam Pittman (Retiree); and daughter, Danielle.



Sgt. Sam Pittman with his granddaughter, Hannah.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Larry Gray (Retired) and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Communications Operator Paula Dutton (Retired) and and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Latasha Wells Amerson and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick M Gannon and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Tyrone Stallings and Sgt. Sam Pittman.

Airports

Story courtesy Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Club Member; Photos courtesy Airport Police

So Long, Sgt.

Airport Police Sgt. Sam Pittman retires after 31 years of City service.

Sgt. Samuel Pittman celebrated his retirement after 31 years with the Airport Police Department at an event May 23. He began his career on the force in 1983. He was presented with plaques and commendations recognizing him for his commitment and dedication to service.

Sgt. Pittman was the Airport Police Range Master for 18 years, from 1996 to 2010. As Range Master, he provided training and monthly qualification courses to all Airport Police personnel and academy recruits.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon attended the ceremony and said, "I am glad to see Sgt. Pittman will have the opportunity to spend more time with his family. It is well deserved, but his presence with the division will be missed. He was a gift to Airport Police and was dedicated to serving his fellow officers, command staff and outside agencies."

The ceremony was held at the Proud Bird Restaurant adjacent to LAX, where Sgt. Pittman was joined by his wife, Deanne; son, Mark; twin daughters, Danielle and Jaclyn; and granddaughter Hannah, as well as other family members, friends and colleagues. Also in attendance were Captains Latasha Wells Amerson, Tyrone Stallings, LaPonda Fitchpatrick (Retired), Larry Gray (Retired) and other airport police personnel.

Congratulations, Sgt. Pittman, on your great career!



From left: Officer Michael Dear and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor, Charles Gleeson (Retired) and Officer Aletha Metcalf-Evans.



Sgt. Sam Pittman's mother- and father-in-law, Berl and Mavis Bahde.



Sgt. Sam Pittman's daughters and granddaughter, Danielle, Hanna and Jaclyn.

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Rec Parks

Story and photos courtesy Banning Residence Museum

Banning Turns 150!

Celebration planned as Banning museum turns 150 years old. *Reservations required.*



The Banning Residence Museum, a grand peek into Victorian times in the former home of Phineas T. Banning, the founder of Wilmington and the Port area, is planning a grand celebration and concert for its 150th anniversary.

The event is planned for 5 – 8 p.m. Aug. 16 at the museum, 401 E. M Street in Wilmington.





The theme of the event, a fundraiser presented by the Friends of Banning Museum, is Western, in the spirit of the Rancho period of the Banning property. The concert will feature the sounds of South Bay Country.

General admission is $5 (free for under 12). General admission patrons can bring their own picnic dinner, wine, blanket or lawn chair, to enjoy the concert.

The more festive way to go is to purchase a VIP ticket for $35 each, which includes a Western-themed buffet dinner (tri-tip, barbecued chicken, barbecued baby-back ribs, baked beans, Cole slaw, potato salad, lemonade and a slice of anniversary cake), reserved table seating, gated onsite parking, and dancing during the concert. VIP guests may bring their own wine.

Western-themed attire is encouraged but not mandatory.

Advance reservations are required for all guests. Call (310) 548-2005, or go to: www.thebanningmuseum.org

Banning Residence Museum, a Rec and Parks facility, is operated in cooperation with the Friends of Banning Museum.



Rec and Parks

Banning Seeks Volunteers

Museum to host informational receptions.

The Banning Museum seeks year-round volunteers and plans to host "Get to Know Us" receptions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, and Saturday, Aug. 23. The receptions will be held in the conference room at the Banning Museum, 401 E "M" St., in Wilmington.

Volunteers at the Banning Museum are required to attend a training class to gain the background necessary to offer public tours and special group tours of the interior of the museum, stagecoach barn and grounds. Once the training class is completed, the volunteers are able to participate in a full range of museum programs, including conservation and maintenance of antiques, participating in decorative arts exhibitions, special events, museum shop assistance, lecture and discussion committees, volunteer activities, the living history program and school program.

The Museum's school program is designed to introduce fourth-grade students to local cultural and historical heritage and may require additional training to familiarize new volunteers to the program details.

For additional information or to RSVP for one of the receptions above, contact the Banning Museum, (310) 548-7777.

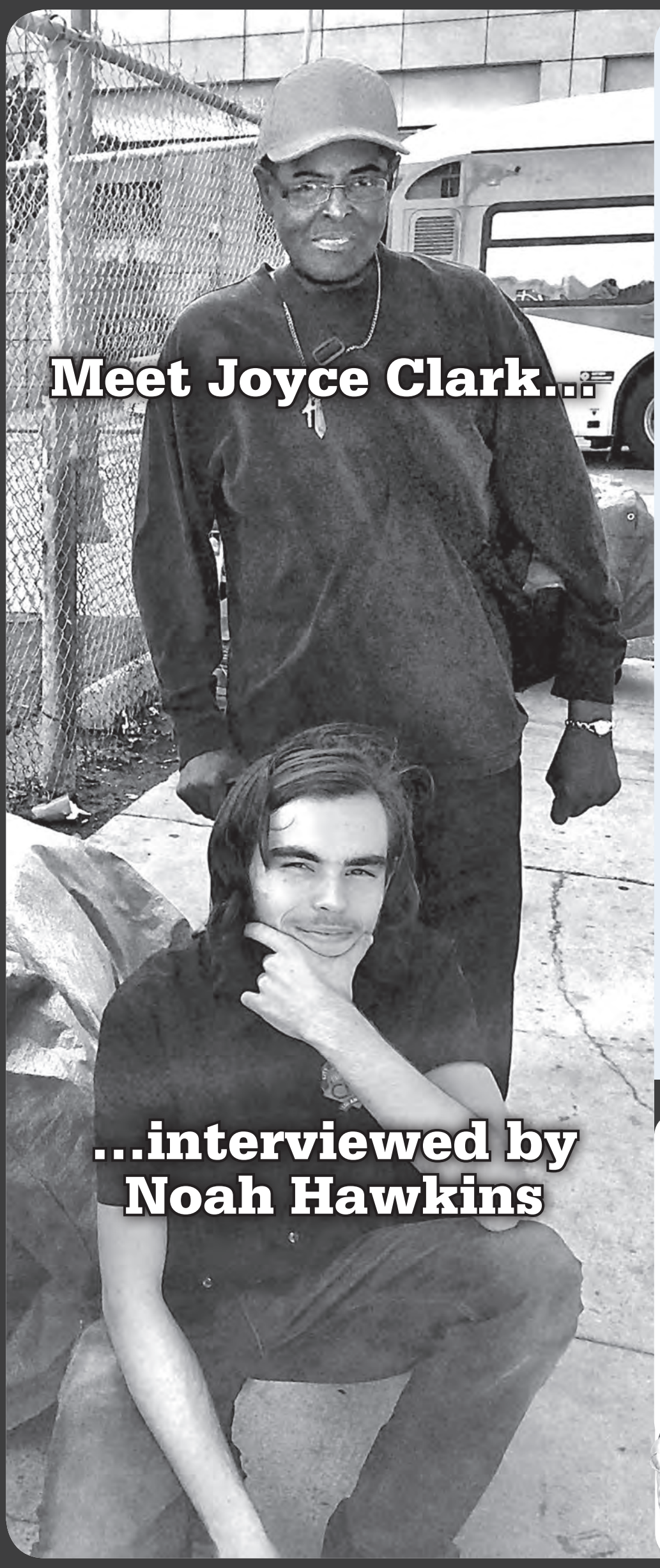
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{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

No. 66 in a series.

People We See

an interview on the streets of downtown Los Angeles





AGE: "I'm 57."

BIRTHPLACE: Muskogee, Okla.

MARITAL STATUS: "Single."

FAMILY: "I have three brothers and one sister."

PARENTS MARRIED/ DIVORCED: "They've passed away."

EDUCATION: "I finished high school."

MILITARY SERVICE: "No."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here. I have my tent wrapped up in that blue tarp."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LA? "A year and a half ago."

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "My friend from Missouri moved out here, so I came with her."

MEDICATIONS: "Yes, I'm on quite a few. I have schizo affective disorder as well as an ulcer, liver disease and arthritis. I had my right knee totally replaced. I also have auditory hallucinations and occasional paranoia."

RELIGION: "Christian."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "*The Beverly Hillbillies*."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Charlie Sheen."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Two and a Half Men*."

FAVORITE CANDY: "I love Snickers."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Fried chicken."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "The blues."

LAST BOOK READ: "A Stephen King novel."

LAST JOB: "Back in '96 I started getting disability insurance."

MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "Center for Harm Reduction."

POSSESSIONS SHE CARRIES WITH HER: "My ID, medical cards, etc."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My cross on my neck that a friend gave me."

LAST THING EATEN: "A burrito that was donated."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Work as long as you can work."

WHERE SHE WILL BE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW: "Right here on Fourth Street."

WHAT SHE WOULD DO WITH $1 MILLION: "Buy a house."

MAKE A WISH: "A house."

The Club gave Joyce a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, $20 and bottled water.

The interview took place June 19 at Main and Fourth Streets.
Interview by Noah Hawkins, son of Club President John Hawkins.
Photos by John Hawkins.

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Buckets and Blankets!



Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost $7 each).



Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the ***Club Angels*** program and ***Cre8tive Solutions*** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:

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CRE 8 TIVE FORCE SOLUTIONS

{ 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. }



Stories by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

Baker to Vegas: *Party Time!*

After the conclusion of the world-famous Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup foot race March 22-23, City teams gathered to celebrate their great achievements. *Alive!* was there to chronicle the fun!

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 their leadership.

Party Party Party Party Party

Airport Police

Photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

On March 23, the Airport Police B2V team celebrated their mugging (earning a trophy) in this year's race by gathering together at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. The LAX Airport Police team enjoyed an assortment of food, cheers and good company.

This marked Team LAX's third mug, following their other two in 2012 and 2013. Keep up the good work, Team LAX!



From Left: Violeta Hernandez, guest; and Officer II Joseph Hernandez, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



From Left: Officer Carley Oliver, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Josh Casanova, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Jon Van Dragt, CHP, 7 years of State service; Adam Brink, guest; and Officer II Nick Van Dragt, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



From Left: Monica Tucker, Police Dispatcher, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Violeta Hernandez, guest.



From left: Terry Gannon, guest; and Chief Pat Gannon, 35 years of City service.



From left: Ruben Casanova, guest; Sarah Casanova, guest; and Officer Josh Casanova, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Mark Corral, Emergency Service Unit, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer II Chad White, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: James Flanagan, guest; and Madeleine Flanagan, Sr. Management Analyst I, 26 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Ryan Carter, Airport Security, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Patricia Valles, Airport Security, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Manny Portillo, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. Mario Patrick, 24 years, Club Member.

From left: Mayra Cisneros, Airport Security Officer, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Juana Ramirez, guest; and Edgar Hernandez, guest.





From left: Officer III Charles Yoon, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Officer II Victor Padilla, 3 years, Club Member; Officer Josh Casanova, 4 years, Club Member; Mark Corral, Emergency Service Unit, 15 years, Club Member; and Officer II Joseph Hernandez, 4 years, Club Member.

LAPD Security/Transportation

Photos by Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor

On March 23, the LAPD/Transportation Baker to Vegas team gathered at the beautiful vacation home of Albert and Diana Armijo in Las Vegas to celebrate the team's mugging (trophy) in the 30th annual Baker to Vegas race. The combined team of LAPD Security and Transportation placed 32nd out of 62 teams in the invitational mix category and 161st place overall.

During the celebration, the team and its friends and families enjoyed great food and even better company! Congratulations! Way to win that mug!



Andrew Lee, Traffic Officer, 8 months of City service, Club Member.



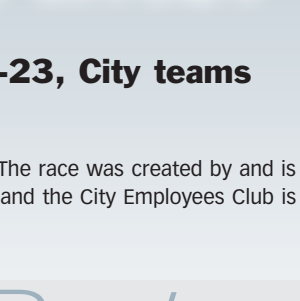
Celina Lopez, guest; and Jesus Lopez, Traffic Officer II, 17 years of City service.



Sgt. Ilona Wade, 16 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Reggie Allen, Traffic Officer II, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Lindsay Smiley, Support Team; Latisha Vargas, Traffic Officer, 14 years, Club Member; and Diana Rogers, Traffic Officer, 13 years.



Albert Armijo, Retired Street Services Investigator, 26 years of City service; and Sgt. Diana Armijo, Transportation and Support Team Coordinator, 26 years, Club Member.



Sergio Flores, Traffic Officer II, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Veronica Flores, guest.



Grey Rogers, Traffic Officer, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Diana Rogers, Traffic Officer, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Eric Clay, Retired, 35 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Roger Gornick, Retired, 31 years, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Donna Jackson, 37 years of City service; and Diane Gornick, guest.

Port Police

Photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On March 23, the Port Police's Baker to Vegas running/support team and friends gathered at the Las Vegas Hotel to celebrate the team's mug (trophy) victory in the 30th annual Challenge Cup Relay. This is the Port's fourth consecutive year mugging!

The team, made up of the same core group from the initiation of the team in 2007, celebrated their placing with refreshments and toasts in its new 2014 Challenge mugs.

Congratulations to the Port Police team on all its hard work and achievements.



From left: Det. Al Alvardo, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Jason Gertler, Special Agent, 18 years.



From left: Lt. Daniel Eleman, Retired, 35 years of City service; Officer III Alex Castillo, 9 years, Club Member; Officer II Rudy Meza, Retired, 32 years, Club Member; and Ismael Flores, Senior Lead Officer, 8 years, Club Member.



Port Police *– cont.*



From left: Rebecca Hennigan, guest; Officer II Rudy Meza, Retired, 32 years of City service, Club Member; and Robin Jackson, Management Analyst, 37 years.



From left: Officer III Ryan Mullany, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Sara Pelayo, guest; and Andrew Ranes, guest.



From left: Officer Bill Paxson, Retired, 28 years of City service; and Officer II Aldo Morales, 14 years.



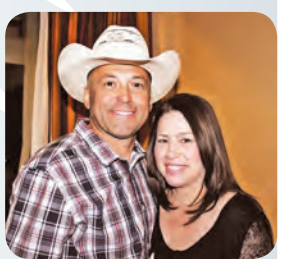
Capt. Al Rosario, Retired, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Lydia Rosario, guest



From left: Sgt. Jerome Niles, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Rachel Niles, guest.



From left: Officer II Aaron Ybarra, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Mark Pagliuca, 8 years, Club Member.



Officer II Aldo Morales, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Lily Morales, guest.

Economic/Workforce Development

Story and photos courtesy Economic/Workforce Development

Getting LA Back 2 Work

Unique City program is helping those laid off to find new jobs.

With funding from the United States Government, the City's Economic and Workforce Development Dept. has launched the second year of its Getting LA Back 2 Work program, which accepts employees laid off from certain organizations (including the City of LA) and retrains them to better find work.

The program is funded by a $17 million National Emergency Grant under the Department of Labor. This grant targets displaced workers from specific public agencies and private companies identified from the Department of Labor. The grant provides qualified displaced workers with up to $7,500 in training and placement support.

The City is partnering with 18 WorkSource Centers located throughout Los Angeles. The goal is to identify 2,000 dislocated workers and get them enrolled, trained and placed in jobs.

"We want to urge everyone qualified for this grant to take advantage of all the funding and services available to them, especially the $10,000 in free training to help them become more skilled and marketable to reenter the workforce," says Scott Lee, Program Director. "Our ultimate goal is 'Getting LA Back 2 Work.'"

The specialized training includes: assessment (basic skills, career and vocational aptitude); customized training; employment preparation (résumé and interview skills); job/paid internship placement assistance; vocational training; on-the-job training; and supportive services (bus tokens, work clothes, tools, child care etc.).

To qualify for this program, you must:

- Have been laid off from one of the listed employers (see the Website for the complete list)
- Have a valid California drivers license and Social Security card or a valid U.S. passport
- Have unemployment insurance documentation and a lay-off notice, if applicable, and
- Be registered with available Selective Service (for men only).



The Economic and Workforce Development Team offering the Getting LA Back 2 Work program are, from left: Celene Magallanes: Project Assistant; Brenda Anderson: Sr. Project Coordinator; Christina Ortega-Libatique: Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst; and Scott Lee: Community Program Director. Not pictured: Elizabeth Macias, Human Relations Advocate.

The program predicts that new jobs could be coming in the following industries: healthcare, advance manufacturing (i.e., biotech, high-tech manufacturing), logistics, hospitality, construction, entertainment and fashion.

"On its face, the concept is a good one," says Jan Perry, General Manager, Economic/Workforce Development, Club Member. "We need to be much more aggressive in expanding our universe of contacts. That requires intelligent outreach and effective use of social media. To that end you will see a deeper collaboration from our Department with stakeholders and partners to help Get LA Back 2 Work."

City Layoffs

If you know of anyone who has been laid off from the City of Los Angeles from April 2010 to present, they may qualify for a Department of Labor grant up to $10,000 in free training. They may qualify if they are 1) still unemployed; or 2) returned to work but suffered a loss in wages.

For more information: Call Celene Magallanes, Economic and Workforce Development, at (213) 473-4444, or go to: www.wiblacity.org/b2w/

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Life's Important Moments

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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
Allen Anderson
Mayra Cisneros
Synthia Lee
Joey McRivers
Carmen Palomar
Ricardo Perez
Julia Rose
Shaun Shimoda-Kobayashi
Zain Williams

Building and Safety
Daniel Gonzalez
Vanessa Taylor

City Attorney
Figueroa Alan

Finance
Miguel Rivas

LAFD
Armando Diaz
Edward Larini
Ronnie Matsuo
Ricardo Mena
Antonio Navarro

General Services
Alberto Castanon
Dina Cordova
Jon Johnson
Geoffrey Lewis
Fernando Pinon
Ronnie Aragon Jr.

Harbor
Alfred Guerrero

Housing
David Barron
Tylon Coleman
Christopher Ewing
Da Liu
Juan Medina
Irene Rubio

ITA
Francisco Aguilera
Donna Arrechea
Eduardo Nunez
Octavio Saucedo

Library
Hisashi Kobayakawa

LAPD
Patrick Aluotto
Lucio Arreola
Eduardo Bermudez
Jeffery Burnley
Victor Campbell
Ricardo Cepeda
Alfonso Cisneros
Miguel Contreras
Jose Diaz-Ibarra
James Dickson III
Ron Foxhoven
Shaun Gajich
Jennifer Giggles
Cody Halchishak
Keith Hunter
Stephanie Hurtado
Larry Johnson
Grace Kelly
Hector Marquez
Juan Martinez
Nayeli Medina
Gina Mendoza
Sylvia Moreno
Ronald Owen
Maricela Pacheco
Lai-Kia Phillips
Alicia Pinedo
Esmeralda Ramirez
Perla Rodriguez
Timothy Ruiz
Rodolfo Sarmiento
Joel Trask
Leonid Tsap
Neil Warren
Terrill West
Jason Whittenton
Fred Williams

PUBLIC WORKS

PW-Contract Administration
Luis Amado

PW-Engineering
Ricardo Acosta
Rick Andelin
Armond Badkerhanian
Massoud Chadorchi
Anita Chou
Katrina Forbes
Noelia Gonzalez
William Knight
Jennifer Rhaburn

PW-Sanitation
Jonathan Alvarado
Jose Ambriz
Patrick Batiste
David Bautista
Vincent Kwok
Angel Villafana
Man Woo
Marcelino Zuniga-Garcia

PW-Street Lighting
James Quigley

PW-Street Services
Scott Harmon

Rec and Parks
Ron Alcala
Dominic Flores
Mirna Garcia
Herbert Hernandez
William Lopez
Oscar Martinez
Felipe Pina
Mary Helen Rodriguez

Retired
David Ballenger
Edna Lang

DWP
Janea Albright
Raul Arroyo III
Alfonso Carrillo
Michael Fentriss
Ronald Jefferson
Patricia Johnson
Armando Navarro
Ignacio Ochoa
Greg Settle

Other
Michael Arguelles
Michelle Dulalia
Jay Horlick
Jonathan Mangubat
Monique Merriweather
Jason Milar
Dianah Scates
Leticha Toney
Vivian Vasquez

Alive! in the Military

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

Peace of Mind

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

Contact me at TSy@cityemployeesclub.com



Making Sense of Your Deductions

The City Employees Club offers you a multitude of options when it comes to billing, including payroll and pension deductions. The benefit of automatic deductions from your paycheck offers the convenience of not having to write and mail a check every month. What happens when you accrue so many deductions that you've forgotten what you've signed up for? For starters, you can contact the City Flex office or DWP benefits office for clarification.

It is important to familiarize yourself with your deductions and what those acronyms represent on your paystub. For example, if you have insurance with the City Employees Club, you will see a deduction code of "LACEA 41." You are always welcome to contact us for clarification of your benefits and request a statement. The benefit statement will include a breakdown of your benefit coverage and monthly premiums. It is a good idea to do this as often as you receive a paystub or at minimum on a quarterly basis to assess sufficient coverage and protection for you and your family.

One of the issues I face every week is a lapse in coverage without the member's knowledge. This can be avoided by periodically checking your benefits. If we catch it in a timely manner, typically within 60 days, we can reinstate benefits. Unfortunately, when the benefits have lapsed and exceeded the 60 days allowed, the plan will cancel permanently. To obtain your benefits again, you will have to reapply and be subjected to medical underwriting. Going through medical underwriting is an evaluation of risk taken by the insurance carrier. The carrier has the right to decline coverage if there has been debilitating changes to your health, and you will not be able to attain the benefits you once had. If your benefits are important to you, it behooves you to keep an eye on your deductions, especially if there has been a recent change in family or employment status.

Have you agreed to payroll deductions but wonder why you received a bill from the Club? If you are out on leave, disability, have retired or transferred to another DWP or City department, you will experience a lapse in your deductions. You will have to contact each organization with which you have benefits (including the Club) to ensure appropriate billing. Also, if you recently made changes to your deductions, it will not reflect on your paystub until four to six weeks later. So, to avoid a lapse in your coverage, please make sure you follow up with our billing department if you are out on leave or have transferred.

Graduations



Jewel Ivory Thompson graduated from UCLA with a Master of science degree. She is the daughter of Paulette Mathieu-Stanton, PSR III, LAPD, 26 years of City service, Club Member. "Congratulations! All my love – Mommy."



Darryl D. Williams Jr. graduated from Saint John's University in Minnesota with a degree in business management. He's now working for Teach for America while pursuing other employment opportunities. He's the son of Kasondra Evans, Personnel.



Rachel M. Johnson graduated from Cal State Northridge with a Bachelor of science degree in public health. She's the granddaughter of John T. Hernandez, Public Works/Sanitation, Retired.



Valerie Williams graduated from Hope International University with a degree in marriage and family therapy. She plans to attend the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in pursuit of her doctoral degree. She's the daughter of Al Williams, General Services.



Cynthia Bailon graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor's degree. At LMU she became a member of Lambda Theta Nu sorority. She plans to attend USC in the fall, pursuing a Master's degree. She's the daughter of Elvira Bailon, LAPD.



Matthew Medina Jr. graduated from California High School June 4 and plans to graduate from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Academy Explorer Class No. 92 in June. Matthew is the son of Matthew Medina, LAPD, and grandson of Red Medina, Public Works/Contract Administration, and Lupe Medina, Retired City Employees Club staffer. "Congratulations, Matthew! We are so proud of you."



Melanie Obregon graduated from Schurr High School in Montebello. She has been accepted at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles, and plans to pursue a career in acting. She's the daughter of Nick Obregon, DWP, and Laura Obregon, DWP.



Jian Jefferson-Roberts graduated from New Millennium Secondary School in Gardena. He plans to attend Cal State Dominguez Hills in the fall, majoring in business/entrepreneurship. Jian is the son of Edward and Denise Jefferson-Roberts, DWP, Retired.



Christina Bailon graduated from Sacred Heart High School and plans to attend Mount St. Mary's College in Brentwood in the fall. She's the daughter of Elvira Bailon, LAPD.



Matthew Saxton graduated from Glendora High School and plans to attend Citrus College in the fall, pursuing the automotive program. He's the son of Cathy Bushey, LAPD, Retired.



Rebecca Baggio graduated from SOAR Preparatory Academy Middle School. She plans to attend SOAR College High School in the fall. Rebecca is the daughter of Karen Baggio, Housing, and Vincent Baggio.



Rylan Nicholas Gray graduated from Haskell Middle School and plans to attend Gahr High School in the fall. He is active in leadership, runs track and looks forward to making the most of his high school experience. Rylan is the grandson of "proud Nani" Brenda Edwards, DWP.

Life's Important Moments

Weddings



Congrats, Jackie!

Congratulations to one of the Club's own!

Club Counselor Jackie Causillas married LAPD Municipal Senior Lead Police Officer Isaac Burciaga, May 30 in an outdoor ceremony at the Altadena Town and Country Club. They were joined by family and friends.

All the best to Jackie and Isaac!



Lupe and Juno Galvan, May 17. Juno is an Electric Service Representative, DWP. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Congratulations!

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

Births



Johan Ellis Moses, born March 26. His parents are Kelly Arthurs, Sr. Clerk Typist, Airports, and Kendrick Moses.

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

Special Achievements

Keely Chan has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy class of 2018, beginning as a midshipman in July. She hopes to major in electrical engineering. "I am so excited that after the next four years, I will be commissioned as a Naval Officer in the United States Navy. I want to give a big thank you to my supportive parents, teachers and friends who have been by my side from the beginning. I want to say that without your patience and support, I would not have been able to accomplish my goal of attending the United States Naval Academy. Special thanks go to the LAPD DAPS program at Central Division for teaching me good values at an early age. I would also like to thank both Sen. Barbara Boxer and Congressman Xavier Becerra for nominating me."

Keely is pictured (right) with Congressman Xavier Becerra. She's the daughter of Steven Chan, DWP.



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

In Memoriam

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

Active

Beller, Shawn, DWP, 24
Camacho, Maria, General Services, 12
Cotton, Calvin, DWP, 27
Murga, Richard, Planning, 27
Radice, Joseph, Rec and Parks, 12

Retired

Aron, Laurel, CDD, 31
Baker, Walter, LAPD, 25
Benefield, Bessie, Public Works, 35
Borisoff, Alex, Public Works, 28
Bouk, Lloyd, Rec and Parks, 32
Boulware, Samuel, DWP, 24
Brookman, Thomas, Rec and Parks, 15
Brooks, Jane, Library, 14
Brown, Earl, Public Works, 19
Byrd, Loney, DWP, 30
Camarena, Rodolfo, Public Works, 33
Canales, David, Rec and Parks, 41
Canister, Sandy, LAFD, 41
Collins, Ike, Public Works, 32
Cridland, Dale, DWP, 24
Curran, Yvonne, Personnel, 19
Duplessis, Morris, Controller, 33
Emanuel, Anthony, Public Works, 21
Gardiol, Remo, DWP, 29
Garrett, Bobby, Public Works, 30
Glover, Elvin, Public Works, 18
Gomez, Paul, DWP, 37
Green, Andrew, Public Works, 30
Greenhoward, Joe, General Services, 29
Gulick, Barbara, City Attorney, 23
Hart, Henri, Transportation, 36
Havlina, Ernest, DWP, 41
Herrera, Yoland, DWP, 34
Hoffman, Eddis, Library, 34
Holden, Tedd, Public Works, 5
Horton, Scherrial, DWP, 29
Hough, Arden, General Services, 25
Johnson, Charlie, General Services, 21
Johnson, Robert, DWP, 22
Johnson, William, General Services, 34
Jones, Edward, ITA, 23
Karlsen, Paula, Library, 19
Kendrick, Lula, LAPD, 13
Larmer, Chauncey, DWP, 29
Marrero, Victor, LAPD, 21
McCloskey, J.L., Transportation, 15
McNair, Rita, Building and Safety, 22
Mohammadi, Reza, Public Works, 26
Mollman, Grant, Airports, 26
Mulligan, Mary, Library, 12
Nacianceno, Saundra, CAO, 21
Nave, Jeanette, Public Works, 23
Nicassio, Joe, DWP, 35
Peckham, Larry, DWP, 31
Phillips, Stratton, DWP, 35
Savone, Ivonne, Harbor, 41
Shaw, Wrenrick, Housing, 6
Silver, Rose, DWP, 14
Stockton, Elsa, DWP, 35
Suzuki, Takashi, DWP, 36
Tagle, Gloria, Harbor, 32
Townsend, James, Harbor, 12
Updegraff, Robert, ITA, 30
Vidal, Louise, Building and Safety, 24
Wallace, Thomas, Public Works, 29
Walsh, David, Harbor, 31
Welsh, Clarence, Building and Safety, 12

It's Time to Tell Their Story

An Alive! feature

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

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

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• In the cinema

Night Moves

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Set in natural parks and organic collectives, *Night Moves* creates suspense and melodrama following three eco-terrorists as they execute their biggest action of their lives — blowing up a hydroelectric dam in Southern Oregon. There are no special effects or explosions, but like a great *film noir*, *Night Moves* shows characters crumbling from within, as a result of their own actions. Are these characters stupid? What does eco-terrorism accomplish? The film does not answer these questions, though it speculates on why these characters are distrustful of society and disenfranchised by surveillance. The film is extremely suspenseful and thought provoking. The cinematography is breathtaking. I highly recommend it to fans of suspense or crime drama.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

Only Lovers Left Alive

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The cities of Detroit and Morocco feature heavily in Jim Jarmusch's "vampire movie for adults," where Adam and Eve are vampires who have lived for centuries, drinking blood, reading and playing music. They go out only at night, and not to socialize but to score blood from doctors and suppliers so they can stay alive. Eve's younger sister, Ava, arrives and interrupts the couples' life of seclusion. The film is terrifically slow-paced and charming. Drink a large coffee beforehand.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

Edge of Tomorrow

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Wow. I didn't think that *Edge of Tomorrow* would entertain me as much as it did. This fantastical sci-fi romp starring Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt really registered with me. The time-loop element remains fresh, thanks to the performances and humor of the two main stars; the alien designs are remarkably unique; and the action in the film will keep you on the edge of your seat the entire film. Smart, funny and exciting, I cannot wait to see this film once again. It's definitely worth your time checking this film out.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Edge of Tomorrow

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I'm disappointed that this film isn't doing better at the box office, but I've grown to let the suits worry about that; I'll just worry about enjoying it. Which is no worry at all with *Edge of Tomorrow*, a fun, intense, smart and peppy sci-fi confection that combines elements of *Aliens, Groundhog Day* and *The Longest Day*. I had never really thought of Emily Blunt as a sci-fi action star, and still probably don't, but she's just fine here. And excellent director Doug Liman (the *Bourne* trilogy) keeps the energy high and the grins-and-winks not far afield.

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

X-Men: Days of Future Past

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I really liked how *X-Men: Days of Future Past* turned out. The way they mixed the movie around between the X-Men teams of the past and the future, even the present – it was all magnificently done. There was a lot of focus on Wolverine, but I didn't really mind that. Personally I thought the cast did an excellent job in their roles, and the inclusion of new characters into the series was a nice change. At times dark and grim, the lighter side of the film does outshine those scenes, but all in all, this film is pure entertainment at its best.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Godzilla

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Finally, after ten years with no new films to his credit, *Godzilla* is back on the big screen and boy, was I happy to see it. The first American-made Godzilla film since the disastrous 1998 film, this film hit all the right notes, and it was evident from the way the movie was paced and executed that the creative team behind the film was all monster and kaiju movie fans at heart. They knew exactly how to handle the Godzilla character and remembered that the movie is about the human drama as much as it is about giant monsters battling it out.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Blended

Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Darn! I was kind of hoping that *Blended* would actually be a good film. Starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, I thought their past successes together with *The Wedding Singer* and *50 First Dates* would carry over to this film. Nope! Instead, we are stuck with the same Adam Sandler that we have seen for the past several years, hogging all the screen time and relying on old jokes and gags to make it through the film. Seriously, if this is the best that Sandler can do nowadays, then maybe it is time he considers stopping before he waste more of our time on trite films like this.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

Walking on Water

Richard Paul Evans, Fiction, 320 pages

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

After the death of his wife and the loss of his advertising business, Alan Christoffersen sets off on a walking adventure across America from Seattle to Key West, Fla. The fifth and final installment of *The Walk* series starts out with Alan returning back to Seattle to attend the funeral of his father, then he returns to his walking to complete his journey to Key West, meeting many different people and finding love and friendship along the way.

This is a heartfelt story of one man's journey to find himself while walking across America and triumphing from life's pitfalls.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

The Gods of Guilt

Michael Connelly, Crime fiction, 416 pages

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Mickey Haller from *The Lincoln Lawyer* defends the murder case of Andre LaCrosse, an Internet pimp accused of murdering prostitute Gloria Dayton, whom Mickey had once defended. Mickey uses an office building owned by a rock band, abandoning his Lincoln Town Car office with his staff of Cisco and a young lawyer, Julie Aronson, to help investigate the murder. While investigating Gloria's murder, Mickey finds that her murder has ties with a Mexican drug lord in prison whom Gloria had put away years ago,

With high-level courtroom drama, Mickey appeals to the members of the jury, also known as the gods of guilt. And Mickey tries to rekindle his relationship with his estranged daughter, Brittany.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

On a Screen Near You

• Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

I Give It a Year

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

In our quest to find comedies that don't involve a man-child or woman-child (read: the entire Adam Sandler and Will Ferrell oeuvres), my wife and I stumbled upon this British romantic comedy that had somehow avoided our radar last year. Written and directed by Dan Mazer in the snappy, somewhat cynical tradition of Richard Curtis *(Four Weddings and a Funeral, Love, Actually)*, *I Give It a Year* gave us hope that we had found something fun for actual grown-ups to enjoy.

Alas, no. Despite the strong Working Title tradition, terrific actors (Rafe Spall, Rose Byrne, Simon Baker, Anna Faris) and a sort-of Pinter-like structure (the couple gets married happily at the start and then encounters challenges in their first year), the movie actually seems to hate romantic comedies and their audiences. With plastic characters saying or doing the exact wrong thing at the wrong time consistently, this is a very unnatural and unsatisfying experience. There were amusing moments, and the whole thing really could have worked with a simple and honest rewrite of the final scene. But no – despite the movie's sharpness and talent, remove the slick pedigree and all that's left is another set of characters who refuse to grow up, and a movie that unfortunately celebrates that. Our search for satisfying grown-up comedies continues.

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

Les Revenants/The Returned

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Les Revenants is a spooky French series on Netflix that has deservedly earned a cult following. While a United States version, ABC's *Resurrection*, fell a little flat, this original in French is sparse and enigmatic. When the deceased members of a small town start to reappear unchanged, their families and friends are unnerved, to say the least. Why have the dead returned? Why are the levels in the town's dam changing? And who is attacking young women in the underpass? Stylishly filmed, *Les Revenants* beguiles the viewer over all eight eerie episodes. More to follow in 2015.

– Dearbhla McNulty, Club wife

Video Gaming

• Video games via online, rental or purchase

Child of Light

Rated E10+ for Everyone 10+

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Every once in a while, a game comes out that completely bucks convention and makes the entire gaming community look at it in awe and wonder. *Child of Light* is that kind of game. This adventure game is nothing like anything on the market today, and that freshness and unique gameplay quality that it possesses is exactly why gamers are drawn to it. The sense of wonder that the game is able to deliver is really something to marvel at. While challenging at times, the game is actually quite inviting to gamers of all types and abilities. This is definitely a must-have game.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Mario Golf: World Tour

Rated E for Everyone

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I like a little bit of an arcade-type feel with my sports games. Sports sims like *Madden* are fine and all that, but an arcade like game adds a bit more fun to the mix. *Mario Golf: World Tour* does just that by providing a fun and simulated golf experience but adding in that arcade-type level of fun that puts gamers of all types on equal footing on the course. There are a few issues I have with the presentation of the game, like having to completely go through an opening sequence when restarting a hole, but as a whole, the game is pure fun.

– Richard Carcenas, LAPD

Demon Gaze

Rated T for Teen

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I wasn't quite sure what to expect from *Demon Gaze* on the PS Vita when I started playing it, but as I progressed through the game I found myself admiring the wonderful mix of traditional JRPG elements mixed in with dungeon-crawling action most Western gaming fans are accustomed to. It has a decent story, and the mechanics of the battle system work well for the game. It may be a bit on the lengthy side, but since it's on the Vita and I can take the game anywhere with me to continuously play, I actually didn't mind it one bit.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

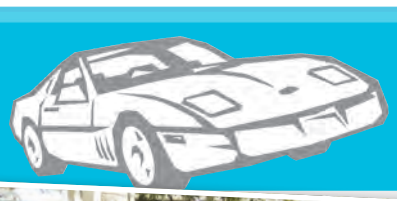
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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: ***My Score: X (out of 5).***
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
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The Car Club



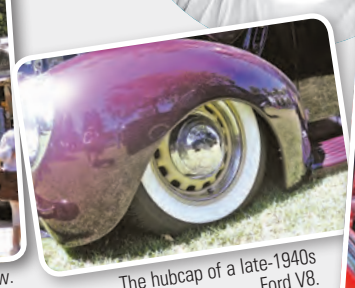
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Assistant Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration



Mid-century Chevys, all in a row.



Food trucks at the car show.



The hubcap of a late-1940s Ford V8.



A mid-'50s Chevy, complete with a curb service tray on the right window.

An Oasis of Cars (and Food)

A visit to LAPD Valley Traffic's annual car show.

It was 10:30 a.m. and about 90 degrees in Woodland Hills on May 31. The inside of my car was about 10 degrees hotter and lacked the modern convenience we refer to as air conditioning. "I knew I should have come earlier," I told myself. Twenty-five minutes later, I finally found a parking spot, only after rubbing the passenger side of my '59 El Camino against the curb. You can only imagine what I said. I regrouped and continued on like a soldier carrying out a mission.

After a short walk, I finally arrived to an oasis in the middle of the Sahara - gleaming paint from classic cars, the shade of trees, green grass, and a plethora of food trucks. The oasis was named Warner Center Park and was host once again to the 11th annual "Still Saving Lives" Car Show, sponsored by the LAPD.

Warner Center Park is really a great place for any event. It has plenty of shade and room for kids to play. It also has a stage for live music and shows. The LAPD Valley Traffic Division and Advisory Council (say that four times really fast) made sure to keep things upbeat by bringing in veteran KTLA weatherman Mark Kriski to host and keep things moving along. LAPD helicopters flew overhead, and one was even on the grass for display. Military vehicles were also on display and open for kids to use as their jungle gym.

If you happened to get hungry and thirsty after all the walking and drooling over cars, there was an assortment of food trucks. The choice between barbecue, Cuban food, sandwiches, burgers and tacos was tough because it all looked and smelled good, but Cuban eventually won my heart over.

With a camera full of pictures, a head full of ideas for my own projects, and a stomach full of two Cuban sandwiches (I was hungry!), I was ready to head on down the road. I had a great time and encourage all of you to join next year.



A "La Bestione Rusty One" – actually a one-off that Gary Wells hand-built from a 1910-era American LaFrance fire engine. Wells claims this chain-drive beauty can reach more than 100 miles an hour.



The engine bay from "La Bestione Rusty One."



An LAPD Air Support chopper was on display.



A 1957 Chevy restomod.



A 1950s Oldsmobile restomod.



Military vehicles were on display.



A Lamborghini that the LAPD uses in public relations.



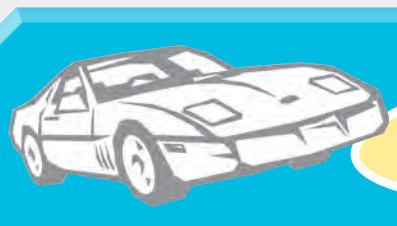
There's no mistaking the interior of a Bug.



A pristine 1950s Pontiac convertible.



The Batmobile!



PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS? SEND IN A PHOTO!

Send in a photo of you and your car, and we might publish it!

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios





Beef Enchiladas

Enchiladas are a specialty dish in Mexico. There are a variety of simple and complicated ways to make them. For instance, the enchilada sauce can be made from scratch and may take many hours of simmering before it is ready for drizzling over the tortillas. Some may even go as far as hand-making the tortillas for the most authentic of flavors.

However, I have put together a simpler recipe that holds the flavors very well. Feel free to substitute the ground beef for chicken, shrimp or fish. Just remember to cook them as the instructions suggest.

¡Buen provecho!

Chef Larios

Beef Enchiladas

Serves 5 – 7

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 medium white onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 to 2 15-oz. cans red enchilada sauce
- 5 to 7 medium flour tortillas
- 2 cups shredded Monterey jack cheese
- 1 2.25-oz. can sliced black olives
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- Sea salt and pepper to taste

Cooking TIDBIT

Substitute the Monterey jack cheese with cheddar cheese or a Mexican cheese that melts well. You may also substitute the ground beef for chicken, shrimp or fish.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Enchilada:

This Mexican specialty is made by rolling a softened corn tortilla around a meat or cheese filling. It's served hot, usually topped with a tomato-based salsa and sprinkled with cheese.

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Food Quote

"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."

– Doug Larson

DIRECTIONS:



1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Finely chop the white onion, mince the garlic, and shred the cheese. Cook the onions on medium in a skillet and add the ground beef as well. Season with sea salt and freshly cracked pepper. Stir until browned.

Add the cooked onion, garlic and ground beef to the flour tortillas. Sprinkle the shredded cheese over the ground beef and roll the tortillas tightly.

2 Add some enchilada sauce to the bottom of a baking pan or aluminum lasagna pan and place the rolled tortillas with seam down. This will help prevent them from sticking to the bottom. Add the rest of the enchilada sauce evenly over the top of the rolled tortillas. Add the rest of the cheese and sprinkle the sliced black olives over the top.





3 Place in the preheated oven for 20 to 30 minutes or until the sauce is bubbly.



4 Serve and enjoy!



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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"This is a photo of the Mesa Arch in Canyonlands National Park, Utah. Looking through the tree you can see the arch, and through the arch you can see the snowcapped mountains."

– Frankie Gonzalez, DWP, Retired

John's comment: Frankie, nice job getting everything visible despite the harsh lighting contrasts. A beautiful photo!



"Rush – gloomy sky, cold air and the rain repeatedly dropped in. Best day at the beach."

– Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: Dominique, this photo screams fun; it's lively and exciting! But what I love most is the contrasting dark sky with the electric smiles, dancing hair and the mid-air capture of the gunnysacks. Thanks, Dominique!



"I captured this beautiful sunrise on the last morning of our family vacation on Hallandale Beach in Florida. It was absolutely breathtaking."

– Irary Daniel, LAPD Communications

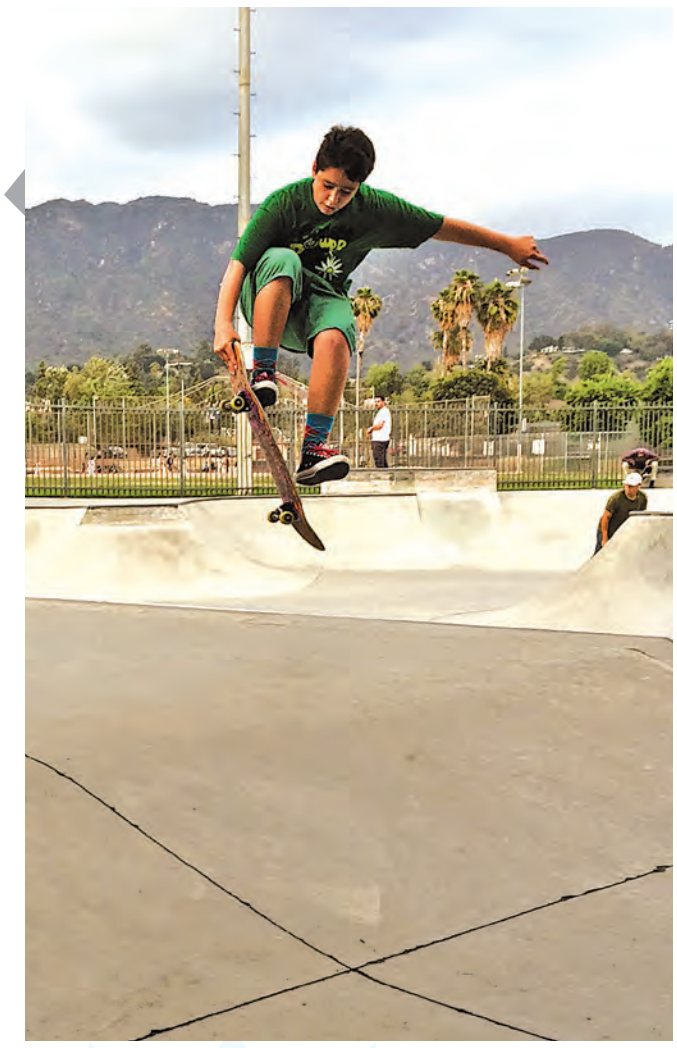
John's comment: Absolutely *beautiful*! Nothing more needs to be said. Thank you, Irary!



"Brave Roxie and her trainer traverse the ladder as she learns to be a rescue dog for the LAFD."

– Karen Kishita, Public Works/ Street Services

John's comment: I just love our four-legged heroes. Thanks, Karen, for sharing this photo of Roxie!



"My son, Ryan Morales, skating at Duarte Skatepark with the Angeles Mountains in the background."

– Robert Morales LAPD

John's comment: You snapped this shot of Ryan at the perfect moment in time. Nice work and nice technique, Ryan!

HONORABLE MENTION:

CHERYL GARCIA, LAPD; JASMINE DOWLATSHAHI, REC AND PARKS; RENEE RAMIREZ, LAFD

RULES:

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

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New Ads This Month!

1993 Chevy Corvette: $11,000. Great condition inside & out, excellent running condition, 74K miles. Automatic 40th yr anniversary model, maroon color. Sylvester (310) 748-2953 or Tanya (310) 713-0244. 7/14



For Rent: Home in Ontario 3BD/2BA. Family room, water & gardener included in price. $1,795/mo. Info @ (714) 840-1390, email: rogquin@aol.com 7/14



For Rent: 2BD/1BA, no pets, $1,700/mo + sec. dep. $1,000. Leimert Park: 4257 Garthwaite Blvd, 90008. Renovated, hardwood floors, quiet neighborhood, washer & dryer hookups. Info @ (310) 365-1868. 7/14

Timeshare: For sale or rent. 1BD, Palm Springs, CA, deeded float week anytime during the year, can be exchanged for another resort worldwide. Info @ (310) 329-0682 or e-mail: time31011@yahoo.com 7/14

Lease Wanted: 3+BD/1.5+BA house or apartment within 4 miles of DTLA for year lease beginning mid-August through mid-September. Professional couple. $1,800 - $2,400. Stephen @ (323) 449-5356. 7/14



Washer & Dryer: Whirlpool, electric, less than 8 months old, like new, includes manual & instructions. $800. Responsible for own pick up. Email: lilpebbly14@gmail.com 7/14

Beer Steins: From 1978-2002, $25 each. Info @ (805) 227-2886. 7/14

Transport

Factory Mag Rims: (4) 2006 F150 w/near new Cooper/Hercules P265/165/17 tires. $500 firm. Vinyl rear seat sold separately. $400. Scott @ (562) 427-6700. 6/14

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. 6/14



Moped: 150cc engine, 3 wheel, runs on 92 unleaded gas, practically new, Blue color. $1,600. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 5/14



1976 Datsun 280Z: Runs good. Needs TLC. $2,000. Pics available. William @ (626) 607-7989. 3/14



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

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



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



1998 Yamaha 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. 2/14



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



Harley Davidson '07 Road King: Approx 39k miles, services up to date. Reduced price! $11,900. Sapphire blue, locking cases, detachable windshield, studded black leather seat. Clean title, no drops/ no TC's, excellent condition, 1 owner, always garaged. Sandra @ (323) 422-6019. 1/14



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



Motorcycle: 2005 Yamaha V Star, 1100 Classic Cruiser, 900 miles. Cobra pipes, saddlebags, Yamaha Windshield. $5,600. Must sell because of health reasons. Ryan @ (661) 273-3766. 12/13

1965 El Camino: 496 inches. 871 blower, dyno 765 horsepower, 4 wheel power disc brakes, power steering, Ford 9 inch, munice m20 trans, airbags. $30,000. D. Jackson @ (310) 628-3477. 11/13



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



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

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

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

Cemetery Plots

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. 6/14

Crypt Double Capacity: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum. $8,000. Sanctuary of Grace, 243, Tier-3. Dennis @ (661)433-1912. 6/14

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. 3/14

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

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

2 Cemetery Plots: Rose Hill Memorial Park (Benevolence). Lot 1430, Graves 1 & 2. $4,500 for both or $2,300 a piece. Lincoln Lai @ (310) 542-9997. 10/13

Furniture

Coffee Table: Custom-made, glass top. 2 x 4 ft, ¾" thick glass, 22" tall. Light brown w/wood, inlaid w/metal. Glass sides. $100 OBO. Robert @ (626) 633-1940. 5/14



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

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

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



Bedroom Set: Gently used, 8-piece whitewashed pine. Pieces include: twin bed, twin bunkie board, 3-drawer under bed, 6-drawer dresser, 4-drawer desk, hutch (for desk), desk chair & bookcase. Must see to appreciate. $1,000 OBO. Nancy Cammarata @ (213) 216-3780. 10/13

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. 10/13



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



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

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

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

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

Homes/Rentals/Land

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. 6/14

For Rent: Lovely 1BD/1BA, Inglewood (4-units). Kitchen, granite countertops, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. 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) 322-6972. 5/14

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. 4/14

Room for Rent: Sherman Oaks 91401. $820 monthly, incl utilities, WiFi & DirectTV. Looking for roommate, preferably female, to share 3 BD/2.25 BA condo in newer bldg. Central air & heat, W&D in unit, & gated parking. No smoking & no pets, however owner has small dog. Terry @ (818) 769-3382. 4/14

Room for Rent: In 3BD house, Inglewood CA. $500/mo, cable included & laundry facility. Sharon or Randy Coleman @ (310) 677-5292. 4/14

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 & parks. 2BD/1.5BA, kitchen, 2-car garage, living room w/electric fireplace, bar area, interior atrium for plants. New paint, flooring, carpeting, kitchen counter tops & some new walls! Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/14



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, markets, schools & parks. 2BD/1.5BA, kitchen, 2-car garage, living room w/electric fireplace, bar area, interior atrium for plants. New paint, flooring, carpeting, kitchen counter tops & some new walls! Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/14

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. 2/14



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

Household Items



AbDuctor: Rarely used, $100. Tanya @ (310) 713-0244, located in Corona, CA. 4/14

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

Flat Screen LED TV: New Sharp Aquos Quattron 52" LED TV. $1,200 at Best Buy, sacrifice for $600. Hurry, won't last long at this price! Clarence Young @ (213) 725-3647. 1/14

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

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

Shampooer/Vacuum: New Kirby cleaner. Shampooer used once, no other parts used. Paid $1,400. Asking $700 OBO. Robert Valdez: rvaldez95@roadrunner.com 9/13

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

Miscellaneous

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. 6/14

Wine Glasses: Lead crystal, wine goblet style. Large $15; small $10. Have 4-large & 4-small. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Wine Glasses: 10-large crystal, $5 each. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

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) 347-1203. 6/14

Noritaki China Set: Etienne pattern, 45 pieces. $500 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Sargo China Set: Chrisma pattern, 4 place settings + side pieces. 45 pieces. $250 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Sewing Machine: Antique Kenmore in cabinet, needs refurbishing. $75 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14

Shannon Crystal: Godinger, large cut glass punch bowl, matching 8 cups & silver ladel. $35 OBO. Jan @ (310) 347-1203. 6/14



Books: "Dream Killers" by Jullian Stine. Horror/Erotica themed fiction. $20 each book. Contact jstine90503@gmail.com or (310) 409-5653. 6/14

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



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

Train collectors dream! Lionel. Williams. Many NIB. All others are new & like new. From the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s & 90s. Hundreds of cars & engines available. Collector/Bulk purchases only. Michael @ (818) 489-8481. 12/13

Jeans: 12 pairs of used 511 Levi's jeans, $200. Size 34 X 30, good condition. Owner lost over 50 lbs. Tina @ (323) 388-5204. 11/13



Musical Items: Casiotone 401 keyboard. Includes foot pedal, instruction manual, cover, song books - $100. Seth Thomas Metronome $40. Library desk (shown) $50. Photos available. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 10/13

Collector Comic Books: 1960s-1980s. $2.50 each & up, discounts for purchasing complete sets – Spiderman, Fantastic Four, The Thing & many others. John @ (951) 203-4438. 8/13

Travel/Timeshare

Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trip: Come join us on our annual bus trip & tailgate party! Joe @ (909) 519-8683 for more info or email Raiderjo@roadrunner.com 5/14

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

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

Timeshare: Orlando, FL: Marriott Lakeshore Reserve. 1BD/1BA villa, sleeps 4. Spa/golf privileges at JW Marriott & Ritz Carlton. June 28 - July 5, 2014. $1,600. Jessalyn Pinder @ (323) 893-6570. 12/13



Palm Springs Condo: In beautiful Palm Springs Villas II, gated community, 7 swimming pools, tennis court, shuffle board; near shopping, restaurants & Casino Spa Resort. Weekly & weekend rentals, $140 per night. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 5/13

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

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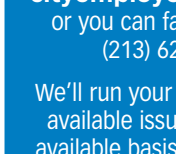
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Timeshare: Cancun Sunset Club, 1 week, studio sleeps 4, resort on the beach, $700/week. Serious renters will receive all-inclusive meals. Not available New Years, July 4th, Thanksgiving or Christmas. Gina @ (818) 395-3552. 4/13

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



Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 3/13

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

Wanted

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. 6/14

Wanted: 1BD apartment in LA area for Senior Citizen (LA City Retiree) – no smoking, no drinking. Can pay up to $800/mo. Curtis @ (702) 488-6525. 12/13

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

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

Wanted: Looking for a 2BD+, w/d hookup preferred, garage in San Pedro or within 5 miles. Maximum Rent $1,100. Contact: a.townsend78@gmail.com 9/12

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Theatre Tickets

		RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
AMC					
Good Any Time:	Available 24/7!	$14.00	**$8.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Restricted Tickets		$13.75	**$6.50**	X	=$
Small Popcorn		$5.50	**$3.00**	X	=$
Small Drink		$4.50	**$3.00**	X	=$
Movie Bundle		$42.00	**$25.00**	X	=$
Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concessions and 1 small popcorn concession.					
California Science Center IMAX					
Adult		$ 8.25	**$5.75**	X	=$
Child		$ 5.00	**$4.25**	X	=$
Cinemark Theatres – *Good Any Time*	Available 24/7!	$11.75	**$8.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Cinemark tickets are good at Century Theaters.					
Galaxy Theatres – *Good Any Time*		$11.00	**$8.00**	X	=$
Harkins Movie Theatres					
Restricted		$10.00	**$6.00**	X	=$
Good Any Time		$10.00	**$7.50**	X	=$
Krikorian Theatres – *Good Any Time*		$12.00	**$7.50**	X	=$
Laemmle Theatres – *Good Any Time*		$11.00	**$6.00**	X	=$
Landmark Theaters – *Good Any Time*					
$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; $2.50 for 3-D.		$13.00	**$8.00**	X	=$
Pacific Theatres					
Restricted: *$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight*		$13.75	**$6.00**	X	=$
Gift Book: *2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks and 1 medium popcorn.*		$42.00	**$32.50**	X	=$
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists					
Restricted		$14.75	**$7.00**	X	=$
Good Any Time: *Available as an E-ticket through our website.*	Available 24/7!	$14.75	**$8.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Movie Pack: *Includes 2 unrestricted ultimate movie tickets and a $10 concessions gift card.*		$30.00	**$25.00**	X	=$
Regency Theatres – *Good Any Time*		$11.50	**$7.00**	X	=$
UltraStar Cinemas – *Good Any Time*		$11.25	**$6.00**	X	=$
Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.					

Some AMC Theaters will charge $2 surcharge for any show after 4pm: All Burbank locations, Century City 15 and Santa Anita 16.
**Surcharges are determined by AMC theaters and subject to change without notice.*

Attraction Tickets

		RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Adventure City					
Adult/Child		$16.95	**$12.50**	X	=$
Aquarium of the Bay – San Francisco	Available 24/7!				
Adult		$19.95	**$15.96**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (4-12)		$11.95	**$9.56**		
Aquarium of the Pacific *Expires 9/30/2014*					
Adult		$28.95	**$17.95**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (3-11)		$14.95	**$10.95**		
Aquatica – Chula Vista: 5/24 – 9/28 *Expires 9/28/2014*					
Adult		$40.00	**$37.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (3-9)		$36.00	**$30.00**		
Boomer's Family Fun Centers					
All Day Pass		$30.99	**$16.00**	X	=$
CA Great America – Santa Clara *Good through 2014 season dates of 3/29–11/01*					
General Admission	Available 24/7!	$62.99	**$33.99**	Available as E-Tickets!	
CA Science Center: Pompeii Exhibit *Expires 1/4/2015*					
Adult	New	$26.00	**$15.00**	X	=$
Child (4-12)		$16.25	**$12.75**	X	=$
Catalina *Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 5/25–27, 7/4–7, 8/31–9/2*					
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult	$76.50	**$62.00**	X	=$
	Child	$61.00	**$52.50**	X	=$
Davey's Locker					
Whale Watching	Buy 1 Get 1 FREE Adult	$32.00	**$21.00**	X	=$
	Child	$26.00	**$17.00**	X	=$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult	$46.50	**$30.25**	X	=$
	Child	$39.00	**$25.75**	X	=$
Sportfishing – 3/4 Day	Adult	$71.00	**$56.25**	X	=$
	Child	$61.00	**$47.75**	X	=$
Discovery Science Center *Expires 12/06/2014*					
Adult		$15.95	**$12.00**	X	=$
Child (3-11)		$12.95	**$10.00**	X	=$
Disneyland/California Adventure *Expires 12/31/2014*					
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult	$96.00	**$92.16**	X	=$
Limited Stock in Store at lower price: Call Store for details!	Child (3-9)	$90.00	**$86.40**	X	=$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult	$150.00	**$138.00**	X	=$
Limited Stock in Store at lower price: Call Store for details!	Child (3-9)	$144.00	**$132.48**	X	=$
2-Day, 1-Park	Adult	$178.00	**$161.98**		
	Child (3-9)	$165.00	**$150.15**		
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult	$217.00	**$161.98**		
	Child (3-9)	$204.00	**$185.64**	Available as E-Tickets!	
3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day: 1-Park and Park Hoppers *Go to cityemployeesclub.com for details and prices.*					
SoCal Select Annual Passport *Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. Valid 170 days.*		$289.00	**$274.55**		
SoCal Annual Passport — *Discontinued by Disney* — **** Discounted Annual Passports must be activated before December 31, 2014. ****				Please go to cityemployeesclub.com	
Deluxe Annual Passport *Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. Valid 315 days.*		$519.00	**$493.05**		
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking *Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2014. No blackout dates.*		$699.00	**$664.05**		
Golf N' Stuff					
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location		$30.00	**$16.25**	X	=$
All Park Pass: Ventura location		$20.00	**$15.25**	X	=$
K1 Speed Racing					
Admit one, minimum height requirement 4'10" *This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.*		$25.95	**$15.25**	X	=$
Knott's Berry Farm *Expires 12/31/2014*					
Adult		$65.00	**$35.00**	X	=$
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)		$35.00	**$27.00**	X	=$
Knott's Soak City: 5/17 – 9/14 *Expires 9/14/2014*					
Adult		$36.00	**$24.00**	X	=$
Child (3-11); Senior (62+)		$26.00	**$21.00**	X	=$
LA Dodgers					
Visit www.cityemployeesclub.com for details.		$35.00 - $75	**$24.99 – $42**	Available as E-Tickets!	
LA Zoo					
Adult		$17.00	**$15.00**	X	=$
Child (2-12)		$13.00	**$12.00**	X	=$
Legoland *Expires 11/30/2014*					
1-Day, 1-Park	Adult	$83.00	**$67.00**		
Get 2nd day free, to be used within 90 days of 1st visit.	Child (3-11)	$73.00	**$62.00**		
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult	$107.00	**$72.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
	Child (3-11)	$97.00	**$67.00**		
Includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and waterpark. Get 2nd day free, to be used before 12/31/2014.					
Legoland – Florida New	Available 24/7!				

Attraction Tickets, *continued*

		RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction *Expires 12/31/2014*					
Adult		$40.00	**$14.00**	X	=$
Child (4-12)		$35.00	**$11.00**	X	=$
Magic Mountain *Expires 9/28/2014*					
General Admission (3 and up)		$64.99	**$39.99**	X	=$
Medieval Times *Expires 12/31/2014: not valid 12/31/2014*					
Adult	Available 24/7!	$57.95	**$43.50**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (0-12)		$35.95	**$31.50**		
Mulligan's Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child	$23.99	**$16.00**	X	=$
Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway & the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday & Sunday, major holidays & everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.					
Gift Certificate		$15.00	**$10.25**	X	=$
Pirates Dinner Adventure *Expires 11/30/2014*					
Adult		$56.95	**$36.00**	X	=$
Child		$37.95	**$27.50**	X	=$
Queen Mary					
Adult		$24.95	**$20.25**	X	=$
Child (4-11)		$21.95	**$12.25**	X	=$
Raging Waters: 5/10 – 9/28 *Expires 9/28/2014*					
General Admission		$38.99	**$27.50**	X	=$
San Diego Zoo & San Diego Safari Park					
Adult		$46.00	**$37.50**		
Child (3-11)		$36.00	**$29.50**	Available as E-Tickets!	
2-Visit Pass	Adult	$82.00	**$65.50**		
	Child (3-11)	$64.00	**$51.25**		
May be used for one visit at each park or 2 visits to the same park.					
Santa Monica Pier & Pacific Park *Expires 1/5/2015*					
Unlimited Wristband		$25.95	**$13.50**	X	=$
Sea World – San Diego *Expires 12/25/2014*					
Adult *2nd day free!*		$84.00	**$59.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (3-9)		$78.00	**$59.00**		
Fun Card *Limited Stock available in Store only for $66.*		$84.00	**$73.00**		
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom – Vallejo	Available 24/7!				
General Admission (over 48")		$62.99	**$29.99**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor: 5/24 – 9/28 *Expires 9/28/2014*					
General Admission		$39.99	**$24.99**	X	=$
Splash Kingdom – Redlands: 5/10 – 9/28 *Expires 9/28/2014*					
Adult		$29.99	**$18.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Child (3-10)	Available 24/7!	$16.99	**$13.00**		
Speedzone *Expires 1/24/2015*					
3 Hour Unlimited Pass *Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf.*		$49.99	**$25.25**	X	=$
Universal Studios *Expires 1/31/2015*	Available 24/7!				
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!	Adult/Child (under 48")	$92.00	**$79.00**	Available as E-Tickets!	
Limited Stock available in Store only for $75.					

Gift Certificates

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Honeybaked Ham				
$25 Gift Card	$25.00	**$22.50**	X	=$
See's Candies				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	$17.50	**$13.25**	X	=$

Shipping & Handling

Tax *(only applicable to all merchandise, not on tickets)*		x	9%	= $
Tickets: *First Class Mail w/ Delivery Confirmation*	**$2.99**	x	1	= $
Tickets: Certified Mail *(requires a Signature upon Delivery)*	**$4.99**	x	1	= $
Tickets: Priority Mail *(2-3 Days)*	**$7.00**	x	1	= $
Hats, Watches, Clothing, etc. *(all merchandise)*	**$7.50**		(any quantity)	= $

SUBTOTAL $

Merchandise

	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
ITEM:					= $
ITEM:					= $
ITEM:					= $

TOTAL (please include shipping) $

– Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.

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Member Information

Member's name

Home Street Address

City | State | Zip

Home Phone | Work Phone

Club Member Number

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
- All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- **Maximum 12 tickets per event/theatre/attraction per order.**
- Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.

General Services



Story and photos by Isabel Marquez, Club Counselor

Thanks, Mail Services!

General Services hosts annual Mail Services appreciation day.



Mail Services Division staff.

General Services' Mail Services Division held its annual Employee Appreciation Day June 5 in City Hall. The afternoon consisted of a nice barbecue lunch as well as several raffle prizes.

Several employees received recognition for their hard work, perfect attendance and for their years of service to the City. In attendance were General Manager Tony Royster, Club Member, and Assistant General Manager Valerie Melloff, Club Member, as well as the representatives from Local 3090.

Among the honorees were:

Perfect Attendance Award:

- Jack Callies, Lead Delivery Driver I
- Randy Gordon, Clerk Typist
- Ying Ken Mak, Clerk Typist
- Margaret Moore, Messenger Clerk

Service Pins (for years of service in multiples of 5)

- Michael Hairston, Delivery Driver I, 10 years
- Jack Callies, Lead Delivery Driver I, 15 years
- Ying Ken Mak, Clerk Typist, 15 years
- Randy Gordon, Clerk Typist, 25 years

The Club thanks the Aram Salmasi, Club Member, and Mail Services Division for inviting us to their event and for their hard work while providing service Citywide.



From left: Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Tony Royster, General Manager, 22 years, Club Member; Jack Callies, Lead Delivery Driver I, 15 years, Club Member; Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Division Manager, Club Member; and Carmen Hayes Walker, AFSCME Local 3090 vice president.



From left: Rashad Westbrooks, Delivery Driver, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Jacobi Patterson, Delivery Driver, 11 years, Club Member; Cindy Serrano, Delivery Driver, 8 years, Club Member; and Michael Hairston, Delivery Driver, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Mikquel Jamerson, Delivery Driver, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Angelia Stovall, Principal Clerk, 19 years; and Jack Callies, Lead Delivery Driver I, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Cindy Serrano, Delivery Driver, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Alice Goff, Local 3090 President; and Sonissa Norman, Messenger Clerk, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Kevin Ward, Messenger Clerk, 19 years of City service, Club Member; Espie Reynoso, Messenger Clerk, 14 years; and Randy Gordon, Clerk Typist, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Jeannette Arnold, 34 years of City service, Club Member; Alice Goff, Local 3090 President; Aram Salmasi, Division Manager, 18 years, Club Member; Terra Jones, 14 years, Club Member; and Dolores Spears, Business Representative, Local 3090.



Randy Gordon, Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service, Club Member, won a Perfect Attendance honor.



Ying Ken Mak, Clerk Typist, 15 years of City service, won a Perfect Attendance honor.



Margaret Moore, Messenger Clerk, 22 years of City service, Club Member, won a Perfect Attendance honor.



Michael Hairston, Delivery Driver I, 10 years of City service, Club Member, was honored with a Service Pin.



Jack Callies, Lead Delivery Driver I, 15 years of City service, Club Member, was honored with a Service Pin.



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CLUB SPORTS

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



Sign Up for Softball!

New season expects to start July 23. What are you waiting for?

Welcome to the 2014 season of Club softball! The season is expected to begin July 23 at these locations:

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

Returning for 2014:
The Softball Commish, Lady Smith! Read Lady's comments each month in *Alive!* during the softball season.



Lady Smith,
The Commish

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.

For more information, contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com



United Agencies is giving away a pair of Dodger tickets for the Aug. 20 game vs. the San Diego Padres (7:10 p.m. game time). These are loge level seats. Anyone who is quoted for insurance from United Agencies will be entered into the drawing. No purchase necessary. Contact United Agencies at (888) 801-5522 or email the Club at info@cityemployeesclub.com for more information.

Basketball Signups Open

Registration is now open for the 2014 Fall Club Basketball season, expected to begin in September and ending in December. Games will be played Thursday nights at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. at the Expo Center.

For more information, contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com



JULY Summer Specials

NEW



$6.50 Member $8.60 Non-Member

City Seal 1.5 oz Shot Glass

Available in Blue only

NEW



$5 Member $6.75 Non-Member

City Seal Retractable Badge Holder

Heavy duty retractor



$45 Member $58.50 Non-Member

M-51 Engineers Bag

Available in 4 colors



$18 Member $24 Non-Member

Tech Bag

Available in 3 colors



$11 Member $16 Non-Member

Stainless Steel Water Bottle

Light weight and sturdy

NEW



$26.99 Member $35.50 Non-Member

City Seal Portfolio

Available in black



$32.99 Member $62.50 Non-Member

L.A. City Stadium Chairs

Available in various colors



$5 Member $11 Non-Member

City Seal Cap with Script

Available in various colors

NEW



Women's Tank Top

Available in various colors

$10 Member $13.50 Non-Member

NEW



$10 Member $14 Non-Member

Men's City Classic T-Shirt

Available in various colors

NEW



$25.99 Member $34.99 Non-Member

City Seal Men's Polo

Available in various colors



$42 Member $55 Non-Member

Explorer Shoulder Bag

Available in various colors

NEW



$25.99 Member $34.99 Non-Member

City Seal Women's Polo

Available in various colors



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Universal Studios Hollywood
The Entertainment Capital of L.A.

SeaWorld Adventure Parks

Splash Kingdom Waterpark at Pharaoh's

Dodgers

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