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#### A Message From the CEO

### Thankful for the Years We Have

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

My first thought was, wow, he was way too young.

That's what I thought That's what I thought when I heard the shocking news that Club Board Member Martín Chavez had

And then I started thinking about how much he gave of himself, whether it was through his job in Personnel at the Harbor, or managing the annual perfect attendance recognition event there, or putting together the Harbor's impressive high school summer internship program. I can only imagine how many people were affected by those last two activities. They seemed like personal missions of his, and when I would see him, which was at least every month, he often would be talking about them.

He brought that same dedication to the Club, making sure the Club was well represented in the Harbor Dept., and in other ways. If you think about it, the Los Angeles City Employees Association doesn't belong to us. It belongs to you, the City Employees who believe it in and keep it strong. Since 1928, City Employees have banded together for the betterment of all of them. That's what the Club is all about.

Martín took that challenge, and that reward, personally. He worked hard to make the Club strong. We will all be better off for his dedication, as will City Employees in the future. He was too young to pass away, but Martín made sure that his years counted. Thank you, Martín Chavez, from all of us.

In a way, proof of what Martín believed in was evident in the great letter from Club Member Richard Cardenas, LAPD. Go ahead and skip a few pages ahead, and read it. We'll wait! The Club offers lots of services, some big, and some smaller. Richard talks about one of his favorite Club offerings, our cheap movie tickets. Seems pretty simple, doesn't it? Who doesn't like cheap movie tickets? But Richard mentions why they really do matter - he uses them to create some family time and to enjoy the world more than he normally would be able to. In the business world, that's known as "proof of concept" of the Club. And that's the kind of thing that Martín would have loved to hear. The Club might have started in 1928, but it keeps City families strong to this day. So great to hear, Richard! And keep writing those reviews, even if we can't print all of them each month.



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins with Martín Chavez at ClubFest in 2007

I was also moved when I read this month's story about the annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial ceremony at the LAFD Historical Society. Club Counselor Gedina Bergstrom did a good job of capturing the emotion of what this very special ceremony is all about. The Club is a big fan of the work being done by Frank Borden and everyone at the historical society.

I can't finish up here without wishing a great retirement to another good Club Member, Capt. Al Rosario of the Port Police. All the best, Capt. Al!

And so we enter November, which is evident by looking at this month's stories about the holiday happenings in the City. Can you believe it? The holidays already! I recommend you take part in some of these events, especially the awesome Victorian Christmas party at the Banning Museum in Wilmington. You might not always think of the Harbor area for good holiday fun, but the museum always looks great at this time of year. When you go, tell **Melanie Streitfeld** we said hi.

As we approach this Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of losing my friend and business colleague, Martín, and also, more personally, my brother, Ed, who passed away earlier this year; we wrote about him in these pages a few months ago. Both Martín and Ed were just way too young to go. So let's be thankful for the things that really matter – Martín, **Ed Hawkins**, our families, weddings of friends and family, our children, and the time that we spend together. It's so, so precious.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.



jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com

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#### Remembering Martín Chavez

Friends, family, coworkers and the Club pay tribute to Harbor administrator and Club Board Member Martín Chavez.

#### 20 Holidays Are Coming

Alive! begins its annual coverage of the City celebrations for the holidays. Up first: Events downtown, in Griffith Park, and at in the Harbor area.

#### Goodbye, Capt. Al

Capt. Al Rosario, Port Police, retires after 26 years of City service.

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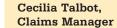
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#### - Alice Farrar, July 2012

"Your claims service was great. These were very difficult circumstances. I appreciate your reaching out and following-up with me."

#### - Sarah Zannella, July 2012

The Club's claims service is "very good and efficient. As difficult as it was being faced with emotional distraught, I felt you had been a part of my family. Monica Zamudio, you made things easier. I would have not received the claim without your assistance. My ignorance to the City benefits was partly my concern. Again and again, I thank you and include the rest of

#### - Jane Bawayan, June 2012

The Club's claims service was "excellent. You were fast, on time, polite and understanding. You answered all my questions. I loved the book [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]. It was very heartwarming."

- Barbara Guerrero, June 2012

You probably won't get to meet Cecilia Talbot and Monica Zamudio very often... until you really need them. That's when their service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. — Ed.

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#### Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

#### LETTERS OF THE MONTH

#### **Affordable Movie Tickets Prove** That Club Is All About Family



would just like to say thank you for helping me take my family to the movies more times this summer than I had in previous years. This is my first year as a Club Member. I decided to become a Club Member in December at the recommendation of fellow Club Member Marilou Romney, who told me about the discounted movie tickets to various theaters around the Los Angeles area.

Because the tickets were so cheap, I was able to buy a nice supply of tickets so my family and I could see a movie or two at least once a week. Coming from a person who considers himself a big fan of movies, it meant a lot for me to share this time at the movies with my family so often this summer. And because our theater of choice happens to be by the beach, each movie day was filled with extra fun, as we would visit the Aquarium of the Pacific, take a relaxing harbor tour, or just enjoy the waves as a family.

This summer, we all connected in new and fun ways as a family, and being a member of the Club really helped make that happen. Thank you so much for the services you offer. They may seem like simple and casual offering sometimes, but it is often

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

You're welcome, Richard. We're delighted you're using the cheap movie tickets exactly as we intended - to support your family. Enjoy! - Ed.

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#### Alex Dials Up Savings by **Switching to Club Phone Deal**

the simplest of things that make a big difference.

I switched my service from Verizon Wireless to Sprint because of the awesome discount I would get with the Club. I am now happily saving more than \$30 a month on my bill. And I am getting more services and minutes! The Discount King, Robert Larios was very quick to get me set up through the Club Website. I also noticed a few other new discounts on the discounts page that I am going to take advantage!

- Alex Conti, DWP

#### **Linda Observes That Story on** Observatory, Dr. Krupp Is Good

The story about a day at the Observatory was so very informative. I love the Hall of the Eye and the Gottlieb Transit Corridor.

The Griffith Observatory is an icon for the world to see. If you live in Los Angeles, you have to see it. It is a wonderful place for children to experience. Once again, what a great story, and if I see Dr. Krupp at the Observatory, I am going to ask for his autograph!

- Linda Jones, Retired

#### Forget Vin and Jack: Real Celeb Is Club's Chef Larios

It was great seeing Chef Larios at the LAPD Celebrity Golf tournament Oct. 13. He was nice enough to come by and visit with my family and me between holes number 8 and 9. There were so many celebrities there like Vin Scully, Jack Nicholson, and Cheech Marin. We hope to see Chef Larios there again next year and thank you again for taking time to visit - it especially made my kids' days since they immediately knew him!

- Monica Keebler, LAPD

#### Regular or Extra Spicy, Cooking Column Is the Recipe for Quality

I have to say that, although I had never tried making the recipes from Chef Larios, I had to give the pasta dish he made in the last newspaper a try. Not only did the pictures look amazing and colorful, but when I followed his directions the dish came out delicious! My kids and wife were asking for seconds. I added a little more spice than Chef Larios had instructed, but I checked with him and he said that it would add much flavor to it if I liked it spicy. Boy was he right! Thanks,

- Jorge Damian, General Services

#### Club's Office Depot Discount Is Like Traveling With Good Friend

Okay, so I while on my trip to visit family, I went to Office Depot in Denver. I bought some supplies and paid with my credit card. Then the cashier screamed, "Whoa, what a discount!" I had no idea that my Office Depot discount would work out of state, but I found out that the Club discount works at all Office Depots nationwide.

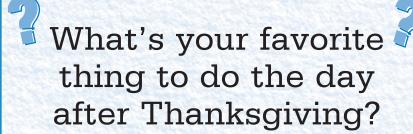
I don't particularly like traveling, but it felt as though the Club was traveling with me, and there was a sense of comfort in that.

- Tom Giles, LAFD

#### FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

### Juestion OF THE MONTH

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





"Clean up." – Chief Charlie Beck, LAPD



"Go shopping." – Mario Garcia, Harbor, 6 years of City service



"Go on a diet." Dory Boyd, Harbor, 17 years of City service



"Go on vacation." – Delfin Octoman, Harbor, 8 years of City service



"Watch football.' - Officer III Tony Perez, LAPD, 17 years of City service



"Soccer." – Jose Aguiar, Garage Attendant, 17 years of City service



"Work." - Capt. Eric Davies, LAPD, 31 years of City service



"Watch TV and eat leftovers. - Malti Sharma,

Secretary,



"I'm the first in line at the



bakery to get bolillos.' – Omar Rincon, Harbor,



"Sleep." – Beatrice Thomas, Management Aide, 24 years of City service



7 years of City service



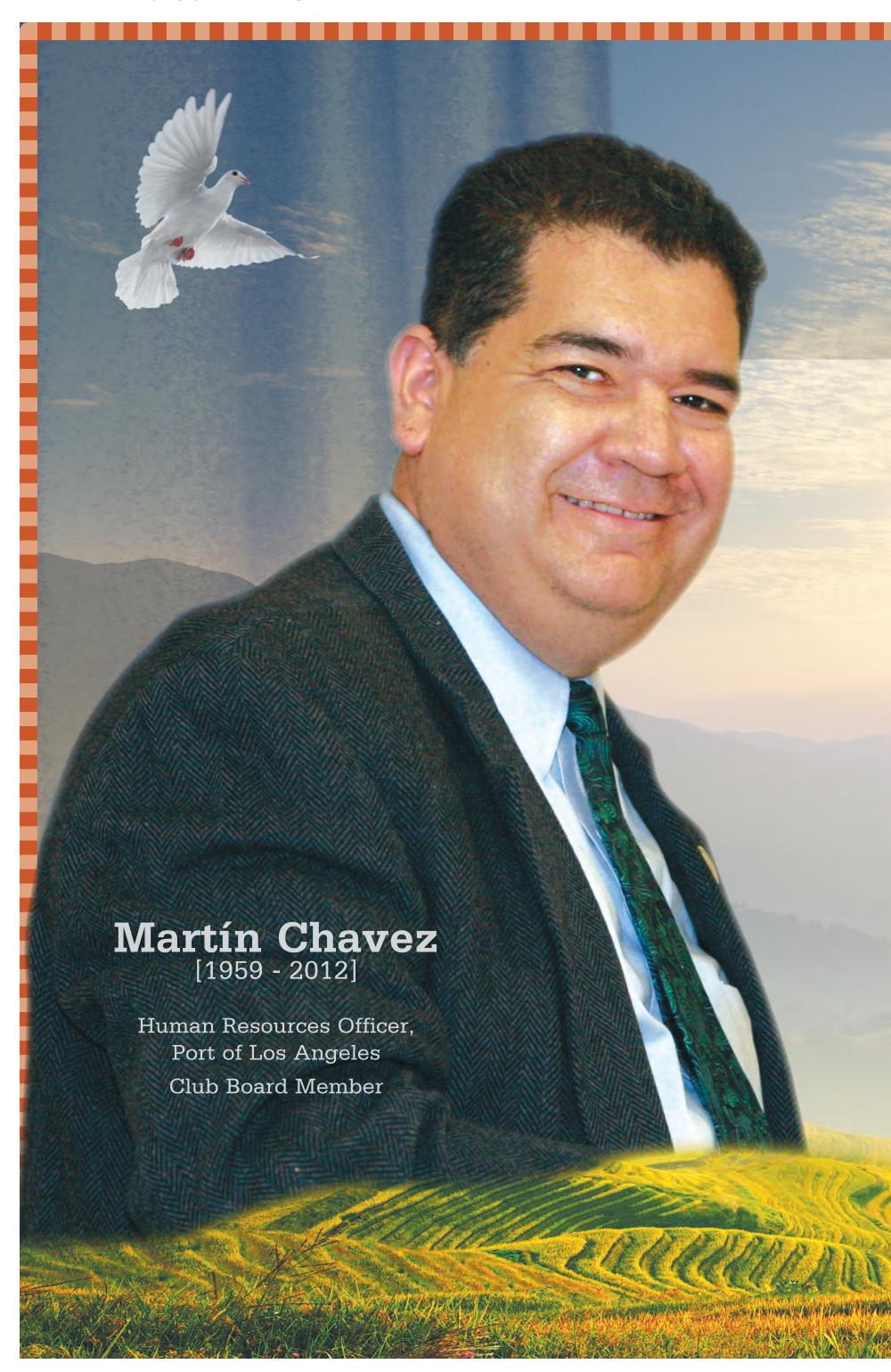
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HARBOR

### In Memory of Martin Chave [1959 - 2012]

#### Martín Chavez was a leader with the Port and a great supporter of the Club.

The Club is mourning the loss of Martín Chavez, Human Resources Officer at the Port of Los Angeles, and Club Board Member, who joined the board several years ago and was instrumental in supporting the Club and contributing to Alive!

Martín suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage Sept. 18 and passed away Sept. 21.

"Martín was one of the Club's greatest friends and allies at the Port of LA," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "For years he championed on our behalf, giving us access and inviting us to

"Martín's absence is going to be felt far and wide, especially on the Club Board, where he tirelessly helped direct the Club to its current destination," John continued. "We will keep his family in our prayers. We really miss him."

In an autobiography Martín wrote several years ago, he said that he enjoyed "making people happy; playing with my niece, Regi, and nephew, Matthew; buying a gift for my mother; surprising brothers and sisters with things; and sending stuff to

Memorial services were held for Martín shortly after his death.

#### **Biography**

Martín Chavez was born in Los Angeles in 1959. He graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills, receiving a Bachelor of science degree in public administration and a Bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1981 and a Master's degree in public admin-

He began his career in the City Personnel Department in August 1984, moving to the DWP in November 1984, and joining the Harbor Department as a Personnel Analyst in 1994. He was promoted to Sr. Personnel Analyst in 1987.

Martín was the personnel liaison analyst for Port Police, Wharfingers and Risk Management divisions and was the Worker's Compensation liaison working with the Risk Management Division, the City Personnel Department and the City Attorney's office tracking and managing work's compensation issues.

His real strength lay in mentoring the student workers who worked at the department in the past 15 years. During the 2000-01 academic year, Martín created a high school internship program with the Wilmington Banning High School International Trade Education program. The ITEP program places Banning High students in paid summer positions in the department and with local employers involved in international trade so they can develop the skills necessary to succeed in the workforce.

Martín was also the Program Coordinator for the Harbor Department Perfect Attendance program, which recognized employees for their exemplary attendance. Martin acted as the Master of Ceremonies at the annual luncheon and enjoyed handing out the prizes to the winners.

Martín served on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles City Employees Association (City Employees Club). He was recognized as Employee Club Representative of the Year in 2011 for his work reporting on the accomplishments of Harbor Department employees.

Martín was a proud alumnus of Cal State Dominguez Hills. He was a four-time President of the Cal State Dominguez Hills Alumni Association and served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for more than 15 years.

He received the prestigious Cesar Chavez Community Service Award from Cal State Dominguez Hills and was recognized by the California State Assembly for his work in the community to improve educational opportunities.

At the time of his death, Martín was President of the Southern California School Personnel Commissioners Association and was Chairperson of the Compton Unified School District Personnel Commission. He had been a member of the National Medical Enterprises Board of Governors, the Compton Latino Chamber of Commerce Executive Board, and served on the Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent's Committee on the Education and Employment of the Disabled, and on the Minority Engineering Program Advisory Boards at USC, UCLA and UC Irvine.

#### **Family Perspective**

Regina Grant, Harbor/Port Police, niece of Martín Chavez, remembered her uncle in this essay written for Alive!:

"The biggest hobby my uncle enjoyed was every show or exhibit out there. He collected model cars (never built any) still new in boxes in his garage. He collected coins, buttons, pencils, cassettes, records, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, hats, baseball caps, football jerseys, and collectible toys, not to mention anything on a free sample table, including key chains, bumper stickers, pens, and T-shirts. If it were free he would go over to get what he could, then send my younger cousins or me over. This stuff would usually be for someone at the office or elsewhere that he knew would enjoy it.

"He enjoyed the theatre. We went to the Pantages and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. We went to Bowl; we saw all of the Cirque du Soleil shows. Went to museums - the

Natural History museum, the Getty and the Getty Villa, the Science Center, the La Brea Tar Pits, and the Griffith Observatory. He went to Festival of Arts-Pageant of the Masters. He watched football, especially at Serra High and USC. He read a lot and remembered everything.

"He liked to go shopping. We always went to the Ontario and Lake Elsinore outlets in October for our Christmas shopping. And he would joke that if something cost more than \$5, he wasn't going to get it."

The Club thanks Regina for this essay and



Standing next to Martín's collection of buttons outside his office at the Harbor are (from left) his sister, Sarah; his niece, Regina Grant, Harbor/Port Police; and his sister, Elsa the Ford Amphitheater, the Hollywood The Port of LA gave the wall of buttons to his family

Tributes, next page

### ribute



Martín speaks at the ITEP Awards, August 2011.

artín was a deeply involved and devoted alumnus of CSU Dominguez Hills. He was loved and cherished by so many on campus. Since his passing I have had many, many people that I had no idea even knew him on campus approach me to share a story how Martín touched their lives and helped them out. His influence and helping nature was felt by so many at CSU Dominguez Hills. From students, to faculty, to staff... he was truly beloved by his alma mater.

Personally, I considered Martín a friend and confidant. When I needed help or advice from an unbiased person, my first call was always to Martín. He could see a problem from so many angles that he was able to provide the advice to help me make a hard decision or find a win-win for those involved. He was always able to build bridges and find common ground.

To say he will be missed greatly is an understatement. On behalf of all the stakeholders from his alma mater, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and everyone he touched. He was an incredible person.

#### Greg Saks, Vice President, **University Advancement, CSU Dominguez Hills**

artín has been an unassuming force and pillar of professionalism. He was my go-to guy for litigation preparation. It has been a joy to work with Martín throughout my tenure at the Port. He had such a generous spirit and cared deeply about the students he recruited. He left an indelible mark on many who knew him. I will miss him!

> - Esther Olsen, Port of LA

Upon hearing the news of Martín's death, many of those who knew him sent tributes to be printed in *Alive!* Here are their thoughts.

en's lives are often measured by  $\perp$  the tangible things they leave behind. The value of their lives is assessed in terms of money, assets and toys - a net worth of sorts. But the true measure of a man's life is often intangible, invisible to the naked eye. It is not until one looks closely that a man's true worth can be uncovered. The ultimate question to be asked is, "Did he leave this world a better place than he found it?" In my friend Martín's case, the answer is a resounding absolutely! He had the Midas touch when it came to enriching the lives of those around him. I knew him before he ascended through the management ranks. He never changed by becoming too busy or full of self-importance to lend an ear. a smile or share a story over coffee. It came as no surprise that his family and friends, alma mater, his neighborhood, his fellow employees and the students he loved showed an outpouring upon hearing of the extinguishing of the bright candle that lit us with his presence. He leaves a legacy of service, dedication and love. I will forever miss him.

> - Dr. Diana Salas, **DWP**



Martín with Phyllis Ninofranco, Harbor, Club Member.

At the ITEP Awards in August 2011 were, from left: Amy Grat, CEO, ITEP; former Banning High School Principal Robert Lopez; Martín Chavez; and Gabriela Perez, former internship coordinator, Harbor.

artín Chavez was a "founding father" Education Programs (ITEP), providing insightful leadership and passionate advocacy for the

students with whom we work. He was pivotal in the development and ongoing success of the ITEP/Port of Los Angeles Internship Program, which has touched the lives of many young men and women in Wilmington. Working with youths wasn't just a job for Martín, it was a driving motivation for life. He was tough and uncompromising, but he always saw the diamond inside a lump of coal. He helped each of the interns and student workers with whom he worked to see the treasure inside them and do what was necessary to bring forth its sparkle. When I came on board with ITEP, Martín became a good friend and thoughtful mentor to me. He took the long view of things and helped me develop patience — with myself and the people around me. His personal and professional reach was amazing, and few would consider saying no when Martín picked up the phone to make a request.

ITEP was extremely fortunate to have Martín as a constant advocate for our students and our programs. We seek to preserve his legacy through the creation of the Martín D. Chavez Scholarship Fund, which will support the career and college aspirations of the young people to whom he dedicated his life.

Thank you for allowing me to share this remembrance. He is a much loved and much missed member of the ITEP family.

#### - Amy L. Grat, CEO, **International Trade Education Programs, Inc. (ITEP)**



#### The Martín Chavez Scholarship

The ITEP/Port of Los Angeles Internship Program, produced in cooperation with the International Trade Education Programs (ITEP), meant a lot to Martín Chavez.

To preserve his legacy, ITEP has announced that it is creating the Martín D. Chavez Scholarship Fund, to support the program, which fosters the career and college aspirations of the young people in the Harbor area.

The Martín D. Chavez Scholarship Fund will support career and educational aspirations for seniors and alumni who have participated in ITEP's programs. Martín was a key member of ITEP's Scholarship

Committee and was adamant that the "whole" student be considered, not just their GPA. Thus, the scholarship will be awarded based on a broad view of the applicant's academic ability, potential, professional interest, character, dedication to the community and career commitment.



Martín with Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and John Hawkins, Club CEO, at a Harbor event in 2006.

#### From the Club

Tmet Martín about 10 years ago, and from the very first day, he always made sure everyone (including myself) was attended to and well informed.

He always greeted everyone with a smile and was the first person to stand by your side if you needed any additional help. I will miss him and our talks about work and life outside the job. We would discuss very complex work procedures, and then the next minute start talking about simple observations about our turtles and

> their eating habits. Martín will be missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

#### Angel Gomez, **Member Services** Manager

"Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants."

#### - John Gardner

Martín lit a fire amongst many of us. He caringly passed on much knowledge. I attended the Port Internship ceremony the past two years and witnessed as each intern presented a speech, which always ended by giving thanks to Martín for transforming them into responsible, well-spoken teenagers. He taught us all to "grow our own plants." He has made a difference in the life of far too many to count. My heart is saddened to have lost such a great man. May he rest in Paradise!

#### - Jackie Causillas, **Club Counselor**

artín was always so nice and made everyone's day better.

#### Megan DeBolt, **Club Store Services Coordinator**

#### HARBOR In Memory of Martín Chavez 1959 - 2012



Martín with Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor, and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, at a Harbor Health Fair last month.

Thad the honor of meeting Martín while working an event at the Harbor. I recall how he went out of his way to accommodate the Club in setting up our booth and checked on us when he could. Martín genuinely cared about the wellbeing of others. Martín's passing is a great loss to us all.

#### - Tiffany Sy, **Club Counselor In-House**

T've known Martín for more than 10 years and am privileged to be able to call him a friend.

We would share stories about dogs: my two and his one. I'm sad that I can't just pick up the phone and call him to run ideas over or even show him the video of my dog walking on the treadmill. Despite knowing him for many years, he still spelled my name wrong, but he chalked it up to my parents spelling my name incorrectly and he was spelling it the right way. I miss his friendship every day.

#### Arlene Herrero, **Club Products Manager**

Tartín will always be a part of our Club family. I remember his friendly demeanor the very first time I shook his hand at a Board meeting. May the God of all comfort surround Martín's family with his tenderness and love as they go through this difficult time.

#### Trinh Pham, Sr. Accountant

The focus Martín had for those around him was remarkable. He was concerned with the development of all people, particularly his

co-workers as human beings and as contributors to the City of Los Angeles, devoting his life for that pursuit.

Martín's departure has rattled the foundation of the Club and all who knew him as I am witness to the effect of his death at the Harbor Department and the City of Los Angeles. May his family be comforted by the presence of all who knew him.

> - Robert Larios, **Vice President of Operations**

artín was a great asset to the Club and the Club's Board — I will miss him greatly.

 Marilyn Holley, **LACEA Insurance Services Board** Member

Tam deeply shocked to hear about the passing away of Martín, a friend and a colleague at the Club Board, and I extend my sincere condolences to his family.

Martín was a very kind, affectionate and truly a good person. He was very friendly and cordial whenever we met at the Club Board meetings.

I pray to God to grant peace and blessings to Martin's soul and give courage to his family to go through this tragic time to bear the loss of Martín in their lives.

> - Vas Singh, **Club Board** Member



Martin taking the oath of the Club Board at the Club's annual meeting last February. With him were (from left) Terry Carter, Vas Singh and Andrew Virzi



Martín Chavez at a

ClubFest in 2006.

Martín's passion for professionalism and effective communication will be upheld in the requirement of an essay, a strong record of community service/work experience, as well as recommendations and transcript.

ITEP has already received one \$10,000 gift to endow this scholarship. ITEP welcomes contributions of any amount to build the number of opportunities for young people to achieve their career and college dreams. Donations may be made online at www.itepinc. org (indicate "Martín Chavez Scholarship" in "Restricted Gift" box) or send checks to International Trade Education Programs, Inc.,

3786 La Crescenta Ave, Suite 103, Glendale, CA 91208. Checks should be made out to "ITEP" with Martín Chavez Scholarship noted in the memo section. Any questions, please contact Amy Grat at amygrat@itepinc.org or (818) 421-

ITEP intends to award one (or possibly more) of these scholarships at its 2013 Annual Scholarship Dinner, to be held March 20. ■

> Martín brought members of his extended family to ClubFest 2007, from left: Regina, Joseph, Sarina and Cochise



THIS MONTH AT THE

### A Whale of an Opportunity

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium seeks volunteers for its whale-watching program.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is looking I for enthusiastic volunteers college-aged or older to act as naturalists on whale-watching trips and provide whale lectures at schools.

Beginning Oct. 2, Whalewatch training classes will be given in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. through the end of March. Upon successful completion of

training, volunteers will be officially certified whale watchers to share information about gray whales and other marine life.

Beginning the day after Christmas, the volunteer naturalists will sign up for a schedule of whale-watching boats departing from local landings in Redondo Beach, Long Beach and San Pedro, as well as on-site visits to school



Seeing whales up close is a strong feature of the Baja whale-watching trip.



The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is co-sponsored by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter. The Cabrillo Whalewatch volunteer training classes are free. The only requirements for volunteers are an interest in the ocean and whales, the desire to learn, and the ability to share their knowledge with others.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility, with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Information: Larry Fukuhara, Program Director, at (310) 548-7562 x223.

ZOO

### **Zoo Lioness** Passes Away

Popular animal dies of natural causes.

Story and photo courtesy L.A. Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo is saddened to announce that Cookie, its 23-year-old female lion, died in late September. Cookie had been under veterinary care for a month before her death. Her quality of life had diminished and zoo staff made the difficult decision to euthanize her. Initial necropsy results indicate that Cookie had a cancerous condition resulting in her declining condition.

Cookie and her companion, Lionel, arrived at the L.A. Zoo in 1997 from the Wildlife Waystation in the Angeles National Forest. Lionel, a male lion, passed away in April 2011 at the age of 23.

Cookie's passing at such an advanced age is a testament to the excellent care she received at the Zoo, the statement said. Lions live much longer in zoos than in the wild due to the fact that they do not need to hunt or compete with other species for resources.

In 2008, Cookie developed a heart condition called cardiac tamponade, in which fluid builds up in a sac around her heart. This prevented her heart from pumping blood effectively to the rest of her body. Because of this she was very slow to move, didn't want to eat and was not acting her normal self. The veterinarians at the Los Angeles Zoo, in consultation with physicians from UCLA and other veterinarians, elected to resolve the situation surgically. Using laparascopes only (cameras and surgical instruments on long tubes), the team removed a small window or piece of the sac so that all the fluid around the heart could drain out. This allowed the heart



Cookie the lioness.

to function normally. To the Zoo's knowledge, this was the first time this procedure has been performed in a lion, although it is a relatively common procedure in dogs and cats. She recovered beautifully after surgery and had no

Cookie was an animal that zoo-goers enjoyed watching. She will be remembered by zoo visitors and staff alike.

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

#### **Have News About Yourself?**

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

#### **RLACEI Upcoming Events**

Call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 701 for reservations.

**Dec. 6:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship

Auditorium

LARFPA holiday party, 11 a.m., **Dec. 9:** 

Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd.,

**Studio City** 

#### **RLACEI** Website

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

#### **Contact LACERS**

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

#### **DWP** Retirees Association



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

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

#### 'Pension Wars' Across USA **Tell of Unfunded Liabilities**



By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President** 

On Oct. 4, we had our General Meeting and Election of

Nominating Committee Chairman Neil Ricci presented the Directors who were up for reelection. They were Ed Harding, Ken Spiker, Cliff Cannon, Helen Salgado, Mary Beetz and Gary Mattingly. Neil also introduced Director Philip Orland, a newly appointed director, who was up for re-election after completing

the term of Director Phil Skarin, who resigned last year.

The Members approved the re-election of all the Directors. They will start a two-year term, beginning Jan. 1.

Members enjoyed a great turkey sandwich, baked beans, fruit salad and chips, not to mention the many raffle gifts from RLACEI and expensive gift donations from the City Employees Club.

I received comments from members appreciating LACERS' Assistant General Manager Lita Payne and Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS' Chief Health Benefits

Administrator, for speaking at our meetings, keeping our members informed on the current status of their Pension and Medical Benefits, and for answering questions of concern.

**RLACEI** 

The Executive Board and our Directors want to thank you, Lita and Alex, for taking time off your busy schedule to speak to our members.

I also want to thank Club Vice President Robert Larios for the many gifts donated, and Deborah Schroyer, Club Counselor, who took pictures for Alive!



Michael Karsch

#### **RLACEI Legislative Report** by Michael Karsch

The "pension wars" continue across the country, with a total of \$1.4 trillion in unfunded liabilities owed by the states' pension systems. Sweeping reforms were enacted in Rhode Island, considered the most promising by Businessweek.com.: retirement ages were raised, pension increases were frozen for several years, and a new benefit plan styled like a 401(k) for new hires was implemented. Standard & Poor's dropped its credit rating of Illinois (unfunded liability of \$85 billion) from A+ to A, which is just above California, which is the lowest in the country by S&P.

(Moody's has rated Illinois the lowest of the states.) At the same time, Moody's investment rating service just placed the general obligation bond ratings of Los Angeles and San Francisco under review for upgrade, reflecting their "significant tax bases that have demonstrated relative resiliency during the economic and property market downturns."

Businessweek.com also reported that unions blame many states for not contributing enough for promised benefits: In 2010, 17 states set aside no new money for pensions; Kentucky has not paid its share of pension contributions since 2004; over the past ten years, Kansas and New Jersey haven't paid their full shares, and Illinois did so only

once in that time.

The Associated Press reported on 10 states experiencing pension fights, leading with California having \$165 billion in unfunded liabilities in CalSTRS and CalPERS, Illinois with \$85 billion, Kansas with \$9.2 billion, Kentucky with \$30 billion, Louisiana with \$18 billion, New Hampshire with \$4.26 billion, New Jersey with \$41.7 billion, New York with \$9 billion, Oklahoma with \$10.6 billion, and Rhode Island with \$4 billion. The AP noted that New York "has one of the healthier pension systems in the country due in part to state law forcing them to make annual contributions to the system."

#### **Fallen Firefighters Event** In Hollywood Is Moving



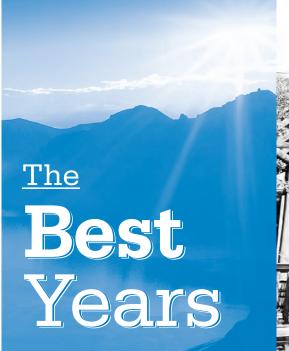
By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

This has been a slow month I for pension activities, but I had the honor to attend the annual Memorial Service Oct. 13 at the Fallen Fighters Memorial in Hollywood for the 94 Firefighters who passed away during the past year. This event is held during Fire Prevention week every year and brings back the lifelong memories of buddies and friends that you met and worked and played with during your service to the citizens of Los Angeles. There were the usual speeches commemorating the departed, but Fire Commission President Genethia Hudley-Hayes gave an outstanding speech as she reminisced about her experiences as a Commissioner and her admiration of the Firefighters. This was a great day, from the entrance of the Honor Guard with the bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace" to the closing, with "Taps" being played.

It should be pointed out that the LAPD has an equally impressive memorial ceremony at the new Police Administration building in May every year honoring their departed.

Here's a short reminder to make sure that our retirees have made their reservations for the Christmas Party Dec. 9 at the Sportsman's Lodge.

Remember: Your vote does count! Don't forget to exercise that right.





#### RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

### One Cruise Ends, **Another Begins**

Hal and Co. start a new cruise, from South Africa to London. But first, a safari.

When we made the reservations for our Rome to Singapore cruise, detailed over the last ten issues of Alive!, we also reserved a cruise to begin six months later. This second cruise sailed from Cape Town, South Africa, to London, up the west coast of Africa, sailing again on the Ocean Princess. Because of the uniqueness of this itinerary we were waitlisted for a mini-suite. Don and Myrna, our traveling cousins, traveled with us. We really didn't think about the two cruises being only six months apart, and it felt like we never

The itinerary was as follows: Cape Town, South Africa; Lüderitz and Walvis Bay, Namibia; Cotonou, Benin; Lome, Togo; Dakar, Senegal; Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands; Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands; Casablanca, Morocco; Cadiz, Spain; Lisbon, Portugal; Le Havre, France; and Dover, England.

Since our African safari in 2001 Evelyn has wanted to redo the experience, and as we were going to South Africa, I agreed that we could spend a few days at the safari camp close to Cape Town.

By chance

weekend that we would be landing in Dover was the Queen's 60th Jubilee, so we decided to spend a few days in London before returning home. We would experience the safari and London without Don and Myrna.

We left for South Africa April 30. We arrived at LAX around 6 p.m. using a limo ser-

vice that Evelyn found on Deal of the Day, so it was less expensive than normal. We flew Virgin Atlantic Airlines. I tried very hard to use mileage in booking our flight to South Africa, but I just could not make it work. Our travel agent was able to use a consolidator, who booked our flight on Virgin Atlantic. We were

in upper class (the same as first class on most airlines) and used Air New Zealand's lounge waiting to board (Virgin Atlantic doesn't have a lounge at LAX). We had a four-hour layover in London until our flight to Johannesburg departed. We then would fly to George, on the Garden Route northwest of Cape Town, where we were going to a safari camp for three days. We would then drive to Cape Town for one night and then board the Ocean Princess for our 28-day cruise to London.

The airport lounge was very nice. They offered a wide selection of beverages: soft drinks, coffees, beer, wine and hard liquor, all free. There was a buffet with sandwiches and a number of salads. Generally speaking, the lounges of foreign carriers are far superior to American flag carriers. The decor, food and drink and the general atmosphere are more upscale.

We boarded our flight about 8:30 p.m. Each seat in upper class was separate and enclosed. It was very comfortable, better than the business class on United or the premium economy on Air New Zealand. I had eaten in the



on, to go along with a great quilt and a pillow. They even offered us pajamas, but we declined. I slept until about 5 a.m. LA time. During the night I awakened a couple of times and drank from my water bottle. You get dehydrated flying above 30,000 feet. Evelyn was across the aisle and generally slept well and long enough to try to make up for the time change. The flight to London took about 10 and a half hours, but we also lost another eight hours and landed after "breakfast" at about 3:30 in the afternoon local time.

We were connecting through, so we did not need to clear immigration and were given a "fast pass" to get though security. Last year when we were in London, they inspected my carryon bag, and they did it again this time. They emptied everything and checked for explosives. I hoped this wouldn't happen when we left from here on the way

We waited in the Virgin Atlantic lounge until our flight to Johannesburg. The lounge was very comfortable and the service was outstanding. We had about a three-hour wait until our next



A view from the lodge.

lounge so I skipped dinner and had just a drink and cheese plate. I watched a movie, and at about 11:30 p.m. I had them make up the bed. The seat flipped over and, with the "footstool" extended, laid flat. The "bed" was about seven feet long. They put a pad



The game reserve.

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We boarded the next plane about 9 p.m.

It was the same type of plane, an Airbus

340-600, as our last flight. After dinner, I slept

until about 6 a.m. and Evelyn until about 7.

We landed in Johannesburg at 8:30 a.m.

on May 2. No matter which way you go, it

is a two-day trip from Los Angeles to South

to the check-in area. They were very helpful

and made it easy for us, and they were hand-

somely rewarded. One of the things I was

concerned about when we decided to go to

the safari camp in George was the amount

of luggage we would have. Based on our last

cruise, I knew we would have four heavy

checked bags, which was okay because we

were flying upper class on Virgin Atlantic,

but we were on a smaller plane going to

George. The travel agent assured me that

we would not have a problem, and she

twin turboprop, which held about 60 pas-

sengers; there were only about 20 on the

The plane to George was a high wing

was right.

This airport was very busy; it's the gateway to all the countries of Southern Africa. It took about a half-hour to get though immigration. Next was the adventure of getting our bags. My biggest fear was that the airline would lose a bag; we had checked four in Los Angeles. We were told our checked bags would come at station five, no then four, no then 10 and finally back to station three. As we waited I found one bag and then none. The bags stopped coming, and we were missing three of them. We were in a large area, so I decided to walk around to see if I could find them, and I did at the far end; I guess they had been taken off the belt.

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Evelyn.

followed by a short walk to our tent. The tent was as nice as the ones we stayed in on our last safari trip in 2001. We had a large room with a bigger-than-king-size bed and sitting area. The bathroom had a large tub, and outside there were dual showers. It was fall there, and while the days were nice, the nights were cold. The bed had a heated pad, and there was a heater for the tent. From our front porch we could see across the river to a flat pasture, where there were wildebeest and rhinos. The reserve was only 3000 hectares, which is

just less than 7,500 acres, and they had a number of different animals. It was a good starter for a first safari adventure.

After we freshened up, we returned to the lodge for dinner. The food and service were first rate, and we sampled some

> game (zebra steak and blue antelope steak). Both were very good. We were told the menu each night had nine proteins to choose from. You could choose as

many proteins as you like, along with a pre-set menu including at least two appetizers, soup, a first course, a salad bar, and a palate cleanser (a sorbet of some type). Then came the proteins of your choice with veggies, potatoes or other starch, and then finally dessert. Afterward I was stuffed; it was great.

We had to be up early the next day for our first game drive, so we returned to our tent. The goal was to not fall asleep too early but be up at 5:30 a.m. With the jet lag and the time change, this could be a tall order.

Next month we will start our safari





A rhino.

The airport staff and Virgin Atlantic were very helpful in our search. Now that we had our bags, I felt better. We followed the signs to re-check our bags about a two-hour flight. George is about to George and found out that we had to take 240 miles north east of Cape Town. We them to the domestic terminal to check in. were going to the Botlierskop Private Game As soon as we left the international terminal, we were spotted by two porters who took us

After we got all of our bags, we looked for our driver with a sign with our name on it, whom we could not find. A taxi driver helped us by calling the lodge and found out that the driver was told that our plane was 20 minutes late and decided to look at the wreckage of a Lear Jet, which crashed nearby about a year ago. He showed up in about five minutes very apologetic, so no problem. The ride to the lodge took about a half hour.

We checked in and met our guide. We stayed in tent number 13. To get there we were driven in a golf cart from the lodge to a dock where there was a boat (more of a raft, pulled across a small river by a rope),





#### For Retired Club Members

#### LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz. RLACEI Publicity Chair

#### **LACERS Open Enrollment Ends** November 15

If you wish to enroll in a LACERS health plan, change plans, or add or delete dependents, you have until November 15 to do so. All enroll-

ments, changes, additions, and deletions are for the 2013 calendar

If you wish to keep your current medical and dental plans for you and your dependents through 2013, no action is required. Your current LACERS health plan choices will remain in effect.



#### **Health Plan Enrollment Forms Now Available Online** or By Calling LACERS

Because the number of plan-specific enrollment forms has increased, it

is no longer cost-effective for LACERS to include enrollment forms in the Health Benefits Guide. Health plan forms are available by contacting LACERS at (800) 779-8328, (888) 349-3996 TDD, or by visiting the Forms section of LACERS' website at www.LACERS.org/ retired/forms.html.

### RLACEI

#### **ERRP Defrayals of Monthly Medical Premium Deductions** End in Early 2013

If you are currently receiving a defrayal of your monthly medical premium payroll deductions through LACERS' participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP), be aware that these defrayals will end in early 2013. After that time, your deduction will no longer be offset by the defrayals and the full amount will be deducted from your Monthly Retirement Allowance. Consider this when selecting a medical plan during Open Enrollment as you may experience an increase in your deductions when these defrayals end.

### LIFE RETIREMENT

If you have:

- News about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.
- If you would like to contact a former city employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.
- Note: Due to our Confidential Policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.
- Mail information to Mary Beetz at 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801 or Email mbeetz4841@ aol.com

### RETIREES HOLIDAY PARTIES IN DECEMBER

### Don't forget to attend a retiree party this holiday season!

 $R^{\text{LACEI: The RLACEI's}}_{\text{annual Christmas}}$ Party and Installation of Officers event is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los

Angeles. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

ARFPA: For Retired Fire and Police, your Christmas party Lis scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9, at 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Contact LARFPA for more information.

#### **Special Achievements**

Have you recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Patsy and Rose Matarrese marked their 68th wedding anniversary recently. Patsy is Retired, General Services and Public Works.

### **Show Us Your Grandkids!**

Retirees: Alive! wants to show off your grandkids! In an upcoming issue, we intend to begin running a small section of retirees and their grandkids. So send 'em in! Here's how:

- Make sure to have permission from their parents. If you send in a photo, Alive! assumes you have already received that per-
- 2. Photos with you in them are better... but if
- 3. Make sure you list the names of your grand-
- 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
- 5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Print photos can be sent to: GrandkidsCity Employees Club of Los Angeles 120 W. Second 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.



Here's  $\pmb{\textbf{Elsie}}$   $\pmb{\textbf{Reiley}},$   $\pmb{\textbf{Retired}},$   $\pmb{\textbf{DWP}},$  with her grandkids. "Both Guilianna and Fabian attend Kesterson Elementary School in Henderson, NV. They are both active in Scouts (Daisies and Bears) and play baseball. Guilianna is also taking gymnastics classes. I am so happy and grateful I have them in my life and that I am retired,

where I am able to enjoy them and their activities."

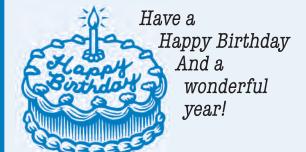




### Thought O **For the Day**

To All November Birthday Celebrants

This brings a wish for all The best a day and year Can bring for someone Who should always have The best of everything!



#### For Retired Club Members



The RLACEI Board of Directors.



From left: Tom Stemnock, Audit and Golf Chairman; Neil Ricci, Director; and Hal Danowitz, Secretary/



From left: Americo Garza, Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation Chairman; Ken Spiker, Legal & Legislative Chairman; and Phil Orland, Director

### General Meeting And Elections

Retirees Association holds annual director elections.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

Retirees met for the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) general meeting Oct. 4 at

the Friendship Auditorium. A delicious barbecue sandwich lunch was served prior to the meeting.

The following Directors were approved for next year: Ed Harding, Ken Spiker, Cliff



From left: Helen Salgado, Director; and Mary Beetz,



From left: Leo Rosen, Civil Engineer, 33 years of City service, Club Member; Norma Rosen; Michael Wilkinson, Director; and Ilene Shapiro, 33 years.

**RLACEI** 

Cannon, Helen Salgado, Mary Beetz, Phil Orland and Gary Mattingly. The meeting was not over until everyone won something from the raffle, offering lots of great prizes!

Don't forget to share pictures with us of your grandkids, as they have special achievements in their lives or share what you're doing in retirement - The Club wants to know! See previous page at bottom.

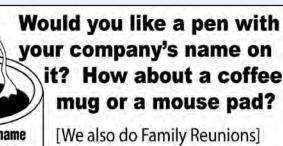
The Club thanks Ed Harding for the opportunity to attend and participate in the annual meeting.



Raffle prize Etheridge, Maintenance. 23 years of City



From left: Ed Harding, RLACEI President; and the Club's Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations.



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### Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT Y	EARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT Y	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Adelman, Andrew A.	Supt. of Building	Building & Safety	, 11	Dunbar, Robert	Survey Party Chief II	Harbor	42	Manocchio, Larry J.	Pr. Tax Compl. Ofcr.	Finance	25
Alexander, Sheldred	Comm. Exec. Asst. II	Planning	37	Flick, John	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Transportation	26	Margolis, Sandra	Property Officer	LAPD	21
Ali, Migoi Eli	Maint. Const. Helper	Public Works	16	Galang, Pete H.	Ch. Tax Compl. Off. II	Finance	17	McGee, Wayne A.	Motor Swe. Oper.	Public Works	25
Amarasena, Sepala	Off. Engr. Tech III	Public Works	20	Grabowski, Richard	Truck Operator	General Services	s 14	McMillian, Lloyd A.	Ref. Coll. Trk. Oper. II	Public Works	23
Arora, Mahesh	Systems Prog. III	Airports	13	Guillory, Barbara	Cust. Supervisor	Airports	29	Miodovski, Mark R.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Airports	26
Ayala, Michael	Maint. Laborer	Transportation	26	Heil, Thomas M.	Civil Engr. Asst. III	Public Works	9	Monahan, Michael	Electrician	Rec and Parks	40
Balvanera, Armando	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	18	Hamel, Glen Arnold	Mech. Repairer II	General Services	s 30	Nunez, Robert	Auto Body Rr. Sup. II	LAPD	30
Bauer, Thomas E.	Maint. Const. Helper	Public Works	6	Hofsommer, Paul L.	Clerk Typist	Public Works	38	Sailors, Melanie M.	Manag. Analyst II	Public Works	24
Bennett, Johnetta	Custodian	General Services	: 11	Hutchinson, Richard	Equip. Operator	Public Works	30	Soniega-Armijo, S.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	17
Bilderback, Ryoko	Geogr.Info. Spec.	Public Works	27	Johnson, Scott C.	Wa. Tmt. Lab Mgr. III	Public Works	10	Stevenson, David	Back. Invest. III	Personnel	13
Burcher, Mary Joann	Pers. Records Supv.	Personnel	11	Josties, Hans U.	Envr. Engr. Assoc. IV	Public Works	28	Tanda, Wayne K.	General Manager	Transportation	3
Caudillo, Robert	Truck Operator	Public Works	33	Koeb, Barry Joseph	Paralegal	City Attorney	13	Terry, Earley J.	Air. Police Officer II	Airports	29
Cerda, Jim	Cement Fini. Worker	Public Works	16	Landig, Emmanuel	Geog. In. Sy. Supv. II	Planning	25	Tso, Susan	Clerk Typist	Library	45
Collier, Robert G.	Sr. Com. Elect. Supv.	ITA	23	Larson, Betty	Airport Guide II	Airports	1	Venditto, Joanne M.	Rec Supervisor	Rec and Parks	27
Coronios, Jeffrey A.	Refuse Coll. Supv.	Public Works	37	Leonardo, Gloria P.	Manag. Analyst II	CDD	25	Williams, Linda F.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	34
Crawford, Alfred	Info. Sy. Op. Mgr. III	ITA	34	Lewis, Reggie R.	Floor Finisher II	Rec and Parks	26	Willits, Deborah	Sr. Pol. Ser. Rep II	LAPD	33
Dickson, Nanette E.	Clerk Typist	LAPD	16	Lindley, Charles C.	Land Surveying Asst.	Public Works	21	Womack, Jeriel D.	Clerk Typist	Personnel	24
Douresseau, Adam P.	Maint.Laborer	Public Works	12	Lopez, Louise R.	Clerk	Animal Services	14	Wright, Leo E.	Air. Safety Off.	Airports	22

#### For Retired Club Members



Russia

"My daughter and I recently returned from Russia. It was awesome and amazing, with so much history."







At the Grand Canyon, from left: Lorraine Smith, Retired, Management Analyst, LAPD, 36 years of City service; and Marilyn Moore, Retired, Management Analyst, LAPD, 29 years.

#### Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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### 14-DAY CRUISE

#### FJORDS, HIGHLANDS AND IRELAND

The City Employees Club brings you another Member Exclusive event. Set sail aboard Holland America's ms Rotterdam as it embarks off Rotterdam, Netherlands on a 14-day cruise across Northern Europe. Enjoy some of the most beautiful and breathtaking landscapes on this amazing Club cruise special.

#### Price Per Person

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Room (Categories)	Reg Rates from	Club Rates from	
Inside Room (L)	\$2,579	\$2,399	
Ocean View (FF)	\$2,899	\$2,499	
Lanai Stateroom (CA)	\$3,799	\$3,699	
Verandah Suite (BB)	\$4,999	\$4,999	

3rd /4th guest sharing a cabin pay \$499 Government Fees are from \$254.27 per person Air Transportation is additional

#### Incentives Per Cabin

Club Members Get \$500 Shipboard Credit by Booking Early!

(Must make a desposit before December 31, 2012 to get your \$500 credit)

Payroll deduction for this cruise is now available to all active City and DWP employees. Contact Kristy Adler at (888) 652-6400 x 101 for more information.







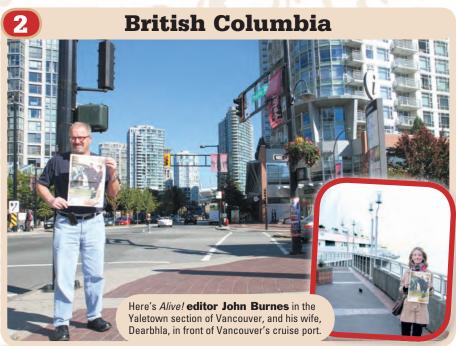




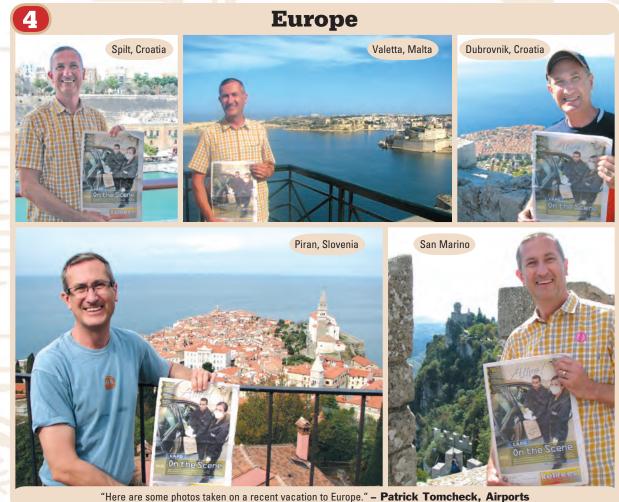
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From left: Reina Gomez, DO, 5 years of City service; Brandon Dorsey, PII, 2 years; Marisol Rodriguez, CT, 9 years, Club Member; Marissa Lopez, DO, 5 years; and Sgt. Scott Davis, 18 years.



From left: Ruth Phillips, Sr. CT, 32 years of City service, and Kathryn Quainoe, CT, 32 years.



Chief Charlie Beck shares his thanks to the civilian employees



Officer Martha Ibarra, 17 years of City service.

LAPD



From left: Det. Darryl Butler, 26 years of City service; Det. Carla Zuniga, 25 years, Club Member; Officer Jim Buck, 23 years; and Det. III Pam Stirling, 25 years.



From left: Det. Esther Reyes, 20 years of City service; Officer Susan Torres, 4 years, Club Member; Det. III Monica Quijano, 24 years; and Det. Jessamyn Morales, 16 years.



Booker Ridgeway, Advocate CID, 17 years of City service, Club



From left: Rowena Infante, CT., 14 years of City service, Club Member; Kevin Zheu, Sr. Asst. Analyst, 19 years; Christine Pham, Systems Analyst II, 19 years, Club Member; Michelle Jordan, PSRII, 15 years; and Joyce Aquino, CT, 26 years, Club Member. Right: Yvonne Vogel, PSR II, 13 years; and Rhonda Fleming, PSR II, 13 years, Club Member.



Stephanie Tan, Criminalist, 2 years of City service, raffle prize winner.



Helping to serve food, on right: Dept. Supv. Rose Gaeta,



17 years of City service.



From left: Harvey Castro, Garage Attendant, 23 years of City service, Club Member: Terry De Ridder, Equipment Mechanic, 4 years; Club Member; and Leon Medina, Equipment Mechanic, 10 years.



Tasha Tennell, Sr. CT., 6 years of City service, Club Member, and raffle

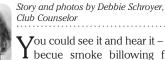




From left: Tate Lan, Systems Analyst, 11 years of City service: and Gerardo Limtao, Sr. Systems Analyst, 25 years.

### Appreciating The Civilians

#### Police Dept. honors its civilian employees at a barbecue.



ou could see it and hear it – bar-I becue smoke billowing from the oversized grill, and disco tunes echoing through the courtyard of

the Police Administration Building for the Civilian Appreciation Barbecue, hosted by the sworn LAPD employees. The line for food extended to the street as the civilian employees of the Department took the time to catch up with former colleagues now assigned to different divisions.

This year's Civilian Appreciation Barbecue took place Oct. 10.

October is the LAPD's Civilian Appreciation Month, an opportunity for the sworn police

From left: Lt. Robert Miles, 25 years of City service, Det. Patti

Sutton, 27 years; Officer Chris Delaney, 11 years, Club Member;

officers, from the Chief on down, to recognize and thank their civilian colleagues for the work they do throughout the year. Of the approximately 13,000 employees of the LAPD, approximately 3,000 are civilian.

Civilian employees work in a supportive capacity, assisting their sworn counterparts in various duties including clerical work, policymaking, mechanical maintenance, information technology, public relations and emergency dispatching. Job titles include Police Service Representative, Auto Mechanic, Store Keeper, Forensic Fingerprint Specialist, Police Administrator, Systems Analyst and Sr. Clerk Typist, to name a few.

Prizes were raffled throughout the event. Thanks go to Det. Moses Castillo for his assistance to the Club, for this event.

Dennis Flowers,

Background Investigator,

10 years of City service.



Gomez, the Club's Director of Member Services: and Albert Kuo, Lab Tech. 3 years of City service, raffle prize





From left: Julie Buchwald, Special Investigator, 10 years of City service; Sarah Richardson, PPAIII, 6 years, Club Member; and Beverly Pitts, 12 years, Club Member.



**Employees** enjoyed the tunes.







Civilian employees gathered 'round as they waited in the food line.



Dennis Becker, Sr. Asst. Analyst II, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Michi

Slaughter, Sr. CT., 9 years of City service,

From the Club, from left: Jackie Causillas, Member Services Counselor; Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services; and Arlene Herrero, Products Services Manager.



From left: Vonnie Benjamin, Dl., 16 years of City service; Det. Esther Reyes, 20 years; Det. Supv. Cleo Guevara, 24 years; and Det. Supv. Hugh Vellos, 25 years.



Det. Peter Lee, 17 years of City service



7 years of City service, Club Member; and David Aguirre, Chief Security Officer, 29 years, Club



From left: Gary Martinez, Equipment Mechanic, 23 years of City service, Chris O'Bryant, Garage Attendance, 8 years; Sarkis Abrahamian, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, 26 years, Tommy Wong, Equipment Mechanic, 14 years, Club Member; and Alex Iglesias, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, 23 years.



From left: Wilma De La Cruz, Management Aide, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Remy Craig, Sr. CT, 18 years.



Det. Karen Zuniga, Det., 25 years of City service, helps serve Lorean Soo Hoo. Management Analyst II, 27 years, Club

# Holiday Happenings











### Victorian Christmas at Banning

The Banning Museum to host annual Victorian **Christmas celebration.** 

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season at the Banning Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 - 2 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., in Wilmington.

This free event is open to the public and promises to be a weekend to remember. Visitors will enjoy period entertainment, tours of the museum decorated in holiday splendor, refreshments, a children's craft, a special exhibit on antique Ohio Valley Pottery and a horse-drawn trolley ride between the Banning Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum. To make the event even more fun, this year's event will feature local food and craft vendors, a wreath-making lecture and a blacksmith. As a special treat, a Queen Victoria re-enactor will receive guests for the two days, and Jolly St. Nick will pose for photos with the kids.

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





#### **Banning Museum Victorian Christmas**

**REC AND PARKS** 

**When:** Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2

**Hours:** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: The Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington.

Cost: Free

**Regular museum tours:** 

**Dates:** Throughout November and December:

Tues. - Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun.: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Day

Cost (regular tours): \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children) **Information:** (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org





**REC AND PARKS** 

### Civil War Christmas

#### Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.

The community is invited to welcome I the holiday season by traveling back in time at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 13th annual "A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 - 2. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horsedrawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds - visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during

the weekend, including the decorating of a soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special

2012 marks the 25th year that the Drum Barracks is a City facility, 150 years since the building was constructed, and 150 years since the Civil War. Don't miss this special holiday event.

#### A Civil War Christmas

**Dates:** Special event: Dec. 1-2

Regular hours Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.

Closed Christmas Day. **Tickets:** Free for special event (tickets for regular tours:

\$5 suggested donation) Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington

**Information:** (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

# Holiday Happenings



**REC AND PARKS** 

### 15 Years of Ice Downtown

Rec and Parks-sponsored holiday ice rink chills things down starting Nov. 15.

ngelenos can "get their glide on" this holi-Aday season at Downtown on Ice outdoor skating rink. An LA tradition and favorite holiday destination, the community rink boasts a medley of free events, including a festive holiday concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival, championship skating exhibitions and "sneak preview" performances, broomball games, and more.

Celebrating its 15th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, the facility is open every day (including holidays) from Nov. 15 through Jan. 21.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks, the spacious rink has become a popular holiday destination for families, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks and Councilman José Huizar.

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. An alliance with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing their Metro transit receipt/pass. Montebello Bus lines also features a \$1 discount coupon available on buses. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

#### **Downtown** on Ice

When: Nov. 15 through Jan. 21 **Where:** Pershing Square, downtown at 532 South Olive, across from

the Millennium Biltmore Hotel **Hours:** Monday –Thursday, noon - 10 p.m., Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Special holiday hours for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King

Day: noon to 10 p.m. **Information:** laparks.org/pershing

square/ or call (213) 847-4970. facebook.com/ Pershing SquareLA







# Holiday Happenings

COUNCIL

### Christmas on Parade

City's holiday parade is set for Nov. 25.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, I sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be telecast live locally and throughout the nation on the Hallmark Channel and in national syndication during December. Check local listings.

The parade had been known by that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die five years ago, the City notably Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, Club Member - took charge and restored the parade. The name was then changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back three years ago.

This year, the parade plans to work with the Marine Toys for Tots campaign.

The parade will feature entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units, food and some reserved grandstand seats, which cost \$35. General admission is free.

The parade starts on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route follows east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.

#### The Hollywood **Christmas Parade**

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 **Where:** Hollywood, starting at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Street. See route, at left.

Cost:

Free; grandstand reserved seating is available for

**Parking:** Hollywood and Highland Center, \$2 for first two

hours; \$10 max. **Metro:** Red Line station, Hollywood and Highland.

**Information:** 

(866) PARADE-1, or thehollywoodchristmasparade.com



### All Aboard for The North Pole

**Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park** offers its miniature train ride to the North Pole.

For the ninth consecutive year, Travel Town Train Museum's Travel Town Railroad in Griffith Park is hosting a unique holiday event starring Santa Claus and thousands of dancing lights and beautiful music. On weekends from Nov. 24 to Dec. 9, and then nightly through Dec. 23, families will be able to take a miniature train ride to visit Santa at his house at the North Pole.

Once they arrive they will visit with Santa, get a picture with him, if desired, then get back on the train to return home along a decorated and music-filled track. Each child will receive a candy cane and a special little gift.

While waiting for Santa the kids and parents can visit with Rudolph and one of Santa's

This event is operated by Travel Town Railroad in cooperation with Rec and Parks. It is a wonderful alternative to visits to the mall.

Starting at 5 p.m., families may enter the museum and board the miniature train ride at the decorated station. While waiting to board they will be entertained by a dazzling dancing light show and a special corner of the museum where snowmen live and it snows all the time!

Once aboard, they will travel past the decorated train barn and Santa's Workshop to arrive at the North Pole. There they will disembark and visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Erin the Elf. Digital photographs will be available for \$6. Families may take their own pictures if they wish. After they have finished their visit, guests will reboard the train and travel along the decorated quarter-mile of track back to the station. The Travel Town Museum Gift Shop will be open most evenings.

#### **REC AND PARKS**

#### **Travel Town Train Ride to Visit Santa**

**Dates:** Weekends from Nov. 24-Dec. 9, and then nightly through Dec. 23 (weather permitting; trains do not operate in

Times: 5 until about 8 p.m. Where: Travel Town Transportation Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park

the rain)

**Cost:** \$7 per person; infants under 18 months ride free. (Photos with Santa cost \$6 each)

Tickets are available by reservation for specific days and may be bought at the Travel Town ticket booth. Tickets will be sold to walkups at the gate until capacity is reached.

#### **Information:**

(323) 662-9678, www.griffithpark trainrides.com/ content/traveltown-santa-train



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- **Movie tickets** make great for stocking-stuffers.
- **Decorate the Club Tree!** When you stop by the Club, write your name on an ornament (provided), representing you or your department, and hang it on our Club Christmas Tree. Join the Club family this holiday.
- Tov Drive: Bring an unwrapped gift to be given away as part of the Club's Toy Drive.

The Club Christmas Tree.

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#### John's Picture Perfect Contest John Hawkins. Club CEO



"Shot at Hyperion Treatment Plant with a Canon T3i and 250 mm lens. Awesome experience, history in the making!"

- Ollie Veasey, Public Works

John's comment: Ollie, what an amazing shot. It's so clear and crisp, and you were able to get all three aircraft in perfect formation. Good work!



"My son Collin, walking along Cape Cod beach at the end of summer."

- Demian Wyma, LAPD

John's comment: Demian, this is truly a Picture Perfect: The bursting blue sky, the classic stretch of a Cape Cod beach and little Collin, who will never forget that day.

"This shot was taken at El Viejo Almacen, a famous tango spot in Buenos Aires, Argentina."

> - Eddie Garcia, **Airports**

John's comment: Eddie, you caught this couple at the perfect moment! A "tango" classic!

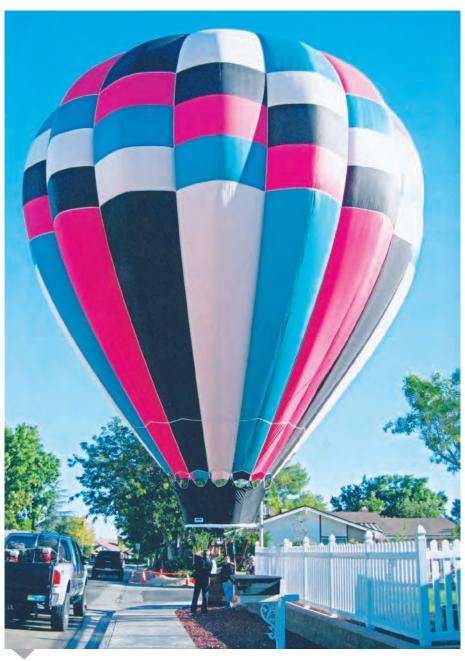






Brothers Greg and Stephen Madrid, who both work for the DWP, each took fantastic photos of the shuttle over City Hall.

John's comment: Two brothers and two great shots of Endeavour over City Hall! Thanks, guys!



On weekend mornings, it's not unusual to see hot-air balloons float ing over the Antelope Valley. On Sept. 2, I was in my front yard (in Lancaster) photographing several of them when I noticed a chase vehicle pulling up in front of my house. One of the crew indicated this balloon was going to have to land on our street. There was almost no wind and the pilot was having difficulty staying airborne. The balloon descended and made a perfect landing in my rock planter! In just a few minutes, another pilot took over and the balloon was up, up and away. This just made my day! I took this picture with my Canon Powershot SD1100."

- Heather Rudin, Retired

John's comment: Heather, this is absolutely crazy! But so cool, too! Thanks for the shot.

#### **RULES:**

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

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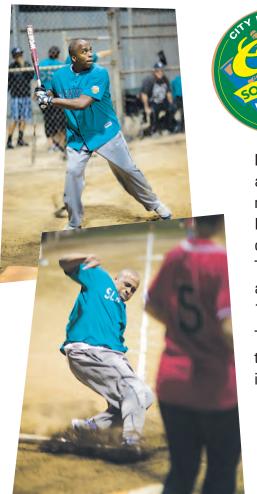
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### On to the Playoffs!

#### Softball winds its way toward the championship.

Photos by the Sports Dude and Summy Lam, Club Marketing Director





he Club 2012 summer softball season is gearing up for a big finish, with the following teams winning their first games in the playoffs: Transformers, Blue

Dragons, Hitmen, Enforcers, Guzzlers, and I'd Hit It. The Dot-gers have also made the playoffs, with a first-round bye. In the next issue of Alive!, you will see one team crowned as champions. The Championship games are played at Downey Recreation Center -1772 N. Spring St., Los Angeles.

The Club thanks all the teams for playing this season and congratulations for making it a wonderful year:

> **Enforcers** Guzzlers I'd Hit It **Warriors** LAX Jets Sluggers

The Hitmen **Blue Dragons Dot-gers Transformers Slammers** 









#### **Basketball**

Are you interested in playing basketball? The Club's next season will begin in approximately April 2013. If you have interest in playing, please contact the Sports Dude at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call at (800) 464-0452.

#### **Running and Fitness Club**

All events are closed for Club Sponsorships this year. Please look in the next edition of the newspaper to see events for 2013.

#### **Sign Up Mondays!**

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

- Club Soccer League
- Club Basketball League
- Club Softball League
- Running Club

**Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude** 



Visit the Club Website for all sports scores, updates, and photos: www.cityemployeesclub.com





**AIRPORTS** 

### New Police Officer

Airport Police swears in Officer Vincent Roddy.

Story by Officer Alicia Hernandez, Airport Police, Photo by Officer Darrius Lewis, Airport Police

n Sept. 7, Officer Vincent Roddy joined Othe ranks of the Airport Police, following graduation from the Los Angeles Police Academy downtown.

Roddy was selected as class vice president by his academy peers. He was also voted top cadet in report writing and in tactical training, as well as number two in academics.

Airport Police Chief Michael T. Hyams performed the swearing-in ceremony. Also in attendance were Asst. Chief Brian Walker, Capt. Latasha Wells Amerson, Lt. Edward Trahan, and several other Airport Police personnel. Chief Hyams said, "It is an honor to welcome such a high achiever to the Airport Police family. His accomplishments are the result of his hard work and dedication. I am confident he will be a positive addition to our agency."

Officer Roddy is expected to complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to

airport law enforcement under the guidance of a Field Training Officer before being assigned to Patrol Services Section.



From left: Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams, Office Vincent Roddy and Asst. Chief Brian Walker.

**CHEAP CHEAP CHEAP CHEAP** CHEAP.

Buy Club movie tickets the cheapest in the City!

> **- SEE PAGE 45** FOR TICKETS



### **Share your moments!**

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





#### Births

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



Lillian Hope Lawrence, born Aug. 30 to Ross and Erin Lawrence in Los Angeles. Ross is a Management Analyst II, DWP, with 12 years of City service; and Erin is a Utility Buyer, DWP, with 6 years City service.

#### 🔆 💮 Special Achievements



Bobby and L'keva Harris renewed their wedding vows Aug. 26, after 15 wonderful years of marriage. They have three children. Bobby is a Communication Cable Worker/DWP. L'keva is a Crime Scene Photographer, LAPD.

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



#### Graduations

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Belinda
Hill, LAFD,
graduated
from Cal State
Dominguez
Hills with a
Bachelor's
degree in
accounting. Her
"future plan is
to retire within
five years and
volunteer doing
taxes."

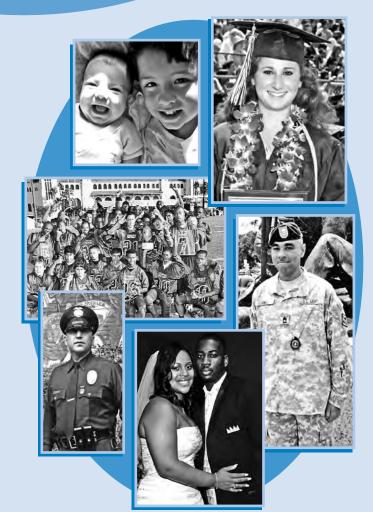


Tamia Frierson graduated from Tennessee State University with a degree in child development and family relations. She's the daughter of Belinda Hill, LAFD.



Malaysia L.
McBride graduated from David
Middle School
and attends
Compton High
School. She's
the daughter of
Deron McBride
and Sheryl
Jackson, and
the granddaughter of
Belinda Hill,
LAFD.

### Life's Important Moments



## Shore Your Good News!

Everyone reads Life's Most Important Moments in Alive! Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

We're looking for:

- Weddings
- Babies
- Graduations
- Special Achievements
- *Alive!* in the Military

Send digital photos

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OR send paper photos (please don't send the only one you have!) to:
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### Life's Important Moments





#### **New Members**

#### Welcome New Members!

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

#### **Airports**

Teresa Acuna Edwrine Alexander Maria Aparicio Delashawn Atkins Sonia Azevedo Annette Bowden Darrell Campbell Gary Carpenter Connie Castillo Maria Cerna Federico Cerpa Jesus Cisneros Lauretta Darling Michael Edwards Erick Gates Richard Gonzalez Richard Greenleaf **Edward Gutierrez** Joycette Herndon Stuart Honda Kathy Jackson Sharlette Jackson Donald Maia

Celeste Matsumoto Louie Menjivar Ernesto Meza Juan Miramontes Rigoberto Orozco Evelyn Osteen Edmundo Ramirez

Carlos Reynoso Penny Riccardi Robert Rios Yvette Rook Jose Rosales

Luis Ruiz Jerry Silva Primitivo Silvestre

Sydaris Smith Jorge Soto Rosalind Spears-Nash Helen Ubiadas Tolosa

Keya Vaughn Melvin Villalobos Linda Wang

**Building and Safety** 

Edmund Lum

#### **City Attorney**

Brenda Martin Estela Valenzuela

#### **CDD**

Maritza Sosa-Nieves Luis Medina

#### **LAFD**

Chris Yokoyama

#### **General Services**

Maria Lopez

#### **Harbor**

Nicholas Marbach

Catherine Lee

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Florence Talamantez

Alice Warren Angie Whetstone

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

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#### **PW-Sanitation**

DeMeaco Franklin **David Thomas** Anne Marie Yamzon

#### **PW-Street Services**

Alvaro Gutierrez John Gomez Laura Roberts John Ward

#### **DWP**

Rec & Parks

Adan Gonzalez

Aurial Granger

Vangelia Hardie

Earnest Kelley

Jose Lopez

Jorge Lopez

Maria Mena

Ana Salas

Reinalda Mabin

Sandra Martinez

Sherry Samaniego

Josefina Santana

**Transportation** 

Tavonia Clay

Vincent Evans

Michael Moguel

Medgar Parrish

Vanessa Willis

**Retired** 

Georgia Robinson

Byron Flores

Gustavo Chavez

Sharon Carter Dana Chavis Fred Cooley Sandra Manhart **Bradley Orcutt** Mattie Thompson Stanley Yee

#### **Other**

Roberto Aguero James Allen Elizabeth Andrew Charles Brown Janice Caleb Jay Carsman Robert Dunbar Shirley Floyd Delia Gonzalez Jean Hirata Robert Holland Thomas King Michael Kraft **Emmanuel Landig** Betty Larson Jonathan Lusk

Gabriel Maldonado Randy Masumoto

Austin Mathe Carol Moore-McDonough

Michael Navarro

Robert Nunez

Willie Owens Jared Pyle

Eliseo Resurrecion Robert Rodriguez

Annette Salazar Angela Salgado

David Schulman Shouyu Shao

Beniamin Shin William Smith Daniel Steel

Ernest Tsui Benjamin Velasquez Michael Warner

Robert Leon White

Jaycion Wilson Chuan-Hsier Wu

#### **Military**

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



#### Weddings

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



#### In Memoriam

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

Chavez, Martín, Harbor, 28 Coverston, Robert, DWP, 6 Gloss, Melony, Airports, 21 Holbrook, Leland, CDD, 33 Hughes, Jimmy Jr., Rec and Parks, 13 Lucas, Jarron, DWP, 29 Partida, Jesus, Personnel, 17 Romo, John Stephan, Zoo, 9 Woodmancy, Dwight, Housing, 13

Adams, Isaac, General Services, 28 Allen, Edgar, City Clerk, 37

Axelrad, Kenneth, Transportation, 31 Berft, Johann, Building and Safety, 19 Bland, Joe, Public Works, 30 Borba, Kevin, Airports, 27 Burnside, Violet, DWP, 23 Ceurvorst, Ronald, Rec and Parks, 33 Chu, David, Public Works, 14 Cissel, Madeline, Public Works, 18 Conner, Melva Jean, General Services, 32 Cortez, Louis, General Services, 38 Crawford, Tristan, DWP, 26 Day, Donald, DWP, 20 Dukes, Jesse, Public Works, 22 Edgeworth, Fred, Building and Safety, 27

Erickson, Ingrid, Library, 7 Flemons, Hural, Public Works, 26 Flores, Armando, Building and Safety, -Galindo, Hector, DWP, 37 Henry, Bob, General Services, 22 Hill, Rodney, General Services, 5 Jacobs, Robert, Public Works, 30 Kick, Charles, DWP, 29 Lastrapes, Paul, Building and Safety, 10 Lee, Gilbert, City Attorney, 33 Longoria, Delia, Airports, 12 Luevano, Alfonso, Public Works, 29 McFadgen, Nathan, LAPD, 30 Mollet, CJ, Public Works, 27

Nichols, Gay, DWP, 28 Premdas, Joseph, Building and Safety, 25 Richardson, Bobby Joe, LAPD, 19 Robottom, Stanman, DWP, 28 Runzo, Frankie, Library, 33 Satterfield, Howard, DWP, 21 Scofield, Martin, DWP, 29 Shephard, Thomas, City Council, 19 Solano, Joe, DWP, 14 Tamraz, William, Rec and Parks, 13 Turetsky, Isadore, DWP, 39 Warren, John, Public Works, 17 Wolfer, Dewayne Sr., LAPD, 30

by Tiffany Sy The Club's Peace of Mind Expert

"What I like most about InfoArmor is the wallet protection service you can set up on their secured Website. You list everything in your wallet, and if you ever lose it or get it stolen, Info Armor will contact all of your credit card companies and banks to protect it from being used by someone else.

#### - Megan E., Club Ticket Office **Customer Service Associate**

"I know that one of my favorite features of the plan is that they also cover preexisting issues, which are usually not covered by other plans. If you have to restore your identity right now, InfoArmor will look back as far as three years to alert you if in fact your identity has been compromised.

- Lu M. Club Receptionist and **Coloring Contest Coordinator** 

### Protect Your Identity

Tdentity theft reached 11.6 million victims last year, with an average of \$4,607.00 in charges per victim, according to Privacy

If you have ever been a victim of ID theft, or know a family member who had their wallet stolen and received an outrageous bill for erroneous charges, Info Armor can help. The Club offers this smart service.

Most credit monitoring companies monitor your credit report in the extension of a credit card or loan. InfoArmor doesn't stop there. They will alert you if they find records of an address change, opening a utility line, library card, telephone and wireless services, Department of Motor Vehicle records, check reorders, and anything else with your personal information.

InfoArmor will do more than provide you with a list of bureau contacts if you need to appeal a claim. They will assist in full restoration of your identity by making the calls and sending the letters for you (with your authorization). They will also cover pre-existing conditions, so if you have been a victim of ID theft and enroll today, InfoArmor will look back up to the past three years and restore your identity. They will also continue to work with you to prevent future incidents by constantly monitoring your identity.

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# in the Field!



**DWP** 

### Meet the Power System Safety Crew

Counselor Gedina visits with DWP Power System Safety.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom,

ver the past year I have spent many of my mornings at quarterly safety meetings with the DWP's Power System Safety and

Training Crew. Their job is to prepare presentations for civil and exempt Power System employees on prevented accidents, accidents that already occurred, and helpful tips that will keep employees safe. They take time to go in-depth on how to use personal protective equipment, safe work procedures, and government compliance.

I wanted to take a moment and introduce to you the people managed by Tyrone Jeffries, Club Member, who make all these presentations possible. It's a group of guys who go above and beyond the call of their job scope to keep people safe.



Doug shares a new tool with employees at Palms District, 3rd Quarter Safety Meeting.



Matt explains how important it is to immediately use the burn gel provided by the department if an arch burn was to occur.



Matthew Woodson, Club Member 28 years of service, Senior Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Safety &

#### **Matthew** Woodson

Matt started out working with the City at Public Works/ Sanitation on a trash truck. After a year he transferred to the DWP. He started his career at the Northridge Yard as an Electrical Craft Helper. Today he is a Sr. Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Power System Safety.

Matt's Power and Safety tip: Keep your electronics out of the heat and off your dashboards!



Douglas Kleinberg, Club Member 22 years of service, Electrical with Safety & Training.

#### **Douglas** Kleinberg

Doug started his career with the DWP in 1990 as an Electrical Craft Helper at the Palms Yard. Today he is an Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor with the Power System Safety.

Doug's Power and Safety tip: Go easy with your lawn watering!



Eduardo Ramirez, Club Member, 29 years of service, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Safety & Training.

#### **Eduardo** Ramirez

Commonly know as Eddie, he started with the Electric Trouble (Blue) at the Van Nuys District in 1983. Today he is an Electrical Mechanic Supervisor with Power System Safety.

Eddie's Power and etv tin: Stav away from downed electric wires!



Walter Rodriguez, Club Member, 24 years of service. Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor with Safety & Training.

#### Walter Rodriguez

Walter started out with the DWP as an Electrical Craft Helper in 1988 at the Central Yard in downtown Los Angeles. Today he is an Electrical Distribution Supervisor with Power System Safety.

Walter's Power and Safety tip: Beware of your surroundings at all times!







Robert Cooper, Club Member, 22 years of service, Distribution Construction Foreman with Safety

#### Robert Cooper

Robert has been with the department for 22 years. He has worked with the Underground Distribution Construction Division as a foreman for the past 10 years. Currently Bob works as a Training Supervisor and has assisted the Power Distribution Safety Section for the last year and a half.

Bob's Power and Safety tip: Never drive tired! Always pull over if you feel yourself getting



Edward Lewis, Club Member, 30 years of service, Chief Electric Plant Operator with Safety &

#### **Edward Lewis**

Ed started with the department 1982 as an Electric Station Operator Trainee at Receiving Station G. Today he is a Chief Electric Plant Operator with Power System Safety.

\*\*Ed's Power and Safety tip: Always follow guidelines and directions for what equipment you're using!



### Public Party

Free public star parties are held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

Lines for each telescope and all viewing must be completed by 9:45 p.m.

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From left: Gabriela Medina, Council Office, 8 years of City service; Capt. Al Rosario, 26 years, Club Member; Lydia Rosario, guest; and Chief Ronald Boyd, 32 years, Club Member.



Capt. Al Rosario, Retired, enjoys running in his free time.



From left: George Cummings, Director of Policy and Administration, 9 years of City service; John Holmes, Director of Operation, 6 years, Club Member; Patricia Whelan, Port Liaison, 1 years; and Ana Dragin, Small Business Liaison, 7 years



From left: Sgt. Dan Cobos, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Claudia Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years; and Yolander Garner, Sr. Clerk Typist, 14 years



From left: Ted Fernandez, Management Analyst II, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Stacie Xenios, Sr. Clerk Stenographer, 35 years; Det. Sonia Estevez, 12 years. Club Member; and Kathleen Shannon, Clerk Typist, 7 years.



From left: Chief Ronald Boyd, 32 years of City service, Club Member; Ricardo Hong, Area Director for Neighborhood & Community Services, 6 years; and Dep. Chief Paul Lipscomb, 5 years

### Goodbye,

**HARBOR** 

Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, retires after 26 years of City service.

Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

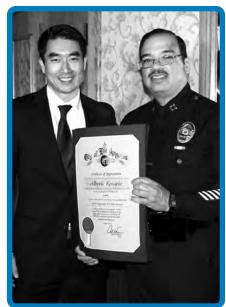


n Sept. 6, family, friends and co-workers of Capt. Al Rosario gathered together for lunch at the Ports O'Call Restaurant to celebrate Al's 26 and a half years of service to the City.

#### Here's a brief rundown of his career:

- 1986: Hired as Deputy Port Warden.
- 1986: Part of L.A. Sheriff's Dept. Academy class 232.
- 1990: Named Officer of the Year.
- 1988: Promoted to Sr. Lead Officer.
- 1993: Promoted to Detective.
- 2001: Promoted to Detective Sergeant.
- 2004: Named Lieutenant/Commanding Officer of Detectives.
- 2005: Named Lieutenant, Patrol.
- 2007: Named Captain over Intel and Info
- 2012: Attends the FBI National Academy.
- 2009: Named Captain, IID.

Congratulations, Al, from everyone at the Club



Ricardo Hong from the Mayor's office presents Capt. Al Rosario, Retired, with a Certificate of Appreciation for



From left: Officer Rudy Meza, 31 years of City service, Club Member; Moe Meza, guest; Sgt. Ken Huerta, 31 years, Club Member; and Sgt. Robert Myers, 23 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Tou Moua, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Gary Bransfield, 25 years, Club Member; and Lt. Rosa Reynoso, 23 years, Club Member



From left: Officer Roberto Ramirez, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Stacey Creech, 5 years, Club Member, Sgt. Ryan Howley, 10 years, Club Member; Bonnie Soong, Management Assistant, 5 years, Club Member; and Capt. Leon Nixon, 25 years, Club



From left: Robert Lesley, Retired Police Officer, 35 years of City service, Club Member: Linda Lesley, Retired Dispatcher, 37 years; Maria Corona, Dispatcher, 24 years, Club Member; John Curry, Retired Sergeant, 30 years, Club Member; and Bill Payson, Retired Police



From left: Leo Stekkinger, Retired Police Officer, 33 years of City service, Club Member: Julie DiTucci, Secretary, 28 years, Club Member; and Officer Patricia Montano, 38 years, Club Member.



Top: Det. John Palucci, 7 years of City service. Bottom, from left: Det. Byron Culbertson, 6 years, Club Member; Det. Victor Morales, 6 years, Club Member; Det. Al Alvarado 12 years, Club Member; Det. Roberto Redondo, 6 years, Club Member; Officer Luis Bautista, 5 years, Club Member, and Det. Jeff Shanaphy, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Michael Graychik, 26 years of City service; and Capt. Ralph Tracy, 28 years, Club Member



From left: Robin Jackson, Management Analyst, 36 years of City service; Christine Thome, Systems Analyst II, 7 years, Club Member; Cheryl Provinchain, Sr. Management Analyst, 23 years, Club Member; and (the late) Martín Chavez, Human Resources, 28 years, Club Board Member



From left: Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, 7 years, Club Member: and Christine Pina. Clerk Typist, 6 years, Club Member



From left: Capt. Curtis Thompson, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Regina Grant, Principal Clerk, 31 years, Club Member; Officer Anita Hayden, 20 years, Club Member; and Sgt. Glenn Twardy, 17 years, Club



From left: Danny Aleman, Retired Lieutenant, 30 years of City service; Sgt. Al Guerrero, 36 years, Club Member; Lt. Mike Capodanno, 14 years, Club Member; and Officer Art Kurkowski, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Jane Chiappetta, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Al Garcia, 25 years, Club Member; Ken Hobbs, Retired Police Officer, 29 years, Club Member; Marge Hobbs, quest; and Lt. Ken Hawkes, 25 years, Club Member.

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L.A. City Works tapes on Hollywood Boulevard.



L.A. City Works tapes at Tillman Water Reclamation Plant's

### A Funky Take on Public Works

L.A. City Works, a Public Works show on L.A. CityView Channel 25, takes a fresh approach.

Story and photos courtesy Jackie David, Public Works

↑hannel 35's new L.A. CityWorks is a funky Show about Public Works that launched last June with a style that has never before been tried by any government organization in the country, according to Public Works

Designed to attract, reach out to and engage a younger audience, the show's new "edutain-

ment" format is edgy, zany and "out-there" as it conveys a mishmash of useful and valuable information to its viewers: A genie and merman are now associated with No Drugs Down the Drain; a merman is associated with a mission to keep the Santa Monica Bay pollution-free; and a silly skit tackles responsible pet ownership.



The crew from L.A. City Works at



Taping an action sequence at Barnsdall

As the show's hosts (Leopold Nunan Soares, Carly Peeters, Martin Victor and Dante Dumas) take viewers inside, under and around Los Angeles, they share their own unique personalities through tongue-in-cheek skits and serious interviews. More importantly, L.A. CityWorks highlights employees and their hard

Show concept creator Jackie David, Public Works, Club Member, says, "When we put

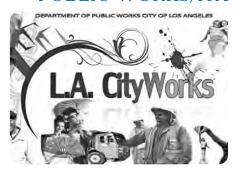
employees on camera, we want them to have fun. We want to see candor and colorful personalities. We want to show what a great and dedicated bunch L.A.'s workers are and the quality of work they do."

Beyond City Hall, from Venice Beach to Hollywood Boulevard, L.A. CityWorks reaches out to personalities



Taping on the L.A. River.

#### PUBLIC WORKS/ITA



on the street in a fun way, capturing amusing interviews and comments. "When you see us headed your way, be prepared to go on camera," says Producer and Director Kevin Slowick. "We are all about putting you on camera! The secret is to have fun telling your story."

L.A. CityWorks Executive Producers Tony Ighani and Cora Jackson-Fossett agree that Channel 35's new L.A. CityWorks has not only launched itself but has also launches a new style all its own. "You've got to watch it to appreciate the show's zany candor," says Ighani.

In the end, it is all about how L.A. City

To become involved, view clips on YouTube, leave comments and share ideas on Facebook, go to: www.LACityWorks.org

To check out Channel 35's daily schedule,

http://parc1.lacity.org/appldept/calendarME/filedocs/ita/tvguide.cfm

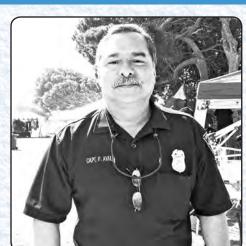


Taping pets at Barnsdall Art Park.



L.A. CityWorks Crew taping at the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant's Japanese Garden.

Capt. Philip Ayala, LAFD, 34 years of City Service, on duty at the Festival of Philippine Arts and Culture. Spotted by Noelle Kauffman





Here's a crew from Public Works/ Street Services, Central Division, working on a Saturday. Spotted by Gedina Bergstrom

Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job? Send it in and we might print it! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

### STUFF THAT **STOCKING**

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### everybody!

ast month, we ventured a long way to Bryce Canyon in Utah. This month, we will again travel ■away from Los Angeles, but this time only to Orange County, to Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park in Lake Forest.

The park has many trails and lots of different paths you can enjoy. These paths are also shared with mountain bikers, so be very careful! Along the path you will see deer, squirrels, rabbits, birds and let's not forget mountain lions. I am in outdoor person, as you can probably assume; I read ahead of time about the mountain lions, but still I wanted to see the park,

as crazy as that may seem. I was very comfortable in the area. My wife and I saw at least four or five deer and lots of other wildlife, at about the one-mile mark. This reminded me of Yosemite National Park and Bryce Canyon all over again.

At the Whiting Ranch A young deer along the path. Wilderness Park, there are many things to see and lots of wildlife all around you. Just be very careful with the area's wildlife and speedy mountain bikers along the path. Let's begin!

The park is 4,300 acres of riparian and oak woodland canyons, rolling grassland hills and steep slopes of coastal sage scrub and chaparral. The park has many trees and lots of up-and-down slopes along the paths. There is abundant wildlife all around you. There are three intermittent streams: Borrego, Serrano and Aliso Creek meandering through the park.

Remnants of the former cattle ranching days can be seen throughout the park. In 2007, 90 percent of the park was burned in the Santiago fire. Most of the land is in the recovery process, so please respect of that process by staying on marked trails and following park rules.

Limestone Canyon is available for guided access only. Visit irlandmarks.org and select from the many free activities offered. In addition to passive recreational programs, there are opportunities to participate in scientific research, stewardship and other volunteer

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

As always, Be Alive!,

Angel





Look closely and notice the mountain biker tire prints.



There are multiple paths to choose from.



The front gate at Whiting Ranch.



Glenn Ranch Road, then left into parking lot.

A rest area, the parking meter kiosk, and area information.

Parking: \$3 (weekdays)

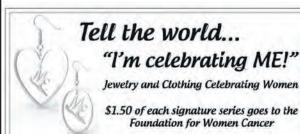
Hours: 7 a.m. to sunset daily

Mountain lion warnings in the area.



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COUNCIL

### Smokey On Patrol

**Councilman Tom LaBonge brings Smokey Bear to the** Hollywood Hills to help prevent fires.

On Sept. 13, Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, unveiled the installation of several Smokey Bear signs in the Hollywood Hills. These signs were put into place to dissuade smoking and increase fire safety in at-risk hillside areas, as several hillside locations have seen an increase in visitor activity in recent years.

The signs are approximately six feet in height with clear no-smoking warnings and an image of Smokey Bear. They were installed on Deronda Drive, Canyon Drive, Mulholland Drive, Beachwood Drive, and Canyon Lake Drive.

Funding for this effort was provided by the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (left center) unveils a Smokey Bear sign in the Hollywood Hills. With him are representatives of the LAPD, Rec and Parks, and members of the Hollywood United



Color Guard brings in the flags to open the event



LAFD helicopters fly over at the end of the program in the "missing man formation" in honor of those members who have died in the service to





LAFD Chaplain Danny Leon speaks about the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by our Firefighters in the line of duty. Danny is an Apparatus Operator for the Department. He is also a brick mason, and he and his father and son did much of the brickwork in the Fallen



Marlene Peterman and her son, Firefighter Douglas Peterman, pay tribute to her late husband, Capt. Raymond



Jessica Urqiza gives a beautiful speech about her father, Firefighter Ralph Urquiza, who passed away in 2009. Jessica plans to graduate from high school and go on to nursing school.



A paver pays tribute to Firefighter Urquiza, who passed in



A family member pays tribute with a red rose at the



The Memorial Flame. The inscription on the limestone arch of the memorial monument reminds us to never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by the 263 LAFD members who are identified on the Wall of Honor



A red rose placed on the Wall of Honor is in remembrance of one of the LAFD members listed on the wall



Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Frank Borden and Ted Aquaro, LAFD Historical Society; Photos by Gedina Bergstrom

On Oct. 13, many people gathered at the LAFD Historical Society in Hollywood to honor those Firefighters that we have lost. It was a super hot, sunny day, and there wasn't a dry eye when Jessica Urquiza spoke about the loss of her father and how she has had to grow up over the past three years.

The 126-year history of the LAFD has been one of the most inspiring and courageous on record. Yet, in the long history of the department, there has not been a place to remember and memorialize those members of the department who gave their lives so that others might live. Now there is.

The Fallen Firefighters Memorial is situated in the heart of Hollywood, just outside Old Fire Station 27 on Cahuenga Boulevard. The dramatic plaza is home to a memorial wall, listing the names of every known department member who died while at an incident or as a result of a duty-related cause.

In front of this wall, a series of bronze statues, each one carefully representing an LA firefighter is on display. The concept for these statues was designed by LAFD Capt. Duane Golden.

The statues represent a fire company during an incident in the City. Two Firefighters are involved in fire attack, while a fallen member is being attended to by another member. The Captain, responsible for his crew and the fire, is making a command decision relative to



Chief Brian Cummings (second-generation LAFD) speaks about the job of the Firefighters and the dangers involved



LAFD Chaplain Mark Wolfe.



Villarigosa: Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Chief Brian Cummings; Commissioner Genethia Hudley-Hayes; and Commissioner Steven



The LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial: Three of the five life-size bronze statues depict "Man Down."

**LAFD** 

### Remembering the Fallen Firefighters

#### **LAFD Historical Society** hosts annual Fallen **Firefighters Memorial** ceremonv.

attacking the flames, while also providing care for the downed Firefighter. Of special note, the Firefighters are not wearing protective face pieces (as they normally would) so that you can see their faces and expressions.

The display is one you can view for an extended period of time. Its message seems to change, depending on the angle and point of view you take. From any angle, the teamwork, spirit and family nature of the fire service is presented. These remarkable life-sized statues were developed and created in Minnesota for the Memorial Plaza by Honors for Excellence.



Commissioner Geneathia Hudley-Hayes speaks about how much the members of the LAFD mean to her and how she has enjoyed her job for eight years.



Master of Ceremonies Capt. Steve Owens did an outstanding job. He recent-



Mayor Antonio Villraigosa speaks from the podium at his last LAFD Memorial



LAFD Bagpiper Retired Firefighter/Paramedic John Keys.



Retired Capt. Jim Finn, LAFD Historical Society President, reads the names of those LAFD members who passed away during the last year.



The Wall of Honor contains 263 names of LAFD members



LAFD aerial ladder trucks with crossed ladders and the American Flag welcome guests to the ceremony



Host Capt. Steve Owens and Councilman Tom LaBonge Club Member. exchange warm greetings.





An LAFD Explorer Post 27 lineup of Fire Cadets awaits the opening of the ceremony. These young people assisted the LAFD Historical Society volunteers in setting up for the

#### NEWSBRIEF

#### **RUIZ ON FEDERAL PANEL:**

Harbor Deputy Executive Director for External Affairs Cynthia Ruiz has been named to the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness by Acting U.S. Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank. The Committee, comprised of 40 senior-level representatives of multiple industries and supply chain

experts, will advise the Secretary, the U.S. Department of Transportation and other U.S. agencies on issues that affect international the competitiveness of U.S. businesses. The Committee held its first meeting at the U.S. Department of Commerce headquarters in Washington D.C. Oct. 19.

"It's a tremendous honor to represent the Port of Los Angeles on this new federal advisory committee," Ruiz said in a statement. "As the competitiveness of global trade intensifies, ensuring a regular flow of communication between Washington and U.S. supply chain stakeholders will be more important than ever."

The Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness will act as a liaison between industry and government, and is an important step toward ensuring regular contact with the supply chain industries, including manufacturers, distributors and exporters. The Committee's advice will also be useful in the development of a national freight policy and in executing the President's National Export Initiative, which aims to double U.S. exports by the end of 2014.

Committee members are leaders in their fields of expertise and represent supply chain firms, associations, stakeholders, community organizations, and also include experts from academia.

Ruiz's appointment will provide the Port and regional stakeholders an important opportunity for input on critical supply chain issues. As external relations deputy executive director at the Port, Ruiz is responsible for provid-

ing strategic external relations leadership and support to Port senior management and Harbor Commissioners regarding legislative policy, communications and regional economic opportunities that require Port and City collaboration.

Department Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa P. Jackson will serve on the Committee as non-voting members, and the Department of Commerce will work closely with those and other agencies to coordinate government activities and programs to implement Committee rec-



Cynthia Ruiz.

ommendations.

U.S. supply chains are critically dependent on the quality and capacity of America's freight transportation network - the largest and most extensive freight infrastructure in the world. The network serves over 7.5 million U.S. business establishments, carrying some 13 billion tons of raw materials and finished goods annually between production and consumption centers.





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### Wildfire Safety

C outhern California doesn't Dhave many "seasons," so we joke about it being "Wildfire Season." But, if you have a fire roaring down on your house and family, it is not funny.

If you live in an area susceptible to wildfires, the following list includes things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your property.

- You should have an emergency kit ready with some food, water and medical supplies.
- Landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it.
- Use fire-resistant or noncombustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling, or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with fire-retardant chemicals evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees. For example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order. Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester that meets the requirements of National Fire Protection Association Standard 211. (Contact your local fire department for exact specifications.)
- Use one-eighth-inch mesh screen deneath porches, decks, floor areas, and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm on each level of your home, especially



near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries at least once each

- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chain saw, bucket and shovel.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire-resistant drapes.
- Clear items that will burn from around the house, including wood piles, lawn furniture, barbecue grills, tarp coverings, etc. Move them outside of your defensible space.
- Identify and maintain an adequate outside water source such as a small pond, cistern, well, swimming pool, or hydrant.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.
- Install freeze-proof exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property. Install additional outlets at least 50 feet from the home.
- Consider obtaining a portable gasoline powered pump in case electrical power is cut off.

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#### **FALEO**

### Filipino Officers Picnic

#### Law Enforcement association hosts second annual summer gathering.

Story by Christian Buado, Investigator, California DMV; Photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Aug. 25, the Los Angeles chapter of the Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association (FALEO) held its second annual picnic at the Cerritos Regional County Park. Well more than 100 attendees, members, family, friends, and special guests enjoyed the warm summer day with fellow Kababayans in

During the picnic, FALEO-LA was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Los Angeles Philippine Consulate General Mary Jo Aragon, who was a special guest. Also present were Cerritos Councilman Mark Pulido, Artesia Councilman Victor Manalo, Carson Councilman Elito Santarina, and other local government officials.

The picnic was also visited by the highest Filipino ranking municipal Police Officer,



From left: Officer Will Lara, Airports, 4 years of City service, Club Member, FALEO-LA Director; and Dep. Sheriff J.R. Gonzalez, LA Sheriff's Dept., 6 years of public service, Club Member, and FALEO-LA Sergeant at Arms.

Assistant Chief Cesar Solis of the San Diego Police Department. Chief Solis stated he was excited to be at the picnic and sees a future FALEO chapter in San Diego.

(.....)

As it was a Filipino party, members shared their favorite dishes during the picnic. Two eight-foot tables overflowed with a variety of Filipino favorites, enough to feed an entire company of Police Officers, twice! In the tradition of Filipino feasts, a large Lechon was donated by the Costales Family, Camalaniugan High School Association and Camalaniugan Circle USA.

Attendees of the picnic enjoyed games for all ages, including a fitness challenge by fitness coach and Krav Maga Instructor Lizen Yumang-Gilligan (www.lizenfit.com). Competitors in two-person teams competed against each other in push-ups, sit-ups, box jumps, squats, and an "Officer Down" scenario. The winners,



From left: Jamis Bickel, Customs and Border Protection, 6 years of public service, Club Member, FALEO-LA Director; and Sgt. Pauline Panis, LA Sheriff's Dept., 17 years of public service, with their daughter, Nikki Ocean.

Deputy J.R. Gonzales and Academy Recruit Byron Costales, both from the LA Sheriff's Dept., received tickets to Raging Waters, courtesy of the Club. Other activities included a water balloon toss, a hula-hoop competition, a piñata for children, and much more. Members also were given tickets for a chance to win different prizes, including movie tickets, gift cards and Disney merchandise. The grand prize, two tickets to Disneyland, went to Officer Carlos Gonzales, Airports.

Guests from San Diego to San Francisco enjoyed a whole day of fun in the sun with FALEO-LA. Special thanks go to FALEO-SF member Brother Lawrence Lagarejos, who attended with his family, and CHP Officer Christian Baldonado, for his participation.

Special recognition goes to Willy Baello Realty, and Maria Rongavilla for the Gift Giveaway donations.



From left: Hailey, guest; Marvin Jaramilla, LA Sheriff's Dept., 14 years of County service; and Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member, and



From left: Special guest Los Angeles Philippine Consulate General Mary Jo Aragon awards FALEO LA with a Certificate of Appreciation to Officer III Peter Trance, Airports, 13 years of City service, Club Member, and



Officer II Christian Costales, LAPD, 5 years of City service,



Officer Jordan Espiritu, Airports, 7 years of City service Club Member, and FALEO- LA Sergeant at Arms; and Officer II Christian Costales, LAPD, 5 years, Club Member, and FALEO-LA Sergeant at Arms.



Special guest Los Angeles Philippine Consulate General Mary Jo Aragon addresses FALEO board members. Artesia Councilman Victor Manalo.



Maria Rongavilla, 20 years of City service, Club Member, with her



Brent, Federal District Officer, 3 years of public service. with parents, Ramon and Connie.



From left: Ronie Diancin, DHCS for the state, 12 years of public service with spouse, Jamie; baby, Avery; and son,



From left: Officer II Christian Costales, LAPD, 5 years of City service, Club Member, and FALEO-LA Sergeant at Arms; Marlene, guest; Sheriff Byron Costales, LA Sheriff's Dept., less than one year of service; Mae, Christian's cousin; Etta, Christian's mother; Kaye, Christian's niece; and Bryan, Christian's nephew.



Picnic potluck!



From left: Mike Sarno, State Parole, 6 years of public service; and Officer Wes Sarno, LAPD,



Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member, and FALEO-LA Treasurer;



Top, from left: Brenda Goodwin, guest; and Joann LaCount, spouse of Frankie LaCount, Public Works/Sanitation, Club Member, with Jordan and Navianna.



Middle: Officer Carlos Gonzalez, Airports, 6 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Nisa, and children, Tray and Ciara.



Christian Buado, Investigator for California DMV, 7 years of public service, Club Member, and FALEO- LA Secretary; with his mom, Christina.



From left: Asst. Chief Cesar Solis, San Diego Police Dept., 31 years of public service; and Vito Herrero, guest.



Officer III Peter Trance, Airports, 13 years of City service, Club Member, and FALEO-LA President; with his wife, Janette, and daughter, Sarah.



Kids play in the moon bounce.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

### 44 Years, Still Going Strong

Gary Gsell marks 44 years with Bureau of Street Services.

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

▶ary M. Gsell, Public Works/Street Services, 

in September. "That's really 44 years and some change," notes Gsell, a Street Services Superintendent at the Street Maintenance East Valley Area office in Van Nuys.

For the last three years, Gsell has spent most of his time representing the Bureau in about 200 depositions and 70 trials for civil litigation claims against the City of Los Angeles. He has been "the face of the City on the witness stand," he says, explaining "our responsibility to public safety and welfare in roadway

potholes and sidewalk trip and fall cases."

He acknowledges he has come a long way since he started at age 19 in 1968, one year after graduating from Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley. "On my first day, the crew supervisor sent me to the oil house," says Gsell, who started with the Bureau as a Maintenance Laborer at North Hollywood Yard.

"My first job was cleaning lanterns used on

wooden barricades and filling them with kerosene oil," he explains. "Today we use plastic barricades with electric flashers. Everything

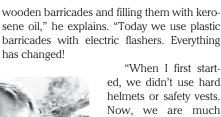
injuries."

Gsell has spent his entire City career with the Street Services Bureau, except for two years in the Army. "It has been a quick 44 years," he says. "Seems like yesterday when I showed up for work as a teenager.

"This place has

and in some cases grandchildren." He has even worked with one employee's grandfather's brother.

Will he try to reach the 50-year mark? "That's a big challenge," he says. "How much longer with the City, I don't know." He confesses he is a "creature of habit" now with no plans to leave the area or to retire. "You become a lifer."



ed, we didn't use hard helmets or safety vests. Now, we are much more safety-conscious, and we have fewer

become like family to me. Generations of people have worked with me, fathers and sons

Los Angeles area.

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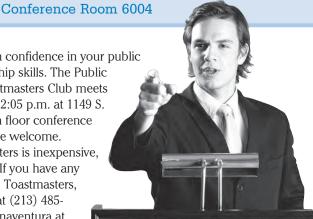
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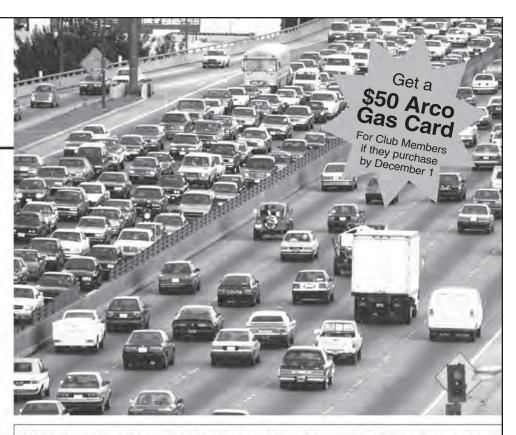


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# No. 54 in a series.

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



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

Salvador Angeles, Landscape, Ontario, 14 years of City service, Club Member, gets a massage.



From left: Maria Elena Gudino, Custodian, LAX, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Blanca Rodriguez, Custodian, LAX, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Alan Peck, Procurement Analyst, Ontario, 13 years of City service; Lodis Woodmore, Labor Supervisor, Ontario, 15 years, Club Member; and Cesar Lopez, Air Conditioning Mechanic Supervisor, Ontario, 12 years.

Elbert Locke, Custodian, LAX,

### Employee

# **Appreciation Day**

Three City airports honor their employees.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

Ceptember was full of appre-Ociation as employees at LAX, Ontario, and Van Nuys Airports took a day out of their hectic schedules to celebrate everyone's hard work!

The theme this year was Western, which meant haystacks, cowboy hats and the phrase "howdy" filled the LAWA airports. The Club attended these events.

Employees enjoyed venturing from vendor

to vendor, receiving valuable information as well as collecting free gifts, tasty treats, and ticket money to enter into the raffle. Employees also received one free meal voucher good for use at any of the food suppliers, including In-N-Out Burger, Bourbon Street Fish, Gourmet Grill Masters or a taco stand.

AIRPORTS

All three LAWA events proved to be a success, and the Club can't wait to join in on next year's Employee Appreciation Day fun.

The Club thanks Jimmy Sparks for inviting



Darlene Smith, Clerk Typist, Risk Management, 25 years of City service, Club Member, with her granddaughter, Tabitha



From left: Carl Adams, Elevator Mechanic, LAX, 20 years of City service; and Etenesh Gebremichael, Custodian, LAX,



From left: Roger Morrell, Warehouse and Tool Room Worker, Ontario, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Jimmy Serrano, Store Keeper II, Ontario, 22 years, Club Member; and Rick Miles, Electrician, Ontario, 12 years,



William Hsu, Police Officer, LAX, 10 years of City service, Club Member, with the Club's Jackie Causillas, Club



Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, LAX, 22 years of City service, Club Member, with his daughter, Ashley.



From left: Sgt. Sophia Mackey-Carzan, LAX, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Terry Bibbins, LAX, 14 years, Club Member.



From left: Brenna Simmons, Custodian, LAX, 7 years of City service; and Juan Ceja Lomeli, Custodian, LAX, 6 years.



Gregory Bland, Head Supervisor, LAX, 27 years of City service, Club



From left: Tanya Lewis-Davis, Bus Operator, LAX, 1 year of City service; Joycette Herndon, Bus Operator, LAX, 1 year, Club Member; Evelyn Steen, Bus Operator, LAX, 2 months of City service; Sharlette Jackson, Bus Operator, LAX, 2 months of City service, Club Member; and Richard Gonzalez, Bus Operator, LAX, 2 months, Club Member.



Officer Ryan Clark, K-9 Unit, Ontario, 14 years of City service, Club Member,



From left: Officer Jason Smith, LAX, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Long Nguyen, LAX, 5 years, Club Member; Officer Sumit Pandya, LAX, 6 years, Club Member; Officer Chris Renard, LAX, 5 years, Club Member; and Officer Faramarz Farnia, LAX, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Mark Diaz, Internal Auditor, Ontario, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Jose Rodriguez, Irrigation Specialist, Ontario, 20 years, Club Member



From left: Virgilio Cruz, Construction Inspector, Ontario, 24 years of City service, Club Member; Sheryl Thomas-Perkins, Sr. Government Affairs Representative, Ontario, 21 years; and Cynthia Hemsley, Procurement Analyst, Ontario, 24 years, Club Member



From left: Officer Mike Gonzales, K-9 Unit Ontario, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Cedric Sampson, Ontario, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Juan De La Parra Contreras, Laborer, Ontario, 10 years of City service; Antonio Aleman, MCH, Ontario, 14 years, Club Member; and Michael Estrada, Gardener, Ontario, 23 years, Club Member



From left: Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, LAX, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Connie Castillo, Maintenance Labor, Ontario, 8 years, Club Member; and Gary Ramirez, Maintenance Labor, Ontario, 9 years,



From left: Officer Peter Trance, LAX, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Rob Yanez, LAX, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Mark McNutty, Security Officer, Ontario, 13 years of City service; Jesus Galvez, Supervisor of Paint Shop, Ontario, 12 years, Club Member; and Clemon Shelton, Custodian, Ontario,



From left: Deordis Taylor, Security Officer, LAX, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Rudy Benitez, Security Officer, LAX, 32 years, Club Member.

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### Reviews by Fellow Club Members

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### At the Movies

In the cinema

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#### **The Master**

Rated R

#### My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Joaquin Phoenix plays an emotionally unstable World War II Navy veteran who meets the "Master" (Phillip Seymour Hoffman), a charismatic leader starting a new religion. The Master is writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson's story that parallels the beginnings of Scientology. Phoenix becomes an early convert to the "cause" and follows the master and his wife (Amy Adams) as the movement begins to grow.

Despite superb acting, and the excellent music of Jonny Greenwood (from the band Radiohead), the movie ultimately loses its way and becomes annoying more than fascinating, both by its two-and-a-half-hour hour length and the pointlessness of the story.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

#### **Arbitrage**

Rated R

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Susan Sarandon and Richard Gere masterfully play husband and wife in this story of a billionaire with a perfect exterior, sliding down a slippery slope. While driving with his girlfriend he has a tragic accident, causing him to run from the police and his family. Tim Roth, the detective, is desperate to tie Gere to the scene of the accident.

Arbitrage is the practice of taking advantage of a price difference between two or more markets, striking a combination of matching deals that capitalize upon the imbalance. Gere does this in business and personal life with everyone falling in line.

- D. Samuel Lapides, **Public Works/Street Services** 

### **Pitch Perfect**

Rated PG-13

### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Three things surprised me about Pitch Perfect: One, Anna Kendrick can sing and act. You wouldn't know it from her being in the Twilight saga film series, but she shines like a star in this film. Two: Rebel Wilson is an absolute joy to see on screen. She stole many of the scenes she was in for this film. Three: Pitch Perfect is a better version of Glee than Glee could ever hope of being after its first season. The cast and musical performances in this musical comedy are done to cinematic perfection and make for one enjoyable movie experience.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

### The Well Digger's Daughter

Unrated

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

We've seen stories of a woman from a poor family falling in love with a rich man many times before. The way this film unfolds is so extraordinarily beautiful and poetic, the emotions it evokes are utterly compelling. The costumes and sets are perfect. All of the acting is stellar, and the sense of irony throughout is quite humorous. I enjoyed every minute of it.

- Erin Knight, Public Works

#### **End of Watch**

Rated R

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Two young LAPD officers (Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Peña) are marked for death after disrupting an international cartel's illicit dealings in South Los Angeles. End of Watch is one of the most exciting, respectful, and violent films in recent memory to deal with the most serious of problems in the poorest and most vulnerable parts of our City. The relationship between the two officers is at the heart of this well-acted film, and but for the extreme violence and language, should be seen by every thinking adult.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

### Sinister

Rated R

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I am telling you all right now: You have to see Sinister to witness one of the scariest movies to come out of Hollywood in a long time. And I am not just talking about "ah!" scary - I am talking about full-blown-nightmares-allnight scary. The setup, the mode, the writing, the bumps... they all add up to one hell of an ending. Granted, most movie fans will absolutely hate the ending, but I believe that horror fans will appreciate this ending as it actually has some reasoning to it and make sense in the realm of horror movies.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

### **ParaNorman**

Rated PG

### My Score: 3 (out of 5)

ParaNorman has its entertaining moments. but it's really lacking in content and originality. The storyline is thin and for an animated film; it truly needs more activity. Maybe I'm expecting too much from an animated film, but I've heard such raves about the movie from friends that I was disappointed that it didn't live up to the hype. I would recommend waiting for this one on cable.

- Marilou Romney, LAPD

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m or}$  those of you who missed it last time during its very limited run, I have great news... Are You There God, It's Me, Karen Carpenter is coming back! This time it will be playing at The Hudson Theatre in Theatre Row in Hollywood. This theatre offers a much larger seating area, so you have a better chance of getting tickets. I know many of you were upset after it sold out last time. This time also includes a new song, "Merry Christmas, Baby" and a few new scenes. The choreography by Kim Hale is really a



This is sure to sell out again, so get your tickets early! As of this time, we do not know if

there will be another run, so this might be your last chance to see this original musical written, directed, and produced by Dane Whitlock, starring Carey Peters and Drew Droege, and stage managed by yours truly.

### **Book Reviews**

#### **Black List**

**Brad Thor** Thriller Fiction, 371 pages Atria Books

### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

"The Black List" is a top-secret list containing names of people targeted for assassination by covert operatives because they pose a threat to national security. Counterterrorism operative Scott Harvath's name was added to the list by someone who wants to get rid of him.

The book exposes how the government monitors technology through the Internet and other means of surveillance, preventing citizens from having any privacy.

This action-packed thriller is great until the very end, and then you want more.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

### **Artifacts (Deluxe Hardcover)**

Ron Marz/various artists Graphic novels; 448 pages Image Comics

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Thanks to a friend of mine who works over at Top Cow Entertainment, I got an early chance to check out the Artifacts Deluxe Hardcover, collecting all 14 issues (numbers 0-13) of the *Artifacts* storyline and series. Beautifully woven and bound, and containing more than 120 pages of bonus art, sketches, scripts and other extras, this hardcover collection is the type of collectible comic book and graphic novel fans wait for. Add to the fact that this story completely revamps and changes the Top Cow comic book universe, and you have yourself a piece of comic book gold.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

### **Video Gaming**

• Videogames online, rental or purchase

### Legasista

ESRB Rated T for Teen My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Legasista is an action/RPG game for the PlayStation 3 that will keep most fans of the genres pretty satisfied as they grind through dungeon after dungeon. However, while the initial gameplay is gratifying at first, through extended hours of gameplay, the experience begins to wear a little thin, and most nonhardcore gamers will probably stop playing at that point. But if you are a fan of dungeon crawling, action RPGs, Legasista may sustain you until the end of the game. Personally, I wish the game were just a little deeper than what it is, but it is good enough.

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

### **Symphony**

ESRB Not Rated My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Symphony is a shoot 'em up/rhythm musi-

cal game that transforms the music tracks on your PC's hard drive into interactive levels where you pilot a ship through mazes, obstacles, enemies and bosses based on which song is being played. Released for the PC through the Steam.com and Gog.com Websites, this visually impressive shooter is one of the best-looking games out there at a bargain price (under \$10). To see your music come alive on screen as an interactive level in a game, Symphony has truly taken the best of gaming and personalized it for each player and

- Richard Cardenas, LAPD

### **Theatre Reviews**

### **The Book of Mormon**

Musical; Mature Audiences Pantages Theatre, through Nov. 25 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The creators of South Park (Trey Parker and Matt Stone) have really done it this time! The Book of Mormon is a musical comedy about Mormon missionaries gone awry. It satirizes everything in its path, from religion, love, society, and even Star Wars. Offensive, obscene, crass, and hysterically funny, for those easily offended... well, you know who you are: Don't see it. All others: Don't wait.

Playing to a packed house at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood, this musical comedy has great dancing, singing, sets, and a wickedly scathing sense of the absurd. You'll be offended, but you'll laugh yourself silly.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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# Cooki with the

with Chef Robert Larios



### PUMPKINS: PRETTY PLEASING AS SOUP

Then I mentioned that I was making pumpkin soup, it was common to get a cringing reaction from people. I have a feeling that they all envisioned in their minds their decoratively carved but withered pumpkins that they had placed at their homes, simmering in a stew pot. The reality is that pumpkin soup can be quite flavorful while simple to make.

There are three methods I have used when making pumpkin soup. And in preserving the concept of keeping Cooking With the Club recipes simple but packed with delicious flavor, I've decided to go with the recipe that takes a moderate time to prepare, but not so much that you have to put up a tent in the kitchen for your dish to finish cooking.

Instead of roasting a pumpkin and then taking the flesh into a mixer, I've skipped that step and just bought a can of mashed, unsweetened pumpkin. Remember, I'm keeping it simple, although if there are pros out there, feel free to prepare the pumpkin in the roasted pumpkin method, since you'll be able to get the highest quality of flavors this way.

I'm sure that you will agree that the recipe below very closely matches the tremendous taste of roasted pumpkin soup.

### **Perfect Pumpkin Soup**

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 medium size pumpkin
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parsley
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 medium size scallion or 1/4 cup red onion
- 1 can (15 oz.) mashed pumpkin
- 1 pint of half and half milk
- 1/4 cup of green chives
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil



Gut the pumpkin seeds and the rest of the inside material.



While stirring, slowly add the pint of the half and half milk to the pumpkin.



### **DIRECTIONS:**



Select a medium-size pumpkin for use as a decorative soup bowl.



Cut the pumpkin toward the stem side so that you can later use the cut piece as a lid.



Place the cleaned pumpkin on a baking sheet and put in the oven on broil for about 10 minutes or until the inside of the pumpkin has dried out.



Open the can of mashed pumpkin and place the contents in a bowl. Add the parsley, pepper and salt.



In a sauce pan on medium heat, sauté the diced scallions and minced garlic in the olive oil until slightly brown, and then add the pumpkin from the can. Stir.



Add soup to the medium-sized pumpkin that was hallowed out; sprinkle finely chopped chives over the soup, and place the lid on the pumpkin to keep it warm.



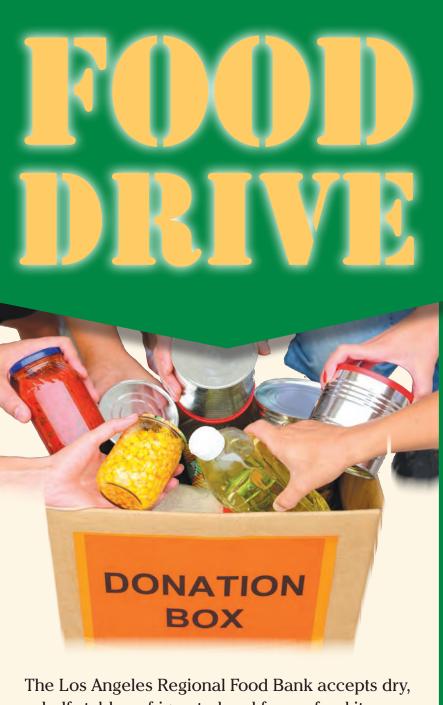
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Airless Paint Sprayer: 2750 piston pump, 25' hose, metal spray gun, simplified set -up & clean-up, 2 gal. capacity, only \$75. Rosemary @ (951)218-4414.

2 Cemetery Plots: Valhalla Cemetery in North Hollywood, Lot 19 & 20, Section 470, Block H. \$7,000 for both. Thomas @ (602) 770-9389.

Duplex for Rent: 1BD/1BA, kitchen & living room. Near Vernon & Main Street area. Nice neighbors, non smokers & taking only Section 8 tenants. Jimmy @ (323)737-4879 or (323)231-9433.

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

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**Dodge** 



Cuckoo Clock: Beautiful & musical 26", 8-day, hunter style, carved wood. Reduced price \$850 Info @ (818) 825 -



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Cemetery Plot: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3, \$10,000 OBO. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912.



Dresser w/ mirror & 1 night stand. Brand new still in the box, only wanted bed assembly. Email if you

want more pictures. Purchased entire bedroom set for \$1500. Asking \$400 for these 3 items. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlz@hotmail.

Leather recliner, Thomasville.



Sofa: Corner Group w/ Ottoman Price: \$450 OBO. Like new, 3 years old,

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\$1,275/mo. Info @ (323) 766-1876.

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Good Any Time		\$12.50	\$7.75	X	=\$	
Regency Theatres – Good Any Time	B	\$11.50	\$7.25	Х	=\$	
UltraStar Cinemas						
Good Any Time  Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.		\$10.00	\$6.25	X	=\$	
Attraction Ticket	to.					
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Adventure City Adult/Child		\$14.95	\$10.75	х	=\$	
Aquarium of the Pacific		-				
Adult		\$24.95	\$17.25	X	=\$ =\$	
Child (3-11)  Expires 11/30/2012.		\$12.95	\$10.25	X	=3	
Boomer's Family Fun Centers		40400	440.00	.,		
All Day Pass  Catalina		\$24.99	\$16.25	X	=\$	
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult	\$72.50	\$60.75	X	=\$	
Expires 12/31/2012. Not valid 5/26-28, 7/3-5, 9/1	Child	\$57.00	\$51.25	X	=\$	
Cleopatra at the California Science						
Adult	New E	\$19.75	\$15.00	X	=\$	
Child (4-12) Child ticket not discounted, must redeem at the b	ox office for timed ticket.	\$12.75	\$12.75	X	=\$	
Davey's Locker						
Whale Watching Buy 1, Get 1	Adult Child	\$30.00 \$25.00	\$21.00 \$17.00	X	=\$ -\$	
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult	\$40.00	\$30.25	X	=\$ =\$ =\$ =\$ =\$	
Sportfishing Full Day	Child Adult	\$29.00 \$69.00	\$25.75 \$56.25	X	=\$ -\$	
Sportfishing – Full Day	Child	\$55.00	\$47.75	X	=\$ =\$	
Disneyland/California Adventure						
1-Day 1-Park Expires 12/31/2013.	Adult Child (3-9)	\$87.00 \$81.00	\$83.75 \$78.00	X X	=\$ -\$	
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult	\$125.00	\$114.50	X	through lickets	
Expires 12/31/2013. 2-Day 1-Park	Child (3-9) Adult	\$119.00 \$170.00	\$109.25 \$158.50	X	=\$ =\$	
Expires 12/31/2013.	Child (3-9)	\$158.00	\$147.25	X	ubgg =\$	
2-Day Park Hopper Expires 12/31/2013.	Adult Child (3-9)	\$200.00 \$188.00	\$180.25 \$169.50	X	5=	
SoCal Select Annual Passport Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ	vatad bafaya 19/21/2012 Valid 170 daya	\$269.00	\$255.75	X	online as E-ti	
SoCal Annual Passport		\$329.00	\$312.75	X	site =\$	
Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be active Deluxe Annual Passport	oated before <b>12/31/2013.</b> Valid 215 days.	\$469.00	\$445.75	х	available our website	
Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ			\$616.7E	v	Only a our	
Premium Annual Passport w/Parkin Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activ		\$649.00 es.	\$616.75	X	ō =\$	
Golf N' Stuff						
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norw All Park Pass: Ventura location	alk location	\$30.00 \$20.00	\$16.25 \$15.25	X	=\$ =\$	
K1 Speed Racing		Ψ20.00	<b>V10.20</b>	_		
Admit one		\$25.95	\$15.25	X	=\$	
This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race a Minimum height requirement 4'10".	nd a annual license for the day.					
Knott's Berry Farm						
1-Day Expires 12/31/2012.	Adult Child (3-11)	\$57.99 \$28.99	\$31.25 \$22.25	X	=\$ =\$	
LA Zoo		-				
Adult		\$16.00	\$11.25	X	=\$	
Child (2-12)		\$11.00	\$8.25	X	=\$	
<b>Legoland</b> Adult		\$75.00	\$55.25	X	=\$	
Child (3-11) Expires 12/31/2012. Comes with 2nd day free to	o use within 90 days of 1st use	\$65.00	\$55.25	X	=\$	
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult	\$95.00	\$65.25	X	=\$	
Expires 12/31/2012. Pass includes admission to	Child (3-11) Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new	\$85.00 waterpark. Tie	\$65.25 cket comes with a	<b>X</b> secon	=\$ nd day free to all 3 attr	ractions.
Annual Pass New	Adult Child (3-11)	\$179.00	\$169.50 \$139.50	X	=\$ =\$	
Available through our website only. Pass must be		\$149.00 piration 1-year fi		^	= <b>3</b>	
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction		¢0= 00	610.00	v		_
Adult Child (4-12)		\$25.00 \$18.00	\$12.25 \$10.25	X	=\$ =\$	
Expires 12/31/2012.			•		,	

Attraction Tickets, continued		RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE		QUANTITY	TOTAL
Magic Mountain						
General Admission (3 and up) Includes admission to Halloween events. Expires 12/31/2012.			\$36.99	X	=\$	
Medieval Times						
Adult		\$57.95	\$43.75	X	=\$	
Child (0-12) Not valid 12/31/2012.		\$35.95	\$31.75	X	=\$	
Mulligan's Family Fun Cente	er					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child	\$23.99	\$16.75	X	=\$	
	d unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing,					
and Sunday, major holidays and every Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palm	day during the summer. Attractions vary per loc	cation. Certain height, u	eight, restriction	ns ma	y apply. This ticket is ac	cepted at
Gift Certificate	aue.	\$15.00	\$10.25	X	=\$	
		Ψ15.00	Q10.20			
Pirates Dinner Adventure						
Adult		\$56.95	\$32.25	X	= <b>Ş</b>	
Child		\$37.95	\$27.75	X	=\$	
Queen Marv						
Adult		\$24.95	\$20,25	X	=\$	
Child (4-11)		\$21.95	\$10.50	X	=\$	
San Diego Safari Park					•	
Adult		\$42.00	\$34.25	Х	=\$	
			\$34.25 \$26.00	X	=3 _¢	
Child (3-11) 2-Visit Pass	Adult	\$32.00 \$76.00	\$26.00 \$57.25	X	=3 _¢	
2-VISIL PASS	Child (3-11)	\$76.00 \$56.00	\$42.25	X	=3 _6	
	Cliid (3-11)	\$50.00	342.23		-9	
San Diego Zoo						
Adult		\$42.00	\$34.25	X	=\$ =\$ =\$	
Child (3-11)		\$32.00	\$26.00	X	=\$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult	\$76.00	\$57.25	X	=\$	
	Child (3-11)	\$56.00	\$42.25	X	=\$	
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific I	Park					
Unlimited Wristband		\$18.95	\$13.00	X	=\$	
Expires 1/7/2013.					,	
Sea World San Diego						
1-Day	Adult	\$73.00	\$58.25	X	=\$ =\$	
	Child (3-9)	\$65.00	\$58.25	X	=\$	
Speedzone						
3 Hour Unlimited Pass		\$49.99	\$25.25	х	=\$	
Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf. E.	xpires 1/25/2013.	Ψ13.33	<b>323.23</b>	^	-4	
Universal Studios						
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!						
Buy 1-Day, get 2-Days free:						
Expires 12/31/2012.	Adult/Child (under 48")	\$77.00	\$69.00	X	=\$	
<b>Gift Certificat</b>	tes					
See's Candies						
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)		\$16.90	\$12.75	х	=\$	
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Shipping & Handling						
Tax (only applicable to all merchandise, not on tickets)			х	8.75%	=\$	
Tickets: First Class Mail w/ Delivery Confirmation		\$2.99	х	1	= \$	
Tickets: Certified Mail (requires a Signature upon Delivery)			х	1	=\$	
Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)			х	1	=\$	
Hats, Watches, Clothing, etc. (all merchandise)		\$7.50	(any	quantity)	=\$	
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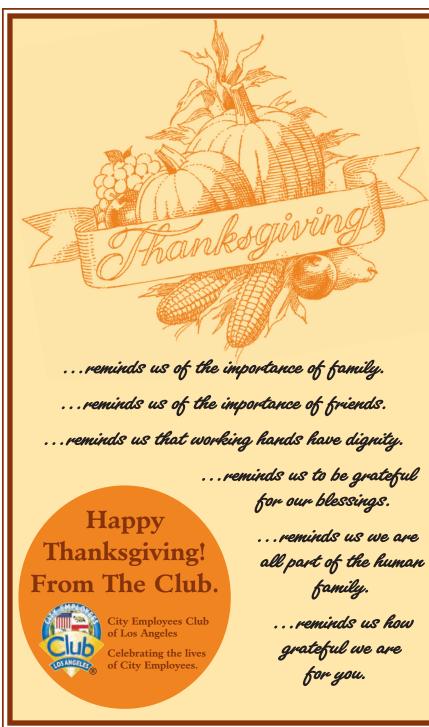
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