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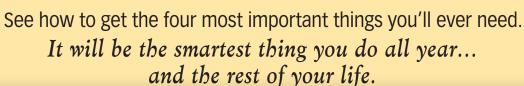
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A Message From the CEO

They Give City a Lift

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

ast year at about this time, I received one of the best ast year at about tins time, measurement. It came from Retired Club Member Mel Johnson.

Read this excerpt and ask yourself – wouldn't you want to interview this group?

"I apologize for sounding overly boastful, but I'm damn proud of what this crew does and continues to do day and night, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Mel wrote. "Ruben Verduzco oversees the best crew the City has on staff. If you don't believe me, I encourage you to find out on your own."

So we did. It took us a year for various reasons ... but Mel, who used to supervise this crew before retiring, is right. It's one fine crew indeed. Mel had to speak up about it because the crew won't - they just go about their business, doing work that we all depend on. Don't believe me? When's the last time you took a City elevator, escalator or chair lift? Last week? This morning? An hour ago? And did it take you where you needed to go?

Of course it did.

City Employees and guests ride City conveyance vehicles – elevators and such – approximately one million miles a year. A million miles! That's really awesome. And



Ruben Verduzco (left), Supervisor of the Elevator Repair crew, with Club Chief Operating Officer Robert Larios, in an executive elevator in

yet you hardly think about the success of the repair and maintenance program. There's a lot, well, riding on it; a giant chunk of the City workforce wouldn't be able to get to their jobs without these guys doing theirs.

That makes them perfect candidates for the Alive! spotlight. I've been saying it for more than ten years, and it's true over and over again - there's great work being done in the City, yet not everybody knows about it. That's the mission of this newspaper, to let everyone know, to celebrate your lives.

So, thanks to Mel for letting us know, and to Ruben and Co. for keeping us safe and quite literally lifting us up. We say thanks!

Moving on ... I'm proud of our coverage of the 20th anniversary of the terrible, unbelievable North Hollywood shootout. Please read the mini-Alive! interview with Club Member **Tonja Bellard**, who was on duty as an LAPD 911 Dispatcher that afternoon. It affected her deeply; I'll let her tell the story. Let it be a reminder, though, that behind our heroes are real people living real lives. Thanks for your continued service, Tonja.

I'm sad to report the passing of longtime Public Works employee and Club Member Larry Lieswald; his obituary is in this issue. I never met Larry that I know of, but I got to know him at least a little through the frequent Father's Day and Valentine's Day posts published for him in this newspaper over the years. Anyone who read those fun sections – and that means a lot of you – were familiar with his face. Larry was loved by his family, that's for sure. We send our condolences to his family and friends; and we also send our condolences to Jasper Williams, whose death notice we also run this month. (We're grateful for friends and family who submit these "Tell Their Story" entries. Help us tell their story by sending one in for a City Employee you knew well.)

I'm hearing more great things about HotelStorm, the Club's new hotel discount partner. Alive! editor John Burnes reports that, in looking up hotels in Galway, Ireland, HotelStorm found him one of the best in town for 20 percent off ... and with breakfast. That's real money. So check it out! Let the Club save you cash!

And with that, I see it's April - that means spring and Easter. Grab your family, get outside and enjoy these awesome days. The great deals at the Club Store will get you started!



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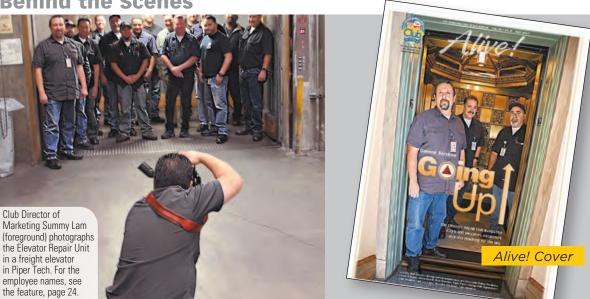
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- Shirley Johnson, April 2016

The Club's claims service is "excellent! You answered all questions. All calls were returned promptly, and you were very patient. The book [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] made me cry, and yet it was comforting to read it."

- Maria Andrade, April 2016



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Monday April 17 @ 7:10 PM

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Letters to the Editor



Whale of a Good Time

just wanted to say thank you, City Employees Club, for arranging the recent whalewatching trips. It was our first time going whalewatching, and my sisters, friends and I really enjoyed it.

Thank you also for the City Employees Club representatives who came to assist and make our day enjoyable. Cheryl Martin, thank you for your help from the nametags to helping us with food (even though we almost jumped you for the box of chips on the boat). And it was nice seeing the Club COO Robert Larios.

Thank you for arranging this great experience for us at such an affordable price, and for all your hard work with all of the special events you plan!

- Chanel Knight, Sr. Admin. Clerk, Airports

Retired Member Thanks Angel for All He's Done

■recently retired after just more than 30 years of City service. I left the way I came in, very quietly.

I just wanted to thank Angel Gomez for the friendship and all he does for us City Employees, espe- Angel Gomez



cially at Street Lighting. As I reflect on my career, I remember many good times and laughs we shared. Be it at the Christmas parties, employee recognition events, or just picture-taking sessions he did for the Club back in the day ... thanks again for the memories, and I wish him all the best. Angel, God bless you and your family.

- Felipe Rodriguez, Retired, Public Works/Street Lighting, Club **RepDOT's Special Traffic Ops**

Keeps Things Moving in City

I am always amazed at the kind of work employees do for the City of Los Angeles. Their responsibilities can work seamlessly in the background. Case in point - Transportation's Special Traffic Operations that Alive! featured is a wonderful look into what it takes to make the events at Staples Center, sporting events at other locations and public demonstrations as well as the Los Angeles Marathon

a success. Without the unit delicately managing the streets, chaos would ensue.

I for one am very grateful that Edward Yu and his team are here to keep things moving for all of us.

- Gina Jordan, LAFD

St. Baldrick Shows City at Its Best (and its Baldest)

March 4 was the day of the annual St. Baldrick's event held by the LAFD and LAPD. I was pleased to see the Employees Club staff there, too. My many thanks to Lupe Lira, Hava Berman and the others for adding to the fun for a serious cause in helping find cures for childhood cancers.

- Jay Lin, LAPD

Club Mobile Team Is the Answer to Chris' Club Needs

Not long ago, I had a chance to meet Angel Gomez and Dylan Noel in San Pedro while they had the colorful van setup with all the shirts and hats. This is convenient for me and the others who work in the area, since downtown LA is a bit of a drive unless we have meetings

The mobile team has good prices and service. They were also able to make a custom hat and polo shirt for me. I look forward to seeing them back here again.

- Chris Langely, Harbor

Correction

In last month's Club classifieds, we listed an incorrect price for an item. The classified is corrected here and in the classified section. Alive! regrets the error.

For rent: house. Atwater Village. 2 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 pkg. spot. Hardwood floor, appliances, window A/C. No pets. \$2,500/month. John, (619) 207-0939.

Robert's Question BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer

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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What's your favorite season?



The fall. I love seeing the transition from a hot summer to a cooler fall." Al Pinnaro, Retired

"Summer, it's because I very much enjoy that the sun does not set until late in the day.' Chervl Tabbi, Retired

"Winter, for the Christmas season!"

– Daphne Evangelista, DWP



"There's no season better than summer for beach and pool time!"

Darlene Sternquist, DWP



— Elia Evans, DWP





"Summer – mv favorite time to travel!"

Kristie Wooden, **DWP**

"What season are we in now that I am retiring? Winter? That's my season!"

—Jacqueline McRae DWP





"Summer for sure because I think of late daylight, hot weather, opentoe shoes and plenty of pedicures!

Antionette "Toni" Johnson, DWP



"Honey, all seasons are my favorite as a

Pamela Tiller DWP, Retired





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The Club

Tell 'Em ... About

Club Counselor and singer releases her first full-length album.



You might have heard Gedina Bergstrom sing the National Anthem at a Club annual meeting or before a Club Softball League match or other City event.

And hearing a voice like that, you might think that there's more to her music than a hobbyist.

You'd be right. Way right.

The passionate Club Counselor is also powerful singer, already with millions of streams on Spotify, a hit on Shazam and appearances on NBC's "The Voice." This forthright and blossomed artist is now releasing her first full-length album, Tell 'Em.

And she wanted Club Members to know! The first single, "With Love," is now available on all major digital platforms. The full length album will be released soon; however, physical copies will be given to all who attend her release show April 12 (see below).

"I'm really excited about this release," she says. "With this CD, I want to inspire people to feel and to dream beyond what their reality is, to believe that the possibility of more is out there. The people reading this know me as a Club Counselor, that's been my day job ... by night this is where my heart is. What I am hoping to do is to inspire people to believe that the dream they're secretly harboring can become a reality."

You might have already heard her sing. Her 2015 cover of "First Time, First Love," a Coca Cola song from the 1980s, has already established her on the big-time music scene. (Google it to hear it.) Tell 'Em will build on that success

Meanwhile, next time you see her in her City Employees Club apparel or taking care of customer benefits, you can congratulate her.

"I love that our Club Members come first always and that our mission statement is to 'Celebrate the Lives of City Employees!' Nobody does it the way the Club does it. We strive to make sure every hard-working City Employee feels seen, heard, supported and appreciated."

And now Club Members will have a better chance to hear her music. "Music is the great social leveler," she says. "Music cuts across all races, gender, sexual identity, and economic status. It gives people the global connection we all desire.

"If these songs can touch other people and we can fly together, then I'm definitely serving my purpose."



New CD

n her full-length debut Tell 'Em, Gedina channels her raw passion into a daringly fresh take on R&B-infused pop. "There are so many songs out there that come from a place of loss or despair, but I wanted to create the exact opposite of that," says the L.A.-based singer/songwriter. "The intention was to inspire, so that anyone who's having a rough day can put the album on and feel elevated to the highest version of themselves." Along with showcasing Gedina's gorgeously soulful vocals—as heard on the 2015 single "First Time, First Love," an international hit that's amassed more than 1.9 million streams on Spotify—Tell 'Em brings both gritty vitality and indelible melody to a powerful celebration of

With its boldly intimate storytelling, Tell 'Em shows a potent blend of strength and vulnerability— a dynamic that Gedina has embodied since childhood. Raised by a single dad in Santa Cruz, she discovered her love of singing as a little girl (thanks largely to Mariah Carey and The Little Mermaid soundtrack), and in her early teens began busking and then singing in local clubs. After graduating from high school at 15, Gedina later enrolled at UC Irvine and gigged in nearby blues bars, revealing her deep affinity for legends including Etta James. Heading to L.A. once she'd finished school, she spent the coming years navigating the music industry and—in 2012—landed a blind audition on season three of "The Voice." That same year, Gedina released her debut single "Shame," introducing the world to her warm authenticity and spirited songwriting.

Recorded at Angelhouse Studios in Torrance and executive-produced by Drew Kapner (who's engineered records by artists like Jason Derulo and Twenty One Pilots), Tell 'Em builds off Gedina's magnetic energy with a newfound sense of

wholeness. "This album is autobiographical from top to bottom—there's not one area of my life that I neglected to hit," she says. Also a Krav Maga instructor and fierce advocate for women's health empowerment, Gedina hopes that the palpable joy and uncompromising honesty of Tell 'Em ultimately embolden each listener. "More than anything, I wanted this album to promote growth rather than limitation," she says. "I used each song as a way to release old stories and, at the same time, become the woman I've always wanted to be."

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We caught this gorgeous view of Mt. Baldy, Ontario Peak and Cucamonga Peak.



Happy spring, everybody!

This month we travel to Chino Hills. I wanted to get a little cardio this month and the up-and-down slopes on this walking loop provided just enough to get my heart going. The loop is only about a mile and a half long, but the views and the quiet are enough to bring you back again and again.

Chino Hills is about 32 miles from downtown Los Angeles, and it should take you about 45 minutes to arrive. The area is wide open and there is no shade, so bring sunscreen and hat.

Let's begin!

The trail: The loop is a short 1.5 miles at most and is surrounded by resident homes. It connects you with other trails

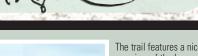
in the Chino Hills system. Since it's a loop, you can make a right or a left to begin the trail. We took a left and saved the San Gabriel, San Jacinto and Santa Ana Mountains for the end. Walk past the benches on the way onto the trail; at about a halfmile you will see the Monteverde trail; that takes you to Grand Street. Take a right and the loop drops down onto a steep decline toward a gully. Once you're down, the loop goes to the left. Keep walking past the trees, then make another right don't take the left (if you do you will crash into the street and will have to come back down and begin another steep climb). This is the hardest part of the loop.

Once you get to the top you will walk along a fence, and the final turn reveals the views of Mt. Baldy, Ontario Peak and Cucamonga Peak. Take a photo here and enjoy the views! You're almost finished - just keep walking and you will finish right where you started. Feel the burn!

I really liked this short sweet hike. Remember, if you like taking photos before 11 a.m. or after 2 p.m., the light won't be as harsh and you will get the best results. Have fun! See you next month.

Don't forget your sunscreen and snacks and most importantly bring water.

Be safe and "Be Alive!"







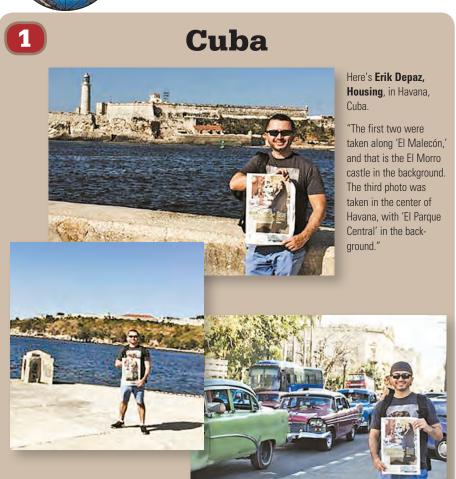
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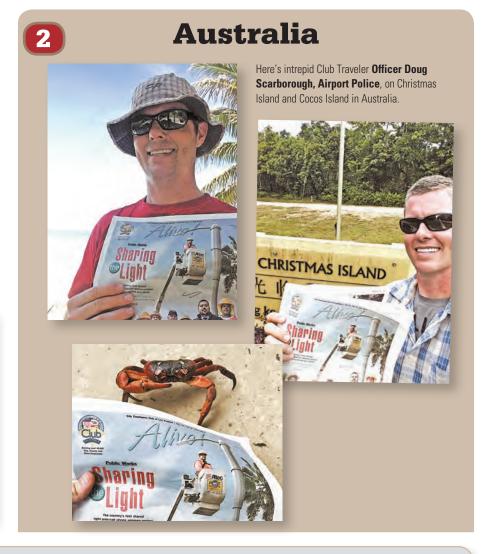














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JUNE 8: RLACEI golf tournament, Alhambra golf

AUG. 10: RLACEI annual corporation meeting, elections and picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge

SEPT. 6: LARFPA general meeting and election of officers

DEC. 7: RLACEI holiday party and board meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge

DEC. 10: LARFPA Christmas party

RLACEI Website

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It's Nearly Time to Tee It Up in Alhambra

President's Report

President, RLACEI

By Edward J. Harding



Ed Harding

ACERS Board of Administration had a meet-Ling Feb. 28 and discussed the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective this July. They found that Los Angeles County, Riverside County and Orange County cost of living were 1.9 percent. Therefore at the Feb. 28 meeting, the LACERS' Board of Administration voted to give the Retired City Employees a 1.9 percent cost-of-living raise, effective July.

Our next event will be RLACEI's 39th annual golf tournament scheduled for June 8 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. (See our flyer in this section for more information.)

Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Director and First Vice President and his committee - Gary Mattingly, Phil Orland, Americo Garza and Mary Beetz - met with the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course officials Feb. 20 to confirm this event.

The golf tournament date is Thursday, June 8! Golfers need to be at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, 630 S. Almansor St., for a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.

There will be an awards luncheon after the golf tournament in the Palm Court Room, where we will be joined by the RLACEI board members and representatives of our sponsors.

As usual, we will have lots of prizes to raffle. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in low gross, low net, longest drive and closest to the pin in both men's and ladies' flights.

This year, we will be giving free golf shirts to everyone, courtesy of Keenan & Associates, a health consulting firm to the LACERS staff. We will also have a new Toyota car, courtesy of Miller Toyota of Anaheim, as the hole-in-one prize.

Come out and enjoy a round of golf on a short and easy course with your friends and fellow retirees. Guests of members are welcome!

Call Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789 if you have any questions. See you there!

LACERS Sets COLA Adjustment for July



Michael R.

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The LACERS Board of Administration has recently $oldsymbol{I}$ set the cost of living adjustment (COLA) to be applied to all retirees in July. While most Tier 1 and all Tier 3 members will receive 1.9 percent, a few Tier 1 members will receive more.

LACERS based the COLA on a report from its actuary, the Segal Company, using the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics consumer price index (CPI) for all urban consumers in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area. The CPI for the calendar year is used to set the COLA for the following July.

Tier 1 retirees get the CPI each year as long as the amount does not exceed three percent, and any amount that is above the three percent cap is banked and applied to future years when the CPI is less than three percent. For Tier 3 (for employees hired beginning Feb. 21, 2016), the COLA is capped

Last year the COLA was 0.9 percent. By comparison, the Social Security COLA is 0.3 percent for 2017, and going back to 2009 there have been three years where there was no increase.

Since inflation has been very low for years, there is only a COLA bank for members who retired before July 1, 1980. Those members will receive a three percent COLA and have their bank reduced by 1.1 percent.

The COLA is an important benefit that we receive as LACERS members and is under attack in other public pension plans around the country. Some have reduced the COLA formula or eliminated it entirely. Many of the plans reducing the COLA amount changed from a fixed amount, typically between 2.5 percent to 3.5 percent, to the actual CPI to save money. Some of these plans are seriously underfunded.

Rest easy - the LACERS COLA is protected by the strong legal protections of the local laws and the

Reviewing the California Pension Reforms of 2012



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

Valifornia pension reforms enacted in 2012 have received considerable criticism, mostly that they didn't go far enough. Dave Low, chairman of Californians for Retirement Security, a 1.6-millionmember organization of city employees and retirees, argues that crucial savings will be made in the long run as intended, although the short term may see struggles in covering liabilities. This has to do with the technique of smoothing the revenue flow into pensions and the outflow to retirees. This means budgeting more money in times of profits from investments to hold for times when there are

Low points out that the reforms raised the amount that a new hire employee puts into his/

her pension since the beginning of 2013, which is about 200,000 people. They will spend two more years over their working years in making contributions (due to the reforms requiring a longer working career), and consequently, in theory, two fewer years collecting benefits. There will also be lower retirement benefits for these newly hired workers. He cites estimated savings of \$85 billion over time.

Admittedly, he argues, the oft-cited funded liability ratio has declined in recent years, but this is due to low investment returns. In closing, he says that a "longer-term view shows that averaged over the last 30 years, investment returns have met projections, and expert studies predict they will continue to do so."

Speaking of pension investment returns, our LACERS has experienced a wide range of such returns, from two years in the early 1980s of more

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Reviewing the California Pension Reforms of 2012 – continued

than 30 percent to a dismal minus-19.5 percent in 2009. Since then, LACERS had a robust 22.6 percent in 2011 and 18.4 percent in 2014. It's a roller coaster as you know, but careful management of the ups and downs to smooth out the rough spots does keep the system

On a less optimistic note, a former CalSTRS analyst writes for KPIX5 that while teachers have controls over any spiking under their MOUs with school districts, the district administrators can and do spike their alreadymuch-larger pensions. A former school superintendent for the Cabrillo Unified School in Half Moon Bay got a \$110,000 raise in his last year, boosting his final compensation from \$157,000 to \$267,000, pushing his monthly pension check from \$7,000 to \$13,000. The CalSTRS analyst notified his superiors about this spiking, among others he flagged to them, but nothing happened.

Request Made to Study Healthcare Costs, Efficiency





Lee Kebler

The Fire and Police Pension Board approved the The Fire and Police relision board appropriate and Police religion board and Police religion by the Polic sworn employees of the City. The budget includes the City's contribution of \$615,615,014; the employee's contributions of \$143,880,677 and investment earnings of \$392,818,090; all pension benefits and expenses, and fees to manage the investments and operate the Pension Dept. If you looked at a pie chart, you would see that 12 percent was contributed by the employees, 34 percent from investment earnings and 54 percent from the City's contribution. The total budget is estimated to be \$1,250,85,234.

Increased cost of the budget is up about \$4.5 million from last year and is due to increased pension and health subsidy payments. City contribution rate was down \$3.8 million due to lower than normal increases in active salaries and low cost of living increases for retirees. This will be studied and fine-tuned before sending to the City to be included in the City's final budget on June 15.

General Manager Ray Ciranna of Fire and Police Pensions has requested authorization to hire a firm to review our health subsidy costs and the efficiency of the health plan and premium negotiations. The board had reviewed a 10-year study on the health subsidy and found that there has been a considerable increase in healthcare costs during this period. There were two areas where increases were larger than normal inflationary increases in healthcare insurance premiums. These are surviving spouses and growth in the number of retirees. Due to rising healthcare costs, several large pension plans in California eliminated the spouse from the health subsidy, with only the member of the system has a vested right in the health subsidy. This provision is only for the new hires' health subsidies. Let's hope that solution isn't one that is considered for our retirees.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the barbecue at Grace E. Simons Lodge June 7. ■

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Mary Beetz

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

overning Codes - Did you know your retire-Ument benefits are governed by the Los Angeles Administrative Code and the City Charter? Here's how you can learn more: Visit the American Legal Publishing Website at http://www.amlegal.com/library/ca/losangeles.shtml and click on the Administrative Code or the City Charter for more information. Divisions, chapters, and articles that are pertinent to your retirement benefits are listed below.

Administrative Code:

- Division 4 Employment General
- Chapter 10: Retirement Benefits and Conditions of Entitlement
- Chapter 11: Health and Welfare Program for

- Retired Civilian Employees
- Chapter 18: Excess Benefit Plan and Limited Term Retirement Plan
- Division 23
- Chapter 2: Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System

Article XI: Pension and Retirement Systems

LACERS also has a reference library where you may search by subject, or Administrative Code, City Charter, or Board Rule number for information about your retirement benefits. Click on "Reference Library" to begin your search. ■



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Cabo, Then Home

Hal and Co. conclude a one-way cruise from South America. Part 8/final.



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

n March 2016, Hal and his wife, Evelyn, and relatives Don and Myrna took a one-way cruise that began in Chile, but first visited the Galápagos Islands

On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, we were at sea heading north toward home. The dress code that night was formal. We had reservations in the Crown Grill. A gala Easter buffet dinner was scheduled for that night in the Horizon Court.

Early on the trip, Evelyn found the bed in our cabin a little too soft, so Bobby, our room steward, put a

board under her side of the mattress. That didn't work, so he put it on top of the mattress with a pillow top. I sat on it and I thought I broke my bum. Anyway she used it that way for a few days but ultimately decided to have it removed and go native.

We planned to get some sun that day and lie out by the pool. Evelyn had an upset stomach so I got her a tea and a croissant, and left her on the couch to rest.

I had a quick breakfast in the buffet and found a lounge chair at the rear of the ship. There was a small pool and sunny area just at the back of the Horizon Court. The Skywalker lounge was directly above the area and shaded the pool. It took a hour for the sun to be blocked by the Skywalker, and I read for an hour in the shade. When I got back to the cabin, Evelyn was still on the couch but feeling a little better. The temp outside was in the high 70s with a few clouds, and the seas were flat. We had excellent weather during the whole trip.

We met Don and Myrna for lunch in the buffet and decided to cancel the reservation in the Crown Grill, hoping to reschedule before the end of the cruise. Evelyn did eat lunch, a good sign.

Both of us had upset stomachs. I went with Don and Myrna to the gala Easter buffet, which looked just like the regular buffet; I wasn't sure want Princess was trying for. Evelyn ordered from room service and did eat, but not much. There is

some truth that after a while on a cruise, everything starts to taste the same.

I was told at the buffet that the ship was in code yellow (lowest alert) for the norovirus. If that's what Evelyn and I had it was a mild case, but we didn't advertise it.

The next day, March 28, both of us felt better but still had upset stomachs. We met Don and Myrna for breakfast in the buffet. We ate a light breakfast. This was our last sea day before arriving in Cabo San Lucas. The entertainment that night was the crew show. Princess had been showing all the Oscarnominated movies, and that night was Creed, which we had seen. Don and Myrna hadn't, so we considered watching it on the deck and eating dinner at the same time. We all seemed to be fooded out except for Don. He still wanted to go back to the Crown Grill. Maybe the next day.

Evelyn was checking out the sales. The Star Princess was selling all of the South American logo items at great discount, so there were some bargains. We went to find a quiet place to read until lunch and then played bridge that afternoon. Evelyn came back from the sale empty handed. She said she goes just to see if she would have missed anything. Nothing was missed this time.

We ended up in the Skywalker Lounge, the highest point on the ship, at the rear of the ship. On this cruise it had been used only later in the evening as a disco. The longer the cruise the older the passengers, and the less they use the disco. The lounge had a lot of easy chairs with a great view of the ocean. Normally it was quiet, but there was a group playing cards at one end so we moved to the other side, which was fine until a German group had a presentation on the disembarkation process in Los Angeles. That lasted only about 20 minutes, and

We met Don and Myrna for lunch and then played bridge for a couple of hours.

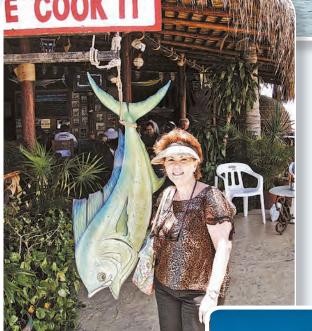
We all decided to see the movie and we went up early to get good seats (lounge chairs) and eat dinner. We were early enough to have our pick and got four primo chairs, which was a surprise to those who regularly attend the movie; we got some dirty looks. My stomach was still a little queasy, so I limited myself to a bowl of chili and a pulled pork sandwich, which in hindsight might have been a mistake. We were farther north and the temperature was cool; Princess offered blankets, which helped. We had seen Creed before but enjoyed seeing it again.

We watched the north star rise in the heavens from above the horizon to right overhead in a two-and-a-half-hour time period. It was just beautiful.

Tomorrow we dock at Cabo San Lucas, the last port

On March 29, we anchored in the harbor around 7 a.m., and we could hear the tenders being lowered. Even with Cabo having the largest noncommercial marina on the west coast of North America, there was no docking facility for large ships I think because they don't have any cargo facilities; we had to make the









tender ride. Cabo had cruise ships every day of the week, so it would have been helpful to be able to dock. The tender dock was quite nice and convenient to all the marina had to offer.

Evelyn with a fake fish.

We were going to go to our favorite breakfast place, the Office, but decided not to and would take a walk just around the marina, the tourist area. We planned to be back in Cabo at the end of April for a week (we come every year), so it was not new to us. We decided to go to the Office then, as they have great Mexican and American food and is right on the beach. I mean, your feet are in the sand. Great margaritas, too.

We had a light breakfast in the International Cafe and then found Don and Myrna. We tendered in at 9:30 a.m. It was a little overcast with temperatures in the low 70s - very pleasant for walking. Myrna's back was acting up, and she walked only a short distance before returning to the ship. Before they left we stopped at a pharmacy. Evelyn brought a tube of the pain cream she got on the ship in the Galápagos when she twisted her ankle; it was \$14 here. Many drugs are cheaper in Mexico and are in the same packaging that you find at home.

After that we walked to the shopping center on the other side of the marina. For being so early, most of the shops and restaurants were open. I wanted to get a bottle of water so I stopped at the ice cream store near the shopping center; they wanted \$2.50US for a bottle of Fuji water. I declined and the price dropped to \$2. Inside the shopping center, I bought a large bottle of water for 84 cents. I'm hoping the water didn't just come out of the marina. We walked back to the ship through downtown. We were here the year before at this time and we noticed that in general things seemed cleaner and brighter. We were looking forward to coming back the following month. We returned to the ship on a tender run by the marina, which didn't hold as many passengers and was more open than the ship's tenders, which meant you could see the view and have fresh air.

Cabo has a lot to offer – all kinds of watersports, zip lining, great food, beautiful beaches and Mexican hospitality plus you can drink the water. Evelyn calls it Hawaii with an accent!

We found Don and Myrna and had lunch and stood at the rear of the ship as we sailed. We saw the arch and as we turned north toward Los Angeles. And we could see our timeshare, Playa Grande Resort, on the Pacific side of Baja.

Myrna's rash had returned and I thought it had to do with something in the cabin - could be the soap Princess used to wash the towels and sheets. Now I'm no doctor, but I've seen enough TV medical shows to make the call.

The three of us went to the Vista Lounge where they were serving Princess-style sushi, which meant no raw fish. I don't know why they bothered or why we bothered going.

We visited the dining room for dinner and had the pan-fried chicken – not Popeye's, but still good.

We had one more day at sea to go. The next day, March 30, the weather had changed - much cooler and overcast, and it looked like rain.

There was not much going on that day. We needed to pack and have our bags out by dinnertime. (We were scheduled to clear immigrations on the ship the next day. We were scheduled to disembark after 8:25 a.m.)

After breakfast with Don and Myrna, Evelyn went to check out the final sales, and I started to pack. Not having to fly made it easy; we didn't have to worry about weight. We had lots of room because we brought a roll-on bag with us on the plane, so we had no problem. We just had to figure out what to wear off the ship. We were still carrying off all of the breakable items, so we were like pack mules.

We had lunch about 1 p.m. in the buffet and decided to play bridge in the Capri dining room, which we found to be much quieter than the Horizon Court. On our way to play, the captain came on the PA to announce that there was a medical emergency with a crew member and there would be an evacuation by Coast Guard helicopter, which will delay the arrival in Los Angeles. I was beginning to feel sorry for the captain – first the problem with the plane and now this.

We played bridge until 4 p.m., and about 4:30 p.m. a Coast Guard plane flew over the ship. About 15 minutes later the rescue helicopter arrived. We were lucky that everything took place on the port side of the ship, and I was able to get some great pictures. The helicopter first dropped a crew person onto the ship and then, on the second pass picked up everyone. The two passes took about 20 minutes. That pushed our disembarkation back by one hour. The Coast Guard really earns its keep. It's nice to know they are there in time of need.

That is all for this trip! ■

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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NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT. Y	EARS
Adler, Sara L.	Librarian	Library	12	Hopkins, Roy A.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	23	Salian, Kim Michae	Electrician	Public Works	16
Aker, Philip M.	Supvsg. Trans. Planner	Transportation	47	Isahakian, Rouben L	. Sr. Systems Analyst	Public Works	30	Sanchez, Jaime	City Attorney Invest.	City Attorney	30
Baca, Ben R.	Auto Painter	Gen. Services	29	Johnson, Turner L.	Refuse Collect. Supv.	Public Works	32	Sias, Antonio A.	Heavy Duty Truck Op.	Public Works	14
Basmayor, Maria L.	Admin. Clerk	Library	25	Kumabe, Colin T.	Asst. Dep. Sup. of Bldg.	Build. & Safety	/ 32	Sims, Karen E.	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	36
Biron, Debora Ann	Deckhand	Harbor	30	Lightner, Laurel L.	Assistant City Attorney	City Attorney	31	Steffin, Isabel A.	Library Assistant	Library	40
Bonney, Gregory L.	Sr. Constr. Inspector	Public Works	28	Maceda, Melvin Lopez	Traffic Officer	Transportation	27	Tardio, Joseph F.	Security Officer	Airports	17
Boskovich, Diane M.	Chief Wharfinger	Harbor	40	Mah, Richard	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	9	Taylor, James W.	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	7
Campos, Albert F.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	39	Maraon, Lolita Sanchez	Accountasnt	Public Works	11	Thompson, Charles G	Traffic Officer	Transportation	1 22
Cervantes, Reyna A.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Housing	21	Masters, Alfreda D.	Management Analyst	Housing	25	Tiyavaraboon, Chirapa	Accounting Clerk	City Clerk	33
Esqueda, Louie E.	Cement Finisher	Public Works	30	N Tuen, Asukwo	Management Analyst	Housing	22	Tuttle, Brent M.	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	21
Fragosa, Herbert Jr.	Plumber	Public Works	42	Nordlund, Wayne R.	Warehouse T/R Worker	Public Works	30	Ude, Thomas Uche	Management Analyst	Econ/Wrkfrce Dev	v. 30
Friesen, Barry H.	PR Inspector	Build. & Safety	16	Paredes Carrasco, Martha	Management Analyst	Housing	32	Velazquez, Raquel	Accounting Clerk	Finance	29
Gomez, Aurelio	Custodian	Airports	11	Parks, Rudeen	Not Disclosed	Harbor	10	Virk, Surjit S.	Building Mech. Insp.	Build. & Safety	/ 29
Green, Darius D.	Ref. Collect. Truck Op.	Public Works	37	Perez, Arturo B.	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	12	Washington, Gary D	. Background Invest.	Personnel	10
Hashemi, Masih	Airport Engineer	Airports	30	Peters, Mark C.	Photographer	LAFD	32	Whettam, Annabelle Amo	r Secretary	LAPD	25
Haugen, Glenn L.	Programmer Analyst	ITA	28	Plato, Denise Gay	Sr. Manage. Analyst	Public Works	30	Williams, Tatiana B.	Administrative Clerk	Transportation	26
Holguin, Carolina	Management Analyst	Gen. Services	30	Ramirez, Ruben Villalobos	Refuse Collect. Sup.	Public Works	32	Wilson, Gregory D.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	36
Holmes, John M.	First Dep. Gen. Mgr.	Harbor	6	Reyes, Vivian Deidre	Sr. Admin. Analyst	CAO	32	Wirth, Bonnita A.	Occup. Psychologist	Personnel	19

Show **Us Your Grandkids!**



Reading Starts Early

"Our one-year-old first grandson, Francis, is enjoying a bedtime story with his dad, our son, Andrew Casteel. It warms my Retired Library employee heart to see the love of books passed on to another generation!"

> — Linda Casteel, Retired, Library (shown with Francis)

RETIREES: Alive! wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos!

Here's how:

- 1. Make sure to have the permission from their parents. If you send in a photo, Alive! assumes you have already received that permission.
- 2. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
- 3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
- 4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them - their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
- 5. Digital photos are best! Send them $to: {\bf talkback@cityemployeesclub.}\\$

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.



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39th Annual Retirees Invitational **Golf Tournament**

Thursday, June 8, 2017

The 39th annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 8 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is at 630 South Almansor St., Alhambra. Check in is at 7 a.m. SOFT SPIKES **MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$70 for RLACEI and City Employees Club members. All others pay \$80, which includes greens 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: RLACEI by Thursday, June 1
- Send to Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

2017 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

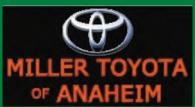
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Reservation deadline: Friday, May 19th. Mail completed reservation form and check to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman



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BestYears

For Retired Club Members

By Tara Miller, MS RD/N, LACERS Well Program Manager, and Candace Wilkie, LACERS Well Intern





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LACERS Well Champions and retirees (from left) Phil Orland; Henry Starks; Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Manager; Alexandra Boucher, guest; and Lucile Butler, LACERS Retiree at the Arthritis Foundation's Jungle Bell Run in Glendale Dec. 11.

Champions Who Care

LACERS Well hosts second annual 'Champions Who Care' program.

Story and photos courtesy Tara Miller, Program Coordinator, LACERS Well

As part of the LACERS Well "Champions Who Care" program, Champions were asked to consider volunteer opportunities where their time and energy could provide help to fellow Angelenos. This year, the Champions engaged in three events: The Arthritis Foundation's annual Jingle Bell 5K walk/run; a Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Fundraiser; and decorating parade floats for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses

According to Arthritis Foundation's November 2016 collection of "Arthritis Facts and Figures," significantly more retirees with arthritis have limitations with large muscle mass, mobility, activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living than retirees without arthritis. They also indicate that, by 2040, the number of adults in the United States with doctor-diagnosed arthritis is projected to increase 49 percent to more than 78 million (25.9 percent of all adults). To combat these concerns, the Arthritis Foundation hosts annual events such as the Jingle Bell Run, a fun, festive holiday-themed 5K, to raise funds and awareness to benefit arthritis research. Runners and walkers alike get in the spirit on race day by wearing holiday-themed costumes and tying jingle bells to their running shoes. This year our Champions arrived at Glendale Central Park at 6 a.m. Dec. 11 to decorate the festival zone, distribute water, cheer on walkers/runners,



From left: Eugene Mandelcorn, LACERS Retiree and Champion; guest; Retirees Victoria and Frank Comfort; Emyre Guerrero, Lupe Vela; Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Manager; and Fenny Mandelcorn at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network event

and help dole out awards to top performers.

According to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN), pancreatic cancer is the 11th most commonly diagnosed cancer, recently surpassing breast cancer, and is becoming the third-highest contributor to cancer-related deaths. Many factors

> influence prognosis severity, such as infrequent early detection and treatment, rapid spreading and high recurrence rates. To help spread the word about the need for treatment and prevention research, several Champions supported fellow Champion Eugene Mandelcorn by sharing a meal together at Souplantation in Chino Hills Dec. 15. Twenty percent of meal sales were donated to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

On Dec. 27, LACERS Well Champion Harriet

Perry initiated an exciting day of decorating Rose Parade floats in Pasadena. The Rose Parade floats are constructed with all natural products, from flowers, leaves, fruits, vegetables

and beans, and

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LACERS Well Champion and Retiree Russ Ewald at the Rose Bowl Float Decoration event

of work each year. This allowed the Champions multiple options to volunteer their time, from cutting flowers or sifting cranberry seeds, to grinding coffee beans. Champions from every region attended in support of this wonderful event. This was a completely new experience for every Champion in attendance. Considering the feedback and tremendous fun, this will likely become a Champions Who Care tradi-

If you would like to take part or suggest an event, please contact Tara Miller, Wellness Program Manager, by calling (323) 333-6780 or via email at lacerswell@LACERS.org.

Get Moving: Volunteer At an Earth Day Event

By Caitlin Quigley

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Now, almost 50 years later, the movement has grown exponentially and is being celebrated all over the world. While the main areas of focus have shifted over the years, the mission has always remained the same: to fight for a clean environment.

Seniors and retirees are uniquely qualified to be exceptional volunteers. A lifetime of experience, a flexible schedule and a desire to breathe life back into a hobby or interest are all helpful tools in a volunteer's toolbox. From a health standpoint, studies show that senior volunteerism improves longevity and psychological wellness.

Earth Day occurs every year on April 22, but the dates of local celebrations and activities may vary. There are many ways you can contribute to the cause, such as recycling, planting a tree, or spreading awareness. Additionally, there are many volunteer opportunities where you can be active and do something good for yourself while also supporting a good cause.

What is Earth Day?

Earth Day originally started after a massive oil spill occurred in Santa Barbara in 1969. Due to the massive damage, Wisconsin Sen. Gaylord Nelson was inspired to organize a national "teach-in" (a lecture and discussion on a topic of public interest) that focused on educating the public about the environment. Every year since, Earth Day is celebrated worldwide with rallies, conferences, outdoor activities and service projects.

How to Help

Plant a tree: Know a place that could use a tree? Go to the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to order a tree seedling. The NWF provides free native seedlings to its partners who plant them in local restoration

nity tree giveaway events, including school events according to the organization's website (www.nwf.org).

Restore bird habitats: National The Audubon Society has numerous volunteer and education opportunities available. Find the center nearest you by visiting

the Audubon website at www.audubon.org/ audubon-near-vou. At Audubon

centers, visitors can attend seminars or workshops, volunteer in activities such as citizen science and habitat restoration, and go on bird walks or hikes with other environmentally conscious people.

Volunteer locally or at a National Park: The best way to celebrate Earth Day is to volunteer your time at a local City park or national park you've always wanted to visit. There are many

volunteer opportunities across the country;

Grow/share a community garden: Consider doing an herb-cutting swap with your neighbor. Figure out which fruits and vegetables would do best in your area and try grow-

> how to create a communal garden, visit the American Community Garden Association at https://commu-

nitygarden.org. Host a seedling swap: Post a few flyers and get the word out among your neighbors that, Day, Earth everyone welcome to gather

together at your community's clubhouse and share gardening tips and to swap seedlings or cuttings. If you've been admiring that stunning flowering bush

in your neighbor's yard, now is the time to encourage him or her to share a cutting or two with the rest of you. Update your recycling program: Your com-

munity may already have a recycling program in place. If so, work with your neighbors to make certain that everyone has the proper

bins and information about what products can and cannot be recycled in your area. If there is no program in place, organize a meeting with residents and officials of your community to discuss setting up a program.

These are just a few ideas that can help improve the environment. For more information about Earth Day, please visit www. earthday.org

Check out the following events scheduled in the Los Angeles area:

- · Earth Day at Soka University in Aliso Viejo April 23. Free admission.
- · City of Artesia's third annual Earth Day Expo, April 23. Free admission.
- Integrative Wellness Expo and Conference in Ventura April 23. Prices vary.
- · Earth Day at the Bay, in Newport Beach April 23. Free admission is free.
- Or read about the Earth Day events occurring in the City of LA elsewhere in this issue.

More information can be found at www. eventbrite.com/d/ca-los-angeles/earth-day-

For more volunteer opportunities near you, check out these Websites:

- · www.volunteermatch.org
- www.californiavolunteers.org



Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo







AROUND THE WORLD

From Houston to Alaska



Houston — Sharvn volunteered at Super Bowl LI in



Alaska — Sharyn participated in the 2017 Iditarod sled race. Here she is at the ceremonial start of the race in Anchorage with musher Jodi Bailey for the 11-mile journey.

Take the Club with you, wherever you go! Bring your recent copy of Alive! with you. Snap a high resolution photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@

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Mail information to: Mary Beetz:

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A Month for Mother Earth



A chimp and baby will be part of the month-long celebration of Earth Day and Endangered Species Day at the L.A. Zoo.

Zoo extends Earth Day event to focus on endangered species.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is scheduled to present "Wild for the Planet" every Saturday and Sunday over five weekends, from Earth Day weekend April 22 to Endangered Species Day May 19, spotlighting the Zoo's conservation efforts and what people can do to protect and preserve Planet Earth. Events for families and youngsters are expected to take place at the Zoo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 - 23; Saturday and Sunday, April 29 - 30; Saturday and Sunday, May 6 – 7; and Saturday and Sunday, May 13 – 14.

All activities are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$17 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$15 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age

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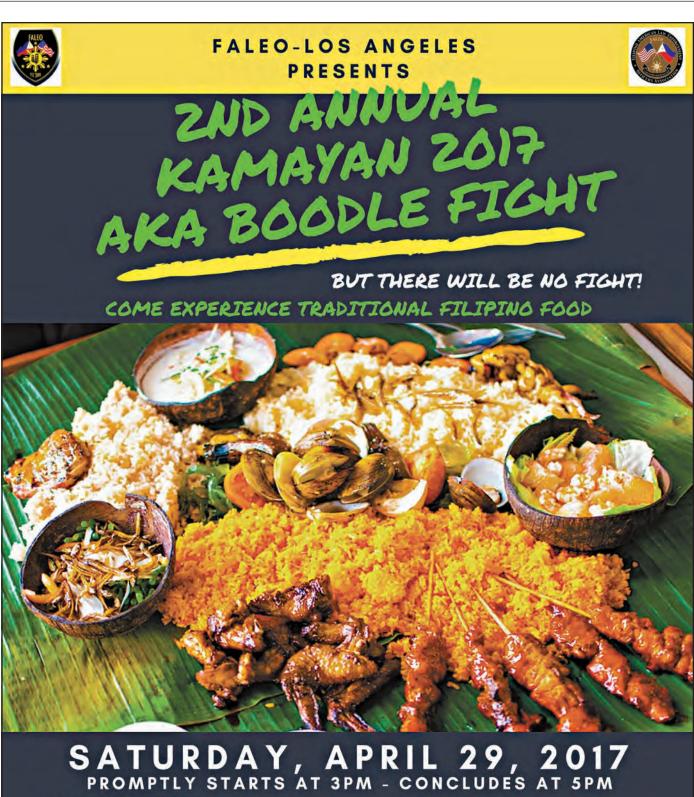
two. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

The Zoo has achieved renown as an international leader in the preservation of endangered species and a conservation center for the care and study of wildlife.

The Los Angeles Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available.

Information:

(323) 644-6001, or www.lazoo.org



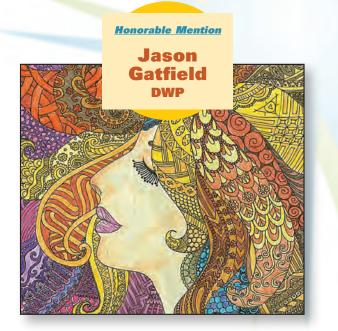
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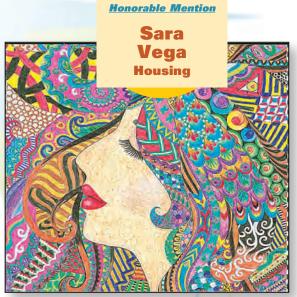
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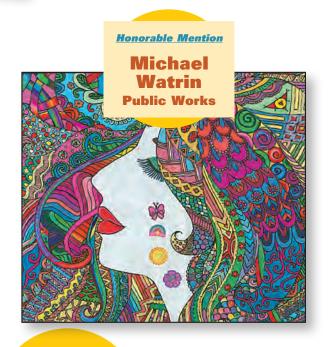
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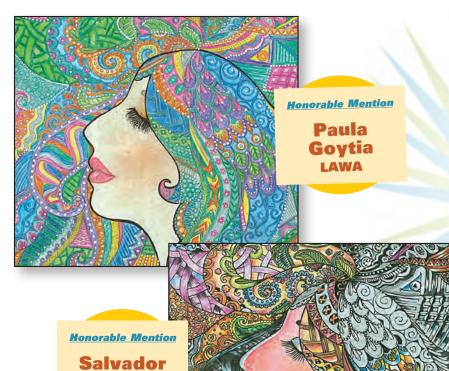








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Bruce McKinney Retired Michael McPhillips Rec and Parks Kyle Payne Airports Jenipher Quintanilla Airports Victoria Ramirez Library **Animal Services** Andrew Redfield Gwen Reid **Animal Services** LAPD Mathew Rejis Kyle Remolino LAPD **Public Works** Rosie Reyes Rossana Rosales Alexander DWP John Sousa **Airports Gerardo Torres Airports** Ansinee Townsend **Animal Services** Jesus Valadez **DWP** Johnny Williams **Public Works**





Giving away teddy bears, demonstrated here by Airport Police Chief David Maggard (left), helps young people feel comfortable at LAX.



K9 Officer Luis Alejandre (right), Club Member, coordinated the autism event for the fourth consecutive year. With him is Airport Police Chief David Maggard.



Airport Police Officers and cadets formed a passageway for young people K9 Officer Joseph Hernandez (right) assists a and their families to understand how to navigate the airport experience.



young person through the LAX experience.

Helping Flyers With **Special Needs**

Airport Police hosts event to help youths with autism, airline understand how they can help each other at LAX.

On Feb. 25, Airports and All Nippon Airways provided a safe discovery environment during the fourth Autism Flight Experience (AFE) Day at LAX. The AFE program helps persons with autism and their families prepare for future travel, and reduces anxieties and fears associated with flying by providing a simulated airport experience that includes checking into a flight, boarding an aircraft, and disembarking.

"Airports is proud to offer the AFE program, which allows families to discover or rediscover the airport and flight experience in a safe, sensitive, and caring environment," said Airports Chief Executive Officer Deborah Flint. "We hope that what the participants experienced today will not only make them feel welcome in an airport environment, but also get them excited about air travel."

The program was held at the Tom Bradley International Terminal. Participants went through Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screening to Gate 133, where they met LAX Airport Police's K-9 Unit, met and listened to remarks by LAX Airport Police Chief David Maggard, Mr. Rolon, and Mr. Ide. Families then boarded an ANA Boeing 777 aircraft, where they listened to pre-flight announcements from ANA's crew. After exiting the aircraft, attendees made their way through the Customs and Border Protection process.

Airport Police K9 Officer Luis Alejandre, Club Member, coordinated the effort for

Airport Police for the fourth consecutive year.

"For some of these kids, it's their first time at the airport," Officer Luis says. "We show them that where there's a will, there's a way.

"I don't do this for the recognition," he continues. "None of us does it for that. It's all about the kids, and the community. It's the right thing to do."

AFE participants also learned about Airports' Voluntary Autism Self-Identification Program, which allows travelers to share that they have an intellectual disability with airport employees through the use of wearable stickers. These stickers, which are available for free from participating airlines, can help airport employees and LAX Airport Police respond to their needs in a way that is sensitive to their disability.

Both the AFE and the Voluntary Autism Self-Identification programs began in 2014 following collaboration by Airports, members of the airport community, and families at the LeRoy Haynes Center schools, which offer education and treatment services for persons with autism. Their goal was to create programs and tools to help create a better understanding within the airport community of the challenges faced by travelers with intellectual disabilities.

For more information on attending future AFE programs, please visit http://www.lawa. org/ada.aspx?id=14391.



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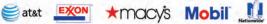
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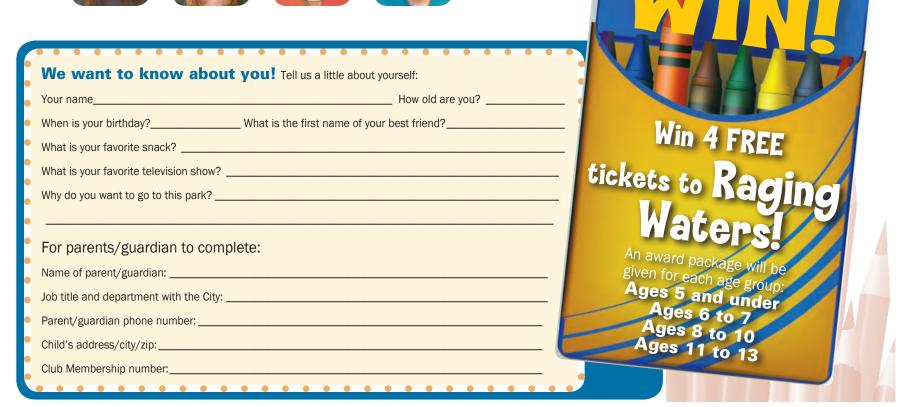
Submit to:

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Los Angeles, CA 90012



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

Good luck and have fun!





CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • April 2017



JOIN A SPORT:

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.

Hoops, Bowling, Softball: **Club Sports** on the Horizon



Basketball

The 2017 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

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



Softball

The 2017 Club softball season will begin in July with registrations open now.

WHO CAN JOIN?

All players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join and become members 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.

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

Airports



Job Shadow Day students pose with LAX Airport Police Officers (from left) Fran Sur, Jennifer Delg Officers answered questions about aviation law enforcement. Job Shadow Day brings mentors and students together in real working environments.



Middle school students visiting LAX on Job Shadow Day saw the "iaws of life" in a demonstration by an Airport Rescue Firefighter.



Chau Nguyen with two job shadow students visiting Airports' Information Technology office



Story by Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member Photos by Chau Nguyen, Gabriella Pacheco, Harold Johnson and Jerry Bateman, LAX Maintenance Services

Job **Shadow**

LAX shows students what it's like to have an airport career.

AX hosted its annual Job Shadow Day Feb. 23, giving students the opportunity to "work" side by side with a mentor as he/she goes through a normal day on the job at one of the world's busiest airports. The event was coordinated by the LAX Community Relations Division.

Mentors at the event were recruited from Airports LAWA, airlines and other airport tenants including United Airlines. This year, students shadowed employees who ork in accounting airlines airfield operations, aviation services, aviation law enforcement, business administration, engineering and information technology. Approximately 60 students from Saint Bernard High School and Orville Wright Middle School in Westchester and (Judge) Albert F. Monroe Middle School in Inglewood participated.

"Job Shadow Day provides an up-close look at how the skills learned in school are applied in the workplace," said Trevor Daley, Airports Chief of External Affairs. "Many students' first impressions of a career in aviation are about flying or working on or around planes. Our Job Shadow Day gives them a chance to interact one-on-one with mentors, opening their eyes to the fact that there is a wide range of careers in aviation that support commercial aviation and without this support, the planes sometimes literally don't get off the ground."

In addition to Job Shadow Day, LAX Community Relations offers a year-round Gateways Student Internship Program for college students in various fields including accounting, airline and airport operations, aviation management, public and business administration, emergency management, engineering, environmental management, Federal Aviation Administration, financial reporting, human resources, information technology, office management, public relations, and risk management. For more information about Job Shadow Day or the LAX Gateways Student Internship Program, visit www.lawa.org/welcomelax.aspx.







Staff members from LAX Maintenance Services show middle school students how to construct a tool box on LAX Job Shadow Day



LAX Job Shadow Day.

Rolando Serna with two job shadow students visiting at Airports' Information Technology office.

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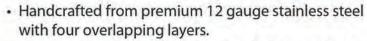
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Applications for Club's Mukai Scholarship Now Available

Simplified applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. Deadline is noon, July 28, 2017.

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 2017 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards, is now accepting applications.

Continuing in 2017: 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 28, 2017.

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 2017.

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their families."

Tylan Smith received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Scholarship Program.





Joannie Mukai.

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

"It's amazing how talented our Club family is. The Club celebrates the lives of City Employees, and

this is one of the most important ways we do that every year. We're all about giving back, and the Club Scholarship reflects that.

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

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

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

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

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



Jasmine Soriano received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Scholarship Program.

time in the fall semester 2017. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2017 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 28, 2017. 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

Public Works

Story and photos courtesy Heather Johnson, Sanitation

Thanks for the Service!

Enrique C. Zalidvar, Sanitation Executive Director and General Manager, with Lisa Mowery Chief Financial



C. Zalidvar. Sanitation **Executive Director** and General Manager, with Alex Helou. Assistant



From left: Dan Meyers, Division Manager, with Enrique C. Zalidvar Sanitation Executive Director and General Manager.

Three in Sanitation Bureau receive 25-year service pins.

n March 7, three City veterans – Lisa Mowery, Chief Financial Officer; Alex Helou, Assistant Director; and Dan Meyers, Division Manager - were honored with pins for reaching 25 years of City

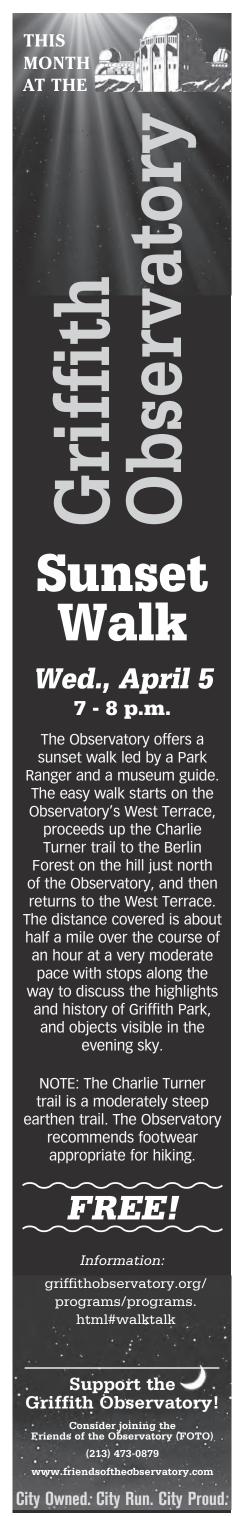
The event was held at the Sanitation Division Head meeting in the East Valley Yard.

Dan Meyers has 25 years experience working for Sanitation, in the field of solid waste. His experience has ranged from landfill design to management of the City's household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program. Dan is the Division Manager of Sanitation's Solid Resources Commercial Franchise Division, responsible for the development and implementation of a new exclusive solid waste franchise system. The new system will be one of the largest of its kind in the nation. The scale will include providing solid waste and recycling services, including the collection of organics, to more than 63,000 accounts in eleven collection zones.

During her 25 years with the City, Lisa has worked as a project manager and environmental compliance specialist. During the past 16 years, she has been involved in the issuance of more than \$4 billion in bonds for the City's Wastewater Program. Lisa also specializes in rate setting and led an effort for the wastewater program, resulting in the adoption of sustainable wastewater fees for a ten-year period. She manages Sanitation's financial programs, totaling more than \$1 billion in annual revenues.

Alex E. Helou heads the Solid Resources Group that is responsible for managing solid waste for the entire City, including collection, transport and processing of source separated recyclables, green materials and municipal solid waste from 750,000 residential customers. Alex leads a workforce of more than 1,300 employees in five Divisions, with an annual operating budget of more than \$180 million. He is in charge of implementing many key solid waste management strategies to help the City achieve zero waste by 2025, including the Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan and the Commercial Franchise System. The City has exceeded the 75 percent diversion rate and continues moving toward the zero-waste goal. Alex is a registered chemical engineer with a Master's degree in environmental engineering.

Congratulations to Dan, Lisa and Alex for their service!



General Services: Elevator Repair Unit

The Elevator Repair Unit keeps City elevators, escalators and lifts reaching for the sky.

f you're traveling on the safest transportation in Los Angeles, you're probably riding in a City elevator, escalator or lift.

Each year, City conveyance equipment transports its passengers more than one million miles. That's roughly to the moon and back, twice.

Five hundred of the City's elevator cars, escalators, wheelchair lifts and auto lifts are maintained, serviced and replaced meticulously by the Elevator Repair Unit, part of General Services' Building Maintenance Division. General Services offers more than 30 individual types of service, of which Elevator Repair is one.

Elevator repair service in the City dates back to at least 1946, the earliest records available through Personnel.

The unit supplies a gamut of services, including regular and preventative maintenance, emergency/swing shift attention, extensive paperwork and permitting, ongoing staff training, and unit updating and replacement (often accomplished through contractors).

The Elevator Repair Unit works with nearly all City departments because the City's conveyance equipment is located in nearly every City building of more than one floor. The unit works with Building

and Safety frequently on permitting and safety clearance, but the unit is not responsible for conveyance equipment in facilities managed by Airports, the Convention Center and the DWP. ■

On the following pages, learn more about the **Elevator Repair Crew** and the work it does.





















Dennis, Alex Garcia, Hector Ramirez, Luis Reyes, Brian Teague, Miguel Perez, William Spain,

Leo Lopez and Raymond Smith. Standing: Ramon Pasillas, Andres Perez and Ruben Verduzco

Elevated Experiences

General Services' Elevator Repair Unit services three types of conveyance equipment - elevators, escalators and lifts (wheelchair and automotive). The unit is not responsible for the conveyance equipment in Airports, the Convention Center or the DWP, but looks after the repair, replacement and maintenance of approximately 500 units.



Passenger Elevators

Because of the number of units, passenger and freight elevators are the biggest responsibility of the Elevator Repair Unit. Of the approximately 500 units the crew is responsible for, most of them are elevators.

City Hall

City Hall downtown has 19 elevators, among them some of the City's most distinctive. Here are the notable ones.



form preventative maintenance standing atop an elevator on the 22nd floor in City Hall. (The elevator cab has been moved just below the floor level so the technicians can access it.) Technicians are (from left) Ruben Verduzco, Elevator Repair Supervisor II, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Andy Perez, Swing Shift Supervisor I, 23 years, Club Member; and Leo Lopez, Elevator Mechanic, 27 years, Club Member.





The elevators' controllers were converted to digital in 2001. Leo Lopez displays the controller for elevator seven.



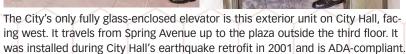
An original General Electric motor in the mechanical room. The motor has been

LEFT: The main elevators in City Hall's central core, which were renovated and restored with City Hall in 2001. The Elevator Repair Crew considers these elevators to be the most handsome in the City. Pictured doing preventative maintenance are (from left) Ruben Verduzco, Elevator Repair Supervisor II, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Andy Perez, Swing Shift Supervisor I, 23 years, Club Member; and Leo Lopez, Elevator Mechanic, 27 years, Club Member.



ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOM







ABOVE: Another City Hall elevator known for its handsomeness is this wood-lined cab on the third floor. It's called the executive elevator, but it's open to anyone in City Hall. Inside the elevator are (from left) Ruben Verduzco, Elevator Repair Supervisor II, and Club COO Robert Larios.

BELOW: Inside the elevator mechanical room on the 24th floor of City Hall are the electrical motors, pulleys and computer controllers for the central bank of City Hall elevators. The electrical motors are original, but the electrical windings on them have been replaced, as have been the digital controllers. Here, Club Chief Operating Officer Robert Larios (front) is shown the mechanicals by (from left) Leo Lopez, Elevator Mechanic, Club Member; Ruben Verduzco, Elevator Repair Supervisor II, Club Member; and Andy Perez, Swing Shift Supervisor I, Club Member.



















Alive! Feature

Passenger Elevator, continued

Central Library

The City's newest elevators are in several locations, including the Central Library. These units are fully digital and seismic-sensitive.

RIGHT: The Central Library's newest elevators were installed when the building was reopened in 1993; the controllers have been upgraded since then. This glass-encased elevator features old library cards outside the glass for decoration. Inside are (from left) Alive! editor John Burnes, and Mark Carreon, Chief Engineer, Operations Manager, Central Library, 27 years of City service, Club Member.



The library's elevator motors are installed in a room above the library. These units are among the newest in the City. Here (from left), Brian Teague, Elevator Mechanic (Hiring Hall) and Ramon Pasillas, Elevator Mechanic, 5 years of City service, Club Member, inspect one of the 40-horsepower motors.





Ramon Pasillas, Elevator Mechanic, 5 years of City service, Club Member, inspects one of the new digital controllers.



Freight Elevators

The City maintains a number of freight elevators. The biggest is a 12,000-poundcapacity unit in Piper Tech, leading from the ground floor to the roof, where the LAPD maintains its air service (helicopters, etc.).



From the inside looking out.



The unit's combined day- and swing-shift teams on the City's largest freight elevator in Piper Tech. For names, titles and years of service, see page 25.



Lifts

The City maintains several dozen auto lifts, usually for the repair of vehicles – specifically fire engines and vehicles, police vehicles, Sanitation trucks, and others. The City's auto lifts are located in two LAFD facilities (central and Valley), Piper Tech, a central Public Works/Sanitation yard; and a few other locations.

The City also employs wheelchair lifts; the Elevator Repair Unit is responsible for their repair, maintenance and replacement.

The Alive! Interview

On Feb. 15, Club COO Robert Larios and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Ruben Verduzco, Elevator Repair Supervisor II, 28 years of City service, Club Member, about General Services' Elevator Repair Unit. The interview took place in the unit's headquarters in Piper Tech.

hanks for joining us today, Ruben. Give us an overview of your path through the City. How have you gotten to this position?

Ruben Verduzco: I started at the LAPD as a Garage Attendant. I was there for about a year. And then I went over to Airports as an Elevator Mechanic Helper for around four years. And then I made Journeyman and I was there until about 2001 And then I transferred to General Services, where I was an Elevator Mechanic for about a year and then I made Supervisor.

I would imagine that learning to do this kind of thing is very specialized.

You can bring some skills in from other units? Or is there a steep learning curve?

Yes, it's highly specialized. There's no real school you can go to that actually teaches you elevators, except for the Elevator Union, the NEIEP [National Elevator Industry Education Program] schooling, or on-the-job training.

So this is pretty much where you learn how to do it.

Yes.

All About Elevators

Great. Give us a broad overview then of what this unit is responsible for. What do you do?

Sure. We service, repair and maintain all the conveyance equipment for the City of Los Angeles. We're a Citywide department, so we take care of all the equipment across the City, from San Pedro all the way to the Valley. We take care of the equipment. We work on escalators, elevators, wheelchair lifts and auto

Auto hoist means car and truck lifting?

Yes. Exactly.

How many units are you responsible for?

We have more than 500 pieces of conveyance equipment throughout the City that General Services takes care of We take care of all the conveyance equipment in all the Police Departments, Fire Departments, City Halls, Libraries and Council buildings.

Is there anything in the City that you're not responsible for, like the airports or the convention center or anything like that?

We're not responsible for the Convention Center or Airports. They have their own department, and Water and Power does as well.

You don't do any up in the Owens Valley, but that's mostly DWP, I guess anyway, so they would take care of their own.

Right.

What's the farthest you have to go to

maintain or repair equipment? We cover all of the Valley all the way down to

San Pedro. It's the whole area.

Are you involved in the inspection

process, too? Yes. Building and Safety actually does an annual inspection on our equipment and we do monthly preventative maintenance on all of our equipment. We go through all the safety devices. We go through all our boards, all our wiring. We make sure the elevator is safe to run.

Is there a lot of paperwork involved?

Yes, we keep documentation of our preventative maintenance. We keep our work tickets and we keep extra documentation. As well as our annual inspections, we get permits to show that our equipment has been inspected by Building and Safety. And we post the permits in our elevators.

Do you work a lot with other departments?

Yes, we work with all the departments. We work closely with the LAPD, LAFD, Fleet services and all the other departments.

Do vou work 24/7?

We've got a full day shift crew and swing shift crew. And then we have someone on call the rest of the time, so that's 24/7.

Twenty-four/seven in case something breaks down ...

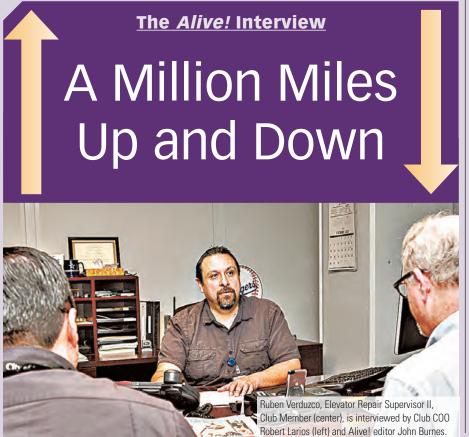
Exactly or there's an entrapment or something.

How often does that happen?

There's no real number on how many times it happens but we get entrapments. It's an electric/mechanical piece of equipment, and stuff

Is there a City department that has more equipment than the others?

I think the city halls have the most, which would be General Services buildings. Our city





The *Alive!* Interview, continued from page 27

halls have more elevators and equipment.

Maybe you don't know this, or maybe you do - do you have any idea about how far your passengers travel in a year - including, elevators, escalators

Actually, yes - passengers in City conveyance equipment travel about a million miles a year.

A year?

Right. A year.

That's amazing!

Yes, it is.

Service Calls

What issues do you see a lot of? Motor repair or runners or pulleys what are the things that need to be replaced the most often?

A lot of our actual repairs are mechanical repairs - I wouldn't say vandalism, but like something hitting one of our doors. Or something mechanical. We usually we have a lot of issues with the doors, because it's a moving part on the elevator. So, when people are coming in and out, they'll hold the doors or bang the doors and that's where we see problems develop.

You have a lot of mechanical experts. Do you also have electronics experts to deal with the control panels? I would imagine most of the elevators are computerized now, right?

Yes, and that's one of the unique things about our trade is that we deal with electronics. We deal with electrical, mechanical, hydraulics and fire life safety systems. We're one of the only trades that deals with all the trades.

What's the biggest one you have?

It's probably the service elevator here at Piper Tech; it's a 12,000-pound unit. And then we have our regular passenger elevators. Most of them have a weight capacity of 2,500 pounds.

What's the oldest equipment that you are looking after?

A lot of our equipment has been modernized. One of our older elevators is around 40 years old or so, a relay logic elevator. We don't have any antique elevators anymore.

Even the old ones in City Hall are new.

Yes, the controls have been modernized on the units.

Where is that relay logic elevator located?

At a Sanitation yard on San Fernando Road.

What does that mean, relay logic?

A relay logic is an elevator that it's controlled by relays, which are electric mechanical parts that control the actual elevator. It's not like a solid state or a computerized. It's contacts.

So are there any plans to modernize

Yes, we're getting that. That's one of our units that will be modernized soon.

Right. You don't have any humanoperated elevators anymore?

No, no, we don't!

They're long gone.

What's the newest?

We're putting them in right now. They're new equipment. They're computer controlled, which is called motion-controlled elevators.

Where would they be located?

We've got some at City Hall East. We have some at Central Library. At our Metro Detention

Does the City have any glass-enclosed elevators?

Yes, we do have a glass-enclosed elevator at City Hall.

What do you have to worry about with the glass elevator? Is that part of your responsibilities?

Yes. The glass is tempered, and we've never had a problem with the glass breaking. We do have glass balustrade escalators in the Central Library. Balustrade units are the glass-paneled escalators. We do have times when the glass panels break and we need to replace them.

What's the biggest auto lift that you

I think it would be a 20,000-pound auto hoist. We have them in a Sanitation yard and the LAFD to lift the ladder trucks.

Do they lift the big green sanitation trucks, too?

Yes, they do. Sanitation trucks and fire engines.

Wow, those are big.

Huge.

History

Speaking of history ... talk about the history of the repair unit.

To answer this, I requested documentation from Personnel. 1947 is as far back as Personnel has

This was a distinct unit, as far back as you know. Before that, it might've been handled in a different way or through vendors or contractors.

Yes. I'm not sure how it was handled but Personnel has documentation all the way back to 1947.

Challenges

What's the biggest challenge you

Keeping our staff up to date on all the new equipment. In this field, it's always changing. We have changing equipment, changing code and regulations.

How many manufacturers are there that you have to be responsible for in the City?

Of all the equipment throughout the City, I'd say we must have around 10 to 15 different manufacturers of equipment.

Wow. I didn't realize there were that manv.

Yes, and that includes our wheelchair lifts and our auto lifts.

Has there ever been equipment that was too hard to fix?

We have a really good crew here and we usually work together. If somebody can't fix it or somebody's having trouble, we'll have somebody else with more experience help that person so we get these equipment taken care of. But we do have support of the manufacturers as well, if needed.

You're in frequent contact with the manufacturers?

Oh yes.

It's a lot to take care of. Keeps you busy!

It sure does!

Are you afraid of heights?

I'm not afraid of heights, but this is a trade where you shouldn't be afraid of heights. We do work on equipment that's really high like, let's just say, City Hall. There are, I think, 24 floors there. And we work in the hoist ways and we work on equipment, and it's pretty

So if a person would have a problem with heights then this is probably not the occupation for them.

Yes, exactly.



Modern Technology

Since you started, how has the technology changed?

When I first got in the elevator trade, there was still the old relay logic controller technology. And then it changed over to solid state, which was analogue solid state. And now, all the new equipment is all computerized digital equipment. My guys have to keep up with all the changing equipment.

Are there training courses that you have to go to for inspections? What's the training like?

Yes, when we get new equipment, we have the manufacturers give us training on it. We'll get our training that way, or we'll send them to a training program.

Escalators

We haven't talked about escalators. How do they differ in the challenges, maintenance and inspection?

There are a lot more mechanical parts on an escalator. There's a lot more mechanical maintenance on it. There are a lot of safeties on them, so we have to check a lot of the clearances and safety devices as part of our regular preventative maintenance.

You don't have any wooden ones left here do you?

No, no!

Taken for Granted

Your main responsibilities - elevators, escalators and lifts - are fairly complicated pieces of equipment. Do people take them for granted, that they really can't get to their work without an elevator or an escalator? Do people take them for granted?

All the time. The only time they really know there's an elevator there is when there's a problem with the elevator. It's part of their everyday life.

Do you look at elevators when you're not at work, and you say, "Oh, look at this one," or "This one needs a little grease," or something like that?

Yes, all the time! As my kids were growing up, we would get on escalators and I would tell them, "Be careful. Keep your feet away from the sides." What's really cool now is my son is actually in the elevator trade now. So, all this stuff I showed him growing up, it's stuck with him. He works at Airports – Ruben Verduzco Jr.

What do you wish people knew about what you do, about what the unit does?

I wish they knew that they don't have to be afraid when riding on an elevator. It's the safest means of transportation. There are a lot of safety devices. If the elevator were to overspeed, there are overspeed devices, and there are safeties on the rails. The traction elevators have four to five cables, sometimes six cables, on them. And one cable can hold the weight of the elevator plus the rated load. So there are a lot of safeties

And then also one of the things that people are always afraid of is them running out of air inside of an elevator, if they were to get trapped. There's plenty of ventilation in the elevator. If you were to get trapped in an elevator, the best thing to do is to just stay calm and push the emergency call button, and help will be on its way.

Playing Favorites

What's your favorite elevator or escalator to work on and why?

To tell the truth, I really just enjoy working on all the equipment because there's just so much going on on it - mechanical, electrical, and electronics and computers. They were hobbies of mine when I was growing up. So I just really enjoy working on all this equipment we have here in the City of L.A.

So what was your hobby growing up?

Working on electronics, making electronic devices and working on mechanical cars and restoring them.

So this has been in your blood for a long time.

Yes!

You're a supervisor. Do you still get your hands dirty, so to speak?

Sure, I go out and assist my guys all the time.

Once, when I was an Elevator Mechanic working for the City, I was at an elevator-training meeting in Sacramento to learn a new piece of equipment. We were there with other elevator companies and cities, at the time when we were there, there was a big storm and the power in the hotel where we were at had gone out. And so one of my coworkers and I got some of our tools and we went and released the passengers in the elevators. And the next day in our training, our instructor and the hotel, they gave us special thanks in front of all the other companies that were there. And I thought that was pretty cool.

So you're in an elevator training session or a conference and the power goes out and so the elevators aren't working. Wow, that would be the time to get stuck in an elevator!

Yes! So I thought that was pretty cool.

Sure was! What do you love about what you do?

It's everything, all the things that I grew up working on – electronics and mechanical stuff. It has everything. And I love working with my crew. They're a bunch of good guys to work with. I love coming to work every day.

Talk to us about your crew.

Yeah, I have a really great crew. They are professional. They take ownership of their equipment. They take pride in their work. The main objective is the safety of passengers riding our equipment. We all work hard in keeping our conveyance equipment safe and up to code.

Is there ingenuity to what you do, or is it really tightly controlled?

It's really controlled. There are a lot of codes and regulations. And all my elevator mechanics are required to have their City journeyman license and their state conveyance license. These licenses are required and must be renewed annually and biannually. We're required to take continual education to renew these licenses. Our passengers can be ensured that the City of Los Angeles has highly qualified elevator mechanics working on their equip-

Conveyance equipment is the safest travel of

Alive! Feature

Elevated Experiences



Auto Lifts

The LAFD's Fire Supply and Maintenance Yard contains some of the City's biggest auto lifts. They're maintained by the Elevator Repair Unit.

Each of these lifts is triplepistoned.





At the central Fire Supply and Maintenance Yard, the LAFD uses 23 vehicle lifts. Most are two-piston; the lift in this photo is a triple piston, one of the largest the City uses. The lift can handle up to 20,000 pounds. These lifts are eco-friendly and hydraulic, with one motor for each lift piston.

Alex Garcia, Elevator Mechanic, 17 years of City service, inspects a motor on one of the lift's pistons. Each lift is inspected and given preventative maintenance twice a year.





This row of bays features two-piston auto lifts. Some of these fire engines are in for regular maintenance, or more comprehensive service.



Escalators

The Elevator Repair Unit replaces, repairs and maintains the City's approximately 50 escalators. The crew was in the middle of replacing one escalator and repairing another while Alive! was covering this story.





The Elevator Repair Unit is overseeing the replacement of this unit completely (the new unit is mostly in place here; the work is done overnight by a contractor to minimize noise during the opening hours). The new units are being replaced down to the frame. This is the third set of escalators to replace the 1993 originals in the Central Library's modern annex. There are six more units to be replaced. Looking over the new unit are (from left) Ramon Pasillas, Elevator Mechanic, Club Member; Ruben Verduzco, Elevator Repair Supervisor II, Club Member; Brian Teague, Elevator Mechanic (Hiring Hall); and Alive! editor John Burnes.





A contractor fixes a panel in one of the library's escalators. For this unit, this is a repair, not a whole replacement.





Airports

Story and photo courtesy Officer Rob Pedregon, Airport Police



From left: Lt. Jessie Dominguez; Officers Chad Davis, Alberto Duenas, Starla Reader, Kenneth Wroten, Elmer Quevedo,

SWAT Graduates

8 Officers graduating from SWAT school includes first female SWAT graduate.

irport Police has added eight new offi-Acers to the department's elite tactical Emergency Services Unit (ESU). The eight veteran police officers recently graduated from a two-week SWAT training school where they completed legal classroom studies, tactical field training, firearms training in both pistol and rifle, tactical building search and building rope repelling among other skillset trainings.

Included in the group was Officer Starla Reader. Officer Reader is the first female to pass the grueling and physically challenging ESU proficiency selection process. "Persistency, determination and a whole lot of physical training was the key to our success." she said. On her third attempt to join the unit, she passed the proficiency with flying colors and was selected as the first female Airport Police Emergency Services Unit Officer.

"I am very proud of these officers; they will be a major asset to our unit and to the Division

as a whole," said Emergency Services Unit, Lt. Jesus Dominguez.

"It takes more than physical ability and tactical agility to be a member of the Emergency Services Unit," said Airport Police Chief David Maggard. "These officers have a certain mindset that can't be taught - you either have it or

The eight new tactical operators will next attend rifle instructor school and continue to train and instruct Airport Police Officers in tactical responses to incidents like immediate action rapid deployment, active shooter and police rifle certification.

The eight new SWAT Officers are Chad Davis, Alberto Duenas, Starla Reader, Kenneth Wroten Elmer Quevedo Bartolo Castro Matthew Patrick and Christian Flores.

Congratulations to the new Airport Police SWAT Officers!

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Time for an **Annual Review**

People ask me how often they should review their insurance. Believe it or not, I think that you should take a look at what you are covered for every year. It's amazing how fast things change, and your insurance needs continue to evolve as you get older.

Your life changes every day. The value of your home, the kind of car that you drive, how old your children are, who lives in your house with you, and so forth. It's important to review your insurance coverage every few years to make sure that you are properly covering what is currently going on in your life.

Nothing is more unfortunate than finding out after a loss that you weren't covered for a particular exposure. Too often, because of automatic renewals, many people don't think that they need to talk with their insurance agent about changes that have occurred since the policy renewed last year.

To ensure that your insurance protection stays current with your circumstances and needs, it's a good idea to sit down with your agent every three to five years and do a complete insurance review

A comprehensive insurance review takes only 15 to 20 minutes and often will uncover several areas that you have never thought about that might be huge potential losses for you. It's not simply a tool for the agent to get you to pay more premiums! Many of these changes are at no cost, and several are a very minimal charge. The goal is to make sure that you are properly covered, and that you don't have an uncovered claim arise in the future.

Auto Insurance

- Have you ever considered increasing your deductibles to lower your premium?
- Are all licensed drivers living in your house listed on your policy?
- Have you installed any audio/video equipment in your car since purchasing it?
- Do you own any classic or antique cars that you are not insuring?
- Do you have any teenage children who will be getting licensed within the next year?

Home Insurance

- Have you installed a burglar or smoke alarm in your house since you first insured it?
- Do you own any boats, motorbikes, ATVs, golf carts or dune buggies?
- Have you purchased any expensive jewelry, artwork, antiques, high-end cameras, silverware or collectibles that exceed \$2,500?
- Do you have any guns that you store in the house or at another location?
- When was the last time that you got a quote for earthquake or flood insurance?
- Have you done any remodeling or added any additions to your house in the recent past?
- Do you operate a business from your home, or keep business equipment at home?
- Do you do any daycare or babysitting services at your home?
- Do you rent any part of your home to other people on a permanent basis?
- Do you own a vacation home, beach house or any type of second home?
- Do you have any domestic employees who work for you more than two hours a week?
- Have you added a swimming pool since you last reviewed your insurance?
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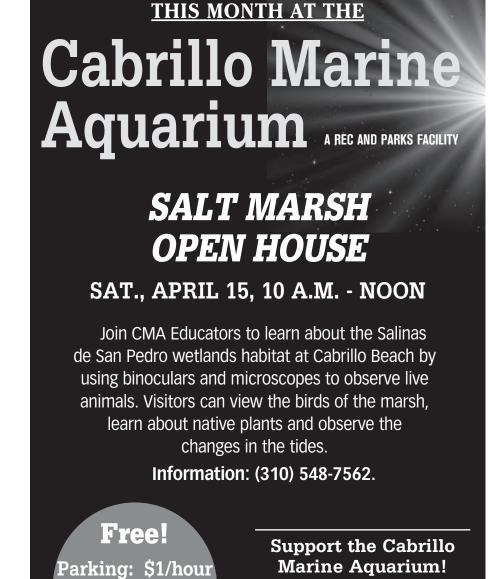
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 $\Set{\mathit{Who}\;\mathit{are}\;\mathit{the}\;\mathit{people}\;\mathit{you}\;\mathit{see}\;\mathit{every}\;\mathit{day?}}$

People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.





AGE: 61.

BIRTHPLACE: "Ft. Lauderdale, Fla."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE:

"Here, on the street. I may spend the night in this alley right here. I try to stay away from skid row. I bought some bad crack there, and since then I stay away.

"Yes, that's my real name. I have 20 aliases. Everyone believes them, but no one believes me when I give them my real name."

FAMILY:

"I have four siblings. I was the second oldest."

EDUCATION: "I didn't finish sixth grade."

MILITARY: "No."

MEDICATIONS: "None."

SPORTS: "No, there was no money in it."

WHEN MOVED TO L.A.: "Back in 1975."

"I was a troublesome kid. I loved money and stole it every chance I could get. Even from my mom. I remember when I was seven years old my mom left a purse on her dresser. When she wasn't looking I opened it up and took money from it.

"Growing up I hung around other troubled kids. We were poor; my dad was a gambler. He used to gamble all our money away, which was one of the reasons we were so poor. They used to fight all the time, constantly yelling. There was no love whatsoever growing up. No hugs, no love.

"I hated being poor; I wanted money. At 17 I left home and went to Georgia. Soon after arriving I tried to rob a hotel, an armed robbery. I got caught and was sentenced to two- to four years at Reidsville State Prison in Georgia, the same place where they filmed The Longest Yard. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was there, too, for a short period of time. Reidsville is where I got my education ... and it's actually where I learned to read.

"I have been homeless since I was 19; basically since I got out of prison, which is odd because I left home with the intention of getting out of the poor lifestyle. Ten years later I was in prison again, for armed robbery. This time I was in Milwaukee trying to hold up a jewelry store and got busted. But those are the only two times I got caught.

 $\lq\lq$ I like to buy things and then sell them, it's how I make my money. I like guns and weapons. I am an angry person, and I have no problem hurting people, whether you did me wrong or not. I wish I had a gun."

RELIGION: "No. I believe that this is it."

FAVORITE MOVIE:

"I like movies with robberies, and movies about making lots of money.'

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Bogart."

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

"Soul – Aretha, Pendergrass, Michael Bolton."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers."

LAST FOOD EATEN: "A bag of chips." FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:

"I remember I was almost given to another family, and I was actually looking forward to it. But at the last minute, it didn't happen ... I also remember getting a bicycle my mom and dad bought me.

BEST FRIENDS: "None. I keep people the hell away from me."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "Money."

WITH \$1 MILLION:

"I would get a place where there were no gangs and no flunkies.'

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:

"Love your kids; I was never loved. And be careful who you trust."

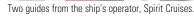
The Club gave Willie a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place March 17 in Harlem Alley off Second Street, one block from LAPD headquarters.

Story and photos courtesy Megan DeBolt, Club Store Manager

Club Goes Feb. 25-26 event creates great memories for Club Members. Whalewatc

Whale spotted! Club Counselor Tiffany Sy and her son, Jack.





Cabrillo Aquarium's Programs Director, Larry Fukuhara (left), with Gerardo Mendoza, Rec and Parks, and his family.



Three members of the Kerrigan family enjoy the trip.



Club IT Developer Prathima Vaisya

he Club offered its Members another great experience at a good discount with a whalewatching weekend Feb. 25-26.

The two trips, organized through Rec and Parks' Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, were put together by Mariana Guevara, Club Director of Tickets and Retail Operations; and Margo Kennedy, Management Analyst, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Club Rep. Assisting were Club Store Manager Megan DeBolt, Chief Operating Officer Robert Larios and Club staffers Ronald Cortez, Citlali Bon, Clara Flores and Yaressy Raymundo.

Doing a great job of hosting Club Members aboard the ship was Club Counselor Cheryl

The trips were also a good way for the Club to begin to say farewell to longtime friend Larry Fukuhara, the legendary Cabrillo Programs Director, who announced he would be retiring this spring.

"I just wanted to say thank you, City Employees Club, for arranging the whalewatching trips this past weekend," wrote Chanel Knight, Airpots. "Thank you for arranging this great experience for us at such an affordable price, and for all your hard work with all of the special events you plan!"

"We saw something pretty special, three gray whales swimming together," Margo Kennedy said. "It was like gray whale synchronized swimming. All of their flukes came up at once and were perfectly aligned. The captain of the boat said he had never before seen that in all his years of whalewatching."

Look for more whalewatching adventures in the future.



Cabrillo Programs Director Larry Fukuhara teaches the whalewatchers about migra-

tion and what they might see on their trip

The Club's Insurance Partner

Laugh More For Better Health

alcohol intake come to mind first. Experts tell and calories, exercise so many minutes per day, get at least eight hours of sleep a night, stop smoking, and drink less alcohol but more water.

All of those things should lead to better health, but other parts of our makeup need attention as well, and some areas contribute just as much to our overall health as those mentioned above. One of the most powerful influences on our body is cheapest medicines around - and one with no debilitating side effects.

protect us from the ravages of stress, and help us feel connected to others. Just as we know that zest and vitality. anger creates a cascade of physiological reactions a good case of the giggles relaxes the whole body, healthier, happier life.

When we think about making changes relieving physical tension and stress. Because we in our lives and our lifestyles to get breathe more deeply, it stimulates our heart, lungs healthy, we usually focus on physical health and muscles. Endorphins, the feel good hormones, and the things we need to work on – things get released by the brain giving us a temporary including eating habits, exercise, getting plen- natural high. Our anxiety and fear lessen, and our ty of sleep, eliminating smoking or reducing mood can change quickly from upset to increased wellbeing. Studies confirm that, in the long run, us that we need to lose weight, reduce carbs people who laugh on a regular basis have stronger immune systems, combating the effects of daily stress. For those suffering from chronic pain. laughter serves as a natural painkiller. It has also been shown to lower the risk of heart disease and other cardiovascular problems.

One of the evolutionary purposes for laughter and play was to help us to connect with other people, including strangers, and thus to lower aggression and fear. Haven't you noticed how laughter, like other emotions, is contagious? Laughter also laughter. Laughter is indeed one of the best and can improve the quality and resilience of our relationships with parents, partners, children and co-workers. It triggers positive feelings that help Clearly, we were born to laugh, and now we us let go of judgments, defensiveness and petty know that laughter can heal emotional wounds, resentments. It brings us together during difficult moments and infuses our relationships with more

Everything that happens in our body is the in our brain and body intended to help us survive, result of a wonderful and complex set of psychoso does the expression of any emotion. It turns logical, physiological and neurological processes. If out that laughter (and tears, which often come we take advantage of the natural healing mechatogether) brings about healing rather than harm to nism of laughter and add to that, taking care of our bodies. How does it do this? In the short term, our bodies physically, we should expect a much

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Big Bunny's Spring Fling at the Los Angeles Zoo celebrates the season with three bountiful days of "EGG-citing" adventure on Easter weekend Friday through Sunday, April 14 – 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fun for youngsters includes opportunities to examine eggs of different animals, seed-planting crafts, face painting, musical entertainment by Kiddle Karoo's Easter Show, costumed unicorn princess and fairy characters, photos with a "Big Bunny" character for a nominal fee and a special Ranch Talk to learn about and interact with the Zoo's sheep.

Adding to the excitement is Bubblemania, a "hands on" bubble-making experience for guests featuring bubble wands that look like flowers, butterflies, dinosaurs, dolphins and

For more family fun, a Dance Block Party features a live DJ (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and breakdancing demonstrations. Guests also discover the complexities of reptile egg laying and incubation during talks in The LAIR (Living Amphibians, Invertebrates and Reptiles) exhibit at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Rounding out the activities are an "EGG-ucation Station" to give inquisitive

guests a chance to see a bunny's sensory and grooming habits, as well as the opportunity to learn about

bers is free.





Photos by Jamie Pham, Zoo

Zoo's spring

event features

a very Big

Bunny.

except "Big Bunny" photos, which are available for a nominal fee. Zoo admission is \$20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$17 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$15 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association mem-

The Los Angeles Zoo is in Griffith Park at the iunction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available. For additional information, contact (323) 644-4200 or visit www.lazoo.org

Los Angeles Public Library

Library's TOP Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in February. Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central

library downtown and 72 branches combined.

Books loaned

- 1. The Wrong Side of Goodbye: A Novel, Michael Connelly
- 2. Night School: A Jack Reacher Novel, Lee Child
- 3. Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, J.D. Vance
- 4. The Girl With the Lower Back Tattoo, Amy Schumer
- **5.** The Trespasser, Tana French
- 6. Turbo Twenty-three: A Stephanie Plum
- Novel, Janet Evanovich 7. Cross the Line, James Patterson
- 8. When Breath Becomes Air, Paul Kalanithi
- **9.** Never Never, James Patterson
- **10.** The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds, Michael Lewis

DVDs loaned

- **1.** Game of Thrones (the complete sixth series)
- 2. Independence Day: Resurgence
- **3.** The Legend of Tarzan
- **4.** American Crime Story: The People v. O.J. Simpson
- **5.** Central Intelligence
- 6. Star Trek Beyond
- 7. Ghostbusters
- 8. Batman v. Superman
- **9.** Jason Bourne
- **10.** Sully

Books downloaded

(e-books)

- 1. Commonwealth, Ann Patchett
- 2. The Wrong Side of Goodbye, Michael Connelly
- **3.** The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead
- 4. Truly Madly Guilty, Liane Moriarty
- **5.** The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead
- **6.** Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, J.D. Vance
- 7. The Whistler, John Grisham
- 8. Harry Potter and the Cursed Child,
- **9.** The Girl on the Train, Paula Hawkins
- **10.** When Breath Becomes Air, Paul Kalanithi

Download-and-Keep songs*

- **1.** "Paris," The Chainsmokers
- **2.** "Something Just Like This." The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
- **3.** "Moving On and Getting Over," John Mayer
- 4. "You're Gonna Live Forever in Me,"
- 5. "Love Me Now," John Legend
- 6. "Changing", John Mayer
- 7. "Water Under the Bridge," Adele
- 8. "Love on the Weekend," John Mayer
- **9.** "Play That Song," Train
- **10.** "My Church", Maren Morris
- * "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

Public Works

Time for the Open Houses!

Sanitation's incredibly popular open houses at six yards are set for the spring.

You can "Discover Recycling" at the 2017 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-



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 recvcling education with refreshments, music and games, Sanitation provides the opportunities and partnerships that supports a more livable and sustainable city.



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

East Valley Yard April 29, 2017

11050 Pendleton St Sun Valley

West Valley Yard May 6, 2017

Northridge

May 20, 2017 8840 Vanalden Ave.

North Central Yard June 3, 2017

452 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles Los Angeles

South LA Yard (Expo Center)

Expo Center 3990 Menlo Ave

Harbor **District Yard** June 10, 2017

1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro

West LA Yard June 24, 2017

2027 Stoner Ave. Los Angeles



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Heroism,

20 Years Later

Tonja Bellard, Club Member, remembers her role during the famous North Hollywood Shootout, which changed a department, a City and a nation.

Twenty years ago in February, the LAPD faced one of the most violent and dangerous shootouts in American history – the North Hollywood Bank of America robbery and shootout that followed on the streets of North Hollywood.

Tonja Bellard, Club Member/Club Rep and LAPD 911 Operator at the time, was on duty and one of the Dispatchers who took part in the successful end of the incident, in which a dozen officers and eight civilians were injured, but no innocent life was taken. The two assailants died during the confrontation.



The incident, which was broadcast live on TV at the time, changed the nature and scope of how the LAPD handles violent street incidents. LAPD Officers eventually became better equipped as a result of the shootout.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, 20 years after the incident, the LAPD held an anniversary event at the North Hollywood Division. Tonja and her fellow heroes were honored once again

"Twenty years ago an attempted bank robbery transformed not just the City, but transformed law enforcement

nationwide," Mayor Eric Garcetti said at the anniversary event. "The officers on scene were outgunned but they stepped up."

Dozens of Los Angeles police officers gathered at the emotional anniversary ceremony, which honored the bravery and boldness of the hundreds of police officers who responded to the shootout. Speeches were given by Mayor Eric Garcetti, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, Councilman Paul Krekorian, Tonja Bellard and several others.

Honored

The following officers involved in the shootout (including those injured by Phillips and Matasareanu) were honored for their heroic actions. The names of the officers, in alphabetical order, are:

Officer Don Anderson Det. Tracey Angeles Det. Vincent Bancroft Jr. Officer Edward Brentlinger Officer Anthony Cabunoc Officer John Caprarelli Det. Thomas Culotta Officer Edwin Dominguez Officer Steven Gomez Officer Stuart Guy Det. Kevin Harley Officer Richard Massa Sgt. Israel Medina Officer Charles Perriguey Officer Todd Schmitz Officer Conrado Torrez Det. Lawrence Winston Det. Phillip Wixon Officer James Zboravan Officer Richard Zielinski

The 911 Dispatchers who worked the incident included the following (they were also honored for their service):

Tonja Bellard*
Deborah Clayton
Lupe DeLaCruz*
Robyn Frazier
Karen Koukal
Deborah O'Leary
Johanna Ramirez

*Named Persons of the Week by ABC News the week of the event.





At the LAPD anniversary event: Tonja Bellard (center), with friend Curtis Henderson and Tonja's daughter, Aryel Gilmer. Aryel has won the Club Scholarship in past years.



Tonja Bellard speaks at the anniversary event. Photo courtesy LAPD/Twitter.

RIGHT: LAPD Dispatchers from the original incident, at the anniversary event (from left): Lupe DeLaCruz, Tonja Bellard and Karen Koukal.



LAPD Dispatchers Tonja Bellard (left) and Lupe DeLa Cruz at a recognition ceremony after the original incident.



Tonja Bellard speaks at a recognition ceremony after the original incident.

'The Most Terrifying Day of My Life'

A Brief Interview With Tonja Bellard

Alive!: Give us a brief recap of your career as a 911 Dispatcher.

Tonja Bellard: The very first "officer needs help" call I handled was for the North Hollywood Division. Two officers were shot by a felony suspect during a traffic stop. I was working during the Northridge Earthquake in '94, the O.J. Simpson arrest in '94 and trial in '95, the L.A. Riots in '92, the California Floods in '95, then the bank robbery in '97 and the terrorists in 2011. Those are just the events on the news. LAPD Dispatchers handle major incidents and help to save lives and property hundreds of times a day, and most of those stories never make the news.

How did you feel during the Bank of America incident?

Tonja: I was seven months pregnant at the time. We were all terrified and, based on what we could hear on the police radio, we thought that there had to have been multiple deaths that occurred. It sounded like a war zone based on all of the crying and screaming for help, coupled with hearing that they were

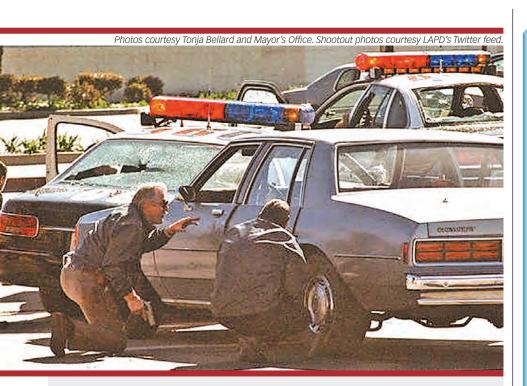
being fired on by AK-47s with armor-piercing ammunition. We just wanted to do the best job that we could and hope that at least some of the police and civilians would survive the attack on our officers and the community.

Were you confident or afraid, or some combination?

Tonja: At the time of the incident, our dispatch center was four floors underground, and we did not have a TV on the dispatch floor, nor the Internet. All we knew and heard is what we were hearing over the radio, and that was screaming, crying, begging for help – all of these ominous transmissions about weapons that could pierce their police vests, and there did not seem to be an end in sight to the chaos. I prayed and kept praying and told God that we wouldn't get out of this without his help, and we need it now!

How were you the rest of the day?

Tonja: When there is a major incident with casualties, the dispatcher on that frequency is usually the last to know because that person has to continue to do their job until they are relieved. So we had resigned ourselves to the fact that if people were dead there was nothing we could do about that, but we could do



February 28, 1997

The Incident

In February 1997, for 44 minutes, the officers armed with only their handguns dodged a barrage of bullets as they engaged in a fierce gun battle with two heavily armed suspects carrying AK-47 rifles and wearing body armor.

"I don't think I've ever been more scared," Tonja recalled. "Our officers couldn't stop them — that was the scariest part. And we couldn't figure out how to overcome what was going on."

Hundreds of rounds were fired during the shootout, and 12 police officers and eight civilians were injured. The two bank robbers, Larry Eugene Phillips Jr., 26, and Emil Matasareanu, 30, were killed. After a bystander alerted authorities about the robbery, Phillips calmly walked on to the street and sprayed bullets at dozens of Police Officers who were powerless to take him down because they were armed only with handguns. Some Officers went to a nearby gun store to get rifles.



A detail of the windshield from an LAPD patrol car seriously damaged during the original incident. The car is now on display at the LAPD Museum, and was displayed at the anniversary event

The suspects made their way to the bank parking lot, and Matasareanu was shot twice, then he hopped into their getaway car for cover. He drove slowly next to Phillips, apparently urging him to get in, but Phillips kept walking and shooting. Phillips was shot nearly a dozen times during the gunfight. After his gun jammed while he was pinned down behind a car, Phillips shot himself in the head. Matasareanu, who was shot multiple times in the legs, bled to death not long after Phillips was killed.

Tonja is now the Personnel Director for the City's Economic and Workforce Development Dept. After a decade of working as a Dispatcher through a number of public high-stress and high-profile incidents, including the Northridge Earthquake, the O.J. Simpson arrest and trial, the L.A. Riots, the California floods in 1995 and the Sept. 11 terrorist bombings, she transferred out of the LAPD "to have a job that I wouldn't take so personally," she says. "LAPD Dispatchers show continued dedication and hard work. They are amazing humans."

Remnants and artifacts from the shootout are on display at the Los Angeles Police Museum in Highland Park. Items include guns, the getaway car, a destroyed LAPD patrol car, and an armored car that helped rescue officers and civilians.

Tonja suggests that interested readers can listen to the audio recording from the day. The major incident starts at the 2:01 minute mark. (Readers should be aware of dramatic and strong dialog.) GO TO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5mkd6r9Kww&app=desktop ■

our damn best to try to save those who were surviving, and to help the officer overtake the situation and gain control. Our job was to make sure that they all went home safe and healthy each night after their shift, and we were trying our best to make sure that all of them did. or as many as we possibly could. It was the most terrifying day of my life. I think every Dispatcher in that center felt the same way because those Officers are our family.

Did you sleep that night?

Tonja: I didn't sleep well for at least a week, and I don't think that I Tonja Bellard, Personnel Director, handled the post-traumatic stress very well because I suppressed it in an effort to continue to do my job every day and not deal with my feelings. It was about 10 months later when an LAPD officer named



Economic and Workforce Development, Club Rep.

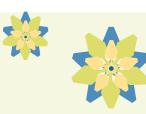
Phillip Cuesta was killed on New Year's Eve that the emotions from this incident came back, and

What feelings of the day did you take with you after it was over?

Tonja: That God is amazing because all of our officers survived and went home. They weren't the same, they were definitely different, but they were alive and their wings would heal. I was grateful to God for giving me the clear mind to articulate and speak clearly, and peace in my spirit to remember critical details that needed to be broadcast, and for us to be able to sit there literally for hours with no breaks and endure the hours and hours that it took for us to gain some measure of control over the situation that day. None of us wanted to leave our positions until we were assured that the area was contained and the police were in control of what was going on. We couldn't abandon them until we knew they were all safe. It was pretty traumatic for all of us, so I can only imagine how it was for the officers who were actually getting shot at and those who were injured.



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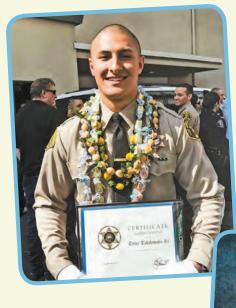
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Graduation



Tyler IIi graduated March 17 from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Academy as a Deputy. He's the son of Sgt. Motu IIi, DWP Security Services.

Victor Tario graduated from sixth grade at the Santa Monica Community Charter School. He wants to be a toy designer in the future. He's the son of Jenipher Quintanilla, Airports.



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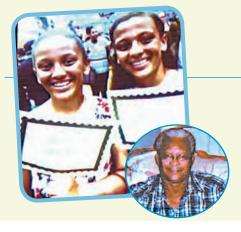
Zaki Mustafa, Principal Engineer, Transportation, Club Member, received the Los Angeles Walks Civil Servant Award of the Year for his 32 years of work in the City and his dedication to enhancing the pedestrian environment and creating safer streets. The award description is as follows: a civil servant, either elected or staff of a governmental organization, who goes beyond their call of duty to produce positive results for the benefit of the general public

Los Angeles Walks is a pedestrian advocacy organization that makes walking safe, accessible and fun for all Angelenos. The organi-



From left: Emilia Crotty, Program and Policy Manager, LA Walks; My La, Steering Committee Member, LA Walks; Zaki Mustafa, Principal Transportation Engineer, Transportation, Club Member; and Deborah Murphy, Executive Director and Founder, LA Walks.

> zation is dedicated to promoting walking and pedestrian infrastructure in Los Angeles, educating Angelenos and local policymakers concerning the rights and needs of pedestrians of all abilities, and fostering the development of safe and vibrant environments for all pedestrians.



Makaila and Sierra Riedel, seventh graders and 12-year-old identical twins, both achieved a 4.0 GPA, the highest GPAs in their school. "They are wonderful great granddaughters" of the proud great-grandfather; Elvis Murray, Retired, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 35 years of City service.



In Memoriam

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

	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE		DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF
Active			Israel, Sandor	Rec and Parks	15
Barocio, Francisco	LAPD	17	Ivory, Melvin	LAPD	30
Holts, Leslie	Airports	11	Jacobs, Doyle	DWP	29
Jung, Nancy	Public Works	21	Jones, John	DWP	28
McKinzey, Maurice	Airports	15	Kazlauskas, George	DWP	10
Moore, Joann	Transportation	6	Klein, Hans	DWP	25
Puente, Fred	DWP	30	Krambo, William	Building and Safety	30
Ramirez, Veralicia	Airports	15	Lee, Wing	DWP	23
Yeung, Pilar	Housing	8	Lieswald, Larry	Public Works	35
			Lockie, James	DWP	36
			Lockwood, Michael	Building and Safety	20
Retired			Marcella, Anthony	General Services	39
Aseltine, William	DWP	35	Markarian, Bobby	General Services	27
Barricklow, Thomas	DWP	30	Marguez, Roy John	Z00	9
Bates, Charles	Airports	16	Maruyama, Vikki Lee	LAPD	26
Bauman, Robert	LAPD	32	Mascolo, Charles	Public Works	16
Barton, Phillip	LAPD	22	McNally, Barbara	DWP	25
Black, Rose	Airports	17	Mills, Benjamin	Rec and Parks	44
Boyland, John	LAPD	18	Morriss, Charles	Harbor	36
Brown, Richard Jr.	DWP	23	Mortenson, Arnold	DWP	29
Carr, Eugene	DWP	35	Nakama, Masato	LAPD	20
Carter, George	Rec and Parks	30	Neale, Michael	LAFD	11
Chatton, Dennis	DWP	35	Noil. Alex	General Services	10
Collier, Marvin	DWP	9	Oneale, Richard	Public Works	21
Costabile, Victor	DWP	31	Pierce, Claude	Public Works	33
Crowley, Joseph	Transportation	34	Pitassi, Xavier	Public Works	23
Crutchfield, Willie	General Services	36	Potts, Manzell	Public Works	19
Davidson, Samuel	DWP	25	Rahn, I. Gerhard	DWP	27
Davis, George	Transportation	4	Rattner, Harold	DWP	5
Dipietro, Madeline	Public Works	5	Rice, Gloria	DWP	25
Ervin, Bernard	DWP	23	Rodriguez, J.D.	Planning	35
Eldridge, Willie	Library	28	Rodriguez, Natividad	Rec and Parks	5
Froehlich, William	Public Works	15	Rowe, Ronald	DWP	34
Giangiuli, Gloria	El Pueblo Historical Mnn		Savage, Louis	DWP	12
Hackett, Richard	DWP	30	Serrano, Zenaida	Building and Safety	22
Holbrook, Lynne	Public Works	5	Surnove, Donna	Public Works	21
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Vrabel, Cleone	LAPD	26
Ward, Eddie Watts, Kirt	ITA DWP	24 16
Weinstein, Rita	Airports	19
Weise, Norma	Personnel	12
Wilson, Robert	ITA	39
Yocum, Wayne	Airports	40
Young, Marvin	DWP	12

It's Time to Tell Their Story

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

to them, consider writing to Alive! and letting us know. Tell their story!

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



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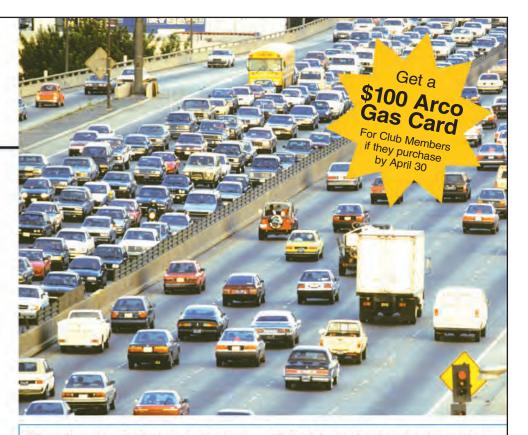
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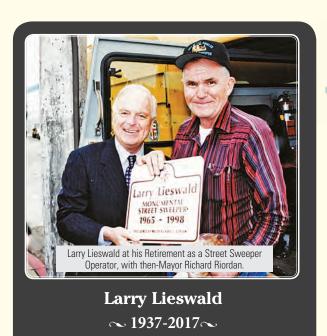
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Life's Important Moments, continued



In Memoriam



33 years of City Service

Right and far right,

Valentine's Day

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past years.

Larry Lieswald in

and Father's Day

messages appear

For Larry Lieswald, Retired, Public Works:

Pa: We miss seeing you. This year we will be with you in Nebraska for vacation. Happy Father's Day. Love, Michael, Laurie, Brian, Aubrey and

Tell Their Story

Remembering

Larry Lieswald, Public Works

arry Lieswald, Retired Street Sweeper Operator, Public Works/Street Services, passed away Feb. 20. He was 80.

Memorial services for Larry were held in Chambers, Neb., where Larry had moved in retirement.

Larry Lieswald was born Jan. 27, 1937 in Ewing, Neb. to Leslie and Esther (Hoge) Lieswald. Larry attended Chambers Public Schools through the eighth grade, when he left to help with the family business, Lieswald Trucking.

Larry married Beverly Platt on Dec. 31, 1960 at her parent's home in Chambers. The couple moved to Anchorage, Alas., where Larry served in the Army. In 1963, the couple relocated to Los Angeles, where Larry worked for the City as a Street Sweeper Operator for more than 33 years before he retired in 1998.

After retiring, he and Beverly traveled the United States on their beloved motorcycles until their grandchildren were born, and they settled back down to babysit their two grandkids. After Beverly died in 2008, Larry moved back to Chambers where his heart had never really left.

Larry was an uncomplicated man who enjoyed traveling, especially if it could be done on the back of a motorcycle. He loved being a husband, dad and grandpa and enjoyed telling tales of his life to anyone who would listen. He loved his home-

town of Chambers and thoroughly enjoyed the nine years he had after coming back home.

Larry is survived by two daughters, Brenda Lieswald of Rosemead, and Laurie Dunbar and husband, Michael, of Arcadia; and two grandchildren, Brian and Aubrey Dunbar. He also leaves behind a dear friend, Beverly Grimes, who loved him enough to help him remain in Chambers despite failing health, for which his family will be forever grateful.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, his parents and only brother, Harlan, who died in a trucking accident in August 1960 at age 16.

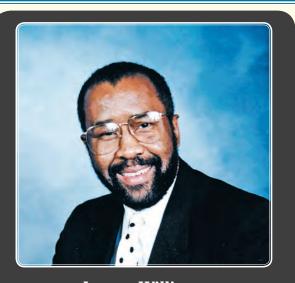


'To Pa (Larry Lieswald, Retired): We wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day. Love, your grandkids, Brian and Aubrey."



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

grandkids Brian and Aubrev



Jasper Williams ~ 1947-2017~ 26 years of City Service

asper Williams Jr., Retired Director of the Industrial Jand Commercial Development Division, Community Development Dept., died March 5. He was 69.

Jasper Williams was born in Los Angeles, CA to Lillian Powers and Jasper Williams Sr.

His father passed away while he was an infant. Jasper was raised in Compton by Lillian and her new husband, Artis Jones. They later welcomed Jasper's sister, Audrey.

Jasper was a gifted student. He was allowed to skip a grade in elementary school. He loved school so much, he cried when he had to miss a day. Jasper graduated from Compton High School.

Jasper had his first child, Sean Antonio, with Barbara Lyles, his high school sweetheart. Jasper later married Rochelle "Toni" Ross-Good. That marriage produced his second son, Anthony Williams.

After high school (as he described it), he got off on the "wrong foot" and spent a few years "bumpin' around in the streets." Jasper worked at an oil refinery in Torrance. The work was physical and very dirty. While walking home, covered in oil, he walked pass El Camino Community College, had an epiphany, and decided he would go back to school and finish his education. He decided to never have a job like that again! At El Camino College, he encountered several influential mentors including Dr. Nate Jackson, Connie McCord and Jimmy Clark. They all recognized his talent and made sure he got what he needed to succeed. Jasper was instrumental in forming the Black Student Union (BSU). He

Tell Their Story

Remembering

Jasper Williams, CDD

served as editor for the college newspaper. With grace and determination, Jasper led a delegation of students that fought for the rights of minorities. This led the college president and administration to hire more teachers of color.

Jasper became involved in Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS), an organization charged with ensuring socioeconomically disadvantaged students would succeed in higher education. He was a peer counselor and mentored several other students. Later he became president of the California Community Colleges student organization of EOPS.

Jasper graduated from El Camino College with an Associate's degree in 1976. He continued his studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology in 1978. He continued to be involved in the (BSU) Black Students Union at Berkeley as well. While a student at Berkeley, Jasper would often have his sons Sean, Anthony and James visit him for several weeks in the summer.

While at an EOPS conference in Burlingame, Jasper met Melva Jeanette Francisco, a young EOPS peer counselor from Chaffey Community College. They dated for seven years and married in 1982. They were blessed with a daughter and son, Leah Nicole and Drew Francisco Williams.

In the mid 1980s, Jasper was happy to finally meet his sister, Lavada Williams Owens. They quickly became family, making up for many lost years. He joined Lavada in Mobile, Ala. for a family reunion, where he met several of his father's relatives for the first time.

After graduating from Berkley, Jasper moved back to Los Angeles. He worked for the City of Compton in the Neighborhood Development Dept. He fulfilled his promise to return to Compton and make the city of his youth a better place to live.

Jasper later began employment with the City of Los Angeles in the Community Development Dept. (CDD) as a Program Analyst. While working for the City, he attended USC and earned a Master's degree in public administration

An excellent writer, he rose through the ranks at the City of L.A. and was instrumental in facilitating numerous

projects to revitalize neighborhoods in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas. He created processes and procedures that were models for job creation and economic growth that were implemented throughout the United States.

Because of his own rocky start into adulthood, Jasper was always willing to mentor youths who were headed in the wrong direction. He had a passion to reach out to those who needed help. Several young people credit him with putting them on a path to success. He always found a way

After 26 years of dedicated service, he retired from the City in 2004 as the Director of the Industrial and Commercial Development Division. After retiring, Jasper started an economic development consulting business, JW Associates. He and his wife, Melva, operated the business until he retired

Jasper and Melva attended Guidance Church of Religious Science. He was an active member of the Guidance Men's Club. They were also members of Ahiah Center for Spiritual Living. Jasper served for many years as president of the Ahiah board of trustees. Over the years, Jasper volunteered with many organizations, including the March of Dimes Walk and the Special Olympics.

Jasper was known as one of the kindest and gentlest souls on the planet. He always sought to find the best in everyone regardless of their differences. He was lovingly referred to as "Ole Cool Jasper" by his and Melva's uncle,

Jasper died at home, peacefully in his sleep.

In addition to his devoted wife of 34 years, Melva and his five children, Sean, Anthony, James, Leah and Drew (and their spouses), he leaves seven grandchildren, Seth, Anthony Jr., Sabrina, Jasmine, Jimmy, Justin and Justin. Also surviving him are his sister, Audrey Jones-Coleman; two aunts, Berdell White and Beverly Lucas; one uncle, Cecil Burroughs; two sisters-in-law, Elaine Francisco and Adrienne Francisco; and two brothers-in-law, Kenneth Francisco Sr. and Ruben Campos. He was cherished by numerous nieces and nephews, a large extended family and many friends and former business colleagues. He will be missed by all those who knew him and loved him.

Send Us Your Recipes!

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios





CHEF LARIOS' BLTG

(BACON, LETTUCE, TURKEY, GUACAMOLE)

t is true that American tradition calls for a BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) sandwich, but I am changing it to include turkey and guacamole. It may even be called a version of a club sandwich. It has tomato but it is incorporated in the guacamole, so this interpretation places it in a BLT category. There is often a question about the lettuce used, but the answer is you can use any variety of leafy green you desire.

This might be a favorite dish during the summer months, but for me, this is a perfect meal for any season of the year. Enjoy!

iBuen provecho! Let Larior

Chef Larios' BLTG

Serves two.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Hass avocados
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 6 strips bacon
- 1 Roma tomato, diced
- 4 pickled jalapenos, diced
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 lime, freshly squeezed
- 4 slices turkey breast 4 sourdough bread slices
- 2 leaves lettuce
- Pinch of sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:



In a large frying pan over medium heat, fry the bacon while pressing down to keep it flat, turning once, until crispy, about 10 to 15 minutes. Drain on paper towels.



In a bowl, place the peeled avocados. Mash with a fork. Then add the diced onion, jalapenos, tomato, salt and pepper.

FOOD LOVER'S DICTIONARY:



[A Cook's Dictionary] Avocado:

Native to the tropics and subtropics, this rich fruit is known for its lush, buttery texture and mild, faintly nutlike flavor. Florida was the site of the first U.S. avocado trees in the 1830s, but almost 80 percent of today's crop comes from California.

Bibliography: © Barron's Educational Services, Inc. 2009, adapted from The New Food Lover's Companion, 2007, by Sharon Tyler Herbst and Ron Herbst.



Lightly toast the bread in your toaster or on a griddle pan until barely golden. Spread the mayonnaise on one slice, and then spread the guacamole on the other slice. Put the bacon on top of the guacamole then the lettuce, the sliced turkey, then top with the other slice of bread. Cut in half.

Fun Food Quote:

"And perfect happiness? Man ... the pool is about 92 degrees, the Jacuzzi is about 102, and an avocado farm."

- Jamie Foxx





John's Picture Perfect Contest



John Hawkins, Club CEO



This is an aerial photo that I took of some of the Habitat Islands that we are building here on Owens Lake for nesting shorebirds. The contractor was given permission to be creative. The islands look like feathers or leaves and look quite striking from the birds' eye view that I am fortunate enough to see as part of our weekly compliance flight around the lake. Most people driving by think that the lake is a dry dust bowl with nothing to see. The lake has its moods and seasonal changes that are on display with its many vivid colors and landscape forms, not to mention all the wildlife."

– Ray Ramirez, Environmental Specialist, DWP

John's comment: Ray, I have driven by Owens Lake many times. I have even done a couple of stories relating to the lake in Alive! with John Burnes, our editor. But I have never seen the lake from this perspective and would never have known about the "leaves" or "feathers." Thanks for the education and the wonderful photo!



"I am in such awe when I wake up to sunrises such as these. I love the Pacific Inland Northwest, especially Cheney, Wash.!"

- Jill Weiszmann, Retired

John's comment: I'm a sucker for American Flag pictures, especially ones as beautiful as this. Well done, Jill!



"I went on an amazing trip to Tanzania and had the opportunity to see this giraffe out in the wild where it belongs."

— Susan Goldman Shaw, Rec and Parks/ **Cabrillo Marine Aquarium**

John's comment: I love giraffes! They are amazingly huge and so tall; it's incredible that they can move and walk at all, not to mention run! Thanks for this great shot, Susan!



"I went to Colorado with friends in September to see the Aspen trees turn. Spectacular! The location is north of Gunnison near Keebler Pass.'

Tom Connor, Retired, Transportation

John's comment: Tom, this is a wonderful shot of the Aspens turning. Aspens are pretty amazing...they grow root "colonies." While the tree itself may last up to 150 years, the root system, or colony, can last thousands of years, continuously sending up new trunks to the surface. Thanks, Tom!



"Here's LAFD Engine 29 shutting down a broken water main."

— Aaron Harris, LAFD

John's comment: Aaron, honestly, this shot couldn't get any better - the spraying water in the background makes a perfect backdrop, and the depth of field effect in the foreground makes the firefighters pop! Nice work. Aaron!



"This was taken early December on a sunset cruise in Newport Beach. The captain of the boat said it was the most amazing sky they had seen in more than five years. When we left shore it was so gloomy and the sun hadn't come out at all that day. Little did we know we were in for the most beautiful surprise in the sky."

Valerie Nettles, Housing

John's comment: Wow! Valerie, I love this shot. It looks almost like the water is moving in it. And it is soooo peaceful, A Picture Perfect indeed!

"Balboa Park in the City of Los Angeles."

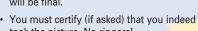
Joshua Martinez

John's comment: Joshua, this looks like an ad for the "Radio Flyer" in a 1960 issue of Life magazine! I really like the perspective, and the overhanging branches of the tree tie all the elements in just right.



RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- · If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- · Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- 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.



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New Ads This Month!

For Rent: home. Covina. 3 bd./1 bath. New paint. Laundry inside. Front/backyards. Patio, carport, 1-car garage avail. Photos. \$2,000/month. (626) 482-0460.

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For Rent: Atwater Village. 2 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 pkg. spot. Hardwood floor, appliances, window A/C. No pets. \$2,500/month. John, (619) 207-0939.



For sale: home. Bishop, Calif. Single family, 5 bd/3 bath. 2,900+sq ft. Creek in backyard, view of Sierras. 2 garages. \$590,000. Patty, (661) 965-9457.

Transport



For sale: Chevy El Camino. 1982, ruby red. New engine under 8,000 miles. Interior, paint redone. Automatic, A/C, clean. Must sell. \$23,000

OBO. Rudy, (310) 626-0255. For sale: Pickup truck.



GMC Canvon, Metallic green. 2WD. SLT. 3.6L V6.

Leather. 3,111 miles. \$30,000 OBO. Alejandro, (562) 665-7127.



For sale: 2008 Harley Rocker FXCWC 3,200 original miles, always garaged, custom fishtail

pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 6 speed,16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000.00



For sale: RV trailer. 2007 Thor Tahoe Light Hauler. 19 ft. Cover, TV. Contact

Barbara: bebrunt@yahoo.com

For sale: Motorcycle. 2008 Harley-Davidson Rocker, FXCWC. 3,200 miles. 6 speed. Garaged. Custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000. Danny, (323) 605-



For Sale: Delivery truck. Ford Vanette, 1955. Original engine, solid body, new brakes, suspension. Could be your next food truck or rat rod!

\$6,500, (951) 532-5766.



For Sale: Motorcycle. 2003 chopper. Black cherry. Special construction 8UP, four visor handlebars, 4 back. 113CC. \$246,000 OBO.

Camilo, (310) 670-8525, flow-n-arts@mail.com



For Sale: 1967 Chevy Camaro convertible. Original everything. Perfect project car. Must offer. \$25,000 OBO.

make an (310) 753-9522.

For Sale: SUV. Range Rover HSE, 2003. Green. Cream leather int. 180,000 miles. Wellmaintained family vehicle. \$7,200 OBO. (424) 477-9694, rayproca@gmail.com



For Sale: 2015 CAN-AM Turbo side by side. Like new only 20 hours. Good

and recently serviced. FOX adjustable suspension. Only \$17,500. Can deliver to serious buyer. Additional pic avail on request. Contact John

For Sale: Toyota Corolla, 2010, grav. 22,000 miles. In Montebello, \$10,000 OBO, Delia, (208)



For Sale: Travel trailer, 2008 Forest River, 29 ft., clean, fifth wheel, toy

hauler. 4,000 Onan generator, power awning, fuel station, more. \$14,000 OBO. Gilbert, (909) 714-4071.

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@yahoo.com



For Sale: 1980 Cadillac, red, white int., immaculate. New tires, gas

 $tank, fuel \, pump, stored \, since \, 2010. \, 91, 400 \, miles.$ \$9,495, (805) 649-1940.



For Sale: Cadillac Brougham. Leather interior. Very

good shape. 77,000 miles. \$4,000 OBO. (626) 797-8328.

For Sale: 1984 F-150 - w/camper shell and carpet kit. As is. \$1100 OBO. Call 310-764-4478



For Sale: 1963 Chevy Corvair, convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext./int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323)

691-0872.

For Sale: Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardie Seadoo, Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626)



For Sale: 2003 Harley "ROAD KING" Davidson (100th anniversary edition)motorcycle, 5087 miles, stage 1 with

detachable windshield, passenger back support, hardbags, battery charger, black and chrome, hardly ridden, always garaged, 1 owner only. \$10,000.00 OBO. Please call 818-366-3273 John or text 818-633-4164.



bet. 2-7 p.m.

Kawasaki, like new/15 hours ridden, runs great. must



For Sale: RV trailer/toyhauler, 2006 Forest River Sierra Sport, 29 foot. Very 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. 10/14 1993 Infinity 0: 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. For

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.

5th Wheel Trailer: 2010 Cougar High Country, excellent condition. Sleeps 4. Slide nings & full hath All accessories & new 5th wheel hitch can be towed by ½ ton truck, it's ready to go. \$32,000 or TOP. Ken Hawkes @ (310) 505-5733.

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

Cemetery Plots

For Sale: 4 cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. Greenwood Gardens, side by side. Valued at \$12,000, nego. Gregory, (909) 520-8053.

For Sale: Plot, Inglewood Park Cemetery. Double grave F, Lot 38, Park Terrace. \$8,600. JoAnn. (805) 238-6929.

For Sale: Cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. 4 plots side/side. Lot 858 Memory Lane. Valued at \$18,000. Sell for \$12,000 H. August, (208) 949-

For Sale: Double cemetery plot. Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Section Tenderness, Lot 2127 Space A, B. Valued at \$13,000, asking \$11,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174.

For Sale: Cemetery plots. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Valued at \$13,000. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174.

For Sale: Burial plots, 4 (spaces 1, 2, 3, 4), Forest Lawn Cemetery, Cypress. Lot 1187, Constant Love section. \$4,100 each OBO. Michelle, (310) 648-5506.

4 Cemetery Plots: Cemetery plots, 4, side by side on the hill at Greenwood Gardens, Rose Hills/Whittier. Approx. value \$18,000, selling \$12,000, or trade cemetery plot for pickup truck of equal value. Cortez, (323) 382-2405.

Furniture

For Sale: Bed frame. Antique Cal-king. heavy iron/brass mixture. \$150 OBO. (626) 260-3787

For Sale: Grand piano. Yamaha C3 Conservatory. Like new. Humidifier. Cover. Concert bench. Internal felt dust cover for soundboard. \$17,000 OBO. Victor Vallejo, (323) 356-7595



For Sale: cabinet. Vintage, blond oak. Great condition. Glass shelves, mirror back, interior light. \$450 OBO. (626) 359-0023

For Sale: Furniture. Oak. King size bedroom suite; china cabinet; dining room table, six chairs; more. \$2,000 OBO. Vic, newtvic@gmail.



For Sale: Bedroom set, 5 piece. cherry wood. Good cond. \$650 0B0. (818)281-1488.

For Sale: Crib, cream colored, designer style. Good cond. \$350 OBO. (818) 281-1488.

For sale: Sofa and chair, great condition. leather/upholstered, "reversible" pillows/ cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970.



Dining table: w/leaf, 6 chairs, \$300 obo. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 4/15

Mattress: Beautyrest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new mat-\$600 Responsible own pickup. Dwain, (323)754-8382 or dnrhenry@yahoo.com

Ping Pong Table: 5 x 9, fold-up & roll-away, \$75. Joe @ (310) 323-4940.



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For Rent: House. Atwater Village. 2 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 pkg, spot, Hardwood floor, appliances. window A/C. No pets. \$500/month. John, (619) 207-

For Rent: 1 bd/1 bath. Inglewood. Upstairs. Kitchen, living room, dining room. 1-car garage. New paint, hardwood, fixtures, double-glazed windows, granite countertop. 82nd/Crenshaw. \$1,350/month, (323) 292-9989.

For Sale: Undeveloped ranch near Victorville 10 acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. Make offer. (310) 488-6140, or barrysylvan@live.com

For Rent: Vacation rental. 1 bdrm. suite, WorldMark San Diego Mission Valley. Nov. 26-Dec. 1. 5 nights, \$350. Charles Ella, (818)



For Sale: Home 3 hd/2 bath. 1,308 sq. ft. Chatsworth. Cul-de-sac. New A/C. Secure.

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For Sale: Home, Big Pine, Calif. 3 br., 1 3/4 bath. Outdoors activities near. Description. photos avail. \$195,000. bigpineproperty@gmail.

For Rent: House, 3 bd./2 baths. Near Manchester/Broadway. Garage, laundry room, handicap access. No Section 8. (323) 971-1042. For lease: House, 2bd./2bath, 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.

For Rent: Studio apt. 1052 W 54th St., 90037. Utilities paid. Deposit req. \$750/month. (323) 915-9300.

For Sale: House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, Bakersfield. Investment property, rented month/month (\$750/month). Large 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) 893-6570.

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

For Sale: Townhouse. Las Vegas/Chinatown, near Strip, behind school, near major streets. Has rental tenant. \$85,000, HOA \$100/month. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Do not disturb tenant. Email: tisdaseason2468@

For Rent: Apt., 1 bed, 1 bath. Near First/ Alvarado. 1 of 3 units. 1 car garage. Near Mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, Good Samaritan Hospital, Staples Center, Echo Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check reg. No pets. 1 yr. lease minimum. \$1250 a month. (323) 919-1163.

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) 517-3675.

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.

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Wanted

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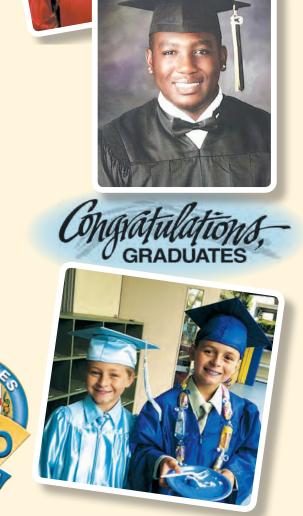
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In a Lather, for Good

Police, Fire volunteers hold 15th St. Baldrick's fundraiser to fight childhood cancers.

LAPD/LAFD

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development Photos by Arlene Herrero and Hava Berman, Club Director of Database Management





Volunteers from the LAPD, LAFD, other City departments and the community came together to get their heads shaved as part of the annual St. Baldrick's event and raise funds to fight childhood cancers.

The event was held once again at LAFD Station 89 in North Hollywood. Organizing the day were LAFD Capt. Danny Wu and LAPD Lt. Greg Doyle.

Volunteers were sponsored by friends and family. The volunteers agreed to have their heads shaved in solidarity with children undergoing treatment. At press time, donations were continuing to come in, totaling more than \$106,000 toward a 2017 goal of \$120,000. In its 15 years of local participation, the event has raised more than \$1 million.

The local event is part of the nationwide St. Baldrick's Foundation.

There were several vendors on hand at the local event along with fire and police apparatus displayed. A House of Pancakes breakfast was offered free with pancakes, sausage and Coffee Bean coffee and orange juice. There was a UCLA blood drive and Be the Match bone marrow registration. Also offered was free children's face painting, a balloon artist and caricature drawings. Strolling magicians from the Academy of Magical Arts also came to entertain the many who attended.

The Club is also happy to sponsor such a worthy cause and we hope that you'll be a part of the excitement next year!

CEO John Hawkins stopped by the



From left: LAFD Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, 33 years of City service; LAFD Capt.
Danny Wu, 16 years, Club Board Member; LAPD Lt. Greg Doyle, 26 years; and Graham





From Left: John Catalano, SLO, 21 years of City service with Darron Smith, PS,



LA City Fire Cadets, from left: Roee Losycer, 4 years of City service; Alex Morales, 4 years, and Austin Garcia, 1 year





Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD Commercial Crime, 26 years of service, Club Member and co-Founder of the local event, with Stephen Levine, one of the strolling magicians from the AMA.



Capt. Beverly Lewis with

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AMA, with shavers.

From left: LAPD Capt. Beverly Lewis, Valley Traffic, 26 years of City service: Kevin King, CERT, 7 years; and Officer III+1 John Catalano, 21 years of

Shell with his grandchild enjoying the event.



tries his hand at shaving



22 years of service. Club Member has been a participant for the past 14 years

Stephen Levin from AMA performing for some of

the children at the event



From left: Capt. II Steven Wynee, 30 years of City service; Capt. I Cesar Garcia, 17 years; and John



LAFD Capt. Danny Wu, event co-organizer welcomes everyone to the 15th annual St. Baldrick's event.



Club Store staff with actor Cameron Boyce from Disney Channel comedy series Jessie. From left: Allison O'Brien, Cameron Boyce, Ron Cortez, Lupe Lira, Club's Store Manager, and Mia Victoria Garcia.



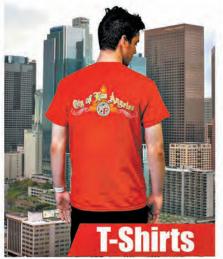
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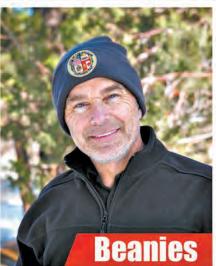


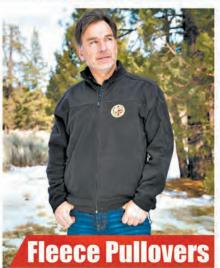


From left: Brittany Hartrick, guest; Jonathan Bos, Firefighter, Station 48C, 5 months of City service; Rudy Richard, Firefighter, Station 26C, 20 weeks, Club Member; Officer III Nicky Cho, SWAT, 9 years; and Officer III Billy Lee, SWAT, 12 years.







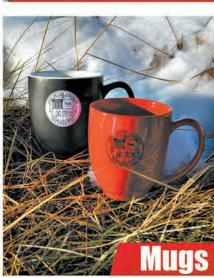




















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