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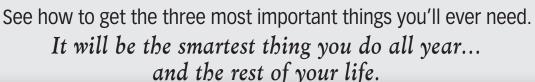


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Mom

A Message From the CEO

Safer Streets Start Here

President and CEO, The Club

ow safe do you feel on the streets of Los Angeles? Yes, I know traffic can be pretty horrible. But I'm talking about keeping safe from impaired drivers. Do you feel reasonably safe, most of the time against this threat? Well if you do, like I do, then you can thank LAPD Officers patrolling our streets, as they are the first line of defense. And in turn those Officers rely on the LAPD's Toxicology Unit to put real science behind their effort.

So does every citizen of Los Angeles.

Jerry Blanton is the Supervising Criminalist of the Toxicology Unit, and he and his team took the Alive! crew Robert Larios, Club Chief Operating Officer; Summy Lam, Director of Marketing; and John Burnes, Alive! editor - through the process of determining how much, if any, alcohol and drugs might be in a blood sample taken from a driver. The Unit also calibrates the breath analyzers in every Police Station. This work is really where the rubber meets the road; this science has the teeth to get unsafe drivers off the streets. Of course these toxicology scientists are out to determine only the truth, as some samples won't indicate any impairment. But either way, their daily job pays direct dividends in making our City demonstrably safer. Where would be without them? What kind of carnage would we suffer out there?



Mandel Medina, Criminalist II (right), explains the breath analysis instrument to Club COO Robert Larios

The Toxicology Unit finds the scientific truth of other situations, too, not just possibly impaired drivers. There's the checking against the illegal consumption of drugs, and the unit also makes sure our sworn Officers are fit for their important jobs.

The scientific procedure of the Toxicology Unit isn't the most complicated of all the LAPD Crime Labs, although it's no cakewalk, either. But perhaps few of the labs have as much of a direct impact on our daily lives as this one does. When you get to work safely, or you meet your kids after school, or you pick up your date with a smile, the Toxicology Unit has something to do with that. For all Angelenos, I say thank you!

On a related front, we're nearing the end of our yearslong look into the LAPD Crime Lab. We believe our cover story this month into the Toxicology Lab is the final coverage of a laboratory in the series. We have two more to go - Quality Assurance and Administration (which are not strictly lab-based), so we aren't completely finished yet. We'll summarize this longtime Alive! project when we're done, probably sometime next year. But I can tell you this: Going into these dozens of labs and meeting these awesome people, we've worn a ton of masks and gowns and protective eye- and ear wear as we've immersed our selves in LAPD's crime lab process. And I've been honored to do so. I'll write more later, but for now, I offer a huge thanks to all involved.

Interestingly, the Alive! staff believes this is the first time we've ever featured identical twin City Employees in our cover stories. Here's to the public service dedication of Jerry and Larry Blanton, who ironically enough works in the DNA Lab!

I can't finish this month without noting the unbelievable response we received to our annual Mother's Day feature. Wow, nearly 100! Just going through them all makes me feel great for our world. Of course things aren't always so rosy, but the love between a mother and her children has to be as touching as it has ever, ever been. There is nothing stronger in this world than family! This is the kind of story that Alive! does so well in serving our great Club Members, and we're proud to



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- Arnetta Maxie, August 2015



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Rosa Calderon

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8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Time for the Open Houses!

Sanitation's incredibly popular open houses are scheduled through June 25.

You can "Discover Recycling" at the 2016 Sanitation Open Houses.

Each of Sanitation's six waste shed district yards will open to the public in a series of free Saturday events. The Open House program showcases Sanitation's residential curbside collection programs with the promotion of proper recycling practices and information about bulky item collections. Each event will feature trash truck and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments.

In 2014, nearly 7,000 residents attended the open houses with 290 City Employees who volunteered their time to give back to the neighborhoods they serve.

Sanitation's Lopez Canyon Environmental Center will host an activity booth about the City's green bin recycling program and give away small vegetable plants. Visitors will plant saplings to take home, use mulch and compost made from residential yard trimmings, and learn about "closed loop" recycling. More

than 2,200 vegetable plants were potted and given away to residents in 2014. Sanitation will also partner with "City Plants" to provide 50 fruit and 50 shade trees for adoption by City

residents, on a first-come-served basis at each yard, while supplies last. (City residents must present valid identification with their city address or a current DWP bill to adopt a tree. Note: The limit is one tree per property address.) Used tires from City residents will also be collected, which is provided by a grant from CalRecycle. (City residents must present valid identification and a current DWP bill to drop off used tires. Note: A maximum of nine passenger and/or light truck tires will be accepted, but tires on rims and used tires from businesses will not be accepted.)

In 2003, Sanitation launched its first open house at the West Los Angeles district yard. The goal of the program was to reconnect the refuse collection truck operators, on a voluntary basis, with City residents after the imple-

ANITATION mentation of the

automated collection program. In 2000, the automated program removed the need

for Sanitation collection operators to exit their

trucks and manually lift and empty residential trashcans. In the following years, the program grew to promote recycling and proper disposal practices as well as to improve access to L.A. Sanitation services. The program expanded in 2005 to add the East Valley, West Valley, North Central, and South Los Angeles district yards. In 2006, the Harbor district yard was added to provide Citywide coverage.

Residents attending the open houses have grown with approximately 200 visitors in 2003 to nearly 7,000 in 2014. The popularity of the events can be traced to City and Sanitation leaders as well as City Employees who volunteered their time to transform the six yards into fun learning centers. By combining solid waste, wastewater to clean water and recycling education with refreshments, music and games, Sanitation provides the opportunities and partnerships that supports a more livable and sustainable city.



Time: Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

West Valley Yard May 14, 2016

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North Central Yard May 21, 2016

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South LA Yard (Expo Center)

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Harbor **District Yard** June 11, 2016

1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro

West LA **Yard**

June 25, 2016

2027 Stoner Ave. Los Angeles



Letters to the Editor



Port Pilot Story Was Ship-Shape

You did a good job covering the Port Pilots in "Ship to Shore [April cover story]. I retired 16 years ago as Chief Pilot with 31 years of service. I knew Bent Christiansen for several years and was involved in his employ-

Thanks again.

Capt. Pat Donohugh, Retired, Harbor

Gratitude, From One Club Member to Another

commute to Piper Tech on my bicycle from Eagle Rock (8 miles each way) every workday.

March 23, while hurrying to leave and changing in our locker room, I stuck my wallet in the outside pocket of my backpack (I usually put it in the main compartment) and made a mental note to "remember to zip that up before leaving."

Well, I forgot to do that.

When I arrived home, I immediately saw the open pocket and my worst fears were realized: My wallet wasn't there.

I immediately got back on my bike and retraced my route on the highly unlikely, remote chance that I might stumble across my wallet.

On my entire way back to work, besides checking out every lump of black wallet-size trash, I held out hope that if I didn't see it, it might have actually fallen out while in the locker room.

Well, I didn't stumble on it, and it wasn't in the locker room.

I then phoned my wife, embarrassed to explain why I would be late.

On my ride back, I stared at every homeless person and ex-con getting out of County Jail, not knowing what I'd do if they actually were looking through my wallet, and I started thinking of all the credit card companies I needed to cancel, along with getting a new driver's license, not to mention the small amount of cash, notes and photos lost.

About a mile from home my wife called

Someone had just dropped off my wallet (untouched) with a small note in our mailbox.

It turned out that a fellow City employee, Monica Galindo, LAPD, Club Member, saw it while helping her dad with his car on Alameda Street and noticed my City ID inside. Since she lives relatively near me (Glassell Park) and knowing I'd be canceling my cards, as her husband had to recently do,

she was thoughtful enough to drop it off.

To add to this improbable scenario, she works in the Police Special Investigations Division, which is next to my warehouse office at Piper Tech space 275! We had never met before, but the day after we talked on the loading dock between our two sections.

Monica is definitely a fine example of some of the terrific people we have working

I can't stop thinking of the tremendous odds against something like this happening, but it did, and I'm tremendously grateful and think Monica's integrity and thoughtfulness shouldn't go unnoticed.

> - Karl Guder, Stores Supervisor, **General Services**

Retirement Lunch Visit Is a Nice Club Touch

just wanted to thank the Club and Robert Larios for taking the time to visit me and all my friends on my farewell lunch. I hope he enjoyed the lunch, too. Everybody admired the Club's Retirement Plaque he presented - it is really beautiful. Again, thank you so much.

- Lolita Sam, DWP, Retired

Lolita's farewell can also be seen in this month's "Larios in the City." - Ed.

Club's Magical Discount at Office Depot Works Wonders

■ am hearing all this buzz about big savings with the Club's Office Depot discount program, so I had to try it myself. And I am here to report that it is no joke! I registered my credit card with MaryAnn at the Club, and then about three days later I went over to my nearest Office Depot and bought about \$120 in supplies that I needed. Sure enough, the total on the cash register reduced down to \$78. It makes Club Membership even more

- Jerry Collins, LAPD

Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com

Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

How will you kick off the summer?



"Read my lips: Vegas, baby!"

- Margarita Guevara, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 22 years of City service



"I'm going to Kona, Hawaii!" -Linh Lee-Ngo, Sr.

Clerk Typist, Public Works/Engineering, 14 years of City service



By rowboat or plane, I'm following Linh to Hawaii!"

– Brian Szramowski, Survey Party Chief, Public Works/ Engineering, 18 years of City service



"Hitting the beach, going to amusement parks and spending time with my family!"

-Maretha Adams LAPD, Retired



"Kicking it off by going to the beach!"

-Michael Torres, Sr. Systems Analyst, Airports, 11 years of City



Getting the kids ready for summer camp!"

-Theresa Torres, Utility Buyer, DWP, 12 years of City service



'Catalina Island is in the plans! Can't wait!"

-Maria Garcia, Legal Clerk, City Attorney, 15 years of City service



"I am getting married to

-Heather Carter, fiancé of Scott



"I am getting Heather!"

Scott Walton, Computer Technician, State of California, 17 years of State



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Aden and Angel Jr. enjoy the ferry ride to

Aden on the zip line

Aden gets ready for his first zip

The Zipline Eco Tour

Catalina Island

Hello again!

For this month's story we traveled by ferry to Catalina Island. Most people know about Catalina Island, but did you know that the City Employees Club offers Catalina Express tickets at a discount? Yes, we do! The regular price for adults is \$74.50, but with our Club discount, you can save \$14.50 per ticket. The price for children aged from 2 to 11 is \$59, but with the Club discount you save \$8.50 per ticket. So if you just want to visit the island this is all you need to do - buy the ticket from the Club and call Catalina Express to reserve your boarding time and return time. The first ferry across is usually around 6 a.m., and the last ferry back is about 7 p.m. It's that simple to have so much fun!

Special Note: If your birthday is coming up, you can go the Catalina Express Website and register and you will be able to get a free ticket on your birthday. Yes free!

on your birthday. Yes, free!

This month, I wanted to take the family to the island but as an added bonus also take the Zipline Eco Tour. You will have to buy these tickets directly from the Catalina Zipline Eco Tour. Visit www.catalinaisland.com for prices and details.

Let's go!

We arrived by the Catalina Express from the Long Beach dock. The trip to Catalina takes just more than an hour. Once you arrive on the island, just walk toward Main Street past the Catalina Theater. You will arrive at the Descanso Beach Club, and the zip line check-in is right there.

The Zip Line: Once you arrive at the zip line, the first thing you do is check in, after which they weigh you. You must weigh at least 80 pounds to ride; my youngest had breakfast and he just made it 84.6 pounds, so he was happy and super excited to zip. After that, riders get a harness and a quick lesson on zip line procedures and safety. After the lesson riders are taken on a short trip by bus up the mountain to the first zip line start. The guides assigned to riders are very careful

to make sure they are securely held on the line before takeoff. Everyone goes from one spot to another as a group.

There are five different zip lines that riders will be going on. The first is a short "warm-up" that gets all the nerves out. You might be nervous in the beginning but after the first ride you will feel safe, and it becomes lots of fun. The second zip line is the longest and has a beautiful view of Descanso Bay. The guides have given names for each zip line route. The third zip line is named "Roller Coaster," and they encourage you to let out a shout as you go down it. The fourth zip line is called "Tarzan" because you go through some trees. The last zip line features a camera that will snap a picture of you once vou pass between two pillars along the way. You have a chance to buy this picture once you get back to the check-in section.

The tour guides were very entertaining and are full of energy.

At each of the five zip line stops the guides give some information on the wildlife and nature in Catalina. That is very educational for everyone; I learned a lot on this one day. The entire zip line adventure will last close to two hours.

Note: Be sure to schedule your "zip time" so that it coincides with your arrival from the Catalina Express. We gave ourselves an hour between getting off the Catalina Express and reporting at the Zipline Eco Tour.

Catalina offers many different things to do, and this is by far one of the most exciting activities on the island. I really recommend this trip to the island and of course, if you're up to trying new things, please schedule the Zipline Eco Tour. We all had lots of fun and wish they had more zip lines; maybe they will in the future. The guides told us that the Zipline Eco Tour is the island's best attraction. I would agree and most fun, too. Unless you just want to ride golf carts, of course (that is another option).

As always, *Be Alive!*, see you lext month.

Avalon, Catalina Island. The Zipline Eco Tour is beyond the Casino, upper right.

Zipilie EGU I Uur - Catalina Island

Catalina Express

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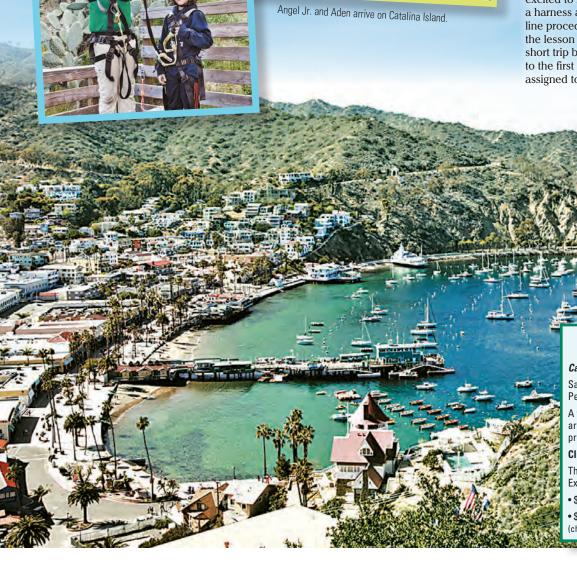
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- \$125 each; times and prices vary.
- Purchase at www.visitcatalinaisland. com/activities-adventures/land/zip-lineeco-tour
- Passengers must weigh at least 80 pounds to ride the Zipline Eco Tour



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DWP



From left: Robert Rodriguez with Club COO Robert Larios



From left: Edgar Serna, Electrical Mechanic, 8 years of City service; and Manuel Mijares, Sr. Electrical Mechanic Supervisor, 31 years.



From left: Raul McMillan, Warehouse Worker, 35 years of City service; and Ed Zaviern, Electrical Craft Worker, 14 years.



Rodriguez Retires

Robert Rodriguez retires after 27 years of City service.

riends, family and coworkers gathered March 30 to celebrate the career of Robert Rodriguez, who retired after 29 years of City service.

The party was held at the DWP's Palmetto Street yard. Attendees recounted stories about Robert and

wishing him well as he leaves the DWP. Congratulations on your career, Robert! Thanks go to Carlos Peralta, DWP, for his assistance.



From left: Lily Griego, Clerical, 34 years of City service; Ken Jew, Sr Storekeeper, 24 years; Vincent Razo, Sr. Storekeeper, 29 years; Maribel Jamoa, Custodian, 15 years; Jackie Jones, Warehouse Worker, 2 years; and Mark Montalvo, Tool Warehouse Worker, 15 years.



From left: Ron Saldivar, Sr. Storekeeper, 29 years of City service; David Dominguez, Storekeeper, 26 years; and Gary Fox, Truck Driver, 28 years



From left: Keith Jones, Principal Storekeeper, 32 years of City service; Frank Gallegos, Storekeeper, 27 years; and David Cisneros, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor, 16 years.



From left: Huma Khan, Storekeeper, 15 years of City service: Alice Zamora, Custodian, 10 years; Lisa Solomon, Clerical, 35 years; and Joy Sanico, Sr.



Back row, from left: Carlos Peralta, Storekeeper, 20 years of City service, and Juan Garcia, Warehouse Worker, 11 months. Front: Rene Pelaza, UPCT, 1.5 years, Manuel Ochoa and Albert Lara.

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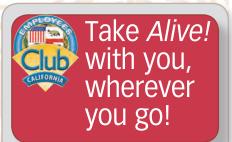


"I just got back from Hawaii. In this photo I'm with my daughter, Camila." **Oscar Berumen, LAPD**

Peru



Here are Timothy Cruz, ITA, and his lovely wife, Maria, "being blessed and having a wonderful anniversary way down in South America," on the beach at Lima, Peru. Congratulations, Tim and Maria!



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Dr. Ed Krup Director. riffith Observatory

Totally Eclipsed in Southeast Asia

Our intrepid Observatory Director, Dr. Ed Krupp, Club Member, just returned from observing a total solar eclipse aboard the Volendam to the Makassar Strait, between Borneo and Sulawesi. We'll let Dr. Krupp take it from there.

"Capt. James Russell-Dunford and his officers elegantly navigated the ship to clear sky for a textbook-perfect eclipse. It's not really reasonable to try an Alive! picture during two minutes and 45 seconds of totality, but it was possible to bring Singapore and Indonesia back Alive! from elsewhere in



"I am conferring with fellow primates at the Singapore Zoo, where I had breakfast with the orangutans.



"Goa Gajah, on Bali, is famous for its elaborately sculptured facade, on which appears the face of a witch. Her hands push the stone apart to form the temple, and her mouth is the entrance.



Borobudur, in central Java, was built in the ninth century A.D. and is the largest ancient monument in the southern hemisphere. It is oriented to the cardinal directions and symbolically represents the structure and order of the cosmos in Buddhist tradition. Buddhist pilgrims ascend and circuit the 'pyramid' one level at time, and when they reach the top, the pictorial depictions on the walls are replaced with abstract geometry and a platform open to the sky. The experience is intended to induce a transformation of perception. I am in place at the large stupa at the summ



"Bali's most important temple, Pura Besakih, is on the slope of Mount Agung, the island's primary sacred mountain. I spotted there this panel, which depicts the Balinese eclipse demon, Kala Rau, devouring the sun. This astronomical aspect of Pura Besakih has remained unnoticed and unreported until now, and it put a fine Balinese bow on the Indonesian eclipse expedition.



"I had to fly to Singapore to meet the Volendam for the eclipse cruise, and so I booked a few nights at the celebrated and historic Raffles Hotel, where a little more than 100 years ago, the Singapore Sling was invented. I am acknowledging this vital contribution to culture in the Raffles Hotel courtyard garden.'



"Narmada Summer Palace on Lombok, an Indonesian island east of Bali, includes Pura Kalasa, a temple intended to symbolize the world-axis cosmic mountain in Hindu belief. Like Borobudur, Pura Kalasa miniaturizes the cosmos in sacred architecture. It is part of a complex built in the early 19th century by the local



"After the total solar eclipse, the Volendam steamed south to Komodo Island, home of the largest lizards in the world. The Komodo dragons are aggressive and carnivorous giant in Komodo National Park. There are two of them, about 30 feet away, behind me here.



Karen's on Board, Too!

Karen Dienhart, Systems Programmer, ITA, 26 years of City service, Club Member, is also an avid eclipse traveler and a member of the support group Friends of Griffith Observatory. She tells her story:

"I have seen eight total solar eclipses within the span of my City career," Karen writes. "My eclipse-chasing journey began in 1991 after hearing one of Dr. E.C. Krupp's lectures – and he continues to amaze and inspire me with his farreaching knowledge, genuine enthusiasm and ever-engaging view of the cosmos in the context of local colloquialism, global folklore, ancient archaeology and his observations of the world.

"I had the unforgettable experience of cruising to Indonesia with Dr. Krupp for a spectacular viewing of the total solar eclipse March 9. Although weather prospects were only 50-50 for clear skies, we were rewarded with a cloudless view of the eclipse, with the disk of the sun completely shadowed for 2 minutes and 45 seconds from our viewing spot.

"Here's a photo of Dr. Krupp and me celebrating our successful viewing. The photo was taken at the weather headquarters aboard the M.S. Volendam while en-route to Komodo Island to see the famous dragons.'

Goodbye to Four

Friends, family and coworkers gathered Jan. 26 at DWP headquarters to say goodbye to four **DWP** employees who were retiring at nearly the same

The four represented more than a century of City service.

The four who retired are:

- Raymond Van Ness, 30 years of City service
- Robert Crawford, 29 years
- Loretta Galvan, 28 years, and
- Johnnie Levario, 30 years.

Many people attended to speak about the retirees - recounting stories and wishing them well as they leave DWP.

Congratulations to the four who retired, for their great careers. And special thanks go to Ruth Fuentes, DWP, for her assistance.



Theatrice Westbrook, Sr. Commercial Field Rep



Rudy Esparza, DWP, Meter Reader.



James Rico, DWP, Sr. Commercial



Cynthia Billingslea, DWP, Commercial



Lora Egan, Retired, with Raymond Van





From left: Johnnie Levario, Retiree, with Club COO









Raymond Van Ness receives recognition from Nancy Romero from Union Local 18



Robert Crawford, Retiree



Johnnie Levario, Retiree.



Ignacio Anaya, Retired.



Michael Rios (Retiree Loretta Galvan's son), Meter Reader.



Alonso Reyes, DWP, Meter Reader.



Ann Marie De La Riva from the DWP Employee



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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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June 2: RLACEI annual golf tournament, Alhambra Golf

Course Aug. 11: RLACEI annual corporation meeting and

picnic, Grace E. Simons

Sept. 7: LARFPA general meeting, Grace E. Simons

Dec. 1: RLACEI Christmas party, Friendship Auditorium

RLACEI Website

Lodge

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

Contact the LA City Employees' Retirement System

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

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April Meetings End As The Rest See Full Crowds



President's Report By Edward J. Harding President, RLACEI

The General Meeting that you attended April 14 was the last of our General Meetings. The reason for the change was that the attendance was getting worse every meeting and most of the good lunches went down the drain, a waste of good money and food. Also, LACERS seems to have a knack of picking the same day we have our meetings,

so it gives you two places to go. All comments and/or suggestions are welcome.

We will still have our golf tournament on June 2 and our picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park Aug. 11. Of course we will have the holiday party on Dec. 1. We always have a full crowd at those three events.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees' 38th invitational golf tournament is planned for Thursday, June 2 at the Almansor Golf Court in Alhambra, followed by an awards luncheon at the adjacent Almansor Court Banquet Hall. Retirees as well as active employees and guests always look forward to this annual event, which is a reunion for most of them. To keep the entry fee as low as possible, we invite selected individuals and organizations to make a contribution for the cost of prizes.

If you haven't registered, please see the application form printed in this issue.

See you there.

Why Do We Need Lawyers?



Wilkinson

Michael R.

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

s many of you know, LACERS Ais served by in-house lawyers from the Retirement Benefits Section of the City Attorney's Office. These lawyers handle and provide regular advice to our pension plan, the Fire and Police Pension Plan and the Water and Power Employees' Retirement Plan. I was in this section for nine years before I retired.

In addition, each of the plans contracts with outside lawyers for three areas in which we regularly need legal help. The normal advice to the pension plans on day-to-day issues including splitting of the pension of divorced members, handling collections

cases, and representing the plans in disability cases are handled by the City Attorney's staff lawyers.

The three areas for outside counsel are:

- · Fiduciary counsel to provide advice on the plan's and Board Members' fiduciary duties and to advise in any matter in which the City Attorney may have a conflict. The latter does not come up often.
- Investment counsel to help the in-house lawyers and investment staff with complex agreements in real estate contracts. These contracts require specialized training to protect our investments. There are many key points to be negotiated, including the ability to leave the investment if certain

events occur, such as underperformance.

 Finally, tax counsel. We cannot continue on as a pension plan if we do not have the benefit of running the plan as a tax-exempt organization. If you don't do everything right here with the tax rules, all the other good work in investments could be for nothing, if the Internal Revenue Service were to revoke our tax-exempt status.

The LACERS Board is now preparing to issue Requests for Proposals asking law firms to apply to serve as fiduciary counsel, real estate and private equity investment counsel. The tax counsel contracts are not set to expire for some time.

Pension Disaster in Illinois



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: **Pension Law and** Policy, By Michael Karsch

 $P^{\text{ensions for public employees}}_{\text{in the Chicago systems and}}$ in the State of Illinois systems are facing challenges and junk fund status. Both the state and the city have tried to reform their public retirement systems in the face of unfunded liabilities, among the highest in the country. The state attempted reforms two years ago, but that was ruled unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. Now Chicago attempted similar reforms for its municipal employees and teachers, and that, too, was ruled unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court in the last week of March. According to a Wall Street Journal editorial, the

high court's ruling in Chicago appears to leave some room for a very modest reform if the City offers the employees a choice to go into a modified or lowerbenefit structure.

The Fitch Ratings downgraded Chicago's credit rating to BBB-minus, which is just above "junk" status. Fitch cited the State Supreme Court decision. This affects \$9.8 billion in general obligation bonds and \$486 million of sales tax revenue bonds.

Moody's Investor Service has already downgraded Chicago to junk status. And Standard & Poors lowered its rating for Chicago to BBB-plus last summer. Chicago is paying a premium to borrow in the U.S. municipal bond market.

Pensioners in many countries are now earning more money in their retirement than their fellow citizens who are still in the labor

market, according to a story in the Wall Street Journal in late March. While it used to be the reverse. today many countries seniors are growing in excess of their children's. These countries are Spain, France, Italy, Germany, the United States and the United Kingdom.

What about our cost of living increases? The Social Security system has determined that since the cost of living index was near zero in 2015 there would be no increase in benefits this year. But some of the country's pension systems are giving raises between 1.5 percent and 4 percent. The latter increases will go to more than half of the CalPERS pension systems. This is due to banking of increases over the years of higher COLA percentages (two percent is the cap for CalPERS), according to CalPERS.

Good News, Bad News On Adjustments for 2016



Lee Kebler

I news. First the good news: We are going to get a 2.4 percent raise in our pensions on July 1. And, the Board of Fire and Police may impact retirees on Medicare Pension Commissioners approved an increase of 6.5 percent for our health subsidy for active members and retired members not on Medicare, also effective July 1. The subsidy for the fiscal year 2016-17 will be increased from \$1,453.13

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Now for the bad news: This with an increase of 6.5 percent in the "out of pocket" cost for your healthcare premiums. Wow, where does our cost of living adjustment (COLA) go? Did you know that 97.84 percent of all pension members are covered by the Los Angeles

There's good news and bad to \$1,526.41. Our subsidy is still Police Relief Association and the Los Angeles Fire Relief Association, United Firefighters of Los Angeles City has 142 members and the Los Angeles City health plan cover the remaining 44?

LARFPA

Hope to see you at our annual barbecue at Grace E. Simons Lodge June 1. Be sure make your reservations. For more information at (888)

LACERS LACERS' Update



Mary Beetz

BY MARY BEETZ

Retiree Updates

ACERS wants to make sure our **L**Retired Membership database is up-to-date. Let us know if you have a new phone number, email address, or home address. To update your contact information, please call LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or (888) 349-3996 (TDD), or email us at LACERS.services@lacity.org.

Spring Cleaning!

Please review the dependents listed on your health insurance plan. You may be paying unnecessary premiums for ineligible dependents. Consult your latest Health Benefits Guide for eligibility requirements. If you need to delete a dependent, go to www.LACERS.org to download the form for health insurance account changes.

LACERS Medicare Requirement

LACERS Retirees can protect their LACERS medical coverage by fulfilling LACERS' requirement to enroll in and maintain Medicare coverage. In order to qualify for a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy, LACERS requires Retired Members and their eligible dependents to enroll in Medicare Part B upon turning age 65 and, if eligible to receive it free of charge, Medicare Part A. Failure to meet LACERS' Medicare enrollment requirement or a lapse in the payment of Medicare Part B premiums may result in the termination of a LACERS Retiree's medical subsidy and plan coverage.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Hungary



"At Heroes Square, Budapest, Hungary. It was our last stop. We traveled to seven countries in an eastern Europe tour." From left: Roy Kozaki, LAPD, Retired, 33 years of City service; Al Mizuhara, Public Works, Retired, 36 years; and Dennis Yoshioka, LAPD, Retired, 25 years.



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Member News

Corrine, Still Dancing

By Mary Beetz

This past week, to my surprise I received a I note that started, "Hi there, Mary – you're practically a neighbor."

After that salutation, I called Corrine Chu, and sure enough, we live fewer than three miles from each other.



Corrine Chu

Corrine Chu retired in 2003 after working for the City for more than 33 years as a Clerk Typist in Public Works/ Engineering, and then then Central Library. She also supplemented her income by teaching dance and fitness classes in West Los Angeles.

Since retiring, she has been able to offer more classes. She has added tap, aerobics, Zumba, line dancing, jazz dance, ballet, Pilates, social dance and yoga. She teaches in the Alhambra, San Gabriel and Rosemead areas, to all age groups from 5 to 95 years young!

This is another example of doing what you enjoy doing after retirement - keeping people physically active and fit and making it fun!

For Retired **Club Members**

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Life on the Bay

Hal and Co. head to Southeast Asia for a 21-day land tour. Part 3

In April and May 2015, Hal and Evelyn took a land tour of Southeast Asia, starting in Bangkok and including Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia and Taiwan. In each place they hired a private car and guide, except for Taiwan.



Siem Reap, Cambodia, at

8:30 a.m. and drove for about an hour until we reached our first temple. This one was partly resorted, but its uniqueness came from the many trees growing from the roof areas. It was more than a thousand years old and was abandoned in the 15th century. This temple was used in the movie. Lara Croft: Tomb Raider. Our guide took our picture in front of the tree that was used to cover the entrance to the tomb in the movie. We visited four more temples, which looked very much like all the others.

We ate lunch in the same restaurant that we did yesterday, mainly because the food was good. When we walked in you would have thought we were regulars, or maybe we were. Everyone we had met in Cambodia had been eager to help and were friendly.

The weather continued to be hot, but with the overcast and occasional breeze it was bearable. We had lots of cold water and cold wipes. The best weather here is usually in December and January, but the crowds then are very large. We had been lucky, except for at the main temple – we had not felt crowded. In a few places we were the only tourists. Also in all locations we had to fight off the vendors trying to sell us something; some of the vendors were as young as five years old. We also found that some of the temples had a musical band made up of handicapped veterans from the civil war or victims of land mines. They played music and we rested under a tree before leaving a donation. We were told there was still a problem with land mines in a lot of the countryside.

After we returned to the hotel, Evelyn layed by pool and I enjoyed an hour massage for \$18.

We walked to dinner at a restaurant we had looked up on TripAdvisor - Cafe Indochina. It was pretty good. On the way back to the hotel we stopped for yogurt. At home you pay by the ounce. It was the same thing here except there was a minimum weight of 4 ounces.

The next morning, April 26, we drove about an hour (35 miles) to Tonie Sap Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. It was a very interesting drive through the ricefarming areas and then through the fishing villages on the way to the lake harbor. It was then the end of the dry season, so the lake was quite shallow, about one or two meters deep. The road leading up to the harbor was lined with houses of about 2000 fishing families. Their houses were built on stilts up to 30 meters high, for when the monsoon season comes the water sometimes rises that high.

At the harbor we boarded a small boat and sailed three miles to the lake on a river or finger of the lake. Along the way there were more houses and some houseboats. We were told some of the homes were used only during the dry season, then the family abandoned them for higher ground. The houses were pretty primitive. Many others that float were moved to higher ground during the rainy season. We saw all types of structures, from the very basic to the very nice. We saw a new one being built of brick, and we were told it



By Hal Danowitz,

cost around \$40,000, which is the cutoff point for being taxed by the government. Over that amount you get taxed.

On the lake there was a whole village of boat people who lived there until the rainy season; there was even a school boat. They had no electricity or potable water, but we saw some TV antennas, so I guess they must have had gas generators. We spent about 90 minutes on the tour. It was interest-

ing to see how others worked and lived. The whole area was very poor,

but the kids were clean, dressed well and happy, and looked healthy. Remember this is definitely a Third World country.



For Retired Club Members



Hal and Evelyn at the tree used in the movie, Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

We returned to the hotel to pick up our bags and then had lunch before driving to the airport. On the way we stopped at a memorial to the victims of the killing fields. It was

Then we went to the airport to catch our flight to Hanoi, Vietnam.

The airport was under construction and it was a little confusing at first. We found the correct check-in line. On passing through immigrations there was an error on my departure card; I had written the wrong flight. Evelyn had the same mistake on hers. We had gone through different lines and she had no problems, but my immigration officer showed me the error and then made the correction. Before he would give me back my passport he asked for a tip. He did it so softly I at first didn't hear him. I figured \$5 was a cheap cost to get out of there. Remember it is helpful in almost any county to carry single dollar bills and a few fives.

Other facts: Most of the cars here were Toyota Camrys that had been shipped from the United States and reconditioned at a factory in Cambodia. We also saw Lexuses (Lexi?) and a few Mercedes-Benzes.

Unlike other Asian countries, in Cambodia, when a son marries he moves to his wife's family house. He then becomes part of the girl's family and helps support that family, not his parents. They also have arranged marriages here, but parties must agree on the match. So girls are favored over boys. Interesting.

The flight to Hanoi (an Airbus 320) left on time and we arrived early. For some reason



which we cleared quickly. We picked up our bags and found our guide, Vinny. The Hanoi airport is very modern and big. The ride to our hotel (Nikko) took about 45 minutes. Lots of traffic consisted of motorbikes carrying mostly young people. The hotel was very five-star, and our room was great.

to take a bus to immigration,

The next day we had a full-day trip to Halong Bay, which will mean about a 12-hour round trip. Why we weren't spending the night in Halong Bay I didn't know; our guide said that our itinerary was the normal way to

The next day, April 27, we were up at 5:30 a.m. to meet our guide at 7:30 a.m. The drive to Halong Bay took between three and four hours, depending on the traffic and how aggressive the driver was. We did it in under four hours, including two stops: a large store that sold products produced by handicapped children and adults, and a pearl factory.

At the first stop we purchased a hand embroidered tapestry-like cloth picture of Halong Bay. The handiwork was exquisite. In addition to the embroidered item, there were marble carvings and ruby jewelry; the star ruby was mined in Vietnam. The stop at the pearl factory was very interesting. They planted seeds in oysters and then harvested the pearls. We were able to see the seeding process, and of course we visited the pearl store. They also had a very good bathroom. They "grew" pearls in three types of oysters. Some took up to six years before they harvested them. The company had five or six different locations in the bay where the oyster beds were located.

We arrived at Halong Bay at 11:30 a.m. Our boat ride was scheduled to take four hours and include lunch. Our boat, #57, picked us up at the dock. The boat was 60 feet long and held 32 for lunch in the lower deck and had an upper deck for viewing the bay. We had the boat to ourselves with just the crew and staff to take care of us. It was very nice.

The blue schoolhouse on the Tonie Sap Lake.

After pushing off, we sailed for about 30 minutes to a cave that was discovered a few vears ago. We had to climb almost 200 steps to get to the entrance, and then we walked through the caves to the exit where the boat picked us up. The interior of the cave had many interesting rock formations, many of which were lit with colored lights. It reminded me of the caves on the island of Mallorca.

We then had lunch: shrimp, spring rolls, crab cakes, French fries, rice, stir-fried spinach, fish, calamari and, for dessert, bananas. They offered wine, which not until after ordering did we figure out was by the bottle, and beer; they were not included in the lunch. Evelyn picked a bottle of Chilean Chardonnay, and I had beer.

After lunch we sailed around the bay for three hours, viewing the various large and small islands that allowed for great pictures. I managed to squeeze in a short nap (after two beers).

Halong Bay is really a natural wonder. There are about 300 "islands" of all sizes rising out of the sea, all covered with greenery and most pointed like small mountains rising out of the sea. None were inhabited.

The ride back to Hanoi was no quicker, and when we hit the city it started to rain. Driving in Vietnam is not for the faint at heart; people don't drive fast, but with all the motorbikes it is like bumper cars. ■

LACERS Well



At the second Mike on a Bike fitness event in Griffith Park

Mike on a Bike

Board Member Mike Wilkinson leads seniors on fitness exercise in **Griffith Park.**

On April 15, LACERS *Well* Members enjoyed a gorgeous California morning in Griffith Park for the second "Mike on a Bike" event with LACERS Well and LACERS Board Vice President Mike Wilkinson. Despite the gusty start, riders completed more than 13 miles of mild hills and straight-a-ways and even spotted four deer enjoying the protective covering of Griffith Park's lush forestry.

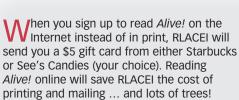
Tara Miller, Wellness Program Manager, said, "We are so lucky to have such an amazing, well-cared for park to enjoy and utilize with our Members. Being here today reminds me how fun being healthy can be."

Mike thanks everyone involved in the planning of the bike ride and everyone who started, finished, and successfully dodged the parked car in the bike lane on Forest Lawn Drive!

For more events like "Mike on a Bike" near you, check out the LACERS Well webpage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

RLACEI

RETIREES: Save Money and Trees!



It's all the same great *Alive!* content every month - retiree news, wellness information, newly retired lists, and of course all the great ticket and apparel Club deals to stretch your budget.



How to switch to the digital *Alive!*:

Send your request via email to retiree@rlacei.com. Include your name, address and the last four digits of your social security number (not the whole number), and your choice of either a Starbucks or See's Candies card.

Gift card offer limited to the first 1,000 RLACEI Members who apply and to members not currently receiving Alive! by email.



Retirements

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

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Alvarez, Daniel M.	Gardener Caretaker	Public Works	21	Garrido, Jose F.	Sr. Garage Attendant	General Service	s 28	Novak, Kenneth	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	36
Ballesteros, Walter	Welder	GSD	35	Goldstein, Andrew L.	Administrative Clerk	Airports	10	O'Connell, Michael	Sr. Project Coordinator	Housing	24
Beguico, Efren	Gardener Caretaker	Airports	20	Humes, Walvin	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	29	Pendleton, Brian Keith	Chief Bldg. Operating Eng.	Airports	31
Bingham, John Richard	Administrative Clerk	Controller	14	Inocencio, Roberto R.	Park Maint. Super.	Rec and Parks	31	Pira, Rodolfo Rabe	Sr. Management Analyst	Transportation	26
Casequin, Gilbert G.	Communications Engineer	ITA	32	Johnson, Melvin K.	Elevator Repair Super.	General Service	s 29	Polk, Emil T.	Refuse Collection Truck Op.	Public Works	31
Casillas, Jose R.	Special Program Assistant	Rec and Parks	7	Johnson, Robert H.	Sr. Transportation Inv.	Transportation	35	Quan, Linda Helen	Payroll Supervisor	Personnel	32
Clark, Thomas R.	Administrative Clerk	Library	17	Jones, Carl P.	Airport Superintendent of Ops	. Airports	13	Quon, Peter H.	Maintenance Constr. Helper	Rec and Parks	25
Coats, Frank Henry	Wastewater Treatment Op	. Public Works	31	Jones, Duane La Salle	Garage Attendant	LAPD	27	Redd, Donna Kaye Millender	Police Svc. Rep	LAPD	30
Dela Vara, Frank	Comm. Electrician	ITA	17	Kametani, David N.	Airports Maint. Super.	Airports	45	Salazar, Linda M.	Administrative Clerk	LAFD	28
Dennis, Samuel Lewis	Wastewater Coll. Super.	Public Works	31	Katinos, Ronda Lee	Secretary	LAPD	33	Schmidt, Kim Douglas	Sr. Management Analyst	Airports	27
Dipaolo, David A.	Instrument Mechanic	Airports	31	Knott, Joe	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	28	Sells, Heather E.	Librarian	Library	30
Dunlap, Dana Forrest	Sr. Computer Operator	ITA	30	Lam, Linda Tue Linh	Exec. Admin. Assistant	Bldg. and Safety	31	Stocks, Mark T.	Background Investigator	Personnel	10
Eatmon, Bernard	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	31	Legaspi, Carmelita A.	Procurement Super.	General Service	s 29	Swagler, Marc W.	Constr. Equip. Serv. Worker	Airports	26
Esparza, James I.	Trans. Eng. Associate	Transportation	7	Lewis, Ray	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	18	Tokunaga, Jim Y.	Assoc. Zoning Administrato	Planning	31
Fentroy, Deborah C.	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	26	Lowe, Marshall	Principal PR Rep	Airports	14	Tran, Sylvia	SMS Payment Clerk	General Services	14
Fields, Darlene Gail	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Airports	32	Lynes, Phyllis M.	Asst. General Manager	Personnel	38	Trinh, My Khanh Thi	Civil Engineering Draft Tech	Public Works	30
Flores, Anna M.	Sr. Administrative Clerk	LAPD	30	McQuay, Robert Steven	Sr. Electrical Pump Pl. Op.	Public Works	40	Verdugo, Guillermo	Signal Systems Electrician	Transportation	28
Folsom, Lisa Linnea	Secretary	LAPD	36	Mendoza, Josephine Borbe	Cust. Svs. Specialist	Finance	14	Walker, Crystal S.	Sr. Administrative Clerk	Finance	22
Frais, Yolanda Cheryl	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	10	Monroe, Bruce	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	21	Weary, Johnny Lee	Custodian	General Services	29
Garcia, William J.	Sr. Building Inspector	Bldg. and Safe	ty 30	Murzynowski, Anna Rosa	Council Aide	Council	10	Yee, Christina C.	Structural Engin. Assoc.	Bldg. and Safety1	8

Feel Good!

LACERS Well wants to help you feel good.

Rabrenovich, LACERS Health Benefits Director







Do you feel as good today as you did when you were 40? How about when you were 50? As part of LACERS Well's Healthier, Leaner, Stronger campaign, we want to help you feel the best you can so that you can get the most enjoyment possible out of retire-

Just by picking up a few new habits or expanding some you already have, you might not only feel better but also have a more positive outlook on life. How does that sound? Here are some tips to help you get started:

■ **Keep moving:** Staying active helps to alleviate depression, improves your mood and self-esteem, and can help you sleep better. The U.S. National Institute of Health says that exercise is the most effective anti-aging pill ever discovered. It is recommended that you do 30 minutes of activity most days of the week. But even a minimal amount can be helpful. Try stretching, yoga, dancing or gardening ... any physical activity that you enjoy. For most people, walking is one of the easiest activities to do. Usually, when you exercise with a partner, you will be more motivated.



- Drink lots of water: Just by becoming slightly dehydrated, you may become sluggish, have impaired mental function, and are at increased risk for constipation. Always keep a bottle of water handy and try to take in about eight cups of liquid (water, coffee, tea, juice, soft drinks, etc.) each day.
- Get more sleep: When you don't get enough sleep, you will lack energy and function at a lower level, both physically and mentally. It is estimated that people should

Name_

get seven to nine hours of sleep

■Eat less junk food and more fruits and vegetables: Do your best to avoid highly refined, processed foods that lack nutrients. We know that they usually taste good, but they don't provide the nutrients that your body needs. Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables will add fiber to your diet, offer protection from cancer (through anti-oxidants) and provide necessary nutrition to help you function at your best. Try

having at least some fruit and vegetables with each meal, and throw in a couple throughout the day as snacks.

■ Limit alcohol intake: According to the Centers for Disease Control, drinking too much can increase your risk of chronic diseases, including liver cirrhosis (damage to liver cells); pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas); various cancers, including liver, mouth, throat, larynx (the voice

box) and esophagus; high blood pressure; and psychological disorders. It can also make you vulnerable to accidents. Try to limit your alcohol intake to one or two drinks per day.

■ Visit your doctor regularly: Sometimes, no matter what you try, you don't feel as good as you can because of a medical condition that you may or may not be aware of. Be sure you see your doctor regularly to make sure you have had all your proper screenings and are properly managing any health conditions. There are many resources available to you

This may sound like a lot to do, but just make one small change at a time if you can. By doing these suggestions, doing other things that make you happy, and keeping a positive outlook, you may find that you actually feel better than you have in a long time.

through your medical plan that can offer

support and help you be at your best.

Be sure you discuss any routine changes in your activity or diet with your doctor.

Show Us Your Grandkids!



- 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.
- 5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talk back @cityemployeesclub.com

Send Prints To:

Grandkids City Employees Club of Los Angeles 120 W. 2nd St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (800) 464-0452

If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.



38th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Email

The 38th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check in is at 7:00 a.m. SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$67.00 for R.L.A.C.E.I. & City Club members. All others is \$77.00 includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Alhambra Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.00.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with your check made payable to: **R.L.A.C.E.I.** by May 20th and sent to Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789

2016 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

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Amount Included \$	\$67 for R.L.A.	C.E.I. and City (Club Membe	ers (\$77 for all	others)
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Come to an Extravaganza!

LACERS Well event reminds seniors: Move Well to Be Well.

Wednesday, May 25 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

To celebrate the official kickoff of the Healthier, Leaner, Stronger campaign, LACERS Well invites LACERS Members to attend its third annual Extravaganza: Move Well to Be Well!

Loaded with expert speakers, fun activities, and valuable health resources, this event will provide the tools you need to get moving now and feel great doing it.

> The event is scheduled for: Wed., May 25 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Airtel Plaza Hotel,

7277 Valjean Ave. • Van Nuys, CA 91406 Expert speakers will be presenting on how to:

- Prevent Osteoporosis
- Create an easy low-inflammatory diet
- Gain strength, flexibility and range of motion

Special breakout sessions:

- Yoga, tai chi, qigong, and zumba
- LA Metro Buddy Ride System
- Finding balance, preventing falls

Free screenings will be provided:

- Blood pressure
- · Blood sugar
- · BMI/ body fat
- Bone health
- · Mobility/flexibility assessments

Plus prizes, food, and information booths will be offered, too!

This event is open to all LACERS Retired Members plus one guest each. Registration is required as space is limited.

Register online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or call LACERS at (800) 779-8328. Voicemail or email messages will not be accepted as reservations.

Retirees: Stay Active!

Jere's LACERS Well Champions schedule of events and activities in May to stay healthier, leaner, stronger.

"Walk Cabrillo" Guided Tour at Cabrillo Marine **Aquarium - May 3**

LACERS Well is hosting a walking tour at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Join us for a walk guided by their education staff. Starting at the aquarium courtyard, we'll visit the native garden, salt marsh, beaches and tide pools. We'll explore each habitat and signs of the season along the shore during this two mile long guided tour. The walk will last approximately two hours. Please note that this is a fairly rigorous walk through some rocky terrain, so participants should be nimble.

All LACERS Retired Members, plus a guest, are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. All attendees will be required to sign a liability waiver at signin prior to participating. Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible via the LACERS Well Website at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or by calling (800) 779-8328. Voicemail or email messages will not be accepted as reservations.

Springtime Botanical Gardens Tours at the Huntington

Join LACERS Well and your local Champion for a free, docent-led tour of the botanical gardens and galleries of the Huntington!

This easy 60-minute tour provides an expert overview of the Huntington estate and the world renowned botanical gardens and galleries. Attendees will learn how Henry and Arabella Huntington turned their San Marino Ranch into a world famous cultural

Post tour, attendees are welcome to explore the remaining 120 acres open to the public (with 16 different gardens, three art galleries, and the library) and the cafés or tearooms

LACERS Well Champions will host two different tour dates (please choose one of the following):

Friday, May 6, noon, or Friday, June 10, 10:30 a.m. The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA 91108

Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible via the LACERS Well Website at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell or by calling (800) 779-8328. Voicemail or email messages will not be accepted as reservations.

ONGOING:

NEW El Cariso Park Walk, Sylmar

Mondays at 9 a.m. Contact Irene Galvan: ronnie20dav@gmail.

Free Fitness Classes at Houghton Park Community Center, Long Beach

· Zumba, voga, circuit training and more Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. All fitness levels welcome. Contact Brenda Combs

babycombs@aol.com

Manhattan Beach Pier

First Saturday of the month. 8 - 10 a.m. Contact Cyrous Adami: Cyrous13@yahoo.com

Glenoaks Park Tai Chi, Glendale

Monday, April 4, 9 a.m. All fitness levels wel-Contact Faith Mok:

faith.mok@att.net

South San Fernando Valley Walk

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park

Contact Debby Rolland: drthenuts@gmail.com

Ontario Mills Mall Walk

First Saturday of every month, 9 - 11 a.m. Each month, Eugene highlights a new health awareness campaign. Contact Eugene Mandelcorn: emandelcorn@ymail.

'Buddy Walk for Life,' **Baldwin Park**

com

First Friday of each month, 8 - 10 a.m. Contact Mariam Galang: mariamgalang@gmail. com or (626) 482-1238

Rueben Ingold Park (Los Angeles) Walk

Thursdays at 11 a.m. Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas: avisridleythomas@ me.com

Walnut Walk

First Monday of each month, 7 a.m. Outdoor venue varies Contact Christy or Scott Margiotta: scottmargiotta@gmail.

Calabasas Walk

com

Third Sunday of each month, 10 a.m. Outdoor venue varies For May, Members will enjoy hiking Paramount Ranch, where Western films were made, including as Dr. Quinn. Medicine Woman and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Contact Cheryl Tabbi: cheryltab@hotmail.

Reports, Fun and Prizes

Retirees Association hosts successful spring meeting.

Story and photos by John Hawkins, Club CEO

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) hosted its annual spring meeting April 14 at the Friendship Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS Division Manager, Health Benefits Administration Division, reported to the attendees on the state of their pension system. RLACEI President Ed Harding and Directors Hal Danowitz, Ken Spiker and Mike Wilkinson (LACERS Board Member) also addressed the crowd.

The Club contributed attendance prizes. Congratulations to the winners!

The Club thanks Ed Harding and the executive team for inviting us to the meeting and keeping us front and center in the lives of the City's retirees.





Leroy Richards, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation; Carol Warsaw, Retired, Personnel; Sylvester Warsaw Sr., Retired, Public Works; and Henry Starks, Retired, Public Works/Street Services. Front: Lois Starks, wife of Henry Starks.



Leo and Norma Rosen with their son, Leo retired from Public Works/Engineering after 43 years of City service



From left: Silvestre Dipasupil and David Nix both Retired, ITA



Back row, from left: Larry and Dorothy

and Mei Yee. Front: Mic Bacon and

Sharon Chow

Tamashiro, Shirley and Richard Tan, Gary Hart, Beverly Anderson, Carol Takafugi

Gary Boehm, Retired, LAPD (Civilian) and special quest

Rabrenovich.



Ed Harding, RLACEI President opened the meeting on time and with a



Public Works/Contract Administration, 35 years of City service

the membership.



Prizewinner Carol Warsaw Retired, Personnel



Prizewinner Beverly Anderson, Retired, LAPD.

Ken Spiker, RLACEI

First Vice President addressed the member

Retired, Building and Safety, 26 years of City service. Joe is a decorated World War II Army Veteran



Prizewinner Mariam Skarin, wife of the illustriously famous Phil Skarin.





The RLACEI Board - ready, willing and able to tackle retiree challenges.







"Love life, love God." - Enrique Gomez, DWP



"Happy Mother's Day, Mamita Querida! From Baby Olive Rose to Olivia Beltran"





"Mom, I am grateful to God for you. Thank you for all of your sacrifices. I love you!" — LaTrice Bowen, Finance

"Mommy! Thank you for loving us and always making sure we have everything we need to succeed. We love you, and I don't know what we would do without you."

Aryel Gilmer, for Tonja



"I'm so grateful for all you've ever done! Thank you for always being there for me, no matter what. You deserve the world! Happy Mother's Day!"

— Jennifer Chitay, for Maria Chitay



"Julian and baby Alexa wish you a Happy Mother's Day, Mamita Karla! There is an angel in heaven wishing you the same!" — Jose Beltran

"Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful mom, Vicky Chan, who retired from the City Attorney's Office after 45 years to take care of these two little angels. We love you, Mom and Grandma! XOXO. Murga and

Chan Ohana"



"Happy Mother's Day, Abuelita Rosa! We love you! From Julian, Olive Rose and Baby Alexa."

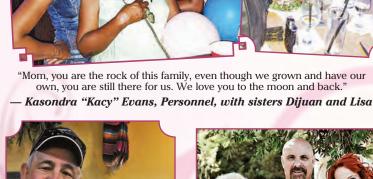
"Happy Mother's Day, Mommy! We love you!"

Jeremy Cailotto

"We all love her and she is an



"Happy Mother's Day! To Clo Banks from Derwin Banks. — Derwin Banks , Public Works





being such a strong woman and influence in my life. You raised four kids as a single parent and struggled every day but never gave up. And never gave for that, I love and respect you more than you will ever know. Love, your son, Pete De Leon."



"Happy Mother's Day, Mom, with extra love to the women in my life." B.J. Fulkerson, General Services

John and Dearbhla

'Happy Mother's Day, Mom! I promise to call earlier in the day. Thanks for all you have done



Happy Mother's Day to Barbara Fentress, from Sgt. Martin



"Mom, you are one of a kind. Happy Mother's Day. I love you with all of my heart!'

– Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor



"Happy Mother's Day to a magnificent mother. I love you, Mami.

– Citlali Bon, Club Data **Processing Coordinator**



'Here's my mother with a

birthday cake." Md Asaduzzaman, Airports



"Madrecita querida, Gracias por todo su amor, su apoyo y todas sus bendiciones. La quiero con todo mi corazon! Que Dios la bendiga hoy y siempre. Feliz Dia de las Mamacitas!"

- Selina De León, Rec and **Parks**



"Dear Mommy and best friend, Happy Mother's Day. We love you." Krys and Erin Durant, LAFD



"To the most wonderful mother in the world – four children, 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren."

— Maria C. Garcia, LAPD, for Cristina Canez



part of me, and I thank God He made you my loving mom.

Kimberly Green, Rec and **Parks**



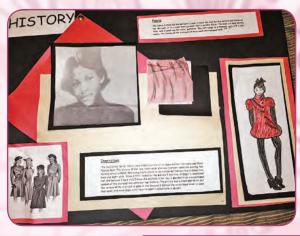
"Happy Mother's Day! You're the greatest! Our life would not be the same without you. We love you!"

- Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales



"Love my two mommas! Thank you for molding me into the woman I am today!'

— Linda Jeter



"In honor of her grandmother, Nicie Powell Reid, mother of nine and several grandchildren. Loved dearly. My niece completed her degree in fashion by submitting this project collage as her final."

For Nicie Powell Reid, submitted by Pamela Bennett



"If there were a day for everything you have given me as a mother, it would be Mother's Day every day.

— Arlene Herrero, Club **Director of Product** Development, for Josephine Herrero, pictured with her fourlegged grandson, Milo



"To the world's greatest mom! You are my inspiration, my heart, my soul and the love of my life. You are the one who has never told me no! You have always been there for me, and may God bless you forever! Happy Mother's Day!"

– Cheryl Martin, Club Counselor, for Joyce Martin



"Happy Mother's Day, babe. The girls and I love you very much!"

- Jose Lucero, DWP



'Mama, gracias por siempre estar a mi lado y siempre tener una palabra de aliento aunque sea dura. Agredesco a Dios por tenerte junto a Tus nietos. Te queremos mucho palabras no alcanzan para agradecerte todo lo que haces por nosotros mi Leona valiente!! Feliz Dia de las Madres! Tu hija y nietos Smith & Miranda."

Priscilla Miranda



"Happy Mother's Day! We are so blessed to have you as our mother! Thank you for everything you do for our family! We love you so much! Love, John, Kristin, Noelle,

Neil, Anthony and Wendy. - Noelle Kauffman, Member Services Coordinator



"Mum, you are the backbone of the family. Your grandchildren

love you lots.' – Steven Miles, DWP



From left: Elana Grimm, 14, ballet dancer; (back) Leah Grimm, loves reading, ballet dancer; Rebecca Grimm, 2 (on Leah's lap); Aaron Grimm, 4, preschool; Emma Grimm; Ronald Grimm, 15, straight-A student and piano player; and Elliot Grimm, 2 (on Ronald's lap).

— Emma Grimm, Retired, Public Works/ **Engineering**



"Happy Mother's Day, Mom! No words can describe how much you are missed!"

– Renee Ramirez, LAFD



Montes, LAPD





'Mommita, thank you for your serenity through this storm, your courage and wisdom. Te amo! Animo.'

Jaqi Rascon, Airports



"Happy Mother's Day, Alicia Sanchez, from Norbert Sanchez and the Sanchez family. We all love you and thank you for all that you do for all of us."



To my children on Mother's Day, the best job I've ever had was being blessed to be your mommy. Thank you so much for making every Mother's Day so awesome. I love you more than chocolate. Love, Mommy."

— Toni N. Reed, Airports



"We love you to the moon and back! Thank you for all you do. We love you very much!"

— Delicia Hernandez, for her mom, Sylvia (pictured with Delicia's daughter, Vivienne)



"I always pray to God, May you live long, May you always be with me. Love you more than life. Love you, Mom! Happy Mother's Day! Jude and daughter #2, Olivia"

— Judy Ramirez, Finance



"Happy Mother's Day to the best mom and nana!! Thank you so much for the unconditional love!! Love Connor, Marisol, and Dalila!"

- Dalila Vielma, Club Counselor



much!" - Sarah Richardson, **LAPD**



"I want to wish my hardworking mother a Happy Mother's Day! Without you, nothing is possible. You made me the woman I am today. I love you to the moon and back. XOXO, Evelyn, Julie, and Jess."

Evelyn Rodriguez, City Attorney

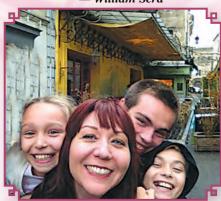






William wishes a Happy Mother's Day to his wife, mother of four boys.

— William Sera



"Mom and Mommy. You are the

most awesome mother a kid

could ask for. Happy Mother's

Day, we love you to the moon!!"

– Noah, Isaiah and Hannah

"You have been the best daughter any mother can ask for. I am truly humbled to be your mother. You are definitely my 'blessing.' Love, Mom "

– Kinshasa Davis , **Transportation**



"I would like to wish my mom, Valarie Travis, the most wonderful Mother's Day in the world! She is not only a great mother, she is my rock, my hero, my mentor, my ear when needed, my adviser and my friend. I thank God for her. I love her with all of me! And I thank her for making me who I am today.

— Moniquea Toi McKee , **Public Works**



"Mom, you are truly an amazing woman. Thanks for all your love and support. You deserve nothing but the best each and every day. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Renee."

- Renee Decker, Harbor, for Monica Decker



"Thanks for being the best mom anyone could ask for! Happy Mother's Day! Love, Cody.

Cody Hale, Retired, Harbor, for Stephanie Hale



Thank you, Mom, for everything you have done for me and for keeping me smiling!

– James Sonne, for Ann Sonne



"Happy Mother's Day to two of the most amazing moms I know! May you be blessed to see many more! Love you both to pieces.

Nikia M. Thomas, Airports



"I love you all the muches! Happy Mother's Day!'

— Nikia M. Thomas, Airports



'You have been a true inspiration to me in so many aspects of my life. God has truly blessed me to have you for a Mom and a best friend! I love you unconditionally for eternity. Thank you for all that you've done for me, as well as my brother and sister. Respect and blessings, my Queen. Your eldest, Tanieka Umi."

Tanieka Umi, Transportation, for Charlene DuBose



"My mother is more than what a picture can explain. She is a lovely, caring, helping and most beautiful woman you can ever meet. I can say that she is more than a hero... she is a mom."

- Esperanza Padilla, for Laura Deluna



"Happy Mother's Day, Sylvia. With lots of love and kisses from Brian and Sondra." Brian Hale, Transportation



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

President and CEO



"My mom is a great mom who deserves all the honor and praise. She is caring, compassionate, loving and kind. And she loves her dad, too. My grandpa, who is 97 years old staying in a hospital in China, was recently visited by my mom."

— Peter Wei, DWP



"Our mom raised four boys to become men. Two went on to become policemen, and the other two became railroad engineers. She gave up everything to make sure with had food, a bed to sleep in, clean clothes and lunches for school. She was always there to care for us, kiss our wounds and make us feel better. She always was able to come up with a few extra dollars so that we could go to the movies or have lunch with friends. We always knew that we were loved and had a very special Mom."

- Det./Sgt. Timmy J. Whisenhunt, Retired, LAPD - Sgt. William T Whisenhunt, Retired, LAPD



three women for being so strong and always bringing out the best in them. I'll always be thankful for being part of them and being able to receive a wonderful gift she left for me her son. Love you, Deb! You will always live in our hearts! Happy Mother's Day! – Love, the Smiths"



Happy Mother's Day to Ethel Spaulding, 77, - from Debora N. Fore, Retired, LAPD.



Happy Mother's Day, from Richard Hernandez, DWP



"Happy Mother's Day to the world's greatest wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. We love you!"



you, Mom; you are my hero!" – John Hawkins,

of the Club



amazing woman. I love you." Cathy Ray



La major mamá del mundo. Gracias doy a Dios cada minuto por darme esta maravillosa madre.'

— Maria de Los Angeles Lopez



"We love you, Mom! Happy 75th birthday! Love, Lennon, Brigidann, Alexis, Dominick, Adriana and LJ"

- Dawn and Lennon Cooper, Personnel



"You are the best mom in the World! We're so happy that you belong to us. We love you. Adriana and LJ."

— From Lennon Cooper, Personnel, for Alexis Cooper

"We love you, Mommy!

We appreciate everything you do for us! Thank you! Hugs and kisses. Love, Victoria and Keira' Jalelia Solomon, Club Customer Service Associate



– Steven Cunningham, Public Works



"Gracias Mamá por ofrecerme cada día su apoyo y amor incondicional. Feliz Día de Las Madres!"

- Roberto Larios, Club



"I am blessed for having this wonderful mother. God bless her every moment.

— Maria de Los Angeles Lopez



installing Our Lord first and showing me strength!"

— Natalie Rodriguez



done for our family. Words fail to express my love and admiration. Happy Mother's Day.'

- Melvina E. Adlersberg, Library



"Mom, your love for us we know is everlasting. Thank you for being here for us. Thanks for the tender ear listening, and spoken words of optimism."

Sherman Simon, for Louise Simon





"Happy Mother's Day. Babe." — Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation

"My friend, my confidant,



"This is an incredible lady; I love you, Mom." - Vaughn Dorsey, Transportation



"I love you, Mom. Happy Mother's Day and love every day! Love, your son, Louie and my beautiful wife,

Rosie" - Louie Kamos, County of LA



"Words are not

enough to express

the gratitude

that you deserve for all that you have done for us throughout the years. Happy Mother's Day. Carmen Macias, Personnel

"Mom, I love you and all that you have done for my girls and me. There are no words that can explain how much you mean to me. Happy

Mother's Day.' — Lucie Godinez, Transportation



'Para la major madre del mundo, con todo amor y cariño. Feliz Dia de las Madres.'

"Mami Petra, Happy Mother's Day. I love you so

much and I want to thank you for giving me the gift

of life and all you have done for me. Mama Linda, my wonderful mother in law, thank you for giving me the

love of my life, my wife, Lety. Happy Mother's Day! Love you all,"

- Guadalupe Lira, Club Customer Service Associate



"Bertha Toro, Happy Mother's Day to the most loving mother and grandmother. Feliz dia de las Madres, Mami! Gracias por todo, te quiero muchisimo!"

— Nancy Cortes







John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

"This is a very interesting cloud formation we saw while we were traveling westbound on the 10 freeway on a Sunday morning. Just minutes after the rain, I quickly took a snapshot of this oddity. The picture is cropped from a Galaxy S7 camera. I'm just glad it didn't capture any reflection on the windshield."

- Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comment: Well, I'm just glad this wasn't the beginning of the end to LA. This has great colors, Dominique, and is clear, sharp and focused, just the way I like 'em.





"I caught my turtle, Minnie, staring at me!

- LaTrice Bowen, Finance

John's comment: I never thought I would say this, but what a cute turtle! Thanks, LaTrice!

"I took this picture in Bishop outside my office. It's the sunrise with a full moon. I work for the DWP as a customer service representative in Bishop. I hope it came out all right."

- Sarah Morton, DWP

John's comment: Not only did it come out "all right," but it came out fantastic! That's an office view we City folks can only dream of! Thanks for sharing, Sarah.

"I took a day trip to Solvang with the kids over spring break. I had the opportunity to take a nice picture with no crowds and a beautiful blue sky."

- Katherine Tovar, Public Works

John's comment: Katherine, what I like

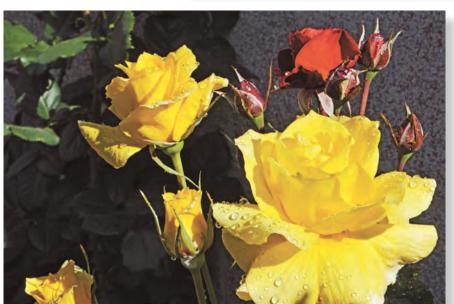
most about this picture is how it brings back great memories of my trips to Solvang as a kid. You captured the very essence of this magical place clear skies, the classic windmill and the overall sense of relaxation. Thank you!



"This was taken, with my cellphone, of the City of Alhambra sky.'

- Renee Ramirez, LAFD

John's comment: Renee, I really like how you were able to seize the reds and purples at the edge of this amazing cloud formation. Well done!



"The sun came out after the rain, and it's my favorite time to photograph my roses that are watered by the rain and dish rinse water (being drought aware)."

- John Nance, Retired, DWP

John's comment: John, you have a real knack at capturing the beauty of flowers. Thank you for sharing!



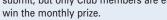
"Death valley was super-blooming, so I had to visit. I took shots at different places like this one at Devils golf course, instead of flowers."

Sang Ham, General Services

John's comment: Sang, I love how you placed the perspective a little lower than eye level – it gives the viewer the true feeling of how expansive and desolate this area is. Summy Lam (our Director of Marketing) and I were recently out there doing a photo shoot. There is something truly magical about Death Valley. Thanks for sharing!

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
- · 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
- · Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, Alive!, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very lowresolution images, and they don't look good in
- · We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployees-
- 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.



You are cordially invited to the WATTLES MANSION SHOWCASE PREVIEW EVENT DAY

It's an Inside Thing

Rec and Parks displays designer interiors to Wattles Mansion in Hollywood.

Rec and Parks, in partnership with REITZHAUS, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), and Modern Luxury Media hosted the Wattles Mansion Showcase titled "Hollywood: The First 100 Years" at Wattles Mansion and Gardens in Hollywood.

The event ran through March and

Eighteen rooms of this historic estate's interior were creatively staged by top local designers who drew inspiration from Hollywood icons of the past

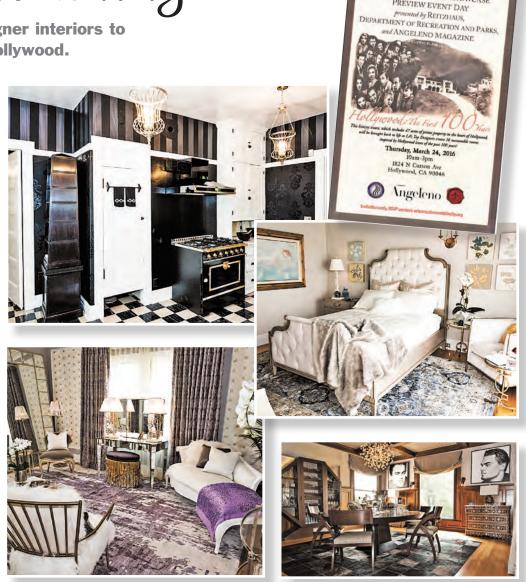
"We are thrilled to present the firstever designer showcase to be hosted at Wattles Mansion and can't wait for attendees to delight in the creativity and talent of these top designers," said Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Rec and Parks, when the project opened. "Restoration of this historic estate is priceless, and we are certain that the event will spotlight the extraordinary architecture and elegance of the property for people to consider as the ideal location for their next special event."

Acclaimed interior designers utilized movies or Hollywood stars, including Midnight in Paris, The Artist, Audrey Hepburn, Bridget Bardot, and Leonardo DiCaprio, as inspiration for the design

spaces in Wattles Mansion. Participants include noted designers: Kathleen Beall, Kathryn Dahlman, Eleanor Schrader, Ian Patrick, Lamia Maalouf, Francesca C. Mead, Carolyn Von Der Ahe, Leslie Shapiro Joyal, Susan Sager, Sandra Costa, Shannon Ggem, Laura Clayton Baker, Annica Howard, Fernando Diaz, Bernie Greene, Victoria Reitz, Sheryl Fleisher, Firoozeh Khorami, Andre Ferruys, and Jonathan Winslow.

Wattles Mansion was designed by Myron Hunt and Elmer Grey, two prominent Los Angeles architects. The estate served as a summer home for Gurdon Wattles, an early businessman and banker from Omaha, Neb., who became responsible for bankrolling much of early Hollywood. Designed in a Mediterranean/Mission style, the Wattles residence was opened in the spring of 1909. Located in the heart of Hollywood, this 47-acre estate is the last remaining intact mansion from this time period and an outstanding example of Southern California landscape architecture and the important role it played in the development of the region in the early 20th century.

Wattles Manion is a Rec and Parks facility and one of the historic residences it maintains.



Interiors at the Wattles Mansion designer showcase



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The Smart Move

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

Wellness and Retirement

ne of the most effective retirement Oplanning tools an employee can embark on may be one that isn't considered a retirement product. It's a wellness program. That's because an employee's health can either sabotage a retirement plan or enable it. A wellness program can be a long-term solution to a long-term challenge—maximizing an employee's potential for good health both before and

The impact of healthcare costs after retirement is not hard to visualize. For example, a study conducted by the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) in 2010 showed that a moderately healthy couple would spend an average of \$250,000 to pay for unreimbursed health costs over a normal retirement.

Healthcare costs also can derail retirement strategies before retirement. Just look at the growing number of Baby Boomers who say they want to work more years to make up for low retirement account balances (the "I'll just work until I'm 90" crowd). This year's Retirement Confidence Survey, conducted by EBRI and Greenwald & Associates, shows that the proportion of employees

who plan to work past age 65 has risen dramatically, from 11 percent in 1991 to 37 percent currently.

The trouble is, health problems are preventing a large percentage of these employees from carrying out this strategy. The same EBRI study finds that more than half of current retirees left the workforce early due to health problems, disability or business changes at their

In a Principal Financial survey conducted online during the second quarter of this year by Harris Interactive, 84 percent of workers said they view physical health as an investment in their financial future. Three quarters of those surveyed (76 percent) think that by spending time and money on their physical health now, they will avoid major health costs later

While no amount of lifestyle control will alleviate some health problems, participation in wellness programs, particularly with effective coaching, is generating some impressive results. Improvements in weight control, blood pressure and other gauges are not only short-term victories, but also long-term ones—with the potential to dramatically boost chances for financial retirement

Employees have come to a better grasp of what long-term retirement planning is all about. They know they have to take responsibility themselves today for their long-term financial security. Lee Dukes, president of the Principal Wellness Company, the Principal Financial Group's wellness subsidiary, believes that maximizing the performance of individuals' retirement accounts inevitably depends on their long-term health management. "We want employees to be thinking about both their physical health and their financial health, and we see a direct correlation between the two." he says.

Instead of focusing only on saving more for retirement, employees should put the same emphasis on staying healthy so they spend less on healthcare. Employees understand that an effective wellness plan will help reduce health care costs. Wellness plans will also boost the success of their retirement plans.

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Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, and John Burnes

LAPD's Toxicology Unit hunts for evidence of alcohol and drugs.

ne of the City's best defenses against impaired driving is the LAPD's Toxicology Unit, headquartered in the Department's Forensic Science Center on the campus of Cal State LA. The Toxicology Unit is divided into two details: alcohol and drugs. The

Alcohol Detail conducts forensic alcohol analyses of blood and urine samples collected from suspected DUI drivers. The Criminalists assigned to the Alcohol Detail also maintain 40 breath alcohol testing instruments and frequently provide expert testimony in court regarding the effects of alcohol on driving ability.

The Drug Detail is responsible for the analysis of blood and urine samples for the presence of drugs of abuse. This detail also analyzes urine samples collected from sworn personnel for the Department's random drug testing program. On the following pages, meet the men and women who form the LAPD's Toxicology Unit. ■

Testing for Toxicology

Here are the stops made by evidence as it makes its way through the LAPD Crime Lab's Toxicology Unit. Evidence shown in these photos consists of research samples and is not related to actual casework.

Evidence Storage

Before evidence is analyzed by the Toxicology Lab, the samples are brought by couriers from Police Stations (where the samples are drawn) to the Crime Lab and logged. The evidence is then stored in industrial refrigerators in the Toxicology Lab. Chain of



Jerry Blanton (right), Supervising Criminalist, Toxicology Unit, shows Club COO Robert Larios (left) where the evidence samples are stored.

ALCOHOL: Testing in Duplicate



Mandel Medina, Criminalist II, 11 years of City service, demonstrates the operation of the headspace gas chromatograph.

Each sample analyzed for alcohol concentration is tested twice, using two separate instruments. The samples are analyzed using Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC).

The testing procedure takes approximately four hours per batch. Reviewing the data and preparing the analysis reports can take a full

In many instances, the sample will be tested for both alcohol and other

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

'It **Helps** Get to the **Truth**'

On April 13, Club COO Robert Larios and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Larry Blanton, Supervising Criminalist of the LAPD Crime Lab's Toxicology Unit, 29 years of City service. The interview took place in his office in the Forensic Science Center.



Thanks for giving us a tour of the Toxicology Lab, Jerry. First, tell us about your City career. Did you work in the City anywhere before the LAPD?

Jerry Blanton: I started my work for the City in 1986 with Public Works' Environmental Monitoring Division. In 1991, I was hired as a Criminalist at the

Got it. Very briefly talk about your rise here in the crime lab, to where you are

Sure. Starting in 1991, I was assigned to the Blood Alcohol Unit. After that, I worked in the Narcotics Analysis, Toxicology, and Field Investigation Units. I was promoted to Supervising Criminalist in 2006. As a supervisor, I worked in the Field Investigation Unit, Quality Assurance, and Narcotics Analysis Unit before returning to Toxicology in 2015.

Blood Alcohol was merged with the Toxicology Unit...

It was around 2007 when the Blood Alcohol Unit was merged with the Toxicology Unit.

Materials Tested For

Give us an overview of the process in Toxicology. You examine primarily for alcohol and drugs?

Yes. Blood and urine samples submitted to the laboratory for alcohol analysis are tested using headspace gas chromatography. Samples submitted for drug testing are screened first. Any positive screening tests are confirmed with additional testing.

Is it a violation to be impaired even if you have a legal prescription?

If the drug is impairing a person's ability to drive

Do you test for marijuana?

Yes, we test blood samples for the active drug (THC) and the metabolite. Approximately 70 percent of the blood samples received for drug testing, screen positive for marijuana.

You have a 0.08 percent as a mark for alcohol in the blood. Is there a measuring mark for marijuana?

No there isn't. That's what makes the testimony for diving under the influence of drugs cases much more complex. Every drug is different, and also people don't respond the same way to a certain amount of drug. With alcohol, there's been so much research, it's been clearly established that at .08 and above, everyone is impaired for driving.

It's not as clear with marijuana or other drugs.

Right, but just to be clear, your focus is determining what's in the sample?

Yes, for the Drug Detail, the focus is on the analysis.

The Process

The process - can you start with the evidence from when it's is brought to you, and then give us the process thereafter?

The samples arrive each morning and they are tested for alcohol or screened for drugs. The alcohol test provides a quantitative result. For drug testing, it is a two-step process. The samples are first screened. Then, based on the screening test results, the detective or prosecutor will request confirmation testing. The most common drug right now is marijuana. A majority of the confirmation tests are for marijuana.

What about urine? I know you test urine as part of the random employee drug-testing program. Do you also analyze urine for criminal cases?

Approximately three percent of our cases are for drug facilitated sexual assault investigations. That situation involves testing a sample collected from the victim to see if there are any drugs remaining in the person's system.

And a victim could be alive or deceased?

Samples from deceased subjects are tested at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Laboratory. All of our samples are ante mortem (from living subjects). Another significant responsibility for the Toxicology Unit is the breath program. The breath alcohol testing instruments [housed in Police Stations] are calibrated at least every 18 months. Accuracy checks are conducted on the breath instruments once each week at every station. Detailed records for subject test results; accuracy checks, and instrument maintenance are prepared and distributed each month by the Alcohol Detail staff.

What percentage of what you examine is traffic stops, or driving under the influence?

If you're counting the employee screens into the total, about 25 percent are DUI alcohol samples, 45 percent are employee urine samples and 25 percent are arrestee drug-testing samples. But that doesn't reflect how our time is spent. The time distribution would be a lot different

Right, because testing blood samples for drugs would take a lot longer than the employee samples.

Exactly. There are a lot of employee samples, but those can be screened in large batches.

Testimony in court plays a big part in what you do, too, right?

Yes. We do a significant amount of courtroom testimony; the criminalist explains to the judge or the jury exactly how alcohol impairs a person's ability

How often are you expertly testifying?

The Criminalists testify around three times each month. The trials often come in waves. As a supervisor, I'm doing more administrative type work, not testifying very often.

Do you tie into any databases?

There's really no application for that here in the Toxicology Unit. It's not like Fingerprints or DNA. Databases are most often used for comparative testing. This is a quantitative test, where there is one result for the sample.

Not So Simple

Would you say that Toxicology is one of the more straightforward processes in the LAPD Crime Lab, or is it more complicated?

I'd say it falls somewhere in the middle. There's the straightforward aspect of analyzing blood same but as far as testimony, that gets very complex. As far as alcohol testimony, we have to provide a lot of expert testimony to explain exactly how alcohol impairs a person's ability to drive. That's one of the more complex aspects that may not be obvious.

And paperwork is a big part of what you do here, too, right?

Yes, just like with every section. I'd say we do more paperwork than some ... again, we're in the middle. DNA's case files are maybe a hundred pages thick for one case. Ours aren't quite so bad. We have what's called a QC packet, which can be 75 pages, and then maybe there are 10 pages associated with each individual case.

Science and Certification

How has the science developed?

In the past few decades the science has seen incredible developments. For example, alcohol testing was done using a titration method,

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DRUGS: Blood Screening

Blood samples are screened for drugs using an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay procedure (ELISA).



Jennifer Ferencz, Criminalist, 11 years of City service, demonstrates the process of screening blood samples for the presence of drugs.

DRUGS: Confirmation

If the results of the drug screening test are positive, additional confirmation testing must be conducted.

For most of the confirmatory tests, drugs are extracted from the sample then analyzed using a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS). The GC/MS instrument is used to conclusively identify specific drugs.

DRUGS: Urine Screening

The Toxicology Unit tests blood and urine samples for drugs, both legal and illegal. The unit tests for 12 different categories of drugs. Urine and blood samples are screened on different instruments.

Drug testing is done in two stages – screening and confirmation. The screening test determines what category of drug(s) may be present. If the screening test is positive, additional confirmation testing is conducted to determine the specific drug(s) that are present.

The screening process can take up to five hours for each sample set, with a maximum number of about 240 samples screened per day.



This large machine screens urine samples for drugs. Most, but not all, of the urine samples analyzed by the Toxicology Unit are part of the random drug-testing program for sworn LAPD

Katie Sanchez, Criminalist, 2 years of City service, prepares urine samples for analysis.





Aaron McElrea, Criminalist III, 10 years of City service, prepares a blood sample for the drug confirmation process. (Evidence shown is for reference only, and not from an



Jerry Blanton, Supervising Criminalist, Toxicology, explains how the gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer isolates and identifies specific drugs.

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which was reasonable for that time period. But now we're using headspace gas chromatography, so that's a significant development. Our technology is very current.

What is titration?

It's a chemical reaction process where two chemicals are mixed together, and you observe the liquid for a color change. You would do a mathematical calculation based on how the chemicals

Are you testing for more chemicals than you used to?

I'd say the number of samples has probably changed, but the screening process has been fairly stable. We've been screening for the same types of drugs as before, but the number of samples has certainly increased and shifted. Now we're testing a lot more samples for marijuana, and when I say marijuana I mean both the active component, which is THC, and then the metabolite as well.

Who certifies you? The FBI?

The Forensic Science Division is accredited by ASCLD/ LAB, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, Laboratory Accreditation Board. It's a very detailed process. A team comes out and inspect the laboratory, our operations and our documentation, and they interview the staff. Inspections are every five years to ensure that the laboratory complying with the requirements.

How do you react to changing law? Is the law changing?

We have to work in close cooperation with our customers, the Detectives and the City Attorneys and the criminal justice system in general. If there are new questions that need to be answered, such as additional marijuana testing, that's something that we have to accommodate as is needed. So if there's an increase in demand for marijuana testing, as there has been, that's what we have to try to address.

Just the Facts

Let's reiterate - you are scientists; you determine facts.

Exactly.

And where that fact goes is not for you to dictate.

Exactly, that's really important to point out. We analyze the evidence and then provide scientific information for the criminal justice system to make their decisions. It could be a judge or a jury or maybe a Prosecutor or a Defense Attorney. It's not our job to make the legal decision;

that's up to somebody else. Our role is to provide useful and accurate objective scientific facts and

Training

What's the training regimen? How do you become a Criminalist in toxicology?

It's slightly different for the two different details. For alcohol, it's a very intensive review of scientific literature and scientific journals to learn how alcohol impairs a person's ability to drive, and then it's also a lot of detailed observations in the field observing subjects who have been arrested at jails, or riding with Police Officers and Highway Patrol Officers to observe subjects in every phase of the DUI investigation, from the driving to the field sobriety tests, which are done usually at the time of the arrest and then the subsequent breath test or blood test. Trainees review that entire process, all those observations and a lot of scientific literature and some of their own experiments. Sometimes we have training sessions where people are given measured amounts of alcohol and then the trainee will observe their behavior and how alcohol increases and decreases over the course of time. They also attend formal training classes as well. One well-known class is called the Borkenstein course, an internationally known course that's taught at Indiana University by leading researchers in the field of alcohol impairment and alcohol analysis. For an alcohol analysis Criminalist, the training takes about nine months.

For Criminalists in the drug detail, it's more in parts. They will learn a part such as screening and then they can start analysis and screening. After that, a Drug Detail criminalist will be trained in various confirmation testing procedures. Training for each procedure includes a review of scientific literature; practical training exercises, and testing of training samples to verify their analytical skills.

Do they often have to take refresher courses?

Continuing education is important. Criminalists attend formal training courses or seminars from the California Association of Toxicologists or the California Association of Criminalists.

Challenges

What challenges do you see in the near- and long-term future?

If there are more and different types of designer drugs that come out, that's always a challenge to test for. You have to develop a test method for it. It's hard to predict which new drugs might appear; it depends on how laws change and then trends in the use of different drugs. We've certainly seen an increase in our requests for marijuana samples as there have been a lot of changes in the marijuana

Do you ever get on the other side of a test, like looking for something in the evidence that you don't know what it is, like there's a compound in this blood that the Police can't identify? Do you ever get into that sort of investigative mode?

It would be very interesting to do that level of research. Right now we don't have the resources to investigate a brand new type of drug. That's something we would probably send to a contract laboratory. It's a resource at our disposal.

Do you have enough people? Are you

We're fully staffed, so that's made a big difference. There are two Lead Criminalists, one for the Alcohol Detail and the other for the Drug Detail. All the Criminalist positions are filled with no vacancies.

That's good.

It's made a big difference in our turnaround time. Our customers were very happy to get a report sooner.

A Passion

And why do you love your job?

I've always been interested in science and seeing how things work, and I think it's really interesting and rewarding to use scientific analytical techniques to help solve crimes and help those who have to evaluate and make the decisions about a criminal case, to give them useful objective scientific information. That's what's so important - it's objective, it's very clear. There's not a bias to one side or another. It helps get to the truth, and that's what's very rewarding.

Not Like TV

How different is your job and the Unit, than what people see on television?

To make it more interesting for television, they merge the role of Detective and Criminalist, which is extremely rare. Some very smaller Police agencies might do it, but generally those roles are very separate. There are Detectives and Police Officers investigating the crimes and interrogating the suspects. At LAPD, the Criminalists do not interrogate suspects.

Our role is the analysis.



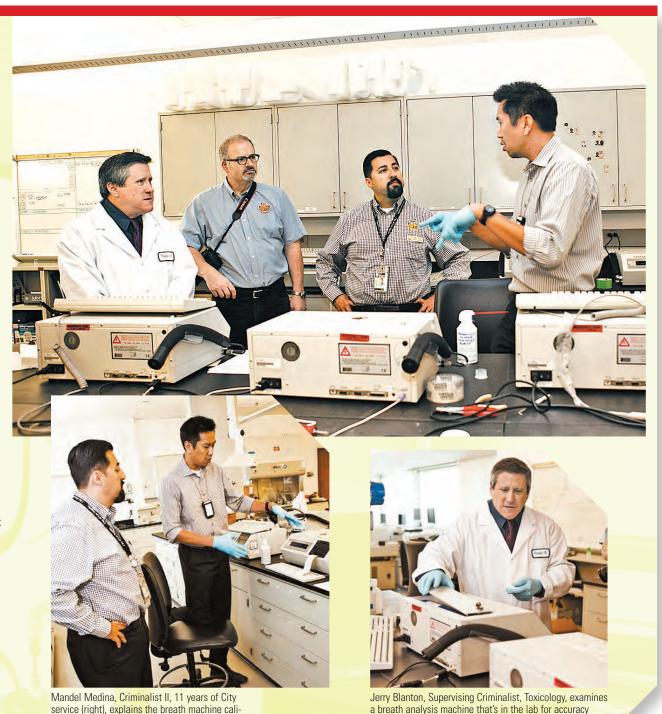
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Breath Analysis Machine Accuracy Checks

Each Police Station has a breath analysis instrument that measures the amount of alcohol in a person's breath. Portable units are sometimes used during traffic stops. If the suspect is arrested, they are brought to the Police Station for the evidential test.

The desk top instruments at each Police station are automatically checked for accuracy each week

The breath instruments are calibrated at least once every 18 months at the Toxicology Unit Laboratory. This involves a series of 10 tests at four different levels.



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The same thing is true with the sample preparation. That process is often left out because it's very tedious and detailed, and it's not really particularly interesting. But for toxicology, it's a very important step. The actual analysis is not the first step.

Can you stand watching those shows?

I find them entertaining to see how accurate they are and how closely they reflect our work. They have made some improvements, and also I think to some degree it's educational.

Great Crew

Describe your crew.

I work with an excellent team. It is definitely a team effort. They're very knowledgeable, dedicated and very capable. As professional scientific staff, I rely on their skill and independent judgment. They take care of their responsibilities

Well, Jerry, thank you for the tour and the interview.

Oh sure, I hope I was able to answer all your questions. ■



The Blanton Twins

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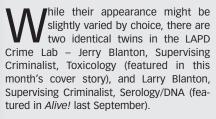
Jerry and Larry Blanton are the identical twins in the LAPD's Crime Lab.



bration process to Robert Larios, Club COO



Supervising Criminalist, Toxicology



It just adds to the story that Larry Blanton works in the DNA unit. Identical twins have identical DNA.

"Some twins seems to have similar interests," Jerry explains. "My brother started in the Crime Lab about a year before I did, and then he pretty much talked me into joining. He mentioned that it was a much more interesting field than the environmental laboratory testing and there were more



Larry Blanton

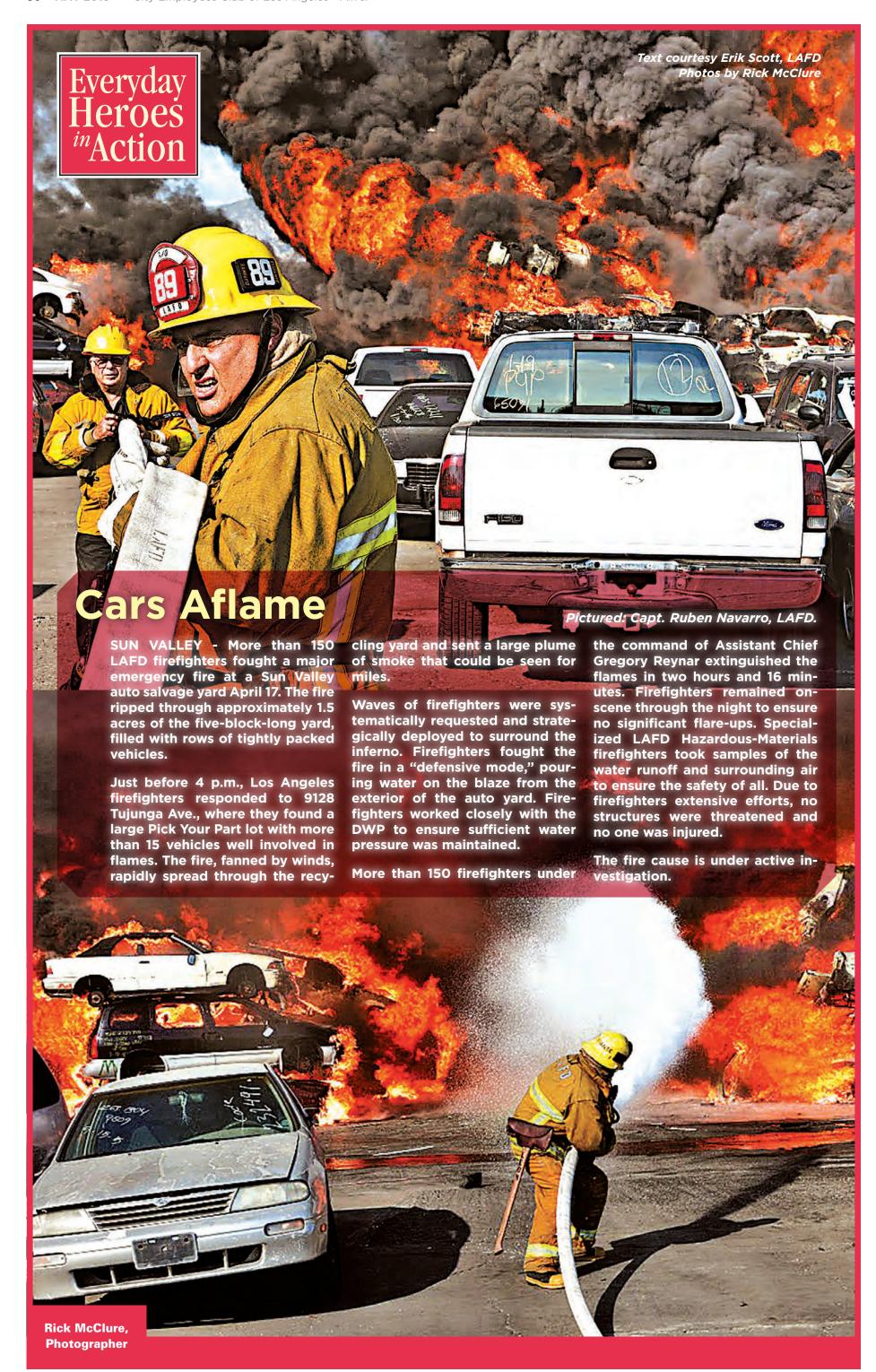
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advancement opportunities. Both of those aspects helped my decision to move over to the Crime Lab, and I was very glad with that decision.

"I really enjoyed the crime-solving aspect, and then merged it with science. For me, it's a great combination."

Because of their somewhat different appearance these days - mostly a beard on Larry - there aren't too many stories of mistaken identity. But there's this:

"There was one time where I was served with a subpoena that was meant for Larry, and they didn't figure it out until I was actually in the courtroom," Jerry laughs. "When they handed it to me, they just said, 'Blanton.' They didn't specify which one." ■





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RIGHT DOWN THEIR ALLEY

Photos by the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios On April 21, the Club Sports Dept. held its

second bowling night. The fun was held at the innovative and energetic XLanes in Little Tokyo.

The event - like the first Club Bowling night, held in February - was not just about success in the lanes, it was about meeting fellow City, DWP, State and County municipal workers.

> Watch this space for news of possible future bowling nights!



Margarita Guevara, LAPD, Sr. Clerk Typist, 22 years of City service, with Club COO Robert

Brian Szramowski, Survey Party Chief, Public Works/ Engineering, 18 years of City service.

Club's second Bowling Night proves good fun for Club ten-pinners.

From left: Richard Reyes, Systems Analyst, Airports, one year of City service; Juan Francisco, Clerk Typist, Airports, 14 years; Theresa Torres, Utility Buyer, DWP, 12 years; and Clerk Typist, Public Works/ Analyst, Airports, 11 years.

> Esteban, son of Margarita Guevara, LAPD, Sr. Člerk Typist, 22 years of City

Engineering, 14 years of City service; and Brian Szramowski, Survey Party Chief, Public Works/Engineering, 18 years

From left: Rene Astorga, Administrative Clerk, Library, 9 years of City service, and Johana Gonzalez.

BOWLING

Clerk, City Attorney, 15 years of City service. Marlene Ramirez; and Lisette Ramirez

Scott Walton, Computer Technician, State of California, 17 years of State service; and Heather

From left: Maretha Adams, Retired, LAPD; Keisha Veal; Amira Veal; Chapelle Veal; and

Hoops, Bowling, Softball:

Club Sports on the Horizon

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

JOIN A SPORT:

From left: Michael Torres, Sr. Systems Analyst, Airports, 11 years of City service; Theresa Torres, Utility Buyer, DWP, 12 years; and Club

COO Robert Larios

Michael Torres, Sr. Systems

Analyst, Airports, 11 years of City

service



Basketball

The 2016 Club basketball season is scheduled to begin this fall with registration open now - there are four teams formed and ready to play (eight are need to get the season started).



Bowling

Th e season for bowling can begin at any time when there is enough player interest and participation.



Softball

The 2016 Club softball season will begin in July, and registration is now open

Who can join?

Il players **must be Club Members** and agree to all regular Club membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join and become members and must be City, State or County employees. Club Membership fees are \$2.25 per pay period for City and DWP employees, and \$2.50 per month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club Members over 18 years of age.

DWP

Goodbye, Field Reps

Three in DWP's Field Reps unit retire.

 $\mathbf{M}^{\text{ore than 90 years of service in the DWP's Commercial Field Reps unit said}$ goodbye to the City at a retirement reception, held March 30 at DWP Headquarters

Retiring were Ignacio Anaya Jr., 31 years of City service, Club Member; Juan Vasquez, 30 years; and James Maya, 29 years, Club Member. All retired as Sr. Commercial Field Representatives.

Many people attended to speak about the Retirees, recounting stories and wishing them well as they left the DWP.

Congratulations to Ignacio, Juan and James on their strong careers. And special thanks go to Ruth Fuentes, DWP, for her assistance.



Loretta Galvan, DWP, Retiree



Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya Jr. and Loretta Galvan



From left: Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya Jr., Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios.



From left: James Maya, Retiree, and Club COO Robert Larios



From left: Juan Vasquez, Retiree, and Club COO Robert Larios.



Joan Chastang, Supervisor, West Los Angeles Group, 35 years of City service.



Raul Benitez, Commercial Field Services Rep, 30 years of City



Grant Lewis, Supervisor, 29 years of City service



Juan Vasquez, Retiree.



Theatrics Westbrook, Sr. Commercial Field Rep, 24 years of City service.



Welcome and introductions were delivered by Ken Ortiz, Sr. Commercial Field Rep



James Maya, Retiree.



Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya Jr.,



Rich Rivera, DWP, Retiree.



Derwin Davis, DWP, Meter Reader



Eliseo Hernandez, Sr. Commercial Field Rep, 16 years of City service.



Kevin A. Cato, Sr. Commercial Field Rep, 27 years of City service.



Jimmy Benjaramo, Assistant Supervisor, 30 years of City service.



Sallie Dominguez, Customer Field Rep, 32 years of City service, and Ignacio "Nacho"

Harbor



Bruce Is **Fixed** on Retirement

Bruce "Bonzo" Alberti retires from the Port after

surprise goodbye celebration was held for retiring ABruce "Bonzo" Alberti, Machinist, 15 years of City service. The party was held at the vintage-era Montrose Bowl in Montrose. This was the perfect location for our fellow City of

Los Angeles Port worker Bruce "Bonzo" Alberti's surprise retirement party. Bruce is affectionately known as "The Mad Hatter" because of his propensity to wear unconventional headwear, but that is part of his charm.

The party was organized by his sister in retaliation for all the years he had invited his family and friends to go bowling but never followed through.

Besides family and close relations, there were friends from his train club, friends from his Civil War Re-enactment Club, friends from his Contra dancing group and past workers from the County hospital where he had been employed, and six of his fellow co-workers had come from all over two counties to help celebrate Bruce's surprise party.

Bruce by trade is a millwright - he was hired as a Machinist for the Port of Los Angeles 15 years ago. During his employment with the Port, Bruce performed maintenance and repairs on container terminal infrastructure, Port Pilot Boats, Port Police Boats and everything else that may have broken during its proper use.

Bruce would fix anything; he enjoyed the challenge of the unknown. But I think he enjoyed the fact that he saved something from the trash bin. Equally as satisfying to him was the feeling he got knowing that he was able to help a coworker. He saved many projects from being stopped because a tool broke. Bruce was also our resident body and fender man. If something was bent, mangled or misshaped, Bruce would always be able to straighten it. This "I can save it" way of life is also a curse; it has left Bruce with an infinite amount of retirement projects. Due to his mechanical background, over the years he had acquired a large collection of "unusual" objects - a flying saucer, to name one.

Months before his retirement, Bruce would say, "I am afraid to retire because I have too much work to do and don't know where to start." That last week before his retirement was the worst, as the fear had really set in. The date was set and more importantly the date for the retirement party was set. There was no going back.

Since March 19, Bruce's fears have vanished, and he has not had an idle moment.

Bruce, from all of the tools that you saved and your from your co-workers, thank you, and keep on fix'n. From your friends at the Port of Los Angeles.

Story and photos courtesy Capt. Michael Barnes, Harbor,



At the retirement party for Bruce Alberti.



"The Mad

Hatter" Alberti

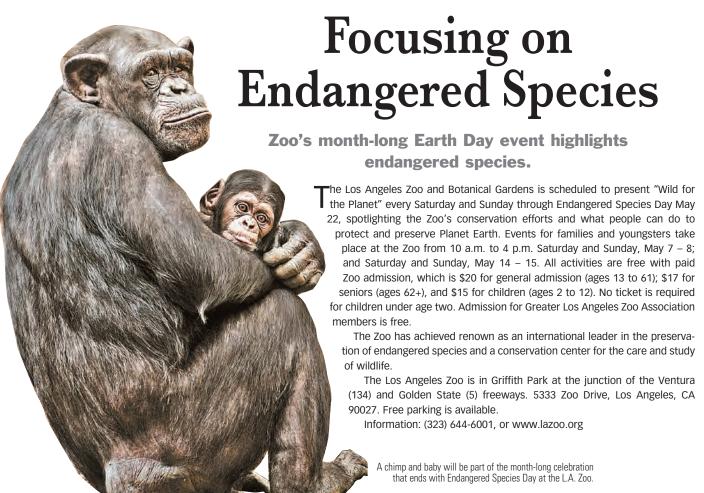
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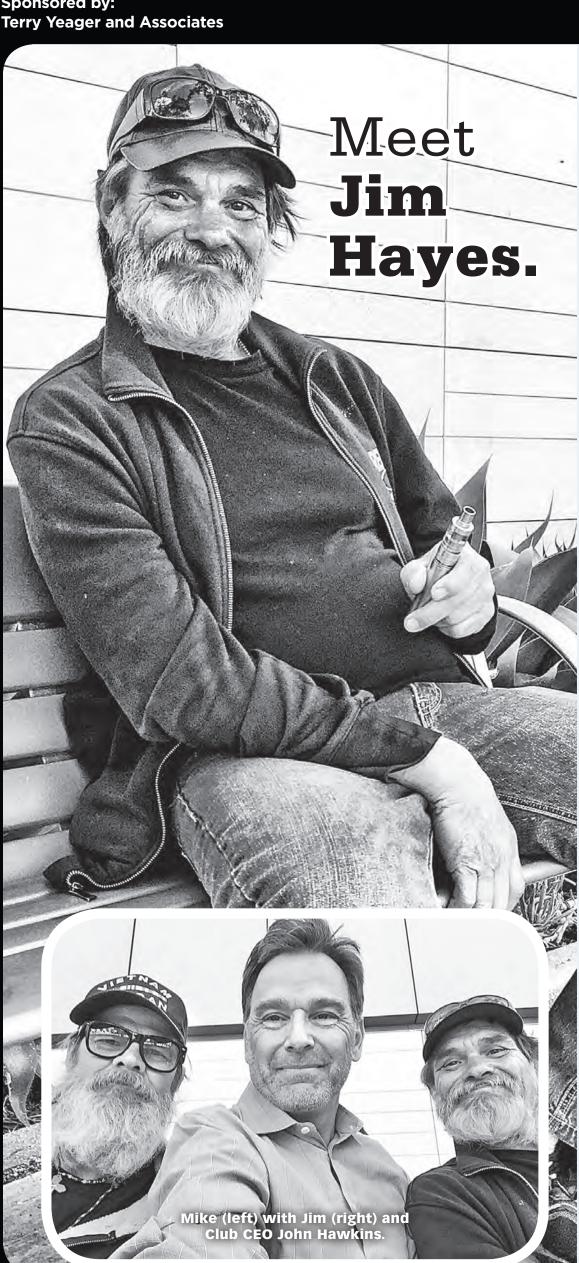
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People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.

No. 82 in a series.

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AGE: "I'm 59."

BIRTHPLACE: "Tyler, Tex."

MARRIED? "I was married, but she passed away from cancer."

FAMILY: "I have a daughter, 40, and a son, 38."

RELIGION: "Christian."

MEDICATIONS: "No."

SPORTS: "I played baseball and tried football, but I didn't last long

WHEN MOVED TO L.A.: "About six years ago."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE:

"At the L.A. Mission, or any other mission available. I don't sleep on the sidewalks anymore because that is where the bulk of the drugs is. I need to stay away from that, it's a very negative element."

"When I was 16 months old, my two brothers and I were separated and given to family members. My parents were severe alcoholics and could not take care of us anymore. It was not a good way to start your life out, you know what I mean bro? I ended up going to live with my great aunt in Sacramento and was raised by her the rest of my life. Unfortunately I grew up around junkyards, and junkyards are a big place for drugs. At 12 years old I was doing weed, and then from weed to PCP.

"After high school I went to the Sequoia Institute of Auto Mechanics in Milpitas. From there I had pretty good jobs but drugs were always a part of my life – weed, coke, PCP and then meth. I was married for 19 years; unfortunately my wife died of cancer. That didn't help with my drug usage. About 15 years ago I started working for the famous Butch Butler traveling carnival. I did well there, bringing in tons of money running and repairing the machine gun, Water Racers and quarter toss games. The only problem is that most of us carnival workers put in 18-plus-hour days, which is very hard to do without a stimulant. So, needless to say, carnivals in general are full of drugs, and I continued with my meth addiction. Eventually this lifestyle caught up with me and I was arrested for stealing and fencing flat-screens and electronics. I spent two years in jail. Jail actually turned my life around. I found that since I didn't have free access to meth, I went without it and found I could live without it. Don't get me wrong, meth was available in jail, but there was a lot less than on the street, so that in of itself reduced the availability and helped kick it.

"When I got out of jail I went through the LA Mission's program two-and-a-half-year's I spent. It truly made me a better person. That and God – I truly believe in my heart that He exists and He is what gets me through each day resisting temptations and trying to be a better person. By the way, I haven't done meth in six years.'

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Lord of the Rings – all three!"

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I don't watch TV."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "I'm not into actors or actresses."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "I love metal – heavy metal, death metal,

FAVORITE FOOD: "Chicken cordon bleu."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Reese's Peanut Butter Cups."

LAST BOOK YOU READ: "A Louis L'Amour book.

I love Louis L'Amour."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:

"Right here in the park at Police HQ. I come here every morning with my friend, Mike. Or, at the Library.'

FRIENDS: "I have a pal, Mike. I've known him for two years." HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "The L.A. Mission."

BELONGINGS: "I always have my super vaper."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I remember kindergarten the most, playing with blocks, show and tell.

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My super vaper – it keeps me occupied."

IN FIVE YEARS:

"I'll be back on my feet in Sacramento on Social Security ... I hope. I have two kids there; my daughter is 40 and my son is 38. The last time I saw them was before I was sober and they wanted nothing to do with me, which of course I don't blame them. This time it's different ... sober six years!"

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:

"Don't do dope. Simple. Look yourself in the mirror and say no. Once you get started, you can't stop."

The Club gave Jim 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, conducted by John Hawkins, took place April 19 in the park at LAPD Headquarters downtown.

History Comes Alive!

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



by Michael E. Holland

History That Moves and Talks

ne of the reasons I wanted to become an archivist was the hope that I might be able to save some film and preserve it for future generations. I am happy to report that among the many materials in the City archives, there are some film, video and audio records that have needed to be saved. Unfortunately, some items are beyond salvaging due to age and decay. But some have been preserved, and I hope to continue to do so for some time to come.

Recently, you may have noticed that an item used in a col-

umn has had a link to a YouTube channel where you can view it in more detail. This is through the Office of the City Clerk, which requested that we upload some of this material for the public benefit. I want to go into some detail about these materials and the wavs they reflect a City vastly different from the one we live in today.

The three Departments represented most by these film and sound elements are the LAPD, the City Clerk and Public Works. We have movies showing various training techniques by LAPD officers. We have Public Works movies showing City streets going through transformation and others after improvements. We have an election training film and home

movies showing several mayors. There are even a few celebrities making an appear-

ance once in a while. All of these images have one thing in common with your own home videos - they were rarely if ever shown to people outside of the

These films and videos also share the same dangers as your home videos stored in your garage or closet - they may not able to be played again someday. So how would you be able to watch again your first child's first steps or great-grandmother's 95th birthday party before she passed - if the VHS machine dies on you? Do you have a 20-year-old music CD that doesn't play well anymore? Do you still have a tape cassette player?

The difference between you and me is that I have to make this material available as part of my job. I try to keep the film, tapes and records but also the players for them as well. But there are some things that can't be found or are not safe to use on old film. A projector would wear out a bit more of the picture every time it was run. Thankfully, a lot of the new technologies make it unnecessary to run film or video again and again. "Access copies" made onto CDs, DVDs or stored on the cloud make the history accessible again.

Digitizing the films and videos has given new life to images and sounds lost for years if not decades at a time. The film and video unit at LAPD is one example. LAPD creates its own training content and, as laws and techniques change, the content is remade or reworked to be current. Many of the films and tapes ended up in the archives and just sat on the shelves. But now. what was law enforcement using obsolete technology has become a time capsule that shows Los Angeles as it has changed, or hasn't. When you actually see and hear history, it makes a difference.

Another example is that many parts of conducting an election haven't changed. A 1965 election training film from the City Clerk shows the process of prepar-





Daryl Gates, from a 1980 video.



From an LAPD training film

ing and supplying the polling places for the

democratic process in action. The technology has

changed - somewhat - but remains largely the same. Ballot boxes and vote recorders haven't changed much. I'm happy to say that the democratic process has survived a half-century when people used to smoke inside warehouses and offices where rooms of computers with tape drives crunched the numbers. Look for that film to show up as we get deeper into our historic 2016 election season.

Public Works took many photographs and movies showing traffic patterns on streets and areas far away from the offices. There are scenes of San Pedro Avenue needing sidewalks to protect students from Samuel Gompers High School in 1938; the beach at Venice with waves breaking through a seawall and undermining a boardwalk; aerial shots from a dirigible (the shadow of which can be seen on the ground) showing a cleared section of downtown for the future Union Station around 1936; and streetcars and pedestrians at Broadway and Seventh with nothing taller than the Bullocks Wilshire in 1946. Public Works recorded actual transitions in the City as the landscape changed into what we know today. There are also some films in color showing the last remnants of the old neighborhoods near Temple Street in 1963 as Temple Urban Renewal is making plans to remake the civic center.

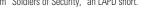
Some events were recorded by LAPD cameras as both souvenirs and real-world training. Nikita

Khruschev visiting Los Angeles for one day in September 1959 put the skills of police training on display. Handling the opening-day parade of the World Champion Dodgers in 1960 from City Hall to the Coliseum is a special treat of mine. The mayoral inauguration of Sam Yorty in 1961 survives as a short film. The full audio exists as a separate artifact. Yorty welcomes Princess Margaret Countess of Snowden in 1966 to the steps of City Hall. Mayor Tom Bradley welcomes Princess Margaret's sister, Queen Elizabeth, in a video from 1983.

Much of our history today exists only as moving images and sounds. 9/11 meant something else before the World Trade Center vanished nearly 15 years ago. Nearly 24 years have passed since the unrest of 1992. When was the first time you heard Randy Newman's "I Love L.A." the Olympics in 1984 or almost any Laker or Dodger game since? History that moves and talks excites more parts of our brains and has the ability to make us feel for the first time or re-live an event in some way. That feeling will be different than the original event because, while the image hasn't changed, we have. We've changed, learned and grown in our understanding of the world. We won't be anything like that

young thin groom with a full head of hair in our wedding video, but we know a lot more about life and the world than he did back in the day.

A special opportunity for Alive! readers to attend a screening of many of the preserved film will take place at the Central Public Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5. This will be a free presentation at the Mark Taper Auditorium where I will be introducing an hour of selected scenes from this fascinating project. As always, I am available with any historical questions you may have. Be back at you soon.



Sunday, June 5, 2016 2-4p.m.

This is Los Angeles - Movies made by and about the city

Presented by Michael Holland

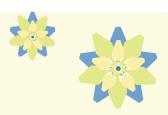
City archivist in the Office of the City Clerk and a Board member of LACHS.





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Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new

members, who recently joined the Club:

Transportation

Lisa Allen Ryan Bertrano Jason Deleo Julio Diaz David Garcia Harold Griffin Kimberly Lee Delicia Moore Ricardo Nuno

DWP

Jesus Arcos Manuel Arias Meka Batson Elaine Cooke Nihema Cox Francisco Erigio Jorge Guedea Jairo Guerrido **Byron Hernandez** Christopher Hernandez Leon Jackson Steve Linares YunxTn Ling Phyllis McNail Akiba Mitchell Luis Nuno Cecilia Oneil Gabriel Perez Raymundo Raygoza **Brittney Reyes** Jorge Rodriguez

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In Memoriam

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

Cole-Gawala, Iwana	DWP
Hernandez, Carlos	Rec an
Khashakyan, Vrezh	Public
Marine, Henry	Genera
Navarro, Rebecca	LAPD
Romero, Anthony	Public
Sigman, James	LAPD
Retired	
Allen, Robert	Public
Alvarez, Robert *	Z00
Ambrose, Curtis	Transp
Atkins, Audrey *	Airport
Breskovich, B.F.	Public
Briseno, Maximo	Rec an
Brown, Isaac	LAPD
Campbell, Alan *	ITA
Canfield, Larry	Rec an
Clark, Joan	Contro
Cochrane, Dan *	Genera
Coleman, Lawrence	Public
Collier, Alan	DWP
Cunningham, William	Public
Cutler, Larry	Housin
Davidge, Hubert	DWP
Dennis, Arthur	Public
Fetalino, Deogracias	Public
Fisher, Shirley *	Genera

Fornwalt, Donald Gibson, Kenneth

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Harris, Oscar	Rec and Parks	23
Hernandez, Paul *	Personnel	32
Herrera, Rudy	DWP	12
Hogan, Patricia	DWP	23
Houie, William	General Srvcs.	23
ones, Marvin	Public Works	25
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ucien, Irving *	General Srvcs.	31
Magee, Austine	DWP	27
Minot, Roland	DWP	32
Moeller, Robert	Public Works	27
Oliver, John	DWP	35
Owens, George	Public Works	31
Porter, Clarence *	Airports	25
Ridge, Robert *	Build. & Safety	10
Rizzo, Marie	DWP	21
Roberts, James	Public Works	29
Russell, Lawrence	DWP	28
Schaad, Gary	DWP	30
Seeds, William	DWP	18
Small, Josephine *	Library	27
Smith, Charles	Public Works	25
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Vale, Catherine	City Attorney
Vlahovic, Daniel	DWP
Warshawsky, Harry	DWP
Warshawsky, Harry *	Transportation
Watts, Leonard	Airports

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Williams, Malcolm	DWP	9		
Wilson Jr., Gustave	DWP	33		
Wurzel, Max	DWP	33		
Yada, Margaret *	Controller	26		
* Member, Retired	Los Angeles City			
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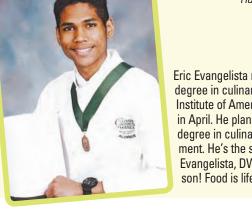
Please don't send the only one you have!





Graduation

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



Eric Evangelista received an Associate's degree in culinary arts at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. in April. He plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in culinary arts management. He's the son of Cecil and Linda Evangelista, DWP. "We're proud of you, son! Food is life!"

Emily Hibma is graduating from the 8th grade at Medea Creek Middle School in Oak Park (near Thousand Oaks). She's the daughter of Julie and Dan Hibma, LAFD. "We wish her continued success as she moves on to high school and the class of 2020. Congratulations on your graduation, Emily! We are so proud of you.





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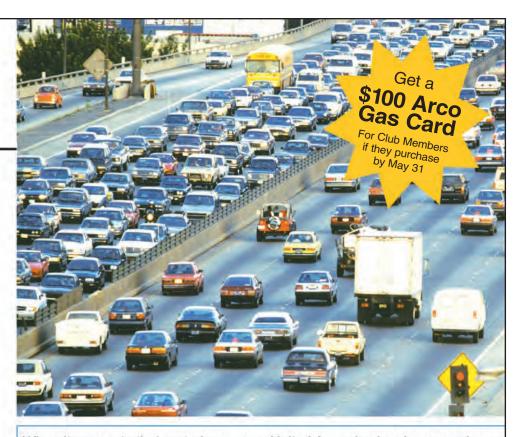


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Robert Larios, Chief Operating Officer, honors City employees for their achievements.



Congratulations, Nacho! Here's Robert Larios congratulating Ignacio "Nacho" Anaya Jr., for his career at the DWP. Nacho retired after 31 years of City service.



Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer

rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com

Well done, Juan! Robert Larios congratulates Juan Vasquez for his career at the DWP. Juan retired after 30 years of City service.



Robert Larios congratulates James **Amaya** for his career at the DWP. James retired after 21 years of City service. Congratulations, James!



No more minding the store: Robert Larios congratulates Robert Rodriguez, Retired, Storekeeper, for his career at the DWP. Robert retired after 27 years of City service. Congratulations, Hot Rod!



Robert Larios congratulates Marco A. Valenzuela, Retired, Water Utility Supervisor, for his career at the DWP. Marco retired after 35 years of City service. Congratulations, Marco!



Typing days are in the past: Robert Larios congratulates Claudette M. Pearson, Retired, Clerk Typist, for her career at the DWP. Claudette retired after 29 years of City service. Congratulations, Claudette!



Driving is complete: Robert Larios congratulates **James E. Lyles**, Retired, Truck Operator, for his career at the DWP. James retired after 34 years of City service. Congratulations, James!



Robert Larios congratulates **Shahrokh** Nabat, Retired, Materials Testing Tech, for his career at the DWP. Shahrokh retired after 29.5 years of City service. Congratulations, Shahrokh!



Great job, Lolita: Robert Larios congratulates **Lolita Sam** for her career at the DWP. Lolita retired after 27.5 years of City service. Congratulations, Lolita!

Airports

Story and photo courtesy Airports



From left: Sgt. Belinda Joseph, Bertha Melgar, Lt. Michael Scolaro, Capt. Mario Patrick, Lt. Richard Hinkle, Capt. Greg Staar, Sr. Lead Officer Jessie Farber, Asst. Chief Dave Maggard, Lt. Vern Williams, Capt. Fernando Castro, Officer Rob Pedregon, Sr. Lead Officer Luis Alajandre and Capt. Carolyn Smith.

Chamber Says Thanks

Airport Police Officers honored by local Chamber of Commerce.

irport Police Sr. Lead Officers Jessie Arber and Shane Young were recognized March 29 for their contributions to the local LAX area. The recognition took place during the LAX Chamber of Commerce Protectors Luncheon held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Culver City.

Sr. Lead Officers Farber and Young were selected for their work with the Manchester Square Homeless Program and their participation in the City of Los Angeles homeless count, where they joined City entities to count homeless residents in the Manchester Square area. They coordinated homeless placement with shelter groups (i.e. Exxodus, and PATH-People Assisting the Homeless), and provided homeless residents with information on transportation during this year El Niño rains. Additionally,

they worked with LAPD Sr. Lead Officers to address crime in the Manchester Square area and worked with Airports to address quality of life for the local residents.

The LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce and its sponsors treated Public Safety Personnel from the Airport Police, LAPD, LAFD, LA County Sheriff, California Highway Patrol and Coast Guard to an outstanding program of food, entertainment and recognition of the contributions from each public safety agency. "This was a great turnout in support of Officers Farber and Young. Thank you to the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce for your support" said Assistant Chief Dave Maggard.

Congratulations to Sr. Lead Officers Farber and Young.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members NTERTAINME

At the Movies

- In the cinema

Hello, My Name Is Doris Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Following the death of her mother, 60-ish Doris (Sally Field) woos a younger co-worker (Max Greenfield).

This film is a real treat. I expected little but was surprised by a really touching, funny and memorable performance by Sally Field, and the smart and clever storyline. The transition of Doris from awkward spinster to hipster icon is one of the best comic performances I've seen in many a film.

For those who are unfamiliar with electronic dance music, this movie is a wonderful introduction to a music genre that ought to go beyond just the millennial generation.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Everybody Wants Some!! Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Does writer/director Richard Linklater's latest movie chime with what you remember of the early 1980s? Three days before the start of the college year, Jake (Blake Jenner) unpacks his record collection and starts to negotiate his way in this world. The rules at the college baseball team house are made to be broken. Fresh-faced cast members play the believable characters, and they get up to plenty of posturing, partying and attempts to score with the college chicks. This is less of a journey than an amiable meander through this era; there's no plot as such but before the advent of social media, isn't that how life unfolded?

— Dearbhla McNulty, Club wife



Miles Ahead Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Don Cheadle directed, co-wrote and stars in this biopic of the life and music of jazz great Miles Davis. Cheadle shows Davis as a highly flawed musical genius brought low by drug abuse and too much acclaim. Jazz fans will find much to like about this fantasy story (never happened) about Davis, especially his factual take on music and life, in general. Someday someone will make a much truer biopic about the unique brilliance that was Mile Davis, but until then, it's easy to disregard the overacting and dreamy meaninglessness of this film, and just enjoy the music.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Forest Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Despite a decent twist at the end of the film, nothing can make up for the lost hour I endured watching The Forest. It takes everything that is cliché with the horror genre and tries to forcefully shove it down your throat, hoping that something that they did would elicit some kind of response from the audience. Even Natalie Dormer, who has delivered some fine performances in the last couple of years, seemed as though she was just on the set for a paycheck. I didn't have high hopes for this film when I first heard of it so at least there wasn't much of a disappointment factor.

Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Movies at Home

– DVD, Netflix, Other Streaming

Mad Max: Fury Road Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In post-nuclear-war apocalypse Australia, a woman (Charlize Theron) leads a rebellion against a dictator with the help of a handful of women and a drifter named Max (Tom Hardy).

This latest Mad Max won six Academy Awards, mostly in the technical categories, but as action films go, this is a wonder, and worth your time. Bloody, violent and coarse, the film is nonstop action and great fun. The film's noise and Australian accents make the dialog hard to understand, but who really cares? The dialog is not necessary to enjoy the action.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Theatre Reviews

Rain

Musical Old Globe Theatre San Diego Closes May 1

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This musical, based on a Somerset Maugham short story I haven't read, is serious and respectable but unfortunately an Old Globe misfire. The creaky story of a Protestant minister driven mad by an American prostitute in Western Samoa in the 1920s hasn't aged well, and more puzzlingly it's been set to atonal music, groundless countermelodies and a giant skeletal set that makes it hard to tell where you are, much less the tropics. But I mention it because Rain features lots of Broadway talent, including composer Michael John LaChiusa, writer Sybille Pearson and cast members Eden Espinosa and Jared Zirilli. Few people can jet to New York City every month to catch whatever's newest, but you can often catch presumably Broadway-bound productions in development out here on the West Coast, and often with Club discounts. Rain is a dud, but there's always another work with Broadway aspirations coming soon.

- John Burnes, Alive! editor

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Video Games

— Video games via online, rental or purchase

Mad Max

Rated M for Mature

For PlayStation 4, Windows, Xbox One

My Score: 1(out of 5)



Though not exactly a direct tie-in to Mad Max: Fury Road, the new Mad Max videogame tries to take advantage of the momentum the film carried but fails to capitalize on it due to the game being one of the more generic and rushed games I have ever seen come to the market. And that's funny considering how long the game had been in development over at Warner Bros. Interactive. I really thought they could so something special with the game; oh how wrong was I. Aside from looking gritty and pretty, there is absolutely nothing redeemable I can suggest about the game that makes it worth playing, much less buying.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Airports

Welcome Four New Officers...

Airport Police welcomes four new graduates.

n March 18, four new officers were sworn in as Airport Police Officers ceremony held in downtown Los Angeles. New Officers Aston Chan (Class President), Aroon Temsuk (Class Treasurer), Jay Kim (Squad Leader) and Timur Abramov, along with 29 other officers who trained together for six months, made up the LAPD Academy class 10-15.

Class President Aston Chan gave an inspirational speech in which he spoke

about the teamwork and support that was so vital to the success of each graduate.

Along with his leadership role as class president, Officer Aston Chan was given the award for best in class in arrest and control. Before swearing-in the new officers, Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon addressed his newest officers and their families. Chief Gannon said, "I am very proud of how well our new officers did representing us in the academy. I am sure they will give the same effort as they enter the Field Training program."

The new Airport Police Officers will now complete a sixmonth Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement, under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.





At the swearing-in, from left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Ethel McGuire, Officers Aroon Temsuk and Timur Abramov, Chief of Police Patrick Gannon, Officers Aston Chan and Jay Kim, Assistant Chief Brian Walker and Assistant Chief David Maggard.



Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Aroon Temsuk, Timur Abramov, Aston Chan and Jay Kim are sworn in by Airport Chief of Police Patrick Gannon.

Story courtesy Officer Rob Pedregon, Airports Photos courtesy Officer Shawn Smith, Airports

Plus a Fifth

Airport Police welcome graduate Officer Pedro Torres.

n April 15, the Airport Police swore in a new officer in a ceremony held in downtown Los Angeles.

New Airport Police Officer Pedro Torres, along with 20 other LAPD Officers, completed the six-month-long Los Angeles Police Academy class 11A-15.

Before swearing-in the new officer, Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon addressed Officer Torres and his family "I welcome you to the Airport Police family, and I thank you for your commitment to our great organization," Chief Gannon said.

Officer Torres will now complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

Congratulations. Officer Torres!



At the swearing-in, from left: Airport Police Assistant Chief David Maggard, Officer Pedro Torres, Airport Chief of Police Patrick Gannon, and Capt. Greg

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t's a good thing that the government solved that earthquake problem that California used to have!

Huh?

Earthquakes and California are a given. It's the price we have to pay to live in such a beautiful place. We don't get freezing cold winters, but we do have to put up with a little shaking once in a while. It's not a matter of if, but when. Another large earthquake is going to strike us, but we just don't know when.

There are many things that you can do to prepare for the inevitable. The Red Cross recommends that people should prepare an earthquake kit of non-perishable foods, water, blankets and first-aid supplies. It's also vitally important for your family to have an emergency plan of where you are going to meet, and who is going to be responsible

In addition, there are several things you can do around your house to help mitigate any damages:

- Secure heavy items of furniture to the studs in the walls using flexible nylon
- Secure TVs and other electronics using flexible nylon straps.
- Secure breakables and collectibles with Quake putty, wax or museum gel.
- Store emergency tools, including a gas shut-off wrench and safety light sticks in a place you can easily access them.
- Learn how to turn off gas, water and electricity in case the lines are damaged.
- Secure water heaters with two-strap kits.

Know the safe spots in every room -under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls, and know the danger spots windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces, tall furniture.

Another important item to consider when contemplating earthquake preparedness is reviewing your insurance.

Because earthquake insurance has traditionally been

expensive, many homeowners have opted not to purchase the coverage. This may not be the smartest idea. The price of earthquake coverage continues to fluctuate based on the date since the most recent large quake. What was once very expensive, you might find to be quite affordable now.

Remember that the deductible on an earthquake policy is a serious issue. Most policies issue deductibles that are 15 percent of the total insured values. If you are insuring your home for \$300,000, your contents for \$150,000, and your loss of



use for \$200,000, then you are insuring a total of \$650,000 of values. Fifteen percent of \$650,000 is almost \$100,000. That means that in the event of an earthquake you would be responsible for the first \$97,500 of the claim. While this is a huge amount, if your house is totally destroyed, it would be a blessing to only have to pay \$100,000 to get your entire life back.

Feel free to contact me or any of our agents if you have any questions about earthquake insurance, or would like a quote on any of your insurance policies today!

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Ready for an *Emergency*

LAX hosts emergency response exercise, debuts new apparatus.

he simulated accident of a widebody international airliner landing at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) provided the background as hundreds of emergency-response personnel from nearly 20 agencies - as well as nearly 150 volunteers portraying casualties conducted a two-hour, unrehearsed full-scale exercise April 13.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandates U.S. airports to conduct an exercise at least once every three

years in which personnel, equipment and other resources are mobilized and deployed to test airports' emergency-response procedures and overall preparedness to address an aircraft accident. More than 500 responders and volunteers participated and another 200 representatives from airlines and other aviation-related organizations attended

The LAX Air Exercise (AirEx) occurred on the restricted airfield adjacent to the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum, 6661 W. Imperial Highway.

In time for this year's LAX AirEx, six new Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) apparatus made one of their first appearances. The new apparatus, which cost \$5.7 million total, gives the on-airfield ARFF Station 80 additional capacity for carrying water and other firefighting agents, and provide redundancy so firefighters can cover two emergencies simultaneously. The six new apparatus replace the airport's existing four, three of which are being reassigned to LAX's sister airports at Van Nuys and LA/Ontario International and the fourth remaining at LAX as backup. The new ARFF apparatus far exceeds the FAA requirements for fire protection at a large commercial airport.

These cutting-edge ARFF fire trucks will enable the LAFD to better serve the traveling public and support the airport's operations mission of providing the traveling public with a safe and efficient airport, and to proudly serve our passengers by engaging in a high level of customer service and ongoing enforcement of Federal Aviation Administration regulations with regards to safety, said LAFD Chief Ralph

The new apparatus are 2015 Panthers manufactured by Rosenbauer America in Montana, Minn. Each six-wheel-drive (6X6) vehicle features a state-of-the-art, 54-foot-long, high-reach extendable turret equipped with a spray nozzle and a piercing nozzle. The spray tip is capable of dispensing water/foam at 1,000/500 gallons per minute and dry chemical at 19 pounds per second. The piercing tip is capable of dispensing water/foam or Halotron, a clean fire-extinguishing agent. The new ARFF apparatus are also supplied with a forward-looking infrared camera, a 350-gallons-per- minute bumper turret, a 3,000-gallon water tank, a 500-pound dry chemical system, a 460-pound Halotron clean-agent system, and a 400-gallon aqueous film-forming foam system.



At the LAX emergency exercise

The organizations that took part in today's LAX AirEx include: several divisions Airports; the LAFD; the LAPD; the American Red Cross - Los Angeles Chapter; Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Department and Coroner's Office: the FBI: the FAA: the National Transportation Safety Board; the TSA; U.S. Customs and Border Protection; the cities of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach; Virgin Australia Airlines; ambulance services: and local medical facilities.

"The first responders participating in the full-scale exercise are the same ones who will be called upon to respond to emergencies at LAX," said Airports Deputy Executive Director Jacqueline Yaft. "An exercise of this magnitude gives these men and women the opportunity to make real-time decisions and take action in a stress-filled environment, as they would in the event of a catastrophic incident.

The exercise scenario involved a Boeing 777 that, while landing at the end of a long international flight, strikes a service vehicle on the runway and bursts into flames. To help create a more immediate situation, rescue workers and other responders also triaged and treated accident victims portrayed by approximately 150 volunteers in moulage (castings/molds and makeup applied to simulate injuries).

The AirEx was developed during the past nine months by a core Exercise Planning Team comprised of Los Angeles World Airports, other City of Los Angeles departments, and federal agencies. The AirEx is the first of three exercises planned for the next several months using the same scenario. The additional exercises will practice portions of the LAX Family Assistance Support Plan with multiple airline partners and a Staging Area Exercise coordinated by Los



At the LAX emergency exercise.



At the LAX emergency exercise

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios

Grandma



Bell peppers are very versatile and can be incorporated in many recipes from fajitas to omelets, but here I focus on a deliciously stuffed bell pepper recipe. Ground beef is used for this one with a slight Italian twist in flavors. I like searing the bell peppers like my mother (Grandma Carmen) always has – it brings out a wonderful smoky flavor. If you don't like rice, you may leave it out or add something else such as finely cubed potato. The beauty of this recipe is its flexibility in what ingredients you can use. You may even change the cheese to sometime else like a good Havarti or Monterey Jack.

This dish is a great introduction to anyone who dislikes bell peppers or has never tried them because they will likely love them after tasting Grandma Carmen's version.

iBuen provecho!

hef Zarro Photography by Patricia M. Larios



Ingredients:

- 2 green bell peppers
- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 1/2 jalapeño pepper, finely diced
- 1 Roma tomato, diced
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste
- 1 8oz can tomato sauce
- 1 shallot, finely diced
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1/4 cup rice
- Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated
- Mozzarella cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Serves 2 to 4

[Food Dictionary]

Green bell pepper

In the United States, term "sweet pepper" encompasses a wide variety of mild peppers that, like the chili, belong to the capsicum family. The best known sweet peppers are the bell peppers, so named for the their rather bell-like shape. They have a mild sweet flavor and crisp, exceedingly juicy flesh. When young, the majority of bell peppers are a rich, bright green, but there are also yellow, orange, purple, red and brown bell peppers.

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Directions:



Prepare your cooking area with the ingredients. Place a seasoned iron skillet on medium high heat on stovetop. Meanwhile, prepare ingredients: Dice jalapeño and shallot. Slice the bell peppers in half as shown for preparation to sear.



In a large pot over medium heat, add the olive oil and then the ground beef. Let brown; add sea salt, pepper, shallot, jalapeño and tomato, and allow them to sweat and mix periodically. Add rice and then the tomato sauce. Stir periodically until rice is soft, then turn off heat and let stand until green peppers are ready.

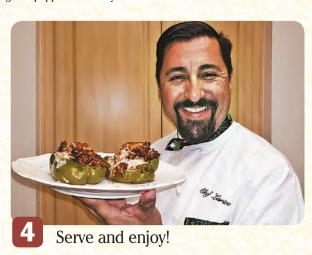


Make sure to check green peppers, sear, and turn on both sides, then remove from iron skillet and place in a baking bowl. Add ground beef mixture and stuff each of the green peppers with it. Add Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese as well as mozzarella. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees, then broil for five minutes to achieve the cheesy melted, golden crust.

Fun Food Quote:

'The Dropkick Murphys get me going, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Nirvana ... plus all the regular hip-hop stuff."

- Kobe Bryant



Cooking TIDBIT

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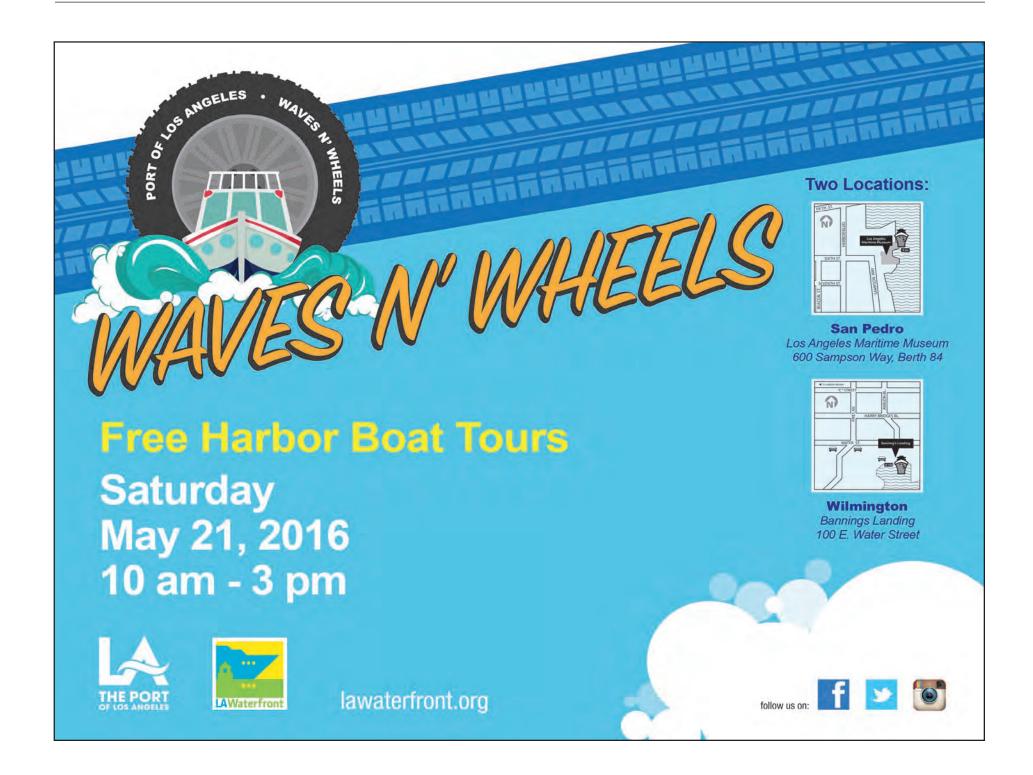
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For Sale: RV trailer, 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 367TB. Onan generator, 12-ft. garage, power hitch, fuel station. AM/FM CD stereo, super slide. \$10,000 OBO. Mike, (661) 557-0975, maddad111@



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For Sale: Travel trailer, 2009, 29 ft. New sofa

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sleeper, reclining chairs. Extended dining table, kitchen counter, much more. \$22,000. Dave, (623)



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0872.



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For Sale: Motorcycle, 2007 Kawasaki, like new/15 hours ridden, runs great, must see. \$3,000. Robert, (661) 964-7837 bet. 2-7 p.m.



Sierra Sport, 29 foot, Verv good cond., new tires, new

roof, 4,000 onan generator, low hours. \$15,000 OBO. Call/text John Long, (909) 837-8347.

2005 Honda Civic Si: Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, XLNT running condition, tan color, 68K miles. \$10,500 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522.

1993 Infinity Q: Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K miles. \$3,000 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522.



1959 Buick Invicta: Fully restored, 4 door asking \$25,000. Located Tehachapi

more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com

Pop-Up Trailer Tent: 2005 Rockwood Freedom, in good condition, very clean interior. Everything works well & ready for camping. Sleeps 6-8. 1 propane tank, stove, sink, spare tire, stabilizer jacks, water heater, awning & refrigerator. \$4,200. Yervand @ (818) 355-7704

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2013 Dodge Challenger: Like new, fully loaded, excellent condition, very low mileage asking \$30K OBO. "PATY" @ (626) 242-4365.

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Timeshare, San Diego. July 19-July 26, 2016. Comic Con. 1 bd., queen in master, full sleeper sofa in living area. Max. occup. 4. Less than 1 mile fm. Balboa Park, 1.5 miles to Convention Center. No pets. Parking extra. \$1,100. Terry. (818) 769-3382.

For Rent: Studio apt. 1052 W 54th St., 90037 Utilities paid. Deposit req. \$750/month. (323) 915-

For lease: House, 2 bd./2 bath, near 101/110/2/5 fws. Near Gold Line, downtown, Sunset Blvd., Silver Lake, Chinatown, Dodger Stadium, Echo Park, Elysian Park, Pasadena, Burbank, LAPD Academy, Hotchkiss LAFD Training Center Downtown views. 1 parking space. 1 yr. lease min. No pets. Application process. Doc./credit check req. \$1,500 month, \$1,500 security dep. (323)

For Sale: House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled. Bakersfield. Investment property, month/month (\$750/month). Large rented cleared lot, secure. Listed at \$94,000. Sold as-is, seller selects services (title, escrow). tisdaseason2468@outlook.com

For Vacation Rent: Condo, 2 bd./2 bath, beachfront, Puerto Nayarit, Mexico. Private pool on balcony. April 1-8, 2016. \$1,000. Jessie, (323)

For Sale: Timeshare. Pacific Monarch/Diamond Resorts. One full week, two bedrooms. Don't buy direct. \$2,000/obo. Elizabeth, (909) 772-4087.

For Sale: Home/studio apts., three sep. units sold as one package. Bakersfield. Front home: 2 bd., needs work (in progress), flippable. 2nd bedroom rentable. 2 studio apts. in back, rentable. \$110,000 total. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com

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For Sale: Timeshare, Puerto Vallarta 1+1, 1/2, sleeps 4, beachfront Playa del Sol Costa Sur Resort. Asking \$1,800, extended thru 2030. Jennifer, (818)

For Rent: Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed / 1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868.

For Sale: Cabin, A frame, San Bernardino mtns., secluded, views. 765 sq. ft.; 1BD/1BA; new cabinets; needs work; 30903 Live Oak Dr., Running Springs. Photos on Realtor.com. \$127,000; Dan Teter: (866) 214-8587.



For rent: Vacation rental, Big Bear Lake. 3 bd/2 bath house in village. Fully furnished, near the lake. John Long, Call

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For rent: Studio apt. in safe, quiet La Crescenta, Wifi-ready, semi-furnished, double-pane windows, glass-sliding doors opening to vegetable garden, fruit trees, succulents, seating areas, mountain views. Close to Montrose and Trader Joe's, 2 blocks to public transportation, \$1,400 includes utilities. Lita.

Vacation rental: Condo in beautiful oceanfront resort, Cabo San Lucas. 7-day rental for \$795. 1 bd, 1 bath; completely furnished, full kitchen w/ views of El Arco on Medano Beach. Close to downtown, shopping, restaurants, entertainment. View at clubcascadasdebaja.com. (562) 301-2940.

For rent: Lovely apartment in Leimert Park (in 4-unit complex). 1 bd/1 bath, kitchen, granite countertops, living rm, dining rm, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood and tiled floors, windows and fixtures, Washer/dryer hookup. Close to public transportation. 15 minutes from downtown, USC, beach. (310) 261-2085.

For Rent: Lovely downstairs apartment, 82nd/ Crenshaw, very quiet, close to public transportation. 1BD/1BA w/kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage in Inglewood (4-units). Newly painted, new carpet, fixtures, double glazed windows & new granite kitchen countertop. \$1,200. Info @ (323) 292-9989.

For Rent: 1BD/1BA apartment in North Inglewood, Mr. Brown @ (323) 296-1547.

Household Items

For Sale: Kitchenware. V-Slicer Pro Mandoline by Swissmar/Borner. New. \$25. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

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For Sale: DVD/CD player/storage, Sony ES DVP, jukebox style, stores up to 150 disks. Categorize/play on demand. Incl. remote, keyboard for input. Door does not close but can be done manually,

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For Sale: Immersion blender, Wolfgang Puck. Black. \$35. (213) 792-3130.

For Sale: Oven, Kenmore 30-in.

wall unit, electric, self-clean,

white. Brand new in package, 30



inch/wide x 29 inch/high x 24.5 inch deep. \$600. (562) 301-2940. For Sale: TV/entertainment center. Phillips Magnavox 60-inch TV, \$200/obo. All maple entertainment center, 3 piece, glass doors, tall sliding com-

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Martha, (213) 367-4094.

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For Sale: Lawn mower, 21 inch rotary, good condition. Plus other gardening items. \$58. Don, (818) 780-7788 (leave message).



For Sale: Motorized wheelchair, Go Chair, exclnt. cond., new battery. \$800/ OBO. Peggy LeGras, (323) 314-9100.7/15

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LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS	e	Games available online
OAKLAND RAIDERS	e	Games available online
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	e	Games available online
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LOS ANGELES KINGS	e	Games available online

SKI RESORTS

Child (6 - 11)

SINI NESONIS							
		RETAIL	CLUB				
LAKE TAHOE RESORTS	e						
Heavenly / Northstar	Adult Teen (13-18) Child (5-12)	\$130.00 \$98.00 \$75.00	\$106.75 \$92.00 \$62.00				
Kirkwood	Adult Teen (13-18) Child (5-12)	\$100.00 \$80.00 \$65.00	\$77.00 \$67.00 \$55.00				

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SEASONAL DISCOUNTS				
	RETAIL	CLUB		
RAGING WATERS 2				
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WET N WILD @ NEW				
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Club Members get FREE USPS standard shipping on all tickets and merchandise purchased through the Club.



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Library's

Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in March.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central library downtown and 72 branches

Books loaned:

- 1. The Crossing, Michael Connelly
- **2.** The Promise: An Elvis Cole and Joe Pike Novel, Robert Crais
- **3.** The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up, Marie Kondo
- 4. X, Sue Grafton
- **5.** Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehisi Coates
- 6. NYPD Red 4, James Patterson
- 7. Make Me: A Jack Reacher Novel,
- **8.** Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. Ransom Riggs
- 9. The Maze Runner, James Dashner
- 10. West of Eden: An American Place, Jean Stein

DVDs loaned

- 1. Ant-Man
- 2. Sicario
- **3.** Hotel Transylvania 2
- 4. Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation
- Trainwreck
- 6. Jurassic World
- **7.** Minions
- 8. Inside Out
- 9. Spectre
- **10.** The Martian

Books downloaded

(e-books)

- 1. American Sniper, Chris Kyle
- **2.** The Girl on the Train, Paula Hawkins
- **3.** The Martian, Andy Weir **4.** All the Light We Cannot See,
- Anthony Doerr **5.** Rogue Lawyer, John Grisham
- 6. Fates and Furies, Lauren Groff
- **7.** The Crossing, Michael Connelly
- **8.** The Life-Changing Magic of *Tidying Up,* Marie Kondo
- 9. The Girl in the Spider's Web, David Lagercrantz
- 10. Why Not Me, Mindy Kaling

Download-and-Keep songs*

- 1. No, Meghan Trainer
- **2.** Work from Home, Fifth Harmony feat. Ty Dolla \$ign
- 3. Piece, Piece, Kelly Clarkson
- 4. Hello, Adele
- 5. Like I Would, Zayn
- 6. When We Were Young, Adele
- **7.** Roses, The Chainsmokers feat. ROZES
- 8. Me, Myself & I, G-Eazy x Bebe Rexha
- 9. Ex's & Oh's, Elle King
- 10. iT's You, Zavn

* "Freegal" music via the Library lets users download and keep up to five songs a month it's seriously free and legal! Check it out at http://lapl.freegalmusic.com

Club Angels

Club Scholarship Deadline July 29

Simplified applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. Deadline is noon, July 29, 2016.

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

The 2016 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is now accepting applications.

Continuing in 2016: Club Scholarship applications have been simplified, for greater ease in filling them out.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, July 29, 2016.

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

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2016.

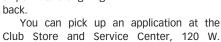
"Through Alive!, the Club loves recognizing excellence in City Employees. And the Club Scholarship program recognizes academic and service excellence in our Club Members and their



Danielle Howard received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholar-ship Program.

families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment, too."

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



Second St. downtown, or download an application at: www.cityemployeesclub. com/scholar.asp

Joannie Mukai.

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

"Apply now, and good luck."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 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 2016. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2016 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- **DEADLINE**: Applications must be in the Club Store, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon July 29, 2016. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Send questions to: scholarship@ cityemployeesclub.com



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et your raffle tickets for a chance to win an exclusive package that includes: four prime seats, preferred parking pass and access to the Stadium Club. The Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres game is scheduled on 7/7/16. This exclusive package is valued at \$350.00! All proceeds will be donated to the March of Dimes®.

1 - Ticket \$10.00

3 - Tickets \$25.00



Maximize your chances to win! Enjoy a day at the ballpark with family and friends while helping a great cause. Stadium Club is a members-only full-service restaurant and bar.

RAFFLE WILL BE HELD ON 5.25.16

To purchase tickets or need additional information about the many fund-raising events that are planned during the next few weeks, please contact:

MARY RODRIGUEZ 213.928.9788

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Monday May 16 @ 7:10 PM **Freeway Series**

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Tuesday May 17 @ 7:10 PM Freeway Series / Welcome Mat

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Saturday June 4 @ 7:10 PM **Retired Numbers Pin Series #22**

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Friday June 17 @ 7:10 PM **Friday Night Fireworks**

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Saturday June 18 @ 7:10 PM

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Sunday June 19 @ 1:10 PM Father's Day Boxer

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Friday July 1 @ 7:10 PM **Friday Night Fireworks**

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Saturday July 2 @ 7:10 PM Tri MVP Bobblehead

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Monday July 4 @ 6:10 PM **Fireworks Night**

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Friday July 8 @ 7:10 PM **Friday Night Fireworks**

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Friday July 29 @ 7:10 PM **Friday Night Fireworks**

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