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Los Angeles Animal Services

To the **RESCUE!**

Animal Services' SMART rescue team, a national leader, goes in harm's way to save creatures in danger. **SEE PAGE 6**



Founder and leader of the SMART rescue team, Armando Navarrete, Acting Lieutenant for Special Teams, during a recent training exercise in Elysian Park. At his feet is an artificial horse used in training.

Alive! photo by John Hawkins



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A Message From the CEO

Getting It Right The Second Time

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

People ask me all the time how we come up with our cover story ideas. They come to life in about as many ways as there are stories, but generally, it works like this.

First, the cracking *Alive!* staff develops them. Or second, the stories are recommended to us. We know a lot about the City, but of course we can't know everything. So keep sending in your ideas! Is your department or bureau or team doing something cool, interesting and visual? Let me know! (My email address is at the bottom of the column.)

But then you have all sorts of other ways. Take, for instance, this month's cover story on the Los Angeles Animal Services' SMART animal rescue team. Here's how it came down.

Last August, we ran a dramatic photo of a team of City Employees rescuing a horse in the Hansen Dam Recreation Center. The photo was taken by **Juan Guerra**, a civilian who documents a lot of the activities of the LAFD and LAPD. In the photo caption, we mentioned the LAFD, the Rec and Parks staff, the General Service Police, and only a passing mention of something we called the DART team. We didn't even mention Animal Services.



From August 2012: A horse is rescued.

After the paper was published, I got a call from the awesome General Manager of Personnel, **Maggie Whelan**, Club Member, who told us we missed a big part of the story. That's when we got started researching and making phone calls, resulting in this month's cover story on Los Angeles Animal Services' SMART animal rescue team. And what a story it is.

Every City deserves a self-starter like Acting Lt. **Armando Navarrete**, who began the department's specialized animal rescue squad and paid for it out of his own pocket for nearly a decade (we're talking tens of thousands of dollars) until new management came in – namely, General Manager **Brenda Barnette** and Director of Field Operations **Mark Salazar**, Club Member – and funded and supported the team properly.

The SMART Team's eventual funding – and our putting it on our cover – are both a story of getting it right the second time. I believe in second chances, and this story is proof. So thanks, **Maggie Whelan** and **Armando Navarrete**, for setting us straight.

I was saddened this month at the news that **Jack Mathews**, longtime City Employee and director of the other major City association, the All City Employees Benefits Service Association (ACEBSA), had passed away. A brief bio appears in this issue of *Alive!*, in the Best Years section.

I had, and still have, tons of respect for Jack. He pioneered the affinity group concept in the City of Los Angeles, and many of the principles with which I operate are directly related to what he did at ACEBSA. I watched him, got to know him a little, and I learned. And for that, I am grateful. I send my condolences to his family and those who knew him well.

Speaking of those who have passed on, we're adding a new feature in the Life's Important Moments section, tied to In Memoriam: Tell Their Story. Did you know or work with any of those on our list of deceased City Employees? If so, send in a few sentences about him or her, and help us to remember them. See the details on page 32.

But enough about that – it's spring, and time to enjoy life. Who's going to the Club-exclusive Magic Mountain event May 3? Tickets were going fast, so act quickly if you want to go. It's an amazing bargain, and you don't have to fight the huge crowds. It's just your fellow Club Members! You know I'll be there, doing my best to avoid the roller coasters. Wish me luck. I'll see you there!

Don't forget to apply for the 2013 **Joannie Mukai** Club Scholarships; the applications are available now. I'm amazed every year of the quality of the families we have here in the Club. So send in those apps.

JOHN

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Here's Tom Hawkins, *Alive!* photographer, in the dirt in Elysian Park as he snaps Acting Lt. Armando Navarrete of Animal Services' SMART animal rescue team.



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- Pamela Clardy, April 2010

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Thanks to Aram, Crew From Mail Services for Smiles, Delivery



Hi there, just wanted to give a loud shout-out to Aram Salmasi for doing such a good job running the Mail Services Division. I always get a smile from his crew, and my mail is always delivered with speed and efficiency. My hat's off to Mail Services!

– **Mary Lechlinski,**
Public Works

LACERS Ranks First In Funding Security

Wow! Thanks, *Alive!*, for letting me know (through Mike Wilkinson's article in your Best Years Section) that LACERS was ranked number one among large U.S. cities in retiree healthcare funding. I knew I was in good hands, but hearing this confirmed it. I'm proud to have worked for the City of Los Angeles and even prouder to be part of LACERS. Thanks!

– **Edward Tanner,**
Retired, General Services

Alive! Celebrates Lives of City Employees, Including Anniversaries

Hi there City Employees Club, I saw a picture Principal Detention Officer Roberto and Isis Soriano in the last *Alive!* – they were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. What a wonderful event! And thank you for publishing something so neat. I love *Alive!*

– **Mary Rose Wilkins,**
Retired, Library

Jerry Bowls, Runs His Way To Fun With Club Sports Program

I am so looking forward to playing in the bowling league this year with the Club as well as running in the Walk for Warriors 5K run. I also heard that the Sports Dude has list

that is growing with additional races for the Running Club. I talked to other people from other government agencies, and they were shocked that we as employees of the City of Los Angeles have access to a sports program. I send a big thank you to all!

– **Jerry Holcomb,**
General Services

Retiree Travel Photos Rekindled Norman's Love of the 50th State

It is nice to see retirees traveling all around the world as seen in the last newspaper. John Gale visited one my most favorite places in the world – Hilo, Hawaii. Hilo seems to always be damp from all the rain and drizzle. It's a very wet and lush place, and if I could, I'd live there! I am sure Mr. Gale had a great time. Thanks for sharing the photos.

– **Norman Jacobs, LAPD**

At Street Services, Honoring the Employees Starts Nice and Early

I think the idea of a recognition breakfast like the one the Bureau of Street Services did for employees in the North Hollywood yard makes a huge impact for morale and motivation. I give kudos to the leadership there and a huge pat on the back to the Crews 4 and 65 for a job well done!

– **Cindy Gaius,**
Public Works/Sanitation

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Question OF THE MONTH



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

What is your favorite baseball stadium?



"Dodger Stadium."
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"Dodger Stadium."
– Andrew Vejar,
Public Works/
Street Services,
32 years of
City service



"Dodger Stadium."
– Hamid
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1 year of
City service



"Dodger Stadium."
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City service



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7 years of
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"Angel Stadium."
– Miguel Guevara,
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7 years of
City service



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10 years of
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SMART. Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team

The SMART animal rescue team begins its training exercise at the bottom of a ravine in Elysian Park.



Support the SMART Team

There are a couple of ways you can support Animal Services' animal rescue team:

1 First, Animal Services is happy to accept donations, and put them to good use in the service of taking care of the City's animals. Go here: <http://anidonation.lacity.org/>

2 Secondly, follow the SMART team on the Web:
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For more about the Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team (SMART), go to:
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Los Angeles Animal Services **To the RESCUE!**

Started by one person but now an international leader, Animal Services' SMART rescue team goes in harm's way to save creatures in danger. The team now boasts an impressive 100 percent save rate.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Alive! and courtesy Animal Services

When Animal Services employee Armando Navarrete created a dedicated team to rescue animals nearly 10 years ago, he was all on his own – he did all the organizing, and the thousands of dollars in equipment expenses came from his pocket.

It has all paid off. His small but dedicated band is now officially recognized by the department, is winning national awards, and has become a model for animal rescue teams throughout the world.

Chalk it up to the man with dedication, a clear vision and a can-do spirit.

The SMART Concept

SMART is a team of innovative trailblazers taking animal rescuing to a new level. The dedicated team has rescued hundreds of animals, with an average of two calls per week, and enjoys a 100 percent save rate. When not called upon to perform special animal rescues, the SMART team members work as normal Animal Control Officers.

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Alternate Team Leader Annette Ramirez rescues a puppy in tight quarters.

S.M.A.R.T. Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team

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The team is developing standardized guidelines for small animal rescues in an urban environment and natural terrain, because the services provided are groundbreaking and there are no standards set for rescuing animals in situations of extreme distress.

Swiftwater Certified

SMART is NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) certified to perform swiftwater rescue operations across the country. In July 2009, SMART went through swiftwater rescue training, spending two days at Kern River performing mock rescues during the day and night. The team has modified human rescue techniques and applied them to saving animals.

Department Support

When Armando, now an Acting Lieutenant for Special Teams, brought his concept to then-new General Manager Brenda Barnette, asking for the department to support what up to then had been supported out of his own pocket, he wasn't sure what her response was going to be. But she got behind the effort, and over a period of a few years, the SMART Team is now fully supported with proper equipment and training.

Animal Services had three rescue teams in place, but in February 2012, it consolidated them into one Special Operations Unit. The Department further unified the Small Animal Rescue Team and Department Air Rescue Team (Large Animal Rescue Team – DART) into one joint venture, now called the Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team (SMART). This reorganization resulted in leveraging staff to do more than one function, as staff was cross-trained to support each other. The end result is that more staff is available for emergency call outs and Departmental field support. Most importantly, the Department is able to provide increased quality and improved services to the public while maximizing safety and support to its personnel.

The SMART team has a 100 percent save rate since they began using their specialized training, experience and knowledge for rescuing small and large animals in distress. The Special Operations Unit, including the SMART team, is under the command of Director of Field Operations Mark Salazar. The SMART team consists of ten LA Animal Services Officers and one Registered Veterinary Technician. ■



The Rescue Training Exercise

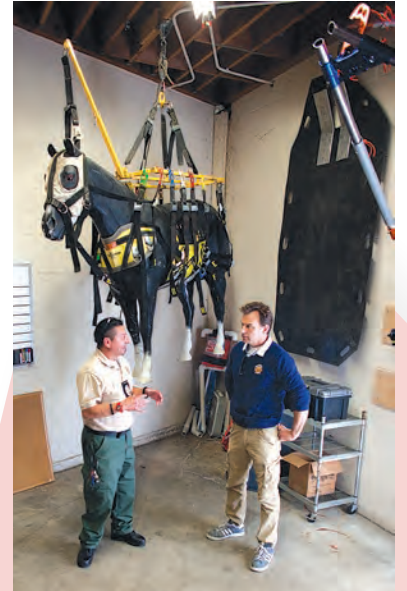
On Feb. 28, *Alive!* cameras caught up with the LA Animal Services SMART team performing a rescue exercise in a ravine at Elysian Park. The "animal" being rescued was a synthetic horse, of the same approximate weight and size of a real horse and designed for rescue exercises. Animal Services owns two such synthetic horses for training.

STEP 1 Storage

The SMART rescue team is headquartered at the North Central Animal Shelter on Lacy Street. The team stores and maintains its equipment at that location.



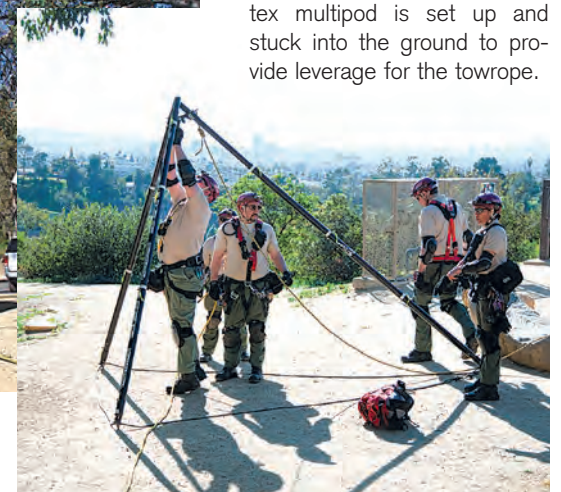
The SMART team's equipment outside one of its rescue trucks.



STEP 2 Set Up



The team is called to a rescue site. Here in this exercise, they set up at the top of the ravine above the "horse" to be rescued. Tires on the rescue vehicles are blocked.



The three-legged Arizona vortex multipod is set up and stuck into the ground to provide leverage for the towrope.

STEP 5 Heavy Lifting



LEFT: The team leader shouts "Haul on!" and the team members grab the long towrope (tripled over via pulleys) and pull the "horse" up the ravine. Winches are not used, as the rescue team prefers the control afforded to a manual pull. It's good old-fashioned muscle work, as a horse can weigh more than 2,000 pounds.



RIGHT: The animal is pulled up the ravine toward its rescue.

STEP 3 Rappel

The veterinarian/technician is always first down, to assess the status of the animal and provide medical care. Here, Vet/tech Ramon Garcia rappels down the side of the ravine.

RESCUE!



Ramon Garcia.



Hugh Briefman.



Glen Julian.

Next down the ravine are Animal Control Officers Hugh Briefman, the team's Large Animal Rescue Coordinator, and Glen Julian, the team's equestrian expert.

STEP 4 Caring and Preparing



ABOVE: The Vet/Tech and Animal Control Officers treat the wounded animal, place a sled under it, and prepare it to be pulled up the hill. Here, as would occur in a real rescue, a towel is placed over the face of the "horse" to protect its eyes from dirt during its transportation up the hill.



ABOVE: The towrope is tossed down the ravine.



LEFT: After attaching the towrope, the team maneuvers the sledged animal into better alignment for the pull-up.

The Alive! Interview



On Friday, March 1, Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Mark Salazar, Director of Field Operations, 2 years of City service, Club Member (left), and Armando Navarrete, Acting Lieutenant for Special Teams and team leader for the SMART team, 17 years. The interview took place at the SMART headquarters conference room in the Animal Services North Central Shelter.

'Rescuing Animals [Is] My Calling'

Alive! So tell me in layman's terms – what does the SMART Team do?

ARMANDO NAVARRETE: The SMART Team is a search and rescue team for animals, just like for people. If an animal gets stuck or trapped, or is lost somewhere, we do exactly what a search and rescue team would do for humans, except we do it for animals.

And are you 24/7?

ARMANDO: Luckily, we're 24/7. That's a blessing. Anytime someone calls, whatever time of day or night, on holidays, at two or three in the morning, we can respond.

And are there limitations to what you do? Are there any kinds of rescues that you shy away from, or don't do for certain reasons?

ARMANDO: We can pretty much do anything, except for those around high power lines. Anything above the standard house voltage, 120 or 220 volts, we can't do because of the danger of electrocution. On power poles, we're limited to where the data lines are, which are about 20 to 25 feet up. Any higher than that, we need the assistance of the DWP.



Acting Lt. Armando Navarrete explains some of the team's awards.

I see. So you wouldn't turn that rescue down, you would just have to call DWP to come in?

ARMANDO: Right. They usually like us to stand by, because they're not the animal handlers. We can at least give them some of our equipment. They take it up there, they rescue the animal... or if the animal jumps or falls, we're down below to try to catch it.

Are there any types of animals that you, for some reason, wouldn't be able to rescue for size, or remoteness or anything like that?

ARMANDO: The biggest animal we rescued was a 2,000-pound horse, which obviously can't be lifted by humans. We were able to use an apparatus to get it out of the situation, and then prep it for a helicopter lift, whether it's County Sheriff's Dept. or L.A. City Fire with their helicopter, whoever is available.

How many rescues do you do a year?

ARMANDO: That's been going up and up and up. In 2009, we had 67. In 2010 we had 69. In

2011 we saw an increase, because we had more freedom to go out versus having to wait for someone to check it out first, assess it, and then maybe call us. So in 2011, we had close to 120. And in 2012, we ended with 163.

Wow. So you've more than doubled.

ARMANDO: Yes. We're very busy every day. [When not called upon to perform special animal rescues, the SMART team members work as normal Animal Control Officers.]

Elite Team

How does a SMART member get picked? What are the qualifications?

ARMANDO: It started almost five or six years ago where it was just a matter of people having the passion to do it, to go above and beyond. Most of us come from a rock-climbing background. To climb heights is fun for us. To do it on the job had us saying, "We're getting paid to do this?" So it was very simple.

Since then, we've interviewed candidates to make sure that people were willing to do what we do, to train and maybe put some extra money in on their own, because some of the training wasn't covered by the City. The selection process is just like anything else. We sent out a flyer, saying, "Who's interested?" We took their résumé, found out their qualifications, interviewed them, and then selected the best person we thought would be a good fit for the team.

MARK SALAZAR: The team members work every day as Animal Control officers out in the field. They're deployed citywide. When a rescue comes up, Lt. Navarrete contacts the districts to see whom he can pull. Right now there isn't a need to recruit for any more. Originally, it wasn't necessarily an application process. It was just the passion of people coming together and saying, "We want to do this. Can we do this?" And the Department allowed that to occur.

Origins

It was quite a journey as to how the SMART Unit came about. Tell me how it started.

ARMANDO: It started back in 1999, or 2000. I got hired on as an Animal Control Officer with the City of L.A. I thought, "That's what I want to do." I wasn't a law enforcement person. I never wanted to be a fireman. But rescuing animals was something I felt was my calling.

When I signed up, we didn't have any rescuing. There weren't a lot of rescues going on because of a lack of training, equipment and support from upper management. I felt that we needed to have a team that does what the Fire Dept. Search and Rescue teams do for people. It was kind of a no-brainer. It didn't exist, though, so why not just create it? That was the easy part, just thinking about it.

When we pitched it to the department back

S.M.A.R.T. Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team

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The Alive! Interview



Acting Lt. Armando Navarrete.

in 2000, they pretty much said, “This is too expensive, plus too dangerous. Just let the Fire Dept. handle it.” But they weren’t doing it. That we weren’t doing it didn’t sit well with me. As an agency that provides service, we were really providing a disservice. So we just marched forward and said, “Let’s just do this.” We had no support, but we did it within the realms of what we had. If there was a feline in a tree, our old manual actually said, “You shall not climb it unless you have a plan.” So we started making plans before our rescues. And the supervisors at the time scratched their heads, saying, “Well, it is in [the manual]. So go ahead!” That’s how we survived the first five or six years without a real team or the right equipment.

You were out of pocket there for your own equipment.

ARMANDO: Yes, we were out of pocket for quite some time. And the equipment that we were buying was the wrong equipment.

Do you have any idea how much you have spent?

ARMANDO: The first year, we didn’t know what we were doing. It was about \$5,000. And then every year it cost a little more. I took my savings and thought, “This is what I want to do for the rest of my life.” I spent \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year, because it was important to me to be safe and keep my team safe.

MARK: When we were looking at developing a budget to support the team properly, we had them do an assessment of what the value of the equipment was that they had to date. And I believe it was just in excess of about \$20,000.

Wow!

MARK: We developed a budget that would support that type of maintenance annually, so that they can replace gear that you really don’t want to use more than once or twice for life safety. They’re now able to do that. We’ve developed a budget to annually take care of their team and provide a great service for the community.

Efficiency

In the last couple years there’s been some restructuring.

MARK: Yes. We realized that, with the budget in the City, departments have to do more with less. We came up with a concept of putting all of our special unit teams under one roof, under one supervisor, the Acting Lieutenant here. It protects a group of individuals that can specialize in the fields, in the areas that we need them to. It provides an opportunity for cross training, so that if somebody in his unit is out, he’s able to pull from one of the other specialized units to help come and assist. And we brought the Large Animal Rescue Team and the Small Animal Rescue Team under one hat and called it the Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team.

That’s SMART.

MARK: Right. To be responsible with our resources, why not have them team together, and have a larger pool of officers that we can pull from for rescues 24/7?

Makes sense.

MARK: We’ve been able to expand our training opportunities for more regular and thorough training than what we’ve had.

ARMANDO: The training was one of the things that we harped on since Day One. So now we have two trainings, at least, a month, sometimes three. We have specialized training in Swift Water Rescue from certified instructors. And then recently we were certified as Rope Rescue Technicians, which pretty much is the highest level of rope rescue. We can set up rigging for hauling and lowering people. We can build a zip line across big gaps almost anywhere.

So when did Animal Services really get behind the effort?

ARMANDO: They really got behind it when [current General Manager] Brenda Barnette came onboard, in 2010. And then later that year, Mark was assigned to us, and that’s when we got the support we needed. From then it’s been nothing but support ever since.

MARK: We wanted to try to protect what we considered important assets in the Department, and one of those resources was our Special Operations team. We brought all of those folks under one roof, and put them under Acting Lt. Navarrete here.

Armando, when you went to Brenda, the new General Manager, you weren’t sure how it was going to go, did you?

ARMANDO: I believed in it, and I knew it worked; I’d seen it work. I feared that she wouldn’t see it the way I saw it. But luckily, she saw it exactly like I did. She saw the future of it. I came out of that meeting very excited and thinking the future is going to bright for this team.

A great moment for you!

ARMANDO: Oh, it was.

MARK: We’ve had tremendous support from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and members of the City Council. Our General Manager, Brenda Barnette, really is a visionary for this Department. She’s 100 percent right for the job. And in this environment today, we continue to be challenged. In a lot of ways, this Special Team really is the heart of the department because they demonstrate how much we here at Animal Services care for animals, and to what great lengths we are willing to go to take care of the pets and any animals in the City of Los Angeles. Our ultimate goal is that every animal is safe and finds a home, and our mission is to see that one day we truly will be a no-kill City here in Los Angeles. We continue to encourage spay and neutering and adoptions from City Shelters, so that one day we don’t have to take in another animal, and that they can go straight to a home. We’d love to see that. This team continues to exemplify that. They always promote what we do here in the shelters – to try and care for these animals properly and get them into good homes.

ARMANDO: Yes... the animals that are not owned, we work really hard to get them a home.

Memorable Rescues

Tell me about a couple of your favorite rescues.

ARMANDO: The first one that really solidified what we do was a rescue we did in 2011 of a dog that we named Chanel. She was in the L.A. River channel. We think she either fell in, or someone threw her in. The walls were about 15 to 20 feet high of solid cement. You can’t drive vehicles in there. We sent people in there safely with the ropes that we’ve learned from training. We lowered three rescuers in; I was one of them. When we got down there, to our surprise, we saw this skin-and-bones cat just crying at us. So we thought, “Well, now it’s a dual rescue. Let’s get the cat out first.” Once we got him out, the dog was the next challenge. Even an injured dog can bite. We didn’t know the temperament of the dog. Surprisingly, this dog came waddling over to one of the rescuers, and put her head on her lap, as if to say, “Take me out of here.” We put her

in a special harness for dogs, and we hoisted the dog and the rescuer out. The great news is that the cat got adopted two weeks later. And then Chanel, through a lot of Facebook campaigning and a lot of hustling, she got a happy home four months later. Her name now is Lulu.

And then the second rescue was last year. It showed Mark and Brenda’s ideas in action with the unified two teams, the large and the small animal teams. We got a call for a horse in a swimming pool.

An empty swimming pool, right?

ARMANDO: Yes. And of course it was in the middle of summer. It was about 100-plus degrees



The SMART team rescues a horse in the middle of a dry swimming pool.

in Sun Valley, and when we got there, sure enough there was a horse laid out at the bottom of this 10-foot pool. We had to think fast as to how to get this animal out of there. It took the two teams. We put the people who were familiar with the horse in the pool. They secured it in the rescue blanket. And then the rest of us set up the rope rigging. This horse weighed about a thousand pounds. We had to get the horse from the deep end to the shallow end, and then hoist it out, with eight people. We couldn’t get a helicopter in there because of the wires. And to get heavy machinery in there from the Fire Dept. would mean they’d have to knock over a few walls to attempt it.

Right.

ARMANDO: So we did what we’ve trained for. It was a picture-perfect rescue. You couldn’t ask for a better rescue. It was done in less than 30 minutes, which is phenomenal for a 1,000-pound horse in a swimming pool.

MARK: One of the real tributes that we celebrate with this type of a rescue also is that the community did not have to deploy a Fire Dept. rescue team to go out there and to take care of this type of a rescue. We were able to save some City resources and still have a successful rescue. We see it as a tremendous service to the community.

One of our goals going forward is to go out to the training sessions or to meetings at the LAPD and LAFD and talk about our resources that are available. A lot of times, we find that the field crews themselves don’t necessarily know to call us. We’re looking ahead to be able to do that.

Awards and Leadership

You’ve won a couple of awards. Tell me about them.



Mark Salazar, Director of Field Operations (left), Club Member, and Acting Lt. Armando Navarrete display one of their awards.

MARK: Last year, we received notification from the City that they were looking at ways to appreciate the work that some of the City Departments have done in providing good quality services to the community while being mindful of budget constraints. We received recognition for the work that we did by being able to put together a team of all of these different types of units, being permits, wildlife, large and small animal rescue,

and provide better service to the community without any department increase in cost. And that is what we were recognized for in December. [*Alive! March, page 26*]

And you won a national award, too.

ARMANDO: Right. 2012 was a big, big year for us.

It was!

ARMANDO: Last June, we were recipients of the Higgins and Langley Award in Swiftwater Rescue. In the search and rescue world, it’s equivalent to an actor winning the Academy Award. Just to get nominated was, for me, phenomenal. We thought, “We’re not going to win. We’re an animal rescue team. These people who are being nominated are all in the [human] search and rescue world and have had years of experience and expertise.”

But I got word that we actually won! I couldn’t believe it at first. It was really nice to be in the company of actual search and rescue personnel. And here we were, this animal rescue team, solely comprised of Animal Services Personnel, which was unheard of. It was a very great honor for us to get that award. We have it framed in our offices, because it’s just one of the best things that’s probably ever happened award-wise for us.

MARK: One of the nice recognitions that we received afterwards was from other teams that for years have been trying to win it. And here we were, our first time, and we received the recognition. People were awfully nice to comment on that. We’ve received contact globally from it. It really brought a lot of nice prestige to the City of Los Angeles.

ARMANDO: When you get the calls from other agencies across the nation, it’s like, “Wow!” And then when somebody Facebooks you from New Zealand and says, “We love what you do. We’re trying to do the same thing,” it’s amazing. It was really nice to see all these people not laugh at us for what we do, because it’s animals.

Our goal is to be able to show other people how it can be done. We started with a thousand dollars and passion and a goal. We hope that, in the future, everyone will have a team like this.

A Born Rescuer

You started this team out of your own idea, your own wallet, and your own energy. Obviously, this service to the City of LA means a lot to you.

ARMANDO: It means a great deal to me. I started in this department back in 1997 thinking we were going to rescue animals. And I was frustrated that when we’d get these calls in, we couldn’t do anything about it. The Fire Dept. was busy, so they couldn’t help. They’re here for the humans.

It was really tough for me to see these animals in distress and not be able to do anything about it. So out of that came the team. And it seemed doable. It was a sacrifice, but it was well worth it.

You were born for this role.

ARMANDO: As corny as it may sound, I say that it’s my calling. We have yet to walk away from a rescue scene [without trying]. We may leave after four or 10 hours of trying, only to go home and brainstorm another solution, buy something new or fabricate something that’ll work, and come back the next day and then we’re successful.

Thank you very much for your time.

ARMANDO: No problem. Thank you.

MARK: Thank you.



The Higgins and Langley award. SMART is the first animal rescue team in the world, comprised solely of Animal Services personnel, to win a Higgins and Langley award in swiftwater rescue.

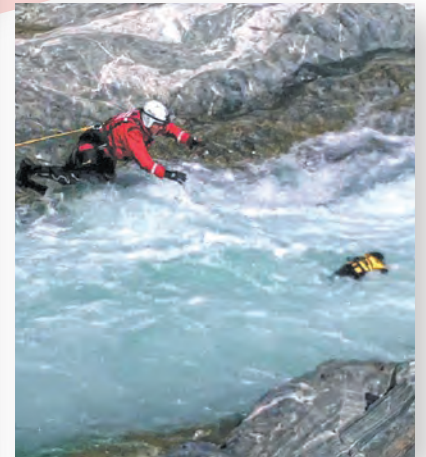
The Alive! Feature

STEP 6 Real Rescues!

Alternate Team Leader Andrew Redfield rescues one of five kittens from under a house.



BELOW: Vet/tech Ramon Garcia performs a rescue at the team's swiftwater rescue training.



Alternate Team Leader Annette Ramirez rescues a deer from a well.

BELOW: Vet/tech Ramon Garcia grabs a kitten 40 feet up a tree.



Alternate Team Leader Annette Ramirez rescues Lulu out of the LA River.

The SMART Team, standing, from left: Officers Verna Riparip, Andrew Redfield, Armando Navarrete, Ernesto Poblano and Glen Julian, and Vet/Tech Ramon Garcia. Kneeling: Officers Yvette Smith, Annette Ramirez and Hugh Briefman. Not pictured: Officers Tami Shepphird and Sean McCarthy.



Alternate Team Leader Annette Ramirez displays some of the team's gear.

Mission Accomplished

The team celebrates a successful rescue. If this were a real situation, the animal would be given additional medical attention if necessary.



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Have News About Yourself?

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

Retiree Upcoming Events

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

- April 11:** RLACEI general meeting, Friendship Auditorium
- June 1:** DWP Retiree's Association picnic, Whittier Narrows – Meadows area
- June 6:** RLACEI golf tournament, Alhambra Golf Course
- Aug. 8:** RLACEI picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge
- Sept. 19:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium
- Dec. 5:** RLACEI holiday party, Friendship Auditorium

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.

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

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RLACEI

Health Care Reform is Part Of General Meeting Agenda

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, **RLACEI President**

Next month's general meeting is going to be special. At the meeting, we're having a workshop titled "Health Care Reform: What Does It Mean to You?"

Come to this workshop to learn what changes are taking place as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Experts will discuss changes impacting the health care industry, how health plan carriers are responding to them and the effects on LACERS' medical plans.

Mark this very informative workshop date in your calendar:

- *When:* 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. April 11. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- *Where:* Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90017

Presenting at the workshop will be:

- Herb K Schultz, Regional Director, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Region 9
- Kenneth Reiff, MBA Executive

Account Manager, Kaiser Permanente

- Carmella Gutierrez, President, Californians for Patient Care
- Alex Rabrenovich, Division Manager, LACERS' Health Benefits and Communications

Questions will be answered at the end of each presentation.

There will be door prizes! Lunch and refreshments will be provided! Free parking!

To RSVP, please call RLACEI (800) 678-4145 x701.

See you there!

Detroit: Pensions Might Not Be Protected



Michael R. Wilkinson

RLACEI Law and Policy Issues by Michael R. Wilkinson

Detroit may be the worst-case scenario for how a crumbling economy, allegations of public corruption and a dwindling tax base can have devastating impacts on a city. Former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is currently on trial for federal racketeering charges [On March 11, 2013, Kilpatrick was convicted on more than 20 federal felony counts, including mail fraud, wire fraud, and racketeering. – Ed.] and the city has a budget deficit of more than \$300 million.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has acknowledged that, "If you look at the quality of services to

citizens, it is ranked among the worst [cities]." Considering the roughly \$14 billion in long-term debt for pensions and other obligations, Snyder sees a crisis that requires looking at renegotiation of all long term debts, including lifetime pension obligations to city workers.

On March 1, Snyder declared a financial emergency and recommended a state-appointed manager take-over, a move supported by the local chamber of commerce. The emergency manager will have broad powers to change existing contracts and also attempt to reduce long-term debts, including pensions to current and retired workers. The City Council has 10 days to appeal the emergency declaration.

While the outcome is uncertain for active and retired Detroit

municipal employees, they are clearly worried about the future. National Public Radio quoted a recent retiree who was concerned that the emergency manager could limit or even eliminate her pension.

Few other cities and states are in as dire straits as Detroit, and it is rare for the political leadership to mount a direct attack on the rights of retired workers, so this is unlikely to spark a trend. In addition, many jurisdictions, including California, have strong constitutional protections for public pensions (Article 16, Section 17 of the California Constitution). That said, Detroit is a warning to us all that we should remain vigilant and keep up with what is going on around us to protect our pensions for the future.



Michael Karsch

RLACEI Legislative Report – Pension Law and Policy by Michael Karsch

As public pensioners we enjoy the security of knowing our pension checks will be in fixed amounts paid to us on time every month. Ours is a defined benefit pension, meaning the checks are determined by the time we worked for the City according to the pension plan offered at the time of our being hired. Part of our pension is paid for by our own payments over all the years we worked, by matching amounts by the City, and by

income from investment of those funds over the years.

Much distress is emanating from the poor performance of the investment fund. Is it all due to the stock market's plunge from 2007 – 09?

According to a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal*, the pension gap in the private sector businesses that still provide pensions are suffering from persistently low interest rates. A pension fund must seek reliable returns that can safely provide enough money for pension payouts; this means one should not rely wholly on volatile stocks and other investment tools. For years before the current crisis,

the reliable investments were bonds that were tied to interest rates influenced by national decisions of banks and the Federal Reserve Board. The returns were reliable but not spectacular. Now the reliable interest rate portfolios are at very low rates, such as below one percent. Reliable, yes, but very low. I can refinance my mortgage at these low rates, but for those relying on interest-rate income, the payout is disappointing. United Parcel Service recently took a hit on its pension plan last year and blamed the downgrading of several banks

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by Michael Karsch

by Moody's Investors Service. Such a downgrade impacted UPS' holdings. It was the bonds held by those banks that had offered higher interest rates, but after the downgrade, holders of such bonds were well advised to invest elsewhere. Much of the turmoil is related to lower interest rates initiated by the Federal Reserve. UPS's discount rate fell 1.20 percentage points. Boeing's discount rate fell last year to 3.8 percent from 6.7 percent in 2007. That company said in a securities filing that a 0.25 percentage-point decrease in its discount rate would

add \$3.1 billion to its projected pension obligations.

The *Wall Street Journal* article noted that rising interest rates could reverse the dire condition of the private pension funds. The newspaper quoted an actuarial consulting firm (Milliman), saying that a 0.27 percentage point increase in the discount rate, plus strong equity (stock) returns in January, helped the deficit of the 100 largest corporate pension plans shrink by \$106 billion last month.

What does this mean for those of us in government pension plans?

To the extent that those plans are relying on interest rate denominated instruments, changes may have to be made into other, riskier equities that pay higher rates of return. Or wait for interest rates to rise. On the personal level of the individual retiree, if you are inclined to borrow, sooner is better while the rates are low. But your pension payments are protected; if the investment returns fail to meet expectations, the City picks up the difference in its own contribution to the pension plan.

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For Retired Club Members

The **Best Years**

LACERS Update



Mary Beetz

By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

LACERS Wellness Workshop Scheduled for April 18, 2013

To kick off the LACERSWell campaign for 2013, the first of two LACERS Wellness Workshops will take place on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park from 9 a.m. – noon. Space is limited. To register, visit

your LACERSWell webpage at www.lacers.org/health-webpage/index.html or call LACERS at (800) 779-8328.

A Limited Time Discount Hearing Aid Program Offered by Vision Service Plan (VSP)

LACERS Retirees and covered dependents enrolled in Anthem,

SCAN, or UnitedHealthcare automatically receive vision coverage through Vision Service Plan (VSP). For a limited time, VSP is also offering its enrollees up to 50% savings on digital hearing aids through TruHearing®. VSP's hearing aid discount program is available in addition to the comprehensive eye exams and discounts on contact lenses, glasses, and LASIK surgery that VSP offers its subscribers. Visit www.vsp.com/specialoffers to learn more about VSP benefits and special offers, or call VSP at (800) 877-7195, or TDD (800) 428-4833.

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Life After Retirement



I've received a letter from a retired employee wishing to connect with a coworker.

Gary G. Boehm worked as an LAPD Civilian employee from 1984 to 1995. He worked at Parker Center, Van Nuys and Foothill Divisions.

Gary would like to contact **Robert Howard**, a co-worker in the Records and Identification Division at Parker Center. Gary can be contacted at (818) 988-6713.

Gary feels that Robert may still be working, so if anyone knows Robert, please forward this information to him.

Gary, we hope contact with Robert is a success!

Feedback Requested

RLACEI is in the process of changing the way Retirees receive up-to-date news. We are also working on how to better serve you. Prior to implementing these changes, **we would like your opinion** on how we are doing, whether negative or positive. In addition, any ideas on how to better serve you would be appreciated. This is important to us! Submit your ideas or questions to Mary Beetz at (800) 678-4145, mbeetz4841@aol.com or at 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801.

As a reminder:

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

If you would like to contact a former city employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so

they can contact you.

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

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Pension System Budget for 2014 Spelled Out at Meeting

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler,
LARFPA Director

We had a really great general meeting last month. Our guest speaker, Councilman Joe Buscarino, who represents the San Pedro area, started us off with a delightful talk on his philosophy on life and politics. Joe is a home-grown product, being born, raised and schooled in San Pedro, and he still lives there. His election campaigns were a team effort, with Joe and his wife going door to door talking to voters, attending public functions, participating in civic organizations and responding to public needs as a volunteer and a police officer. He won his first election

when Councilwoman Janice Hahn was elected to U.S. Congress. He promised the residents he would get rid of the parking meters in San Pedro. The parking meters have been removed. He just won his reelection receiving 85 percent of the votes and will be a real asset to San Pedro and the City Council.

One of the nice things that happens at our general meeting is the attendance of the General Manager of the Fire and Police Pension System, Rill Raggio. He gave the membership a briefing on the 2013-14 proposed budget for the Fire and Police Pension System. The cost will be a whopping \$1.96 billion, with the City's contribution more than \$566 million. Member contributions

and the investment earnings of \$454 million bring the total to \$1.021 billion, and the remainder of the funds to balance the budget of \$73 million will come from the corpus of the Pension Fund. As usual, GM Raggio was generous with his time, answering all questions regarding benefits and problems. Thanks again.

I want to remind our members to sign up for the barbecue and the next general membership meeting in June. The applications are in your LARFPA newsletter. If you aren't a member, you should join now and help support the directors in working to protect our member benefits. For more information, call our office (888) 288-5073.

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

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- Edward Harding Ext. 703
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- Phillip Orland Ext. 709
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Sternock Ext. 708
- Michael Wilkinson Ext. 712

Questions: Ext. 0

RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Voodoo in Togo

After a safari, Hal and Co. cruise from Cape Town to England.

PART SIX



Evelyn and I took a 38-day trip, which included four days at the Botlierskop Safari Resort near George, South Africa; a 28-day cruise on the *Ocean Princess* from Cape Town, South Africa, to London; and four days in London at the end. Don and Myrna, our cousins, took the cruise with us.

The itinerary was as follows: Cape Town; 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.

As we continue the story, it is around 7 a.m., and we are just arriving in Cotonou. It is the economic capital of Benin; the government is located in Porto Novo. Our tour that day visited both cities. Cotonou means "mouth of the river of death." It was here that the Dahomey Kingdom sent about 10,000 slaves per year to the Americas. When European powers attempted to halt the trade in human beings, the Dahomey refused to cooperate since their largest source of income would be lost. So Britain and France seized the areas. The French formalized their control of the colony in 1882, and slavery was banned forever. That is why French is the national language. The county gained its independence in 1960. The government is a multiparty democracy. All that being said, we were warned about the high crime in the area and to be careful. Voodoo was still practiced in the area.

That morning we had breakfast in our cabin. It was easier and quicker than going to the buffet.

We were to dock at around 7 a.m., but due to port traffic (a ship was in our berth) we didn't leave the ship for our tour until about 9:30 a.m. The bus did not have A/C, but the windows were open. The temperature was in the mid-80s, but it was humid. The tour operator provided water for us. We drove an hour from Cotonou to Port Novo to our first stop at the Museum Honmé, Palace of the Port Novo Kings, then to the Ethnographic Museum, then back to the Museum Honmé for a folkloric dance. Then we made the hour's drive back to Cotonou for the stop at the handicraft market. We purchased a warrior mask and a wall hanging. Then we went back to the ship.

The best part of the tour was driving in the cities and seeing the people in their daily life. The streets were a mixture of new, old, very old, rubble and the ever-present garbage.

Each street had its vendors lining the road, selling everything: food, tires, luggage, bootleg gasoline, furniture and everything you would need to set up housekeeping. There were cars on the road, but the main means of transportation was the motorbike/cycle. There didn't seem to be much public transportation. The motor-

bikes also served as taxis. We did not see any begging, like we did in India. We saw many schoolchildren dressed in uniforms. They were very friendly and polite. It was an eye-opening experience, and people who complain about our country should kiss the ground they walk on. Believe me, no one gets on a plane for a vacation in Benin.



The voodoo market in Togo.

Poor is an understatement, but education there is free and mandatory. One of our fellow passengers had candy and another had balloons. They were always a hit with the kids, so I reminded myself to check that night in the ship's shop for some wrapped candy. It's polite to ask if you can take their picture and then give or offer them something. Everywhere we were confronted with big eyes and smiling faces. Despite the low income of the country, the children looked reasonably well fed, clean and happy.

I decided it's possible to take the economic temperature of a country by seeing the shoes they wear. In Benin it was flip-flops.

We think of jazz melodies and voodoo coming from Jamaica, but it all came via the slave trade from West Africa that started between tribes in the 1400s and moved to the new world (Brazil) in the 1500s.

We ate dinner at the buffet and then played bridge. We set the clock back one hour, so we got an extra hour of sleep.

The next day, we traveled to Togo. I looked forward to our tours and hoped they were as interesting as those the day before. We docked in Lome, Togo, on time on the pier side, and the tour buses looked about the same as yesterday. But like yesterday we had a folkloric drum group and dancers to welcome us. I don't think too many cruise ships stop at these ports, so it was still a big deal.

Togo is another long, narrow country sandwiched between Benin and Ghana. In

the 1880s, Germany claimed the 32-mile coast between the French in Benin and the British in Ghana. After 1900, Germany decided to turn Togo into a model colony and began a program of building and development. It became the only German colony to be self-sufficient. In World War I, Togo was occupied by the French and British in 18 days. In 1960 Togo became independent.

It is now a republic transitioning to a multiparty democracy.

Our tour included the National Museum and the Fetish Market.

Our tour left on time, which was nice. The buses were the same as yesterday – no A/C but comfortable. We managed to get a seat with an open window on the right side of the bus, which was better for sightseeing. After many years we have learned the tricks of tour buses. The two guides took turns, both speaking reasonably good English. We also had a security person on the bus. We didn't feel unsafe in any of the ports.

Our first stop was the Fetish Market. For those of you unaware, a fetish market is a one-stop shop for all that is voodoo – bone, horn, toads' eyes, charms, dolls and anything prescribed by a voodoo priest to conduct whatever ceremony you want. We were told that the dolls sold were not real, though. Most of the other items looked authentic.

The sellers were very aggressive, and it was hard to deal with the large number of sellers at the same time. Evelyn took a picture of a young boy, and then he wanted her to give him money. It cost me a dollar to get her out of hock. She should have known. Here you bargain for everything. We bought two voodoo dolls and paid \$10 each. The experience wasn't very pleasant, but interesting.

Our next stop was the handicraft market, where the sellers had a much better attitude. Tourists still needed to bargain hard, and we bought a very nice wood statue and a wall hanging. It was impossible to know what a good price was, so we bargained to a point when we felt we made a good deal. We were told that the first price we were offered was double, so that gave us a base for bargaining. I now have three rules of shopping. The first is, if you like it, buy it, because you won't see it again (as in the next day). Second: Decide what it is worth to you and don't go over that amount. And third: Be prepared to walk away. If only I could take my own advice.

We then stopped at Independence Square and the National Museum. The museum was very interesting; the Togo people seem to be proud of the German colonization and the fact that it had been good for them. The colonial leaders were displayed alongside the current leaders at the museum.

We drove along the beach area to see the fishermen and found ourselves at the Togo/Ghana border, which seemed

a part of Lome. We then drove back to the docks to see the fish market and then back to the ship.

In comparing Togo and Benin, I think Togo is a little better developed, though it is a close call. We drove by the U.S. Embassy, and it made me wonder how much money you have to contribute to not get that job. I guess you could be stationed in Benin instead.

The port area was massive, with many ships anchored offshore. We saw a Mercy ship, which had been here for a number of months, providing free medical services. Our guide said that they had performed many cataract operations that restored sight for many people. It's a simple operation done every day in our country.

My observation about shoes is still a theory, but I noticed fewer flip-flops and more leather sandals in Togo. There were a few more cars, fewer bicycles and mopeds, and larger motorcycles.

I should mention the wonderful cotton prints worn by both the men and women. Loose-fitting pants and shirts on the men and wonderful dresses and headscarves were worn by the women. We saw women carrying all sorts of parcels and baskets on their heads. We tried to lift a pan filled with green coconuts that a woman had lowered from her head, and it was really heavy. It's quite an art. I guess you would say a learned skill. They walked everywhere with bundles large and small without much effort.



Evelyn at the fish market in Togo.

We had dinner in the dining room. The theme was Baltic; the staff wore Hawaiian shirts and the menu had a large selection of fish. Go figure.

The show was very good. Joe Sackenheim, part of the *Princess* onboard entertainment, performed an hour of songs from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s. He had a nice voice and a good stage presence.

Evelyn and I then went to the "African Nights" deck party around the pool. The weather was balmy and slightly breezy, and the party was illuminated by the stars and the lights of the ship. Really, it was very pleasant and romantic. We did not stay for the desert buffet.

Tomorrow we would arrive in Ghana, which will be in next month's article.



Hal with a security guard in Benin.



Our greeter in Togo.

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For more information, contact the Club:

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Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Boyle, Patrick W.	Wwtr Treat. Elec. II	Public Works	5	Garcia, Robert D.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	25	Mohammadi, Reza	Envr. Engr. As. IV	Public Works	26
Calvo, Angel L.	Mgmt. Analyst II	Building & Safety	14	Guerrero, Luis E.	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	30	Norman, Karen E.	Fore. Print Spec. III	LAPD	30
Carstairs, Kathryn	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	12	Hadley, Therese R.	Clerk Typist	ITA	30	Olliff, Frances	Sr. Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	23
Castro, Gilbert Jr.	Sr. Civ. Engr. Dr. Te.	Public Works	17	Hahn, Janice K.	Councilmember	Council	10	Perez, Roberto	Event Attendant III	General Services	2
Cerna, Guadalupe L.	Mgmt. Analyst II	Airports	9	Kobayashi, Kurtis M.	Mgmt. Analyst II	LAPD	16	Sandt, Ellen	Asst. City Ad. Officer	CAO	22
Cobb, Jonathan	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	34	Marmol, Romeo E.	Tax Auditor	Finance	23	Russell, Thomas A.	Sr. Asst. City Att.	City Attorney	10
Davis, Tony G.	Sr. Detention Off.	LAPD	34	Martinez, Carmen L.	Division Librarian	Library	8				



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The Best Years

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



1 Mediterranean



Gail Turner-Brown, Housing, Retired, 30 years of City service, aboard the Dave Koz and Friends Mediterranean cruise (Spain, Italy and France).



Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

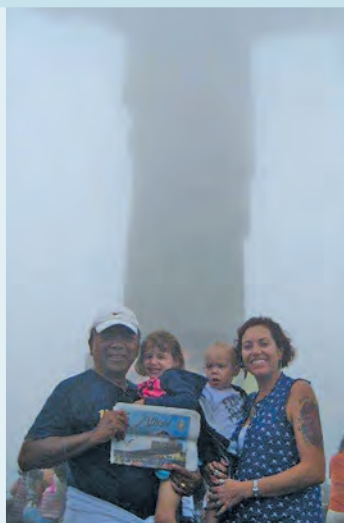
Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a **high resolution** photo with you **holding a copy**, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

2 Philippines



Pablo Niño Franco Jr., Harbor, Retired, enjoyed the Cagsawa ruins, Daraga, Albay, Philippines.

3 Brazil



"My vacation pictures were taken when we were in Brazil in January."

– **Joe Apohen, Public Works/Contract Admin., Retired**

4 'Fancy Free'



Here's **DWP Meter Reading Retiree Bruce McKinney**, 30 years of City service, at Niagara Falls; in the subway outside Yankee Stadium in New York; in Cozumel, Mexico; and in Mahogany Bay, Roatán Island, Honduras.



For Retired Club Members

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. is Proud to Present

Health Care Reform – What Does It Mean to You?

Come to this workshop to learn what changes are taking place as a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Experts will discuss changes impacting the health care industry, how health plans are responding to them, and the effects on LACERS medical plans.

Date: April 11, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.*
(Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Location: Friendship Auditorium
3201 Riverside Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Presenters will include:

Herb K. Schultz, Regional Director
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services, Region 9

Kenneth Reiff, MBA Executive Account Manager
KAISER PERMANENTE

Carmella Gutierrez, President
Californians for Patient Care

Alex Rabrenovich, Division Manager
LACERS Health Benefits and Communications

**Door prizes! Lunch and refreshments will
be provided! Free parking!**

To RSVP, please call (800) 678-4145 Ext: 701

**The workshop will begin immediately after the
RLACEI General Membership meeting
scheduled from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.*



The Best Years

35th Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament



The 35th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **"R.L.A.C.E.I."** by **May 24th** to: Tom Stemmnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemmnock at (818) 487-6789.

2013 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Amount Included \$ _____ \$67 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Club Members (\$77 for all others)

Luncheon Only: \$25

Make checks payable to R.L.A.C.E.I.

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Show Us Your Grandkids!

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

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



Print photos can be sent to:
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 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 120 West 2nd St.
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (800) 464-0452

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



Jack "Chester" Mathews
 May 1, 1926 – Feb. 18, 2013

In Memory of Jack

RLACEI

Jack Mathews, retired City Employee, long-time director of the RLACEI and former leader of the All City Employees Benefits Service Association, died in February. He was 86.

Jack "Chester" Mathews was born May 1, 1926 in Fordyce, Ark. to Arthur and Maeme Mathews. He spent his youth growing up in Arkansas with his older brother "Little Arthur" Mathews, a television personality. After moving from Arkansas, Jack spent the remainder of his youth living in Ohio and Nevada before settling in California.

When Jack became of age, he entered the Navy, where he served proudly. While in the Navy, he con-

tinued his love of sports by playing baseball. After leaving the Navy, Jack played professional baseball in Yuma, Ariz. Jack also spent his life as an acclaimed referee, being inducted to the Southern California Basketball Hall of Fame in 1996. Jack worked for the City of Los Angeles for 40 years.

His accolades include:

- Director, Retired Los Angeles Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)
- Board Member, Los Angeles Federal Credit Union
- 20th President, ACEBSA (Retired)

RLACEI expresses its sympathy to the family.

**"Death leaves a heartache
 No one can heal.
 Love leaves a memory
 No one can steal."**



LAFD

An Ounce of Prevention, And Then Some

Alive! spends the day with Fire Dept.'s Fire Prevention Bureau.



Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, with Fire Inspectors Mark Chase and Lloyd Fukuda; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

Before a building goes up in the City of Los Angeles it has to be approved by many City Departments. One group in particular, the LAFD, is part of the approval process, though most people are unaware of their involvement. I'm sure our *Alive!* readers are familiar with the big red fire engines and yellow fire retardant suits of the City Firefighters, but do you know who works hard to reduce the number of fire calls, thereby keeping Firefighters in the station? The LAFD's Fire Prevention Bureau.

Before high-rises, apartment buildings, places of assembly, places that use hazardous materials, schools, institutions (including jails and hospitals) and office buildings are erected, highly trained Fire Inspectors methodically plan-check and carry out inspections to make sure that the buildings are built according to code. The inspectors ensure that the required fire and life safety devices are installed and functioning properly and can alert the occupants with an early-warning system in the event of an emergency and allow them to evacuate safely. These safeguards also are present in existing buildings as well.

I spent an afternoon with Mark Chase, Fire Inspector II for New Construction, and Lloyd Fukuda, Research Unit Inspector I. We spent some time in the SB Spring Building in downtown L.A. Initially these buildings were filled with employees, but with the decline in the economy they sat empty for years. In 1999, an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance was put into place and building owners were able to convert their spaces into residential living. Inspectors like Mark Chase and Lloyd Fukuda make sure that all these spaces meet the requirements of the fire and life safety codes during construction.

Before a Fire Inspector even sets foot into a building, they are already identifying escape routes, water resources and access points into the building. Specifically, SB Spring has a fire department connection for the fire sprinkler system right outside the front door. As you enter the building, the fire control room – the fire and life safety brains of the building – is in the lobby. Fire and life safety systems that the LAFD inspects to ensure the safety of the building occupants, residents and responding fire department personnel include: fire alarm detection and notification, emergency power and lighting, fire sprinkler/fire pump and standpipe systems, elevators, stairwell pressurization and smoke control systems, various signage requirements, exiting systems and fire-rated construction.

We then walked through a unit where so many little things you never thought much about play a large part in the space being safe and habitable, meeting the approval of the LAFD. Another thing that stood out to me is that there is no "cookie-cutter" recipe for existing buildings or new construction. Each inspector, like Mark Chase and Lloyd Fukuda creates a new plan for every building they work on.

Be Prepared

Here are some words of advice from the



Lloyd Fukuda, Research Unit Inspector I, and Mark Chase, Fire Inspector II for New Construction, in the pump room below the SB Spring Building.

Fire Dept.'s Fire Prevention Bureau.

Fire prevention is an important topic for everyone, no matter where you are – at home or at work. Take a moment to look around. Do you have a fire escape evacuation plan? Do you know where your evacuation assembly area is? Do you have an out-of-state contact in the event of an earthquake or other catastrophic emergency that you and your love ones can contact to determine the status of each other? Do you know who your Floor Warden and Fire Safety Director are in the high-rise building you live in? Do you know where the two fire escape stairwells are on your floor?

As you can see, there are many questions to be addressed. Fire prevention affects us all, at home as well as at work. Many of us are not prepared for emergencies and just walk through life and forget to take an active role in fire prevention.

A few things to look for and remember:

- Have an emergency evacuation escape plan.
- Make sure you have functional smoke detectors.
- Frequently (monthly) test your smoke detectors and replace batteries when you adjust your clocks for or from Daylight Savings Time.
- Make sure to always turn off any space heaters when not in attendance.
- If you use extension cords, be sure not to overload them or run them under the carpet.
- Keep any open-flame devices including candles at least three feet away from combustible materials.



Fire Inspector II Mark Chase points out the little glass bulb in the center of a fire sprinkler that bursts when heated or hit so it can release water.



Fire Inspector II Mark Chase talks about his mindset before entering a building.

- Use safety caps to cover all unused electrical outlets if children are in the household.
- Clean out your dryer filter after every use, and clean the exhaust hose every six months.
- Don't leave open-flame devices or electrical heating appliances unattended.

These are just a few; I am sure you can think of more. Talk with your family and have an emergency evacuation plan. Keep two multipurpose (minimum 2A10BC rated) fire extinguishers in the home.

Everyone has a responsibility to keep our community safe. Take an active role and be aware of your surroundings.

I want to thank Inspectors Chase and Fukuda for their time and all the important information, and Mark Stormes for his assistance.



Each floor must have a number associated with it. It might be a penthouse-level floor, but to a Firefighter it's the 12th floor!



Fire Inspector Lloyd Fukuda notes the mandatory escape route on each floor.



Anyone inside the SB Spring Building must be able to see at least two exit signs from wherever they stand in common areas in the building!

THIS MONTH AT THE



Griffith Observatory

Apr. 20:

Public Star 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.

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Aden and Angel Jr. say "cheese" by the creek.



Fullerton Creek Green Belt

Hello everyone!

This month we head to Fullerton. I thought we would go to a local park and just enjoy the day. Walking the path along the park, you will see a playground, a baseball diamond and some exercise par courses. If you have a dog, bring him/her and just walk the path. The creek is actually below the path, and you would have to be adventurous to go down into this area, as it is not paved. It's a very small creek; the little ones would love to go down by the water and explore.

Fullerton is rich with about 28 miles of recreational trails all around the city. Hikers, equestrians, mountain bike riders and outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of these scenic trails. The Green Belt Park is very nice, and there are lots of activities in the general area. If you like,

you can just continue walking and you will see and find another park in a very close distance. (You are about a block away from Cal State Fullerton.) Nearby are the Juanita Cookie Greenbelt trail, the Fullerton lookout trail and the Fullerton Loop Bike Trail, too. As I always say, take an hour and just go outside and walk, hike, or bike this area, and you will not be disappointed.

In the days following heavy rain, the stream will transform into a body of fast-moving water. Guests are discouraged from climbing down to the creek.

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

**As always, Be Alive!,
Angel**

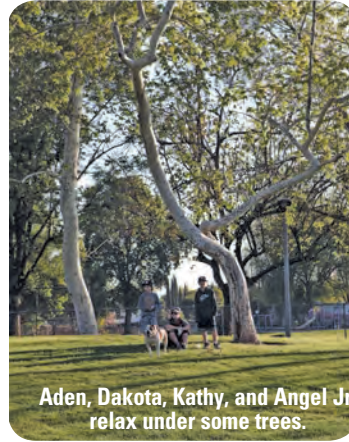


The Fullerton Creek single person path.

Aden with the Body Circle Rings.



The walkway and park landscape.



Aden, Dakota, Kathy, and Angel Jr. relax under some trees.



A duck family of three.

Fullerton Creek Green Belt

1910 Fullerton Creek Dr., Fullerton 92831

Acreage: 7.86

Year opened: 1974

Difficulty rating: Easy walk, 1.5-mile trail

Activities: Walking, baseball, soccer, walking your dog, playground

Admission: Free

Parking: Free at location

Hours: 7 a.m. until sunset. Park and park area closed from sunset to 7 a.m.

Directions: From downtown Los Angeles, take the I-5 south, then merge to the 91 east. Take the CA-57 north, then take exit 8 for Yorba Linda Blvd. Turn left, and turn left onto Fullerton Creek Drive.



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1 Scotland

Here's **Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, wife of Alive! editor John Burnes**, in George Square, Glasgow, Scotland.

2 Ireland

"Here's a pic of my wife, Katie, and me at the Blarney Castle in Ireland in February. 'Slainte' means 'cheers' in Irish (Gaelic)."
 - **Mark J. Casey, Building and Safety**

1 **2**

A depiction of the *Alive!* Around the World map



THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium
A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Fishing With Larry

Saturday, Apr. 13
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join CMA's Programs Director Larry Fukuhara for a morning of fishing on Cabrillo Pier. Meet at the Aquarium at 9 a.m. for registration, then it's over to the nearby pier. Larry will assist in rigging tackle, fishing techniques, etiquette and fish identification. Bring your fishing gear! If you don't have any, hand lines will be provided. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

- **Reservations required:**
Larry Fukuhara at (310) 548-7562, ext. 223.
- Free, open to all.
- Parking: \$2

Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

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AIRPORTS

Dispatcher Minor Honored

Airport Police Dispatcher Denise Minor, Club Member, is recognized by Westchester Elks for her service.

Story courtesy Sgt. Karla I. Ortiz, Airport Police; Photo courtesy Airport Police Officer Lacy Justice

Airport Police Communications Information Representative (CIR) Denise Minor, 4 years of City service, was recognized March 5 at Westchester Elks Lodge Law Enforcement Night. Over the past four years, Denise has become known as a dispatcher with a great attitude, and someone who is always happy. Her supervisor, Maria I. Peraza said, "Denise has volunteered several times to cover shifts

at the last minute, making it easier for supervisors to cover the shifts, and easier for co-workers since they don't have to be forced to stay." The job of a dispatcher can be very stressful; dispatchers in the Airports Dept. are required to monitor approximately four different frequencies including Airport Police Officers, Los Angeles Airport Traffic and Security, Van Nuys Airport and the LAPD. Approximately 100 officers on any given day are continuously monitored by the Communications Unit, including

those at Van Nuys Airport, LAX Patrol, Traffic and Security, Motor Unit, K-9 Unit, Emergency Response Unit, Operation Safe Entry and several other specialized units. Despite this stressful environment, Denise continues to maintain a professional and a positive attitude. She also surprises co-workers with baked goods without expecting anything in return.

Denise also takes a personal interest when helping passengers calling for help, often using her own resources to ensure that property gets back to its rightful owner. One particular instance involved a distraught husband looking for his elderly wife who suffered from dementia and who had been missing for several hours. Denise stayed on the phone with the husband and gathered all the necessary information to help Airport Police Officers locate his wife. Once Airport Police Officers found the woman, Denise asked officers to bring her to Communications Unit, where Denise made sure she had something to eat and drink. With the approval of the husband, Denise then made arrangements to book the couple a hotel room for the night, and made sure they got there safely.

Minor not only performs her job with dedication, generosity, concern for the well-being of others, passion and joy, but she exemplifies the Airport Police mission and values to treat all people with respect and dignity, and to put service before self.



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, Communications Information Representative III Denise Minor, Club Member; Chief Communications Operator Dawn Smith, Club Member; Communications Supervisor Maria Peraza, Club Member; and Assistant Chief Brian Walker, Club Member.

PLAY BALL!

Dodgers, Angels Tickets: Select Games.

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REC AND PARKS

Cabrillo Gala Set for May

Aquarium to present its annual Grunion Gala fundraiser.

Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA) plans to host the annual Grand Grunion Gala Saturday, May 4, at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro. More than 400 guests including business and community leaders, elected officials, scientists, educators and supporters of the Aquarium are expected to attend the black-tie optional affair. The nonprofit's largest fundraiser benefits the aquarium's educational programs, exhibits and displays, and raises more than \$200,000 annually. This year's gala will feature live and silent auctions offering opportunities for great getaways, entertainment, dining, unique adventures, fine art, and more.

Honorees include:

- **County Supervisor Don Knabe – John M. Olguin Marine Environment Award**
Supervisor Knabe will be recognized for his demonstrated significant contributions to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, education, youths and environment.
- **Yvonne Bogdanovich – Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Leadership Award**
As a longtime aquarium champion and community philanthropist, Yvonne has demonstrated exceptional leadership and notable contributions to the enhancement of the Cabrillo community.

■ **Carl and Marge Lundgren – Dr. Susanne Lawrenz-Miller Education Award**

Through their generous research endowment to the aquarium and their annual sponsorship of the Young Scientists Symposium, the Lundgrens have generously supported ocean science education.

Individual tickets are \$225 per person (\$200 per person if received by April 5). For more information, call (310) 548-7593 or email gala@cmaqua.org.

Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose

mission is to provide support and resources to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a Rec and Parks facility. The aquarium serves more than 300,000 visitors each year, of which 150,000 are schoolchildren on free fieldtrips. The aquarium's staff of scientists, educators, support professionals and volunteers work to increase public awareness, education and concern for the marine environment. Recognized as one of the best teaching aquariums in the world, CMA has a more than 75-year record of innovation and excellence as an important educational resource for the residents and visitors of Los Angeles.



Mike Schaadt, Director of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Club Member, welcomes you to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest



Compiled by Mariana Guevara,
Customer Service Associate

Coloring with Mariana!

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could be a **WINNER!**

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

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____



Deadline for submission:

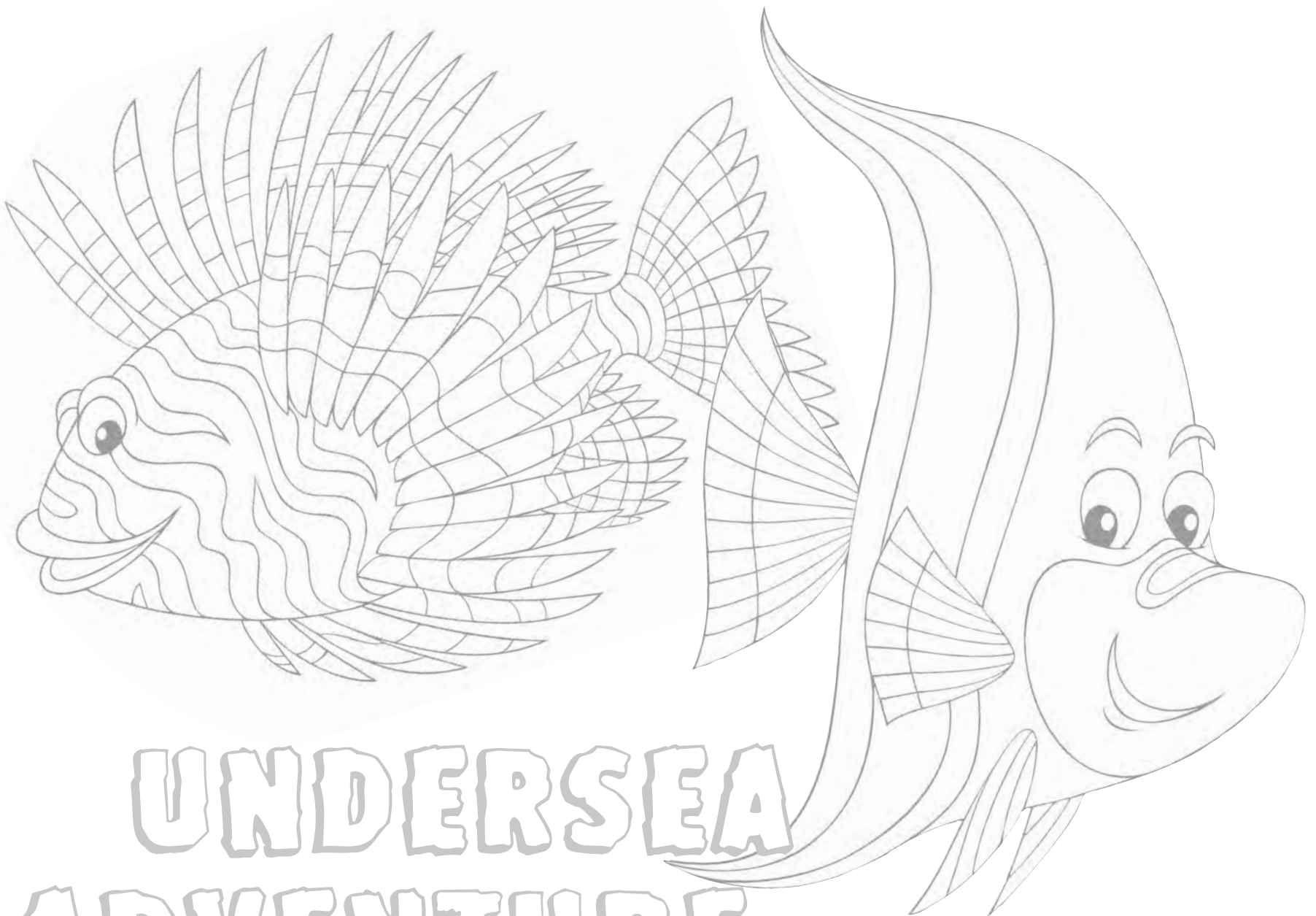
May 6, 2013

Submit to:

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

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

Good luck, and have fun!



UNDERSEA ADVENTURE

JOIN A Toastmasters Group



Club Members: Gain confidence in your public speaking and leadership skills; two City Toastmasters groups invite you to join!

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Toastmasters Club

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12:05 p.m.

1149 S. Broadway
6th Floor Conference,
Room 6004

Guests welcome.

QUESTIONS:
Ivan Gerson
(213) 485-1169
or
Dominic Buenaventura
(213) 847-0593



DWP:
The Water and Power
Toastmasters Club

Wednesdays
noon to 1 p.m.

111 N. Hope St., Room 1171
(last Wednesdays in room 1471)

Guests welcome.

QUESTIONS:
Eric Yoshida
(213) 367-3962

NEWS BRIEF

NEW BUILDING AT LAX CONTRACTED:

On March 18, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners approved a \$107 million appropriation to build a facility that will connect the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) and Terminal 4, as well as a checked-baggage-inspection system at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Included in this capital funds appropriation, the Board awarded a three-year, \$82 million contract to Turner Construction Company, Los Angeles, to provide design-build construction services. This facility, built in the area between TBIT and Terminal 4, will provide a secure connection between the international terminal and Terminals 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the south side of the LAX Central Terminal Area. This project is the latest component of the LAX Capital Improvement Program and will greatly enhance security and convenience, save time, and make connections between domestic and international flights easier.

Key components of the project include:

- A new, behind-the-scenes inline checked baggage inspection system facility to house new explosive-detection systems. This will enhance security and free up lobby space in T-4 to reduce passenger congestion in the ticketing lobby.
- Secure passenger connector between T-4 and TBIT, allowing screened domestic passengers to transition between both buildings in both directions without the need for rescreening.
- Additional security screening checkpoints for arriving international travelers, who have



cleared federal immigration and customs inspection and need to catch connecting flights at Terminals 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the south side of the LAX Central Terminal Area.

- A new south terminals passenger bus port for travel between TBIT and Terminals 5 through 8.
- Upper Level World Way Plaza with open and landscaped areas and public seating will replace the open plaza currently on the Lower/ Arrivals Level between TBIT and T-4. Part of the new facility also will be built in this area.
- A temporary south interline baggage transfer facility to facilitate checked-bags between TBIT and Terminals 4 through 8 during construction of the new connector building.

The Tom Bradley International Terminal/ Terminal 4 Connector and Checked Baggage Inspection System Building Project also will further Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA's) goal for a "greener" LAX. In accordance

with LAWA's Sustainable Design and Construction Guidelines, these projects must optimize the use of recycled building materials, minimize the amount of energy used in construction, and optimize energy efficiency.

Funding for the project includes a combination of airport revenue bonds, Passenger Facility Charges, and funds on hand. LAX's debt service and equity investment will be recovered through the LAX terminal tariff and rate agree-

ment rates, lease revenue from tenants occupying the building, Transportation Security Administration grants, and concession revenues. No money from the City's general fund will be used.

THE SMART MOVE



BY PATRICK MILLER
Dearborn Insurance
The Club's Insurance Partner

High Market or Not, Build Your Security

Does the record high of the Dow Jones Index mean that you've recovered from the brutal market plunge in 2008?

You've heard the stories of folks who lost 50 percent of their account values in the market during the historic correction in 2008. Any money in the market, whether in deferred comp, 401ks or non-qualified investments, was at risk. But the market is back now to record highs, you say. "Haven't I recovered my losses since the market is up significantly?" That's true for new money you put into your accounts since the market was at the low point. However, the lump sums you had in the market, which lost significant value, have never completely recovered. Look at the following example.

You had \$200,000 in the market and it lost 50 percent of its value. You now have an account value of \$100,000. But now the market is up higher than its value when it plunged. You have gained 50 percent on your \$100,000 so your account value is now \$150,000. Even though the market has recovered and is higher than it was when you lost 50 percent of your account value, your nest egg has not rebounded to its previous level.

Is this to say that you should never

invest in the market through deferred comp, or 401ks or non-qualified accounts? Certainly not; you should, however, diversify to protect as much principal as possible and find a way to get a fixed rate of return, which will carry you through the ups and downs of the market. If your \$200,000 in 2008 were earning four percent compounded annually, your nest egg would have been equal a bit over \$243,000 today. If you have the ability to utilize the tax-free benefits of a Roth IRA, that will allow you to keep even more of your nest egg in your pocket to use to enjoy your retirement years.

Dearborn National, through The Club, offers a product called the **Security Builder** that offers the self-completing benefit of a life and disability policy plus the security of a fixed return in the form of an annuity rider that currently guarantees a rate of four percent. The annuity rider can be converted to a flexible premium deferred annuity with a two percent bonus in the second year for a total return of six percent and can be set up tax free as a Roth IRA.

Patrick Miller represents Dearborn Insurance, the Club's new partner for two areas—critical illness insurance and retirement income. Currently, the Club offers three Dearborn products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and Paycheck Protection Plus. Ask your Club Counselor for details.

FORGET THE LINES!

CLUB-EXCLUSIVE PARTY

At Magic Mountain
May 3!

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Applications Available for Club's Mukai Scholarship

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. **Deadline is noon, June 28, 2013.**

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

The 2013 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 10 awards, is now accepting applications.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, June 28, 2013.

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

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2013.

"The Club loves recognizing excellence in our Club Members and their families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment.

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants. We expect this year to be every bit as good."

This year, the Club has rolled the Mukai Scholarship into the Club's Club Angels program, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd St. downtown, or download an application at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued.

"We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."



Joannie Mukai.

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2013. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2013 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Ten (10) scholarships are expected to be awarded, in equal amounts of at least \$500 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 28, 2013. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store and Service Center address: 120 West 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to:

scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com



Raven Burrell received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.



Jacob Muñoz received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.



Ashley Arikawa received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

Congratulations, GRADUATES

Let the Club family celebrate with you... by putting your photo in *Alive!*

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school... high school... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original)

to: **Grad Photos**

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.



SEE YOU AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN

May 3!

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Club Angels Going Strong



Club Members respond to new Club Angels charity, helping those around us in need.

Thanks to generous Club Members, the Club Angels program is well on its way to its goal of doubling last year's contributions.

To date, Club Members have donated more than \$3,200 to the full-fledged charity, which supports a number of giveback initiatives. Last year, Club Angels raised approximately \$2,100.

Club Angels is the Club's new umbrella organization that supports the Club's charitable outreach. Los Angeles City Employees Charities, Inc. – the Club Angels program, is a Club-derived charity that formalizes the Club's charitable initiatives. Club Angels now includes the charitable outreaches you read about here in *Alive!* – including the Buckets and Blankets program, plus the Joannie Mukai Club Scholarships – and builds a framework for others to come.

"Club Members are great people," said John Hawkins,

Club Angels board member. "Thank you for coming through to help the people in our own backyard. Let's keep the momentum going!"

Helping Those in Need

"We wanted to pull all of our charity together and create an organization that can be really effective," said Arlene Herrero, the President of the Club Angels Board of Directors. "There are people in need, and their needs continue to grow. Club Angels is here to make our part of the world more caring."

In 2012, the charity's first year, Club Angels raised more than \$2,100. With that sum, Club Angels bought more than 300 blankets for the residents of the streets of downtown Los Angeles. Club Angels contributed the remainder to the Mukai Scholarships and other City Employees charities.



How to Help

Club Angels accepts checks of any amount. Online giving is being developed. Donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.

Send checks of any amount to:
 Club Angels
 311 S. Spring St.,
 Suite 1300
 Los Angeles, CA
 90013

Club Angels is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions to Club Angeles are tax-deductible as defined by the U.S. tax code. Consult your tax professional.



Life's Important Moments

Share 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
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- Graduations
- Special Achievements
- *Alive!* in the Military

Send digital photos (as high a resolution as you can send) to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
 OR send paper photos (please don't send the only one you have!) to:

Life's Moments – *Alive!*
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 57 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Gregory Tyrone Wright



AGE: "I'm 57."
BIRTHPLACE: Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento.
MARITAL STATUS: "I'm married."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers and two sisters."
PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED? "Divorced."
EDUCATION: "I graduated from John F. Kennedy High School."
MILITARY SERVICE: "I was in the Air Force for 35 years."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Down near the Coliseum; 87th Street; and various shelters and hotels."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Downtown."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I moved down here from Sacramento about two weeks ago."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I have family in the area."
PLAYED SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL? "Yes, I was a defensive halfback."
RELIGION: "Baptist... but many religions are connected."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Sidney Poitier."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*Let's Do It Again*, from the 1970s."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*The Jeffersons*."
FAVORITE CANDY: "I looove candy with coconut in it."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Steaks."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Rhythm and blues."
LAST BOOK READ: "A weekly magazine."
LAST JOB: "I was a short-order cook and a janitor."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Rodeos and bullfighting."
LAST THING EATEN: "A banana."
MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "The Salvation Army."
IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SOLUTION? "I'd talk to people about schools and jobs. I'd construct things."
MAKE A WISH: "Peace around the world."
WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "Put it in a bank."
WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS? "Here in Los Angeles, just like I am now, I hope."
ITEM ALWAYS WITH YOU: "My money!"
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My money!"
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Keep the peace, and keep smiling."

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

The interview took place March 18 at Fourth and Main Streets downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.

Buckets and Blankets!

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



Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **CRE 8 TIVE SOLUTIONS** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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

jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or agomez@cityemployeesclub.com



{ 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. }



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,
Club CEO

WIN A
\$25 TARGET
GIFT CARD



"The (not so) Grand Canyon: Even though it's far from being the real thing, the workmanship behind Radiator Springs is simply amazing. The multi-million dollar *Cars* theme at California Adventure really anchors you to the experience."

– **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

John's comment: Dominique, this is so crisp, so clear it looks real! Thanks as always!



"My wife and I just came back from a recent trip to South America and had the pleasure of visiting the mysterious Easter Island. This picture was taken nearby Ahu Tahai."

– **Ronald Lau, Public Works/Engineering**

John's comment: Wow! Easter Island, yes, is a mysterious place! I remember seeing movies about it when I was a little kid – it still fascinates me. Thanks for the great picture of the classic monolith!



"Words cannot describe the beauty of a scene taken at the right time and place."

– **Hector Cardenas, DWP**

John's comment: Amen to that! That's the photographer's creed – "the right place at the right time" – but it also helps to have a good eye, which you do! Thanks, Hector!



"A perk of getting to work at 'oh dark hundred' in the morning is watching the sunrise over the harbor and cranes. This was taken from the second floor patio of the Harbor Administration Building at the Port of LA."

– **Christine Thome, Harbor**

John's comment: I hope everyone can see the cranes stretching for the sky in the morning sunrise. You never know what happens to color pictures when they are printed in newsprint. Fantastic picture Christine; thanks for having the insight to snap this shot!

"While watering my plants, I found this beautiful flower."

– **Jorge Mendez, DWP**

John's comment: Jorge, the lighting is off the charts on this photo. The shadows and deep darkness surrounding this flower are priceless. Nice work!



RULES:

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

Firefighter Nguyen from FS 77 in Sun Valley finished a preliminary knockdown of blaze in the garage and waits for another member to assist.



House Fire in Sun Valley

Photos by Rick McClure, Retired, LAFD

On March 16, a house fire on Glencrest Drive in Sun Valley caused \$400,000 in damage to the structure and contents. The cause is under investigation. No injuries were reported.

Everyday
Heroes
in Action



A Firefighter from Fire Station 24 in Sunland yells down a progress report on advancing fire as he provides exposure protection.

THE CLUB



Congratulations
to the Club for an excellent 2012.
Here's to an even greater 2013!

Revving Up for 2013, Absolutely!

Excellent service and a solid financial foundation marked the Club for 2012.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

The Club's 85th annual meeting, held Feb. 26, was a celebration of everything that the Club is, including membership, service, discounts and fun. Videos produced by Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, highlighted the Club's mission of service and hospitality in fun ways.

The annual lunch was held in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall. The lunch carried the theme, "Revving Up for 2013."

Strong Foundations

John Hawkins, Club CEO, welcomed everyone and began the business portion of the afternoon.

He introduced Robyn Wilder, Fire and Police Pensions and Club Board Member, who presented the new board, which was accepted unanimously and then sworn in. The Club Board for 2013 is:

- Robyn Wilder
- Andrew Virzi
- Vas Singh; and
- Terry Carter.

Recognition for Great Club Service

The Club is all about great service to City Employees, and the second half of the luncheon was dedicated to recognition of exemplary service.



Club Board Members, from left: Robyn Wilder, President; Andrew Virzi; Vas Singh; and Terry Carter.



From left: Nathalie Kaldjian, David Jangotchian and Marie Carama from JJA Associates, which designs Alive! every month, in front of the candy buffet.

~ The Club Department Reps for 2013 ~



~ Awards ~

From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; United Agencies' Rose Calderon and Patty Pulido; and Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



Club Excellence Award

Given to a Club Partner.

Rosa Calderon, Patty Pulido and Xavier Rodriguez,
United Agencies representatives

"United Agencies has been a Club partner for more than six years," John Hawkins said, "tirelessly providing Club Members with the level of service our members have come to expect."

"Rosa, Patty and Xavier always take customer service to the highest level – making sure our 29,000 members are treated with respect and dignity, and are fully educated about the products they are going to purchase."

"It is with great honor that I award Rosa, Patty and Xavier the 2013 Club Excellence Award."

Lady Smith, Fire and Police Pensions, with Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



Club Athlete of the Year Award

Given to participants in the Club's Sports Program, was presented by the Sports Dude, Robert Larios.

Lady Smith,
Fire and Police Pensions

"Lady Smith has been a participant and contributor since the start of the sports programs," the Sports Dude said. "She has always provided wonderful ideas to improve the sports experiences and has volunteered her time to help employees enjoy the time they have when playing the games. She truly understands what the Club, the Club Sports Dept. and the Sports Dude are seeking, and that is to create memories that will last a lifetime through sports."

"The Club is honored and privileged to recognize and award the 2013 Club Sports Dude Award to a true Lady... Lady Smith."

From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, the Club's Member Services Manager.



Absolutely Award

Given a Club Employee who exemplifies the Club spirit.

Angel Gomez,
Club Member Services Manager

The first *Absolutely Award*, given to a Club Employee who exemplifies the Club spirit "absolutely" was presented by Club CEO John Hawkins to Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager. "Angel has created what is now considered a cult-like phenomenon. We call this the 'Absolutely Effect.'

"Angel, you are:
 "... Absolutely awesome ...
 "... Absolutely the hardest worker I know ..."
 "... Absolutely an icon of what the Club stands for ..."
 "... Absolutely an example for all others to follow ..."
 "... and you are absolutely ... absolutely!"

"Thank you, Angel, for making the Club a better place for all."

AIRPORTS

Bradley New Gates Open

LAX has ceremonial opening of first gates at the under-construction Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Story and photo courtesy Airports

In March, City officials ceremonially opened the first gates at the new Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX. The gates are the first of 18 to be built at New TBIT.

Nine of the 18 gates – including two of the three unveiled last month – can accommodate the larger, new-generation aircraft, such as the Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental and Airbus A-380 super jumbo jets. All 18 gates will use state-of-the-art, laser-based, visual guidance docking systems. Computerized passenger boarding bridges automate the operations between the terminal and aircraft doors. Airports is installing three passenger boarding bridges at all of the new A-380-compatible gates, which will greatly improve the amount of time to load and unload an aircraft.

At the boarding gates, electrical outlets and USB ports for charging personal electronic equipment, such as cell phones, tablets, and laptops, are installed at each bank of seats. Free Wi-Fi service – already accessible throughout LAX terminals – also is available.

“We’re investing in LAX because it isn’t just a travel hub, it’s the gateway to the Pacific Rim and a central driver of our regional economy,” Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said. “With these modernizations at the New Tom Bradley International Terminal, LAX will showcase our City’s innovative spirit and ensure we remain competitive in the global market for years to come.”

“The overall goal of the LAX Modernization Program is to dramatically improve the passenger experience with a building designed to capture the spirit of Los Angeles, while establishing new levels of passenger convenience and comfort,” said Gina Marie Lindsey, executive director, Airports. “We are creating an airport that is safer and more secure, more energy-efficient, and customer-friendly with the types of services and amenities passengers demand today.”

More than 30 airlines operate at the Bradley Terminal, using



One of the concourses inside the Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX. A few of the gates have opened prior to completion of the terminal modernization.

more than 20 different types of aircraft. All airline gate personnel have to be trained and certified to use the new passenger boarding bridges with their particular types of aircraft.

Demonstrating how the new gates operate to news media covering the unveiling event, Singapore Airlines’ daily flight SQ 12 from Singapore (on A-380 aircraft) arrived and docked at Gate 134, the northernmost gate of the new terminal.

In 2012, LAX served nearly 63.7 million passengers, of which nearly 17.2 million (or 27 percent) were international travelers. The Tom Bradley International Terminal served 8.6 million (or 50 percent) of LAX’s total international passengers.

Gate 134 became operational last September, and Gates 130 and 132 became operational last month. Schedules vary, but on average, 12 to 16 arrivals and departures currently use these new gates each day. Currently five international airlines (Air France, China Southern, Korean, Qantas and Singapore) provide daily A-380 service and Lufthansa German Airlines provides Boeing 747-8 daily service. More airlines are scheduled to bring service on the larger, new-generation aircraft, making LAX the U.S. West Coast’s leading airport with such service.

Completion of the three gates and the interior of the north concourse represent a major milestone toward completion

of the \$1.5-billion New TBIT Project, and the opening of the project’s first phase this summer. Phase 1 includes a Great Hall with 150,000 square feet of premium dining and shopping, airline lounges, and other passenger amenities including a play area for children. It also includes nine new boarding gates on the west side of the terminal. Phase 2, which includes the gates on the east side of the terminal and expanded areas for federal passenger security screening and customs and immigration processing, is scheduled to be completed in 2014.

The New Tom Bradley International Terminal Project is the largest public works project in the City’s history and is creating 4,000 construction-related jobs during its four-year project schedule and is expected to create thousands of permanent jobs upon completion. Airport officials estimate that 90 percent of the construction workforce comes from the Southern California region, and nearly 40 percent of the workers are residents of the City of Los Angeles and other communities near LAX.

Funding for the project comes from LAX’s operating revenues, fees from airlines, passenger facility charges, and airport revenue bond proceeds. No money from the City’s general fund is being used.

SEEN Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford
Club Application Coordinator

“The Glass Church”

“I wanted particularly to allow those trees and those trunks to be seen and the space beyond and into infinity to be observed, so those who sat in the sanctuary would perceive the grandeur of space out beyond and around them.”
– Lloyd Wright

Perched on a hillside overlooking the ocean in Rancho Palos Verdes, sits Wayfarers Chapel. It was designed in the late 1940s by architect Lloyd Wright, Frank Lloyd Wrights son. This chapel is a shining example of Organic Architecture. He wanted a “tree chapel”, a natural sanctuary set in the middle of the forest. Made mostly of glass, it emphasizes the harmony between the natural world and the inner world of mind and spirit.

Wright’s inspiration for this church came on a trip through the redwood forests of northern California shortly following the end of WWII. He had stopped at a local restaurant surrounded by trees. When he looked up through the skylight, he saw the trees forming a great natural cathedral.

Back in the 1920, the Peninsula was mostly open farmland. Elizabeth Schellenberg, a member of the Swedenborgian church, dreamed of a church on that nearby hillside. Narcissa Vanderlip,

believed in her dream and donated some land for the chapel site. It is part of the Swedenborgian Church of North America and serves as a memorial to its founder, Emanuel Swedenborg. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Wayfarers Chapel is located at 5755 Palos Verdes Drive S.



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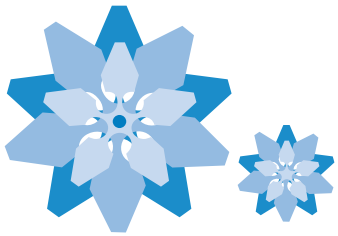
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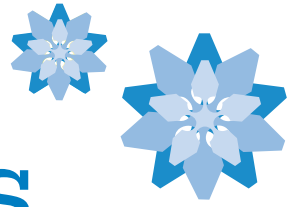


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Welcome New Members!
The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

New Members

<p>Airports Robert Good Jr. Cristal Hobson Edgar Lopez Marlene Manjarrez Irina Mironova Sylvia Pollard</p> <p>City Attorney Alan Figueroa</p> <p>City Clerk Lilian Kim</p> <p>LAFD Gary Cisneros Josef Dobmeier Albert Jensen Art Jiminez Kanisha Leonard Kendrex Lundy Isabel Moreno</p>	<p>Derrick Tinsley John Warner</p> <p>General Services Mario Martin Jason Lopez Cliff Cortes Arturo Leyva</p> <p>Harbor Gabriel Venegas Ruben Villarruel Maria Vite</p> <p>Housing Alexandra Morales Jesse Saucedo Johana Moran Agassi Topchian Ricardo Fuentes</p> <p>Library Sergio Graciano</p>	<p>Rebecca Mariscal</p> <p>LAPD John Simmons Ryan St. Michel</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS</p> <p>PW-Engineering Jaime Contreras</p> <p>PW-Sanitation Arman Martirosian Daniel Soto Allan Stogher Roberto Galvez Frank Herrera Tony Middleton John Munoz Stephan Robertson Robert Sosa Gabriel Valtierra</p>	<p>PW-Street Services Armando Macias Wanda West Carmelo Hernandez Ronald Lorenzen Frank Cornelius Paul Bingaman Joseph Broyles Ernest Diaz Richard Espinoza Paul Fowler Reynaldo Lozano</p> <p>Rec & Parks Juan Cano Jaime Gomez David Leos Cesar Ramirez Sider Vega Noe Gomez-Romero Tiffany Lopez</p>	<p>Transportation Jose Chavez Stephanie Dukes Arianna Leon Hector Monteon Kimberly Rayford Ruben Serrato Liller Thomas Francisco Torres Norma Cibrian Michael Soria</p> <p>Retired April Moya-Hubbard Sue Williams</p> <p>DWP Patrick Adams Shahondra Anderson Daniel Hillman Andre Stewart</p>	<p>OTHER Vickie Amezcuita Kyle Anderson Mary Callaway Carrie Cooper Sean Corcoran Benjamin Curtis Phillip Delgadillo Daren Everett Lucas Everett Dan Fichtler Steve Funes Minerva Gebott Thomas Gracey Yolanda Gritan-Angell John Hall Chu Jun He Charles Howlott Marc Hunter Steven Lambert</p>	<p>Christopher Lefever Jorge Martinez Cody Miller Patrick Miller Patrick Miller Dion Morris John Nerio Francine O'Brien Javier Perez-Fernandez JoAnn Ridens Phillip Sandoval Sheldon Sklar Charlotte Swanberg Darnell Vance Michael Walker Donald Wells Richard Willbanks Jr. Dante Willerton</p>
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In Memoriam

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

- Active**
Barboza, Sergio, Harbor, 26
Grosso, James, DWP, 38
Harding, Dean, Public Works, 28
Pennington, Phillip, Airports, 9
Preer, Gregory, Rec and Parks, 12
Yamashita, Tesshu, Library, 41
- Retired**
Allen, Melbert, Rec and Parks, 28
Avedadawo, G. Bandu, Rec and Parks, 7
Bernard, Joseph, Building and Safety, 36
Butts, Samuel, Public Works, 26
Carleton, Robert, General Services, 16
Dabbs, Edward, DWP, 26
Damiani, Maria, DWP, 30
Fackler, Carl, DWP, 8
Gastelo, Gilbert, Transportation, 9
Gergen, Glenn, Airports, 18
Gomez, Daniel, Rec and Parks, 27
Gross, Michael, DWP, 25
Guzman, Robert, Airports, 9
Hand, Frederick, Planning, 0
Hardies, Ernest, DWP, 40
Hayashi, Haruye, DWP, 27
Hope, Bernardine, DWP, 26

- Howard, Warren, DWP, 17
Jackson, Lloyd, Zoo, 36
Kennedy, JW, Personnel, 24

- Mathews, Jack, General Services, 40
McCombs, James, DWP, 30
McDermott, Ellen, CDD, 30

- Nickleberry, Cariol, Public Works, 19
Parker, Warren, Building and Safety, 26
Peters, Mildred, City Attorney, 20
Pharr, Helen, Personnel, 16
Rimmer, Eric, General Services, 5
Rimmer, Jeffrey, DWP, 37
Riolo, Nancy, Public Works, 16
Rutiaga, Antonio, Public Works, 33
Samonte, Benjamin, Airports, 13
Sanders, Lursey, Public Works, 24
Sevigny, Edward, LAPD, 18
Shepard, William, Public Works, 26
Simpson, William, DWP, 54
Singleton, Paul, LAPD, 10
Sitjar, Felix, DWP, 36
Stafford, Harold, DWP, 15
Stewart, Gloria, DWP, 31
Tuttle, Charles, DWP, 20
Wagner, William, DWP, 32
Williams, Robert, Public Works, 34
Williams, Willie, LAPD, 13
Woodson, Clarence, General Services, 14
Young, Gary, Public Works, 37,

A new Alive! feature

It's Time to Tell Their Story

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

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

Subject line: Tell Their Story

- Lambert, Harold, Building and Safety, 40
Lloyd, Robert, DWP, 32
Magowan, Russell, Transportation, 22
Manii, Nury, Airports, 23

- Milicov, Arthur, Public Works, 40
Miller, Robert, Public Works, 30
Moore, Samuel, Airports, 27
Mouton, Harold, LAPD, 10

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert

DWP Open Enrollment This Month

If you are an active DWP employee, it is very important to review your Club benefits this month to prepare for Open Enrollment this April.

One of the ways you can do this is to stop by the Club store or call us to verify your coverage. It is important to familiarize yourself with your deductions and what those acronyms represent on your pay stub. For example, if you have insurance with the City Employees Club, you will see a deduction code of "LACEA 41." You are always welcome to contact us for clarification of your benefits and request a statement. The benefit statement will include a breakdown of your type of benefit coverage and monthly premiums. It is generally a good idea to do this as often as you receive a pay stub or at minimum, the weeks prior to your Open Enrollment so you can make changes with the City/DWP.

Has your family size changed? Have you purchased a home? Do you have enough coverage to leave a legacy for your family, loved ones, or those who depend on your income?

As a general overview of the insurance offered by the Club, we offer voluntary and ancillary insurance for you and, on most of our plans, your spouse and children are eligible, too. Here's a snapshot of benefits we offer:

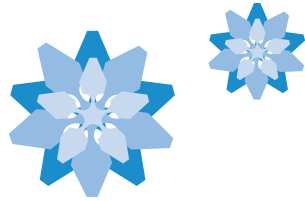
- Life
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- Long-Term Disability
- Cancer
- Long-Term Care

- Accidents
- Identity Protection
- Legal
- Pet
- Home/Auto

Drop by the Club Store for your peace of mind. I look forward to meeting with you!

Contact me at
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Life's Important Moments



Births

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



Jachin Walls is the first grandchild of Kirkland Walls, DWP. Congratulations!

Military
Graduations
Weddings
Special Achievements

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NEWSBRIEF

AWARDED FOR TRAINING:

Public Works/Contract Admin has been reaccredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) to sustain the goal of a high performance public agency. Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

“Contract Administration is proud of our program, which teaches and develops City construction inspectors and other City employees in important inspection, administration, safety, quality, and compliance skills so that we stay on the cutting edge in the construction industry,” said John L. Reamer Jr., Inspector of Public Works and Director of Contract Administration. “Our renewed partnership with IACET is our commitment to sustain our high standards through continuing education and training of all our employees that serve the public and protect the City.”

“We are pleased to continue our relationship with Contract Administration as an Authorized Provider,” stated Michael Todd Shinholster, President of IACET and Founder and Principal Consultant of Culture Bridge and a Lecturer of International Business at Kennesaw State University in Woodstock, Ga. Shinholster added, “Contract Administration joins nearly 650 organizations around the globe that have had their programs vetted by third-party experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met.”

Public Works/Contract Administration completed a rigorous application process, including a review by an IACET site visitor, and successfully demonstrated adherence to the ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard and meeting the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its programs. Contract Administration has pledged compliance with the Standard, and is authorized to use the IACET name and Authorized Provider logo on its promotional course material. Contract Administration is also linked to the IACET Website and is recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs for City employees.



WINNER!

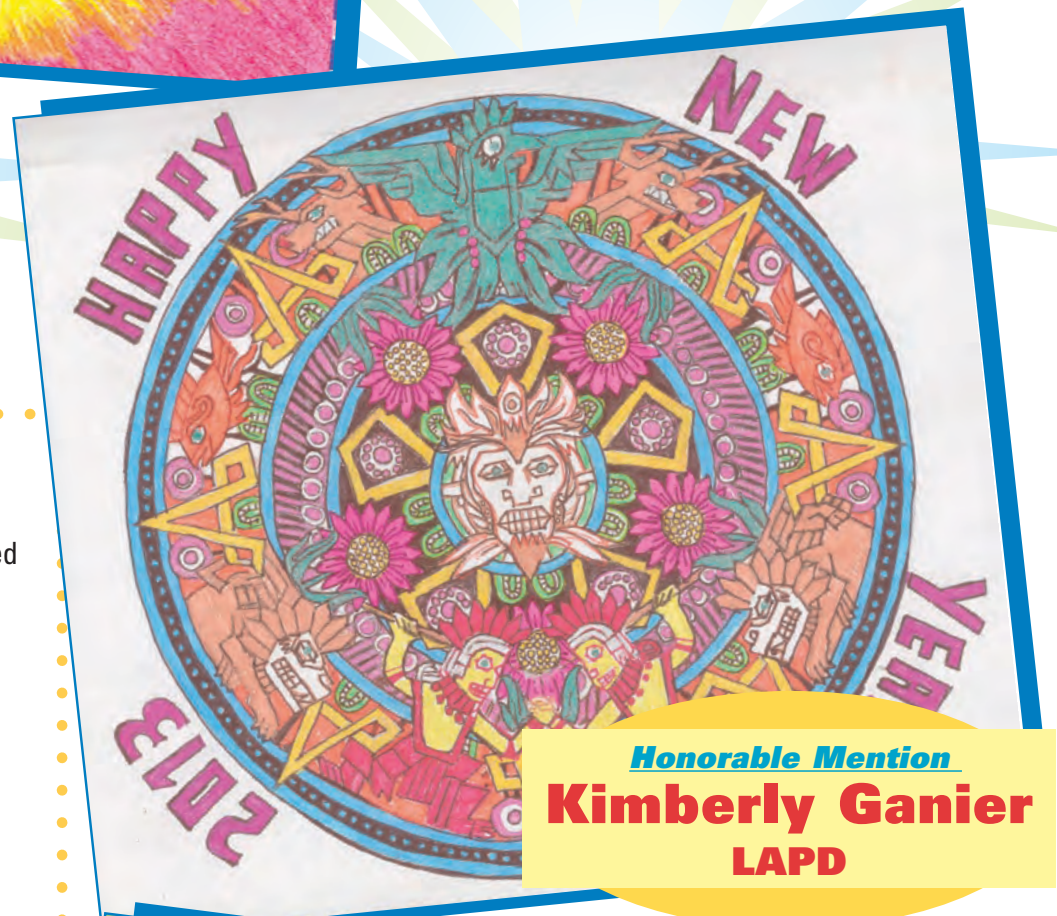
**Sara Vega
Housing**

Grownups Rule!

Once again, the grownup Club Members have blown us away!

Alive! doesn't publish its Grownup Coloring Contest very often, but when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the future!



**Honorable Mention
Kimberly Ganier
LAPD**



**Honorable Mention
Glenn Abellanosa
LAPD**

Other Entries

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christiann Adtkins
LAPD • Erika Amador
Rec and Parks • Jaime Arredondo
Airports • Alejandro Baez
Airports • Raul Barajas
Building and Safety • Julie Briones
City Attorney • Nicole Briseno
DWP • John Choi
LAPD • Robert Contreras
Rec and Parks, Retired • Saul Felomino
DWP • Cheryl Garcia
LAPD • Ruben Garcia
DWP • Maria Gaspar
LAPD, Retired • Lucille Godinez
Transportation • Adelaida M. Gonzalez
RLACEI • Grace Gonzalez
Retired • Lori W. Griner
Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Gutierrez
Transportation, Retired • Eduardo Hernandez
Rec and Parks • George Jimenez
DWP • Karen S. Kishita
Public Works • Mei Kwan
Zoo • Frank Madrid
Airports • Lucila Marcial
Rec and Parks • Lisa Martellaro-Palmer
Transportation • Phyllis Massey
Airports, Retired • Gina Meza
LAPD • Salvador Miranda
Public Works • Robin O'Dell
Airports, Retired • Brian Podolsky
Transportation • Renee Ramirez
LAFD • S. Martin Tanaka
RLACEI • Leticia Yapano
DWP, Retired • Jessica Zepeda-Grande
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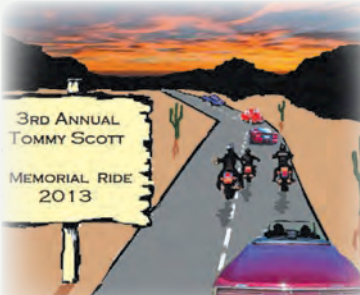
Honorable Mention
Celeste Cho
DWP

Honorable Mention
Victoria Lopez
Rec and Parks

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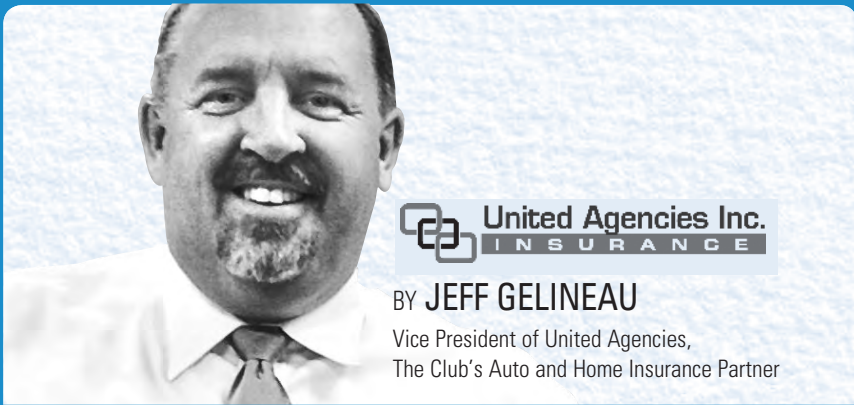
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BY **JEFF GELINEAU**
Vice President of United Agencies,
The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner

Time to Check Up On Your Insurance

Wouldn't it be great to get a check-up without having metal instruments stuck in your mouth?

Every few years you should talk to your insurance agent about an insurance checkup.

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

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

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

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

Some of the kinds of questions asked include:

Auto Insurance:

- Have you ever considered increasing your deductibles to lower your premium?
- Are all licensed drivers living in your house listed on your policy?
- Have you installed any audio/video equipment in your car since purchasing it?
- Do you own any classic or antique cars that you are not insuring?

- Do you have any teenage children who will be getting licensed within the next year?

Home Insurance:

- Have you installed a burglar or smoke alarm in your house since you first insured it?
- Do you own any boats, motorbikes, ATVs, golf carts, or dune buggies?
- Have you purchased any expensive jewelry, artwork, antiques, high-end cameras, silverware or collectibles whose cost exceeds \$2,500?
- Do you have any guns that you store in the house or at another location?
- When was the last time that you got a quote for earthquake or flood insurance?
- Have you done any remodeling or added any additions to your house in the recent past?
- Do you operate a business from your home, or keep business equipment at home?
- Do you do any daycare or babysitting services at your home?
- Do you rent any part of your home to other people on a permanent basis?
- Do you own a vacation home, beach house, or any type of second home?
- Do you have any domestic employees who work for you more than two hours a week?
- Have you added a swimming pool since you last reviewed your insurance?
- Have you acquired a dog since you purchased your insurance?
- Would you be interested in protecting your assets by purchasing an umbrella liability policy that extends your liability limits to \$1 million or higher?

If you have answered yes to any one of these questions, then it really is in your best interest to talk to an agent today and review your coverages.

Don't let the dread of change slow you down from taking an action that will protect you and your family in the years to come.

Be safe and have fun!

About United Agencies

United Agencies is the Club's partner in helping members with their home and auto insurance, and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department

meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

Have a question?

Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

Earth Day On the Coast

Cabrillo Aquarium hosts annual Earth Day Fair.



Club Members are invited to join the 43rd Annual Earth Day Celebration of our Ocean Planet at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Sat., April 20, with a day of free programs including a beach cleanup, demonstrations, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh and more.

Participants can help be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m., with supplies and refreshments provided. There will be exhibitor booths and presentations throughout the day and see what people are doing to help care for the earth. Musicians will share about the ocean through songs. Participants can learn about the coastal environment and take part in salt marsh open house, habitat walks, coastal bird walks and bird lectures from experts in the field.

Throughout the day the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, visit the touch tank, search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine

Research Library for more information about local sea life, observe the newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.

The 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. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour. Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilmarineaquarium.org



... and at the Zoo, Too

ZOO

The Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

Every day is Earth Day for those of us who share this planet, but there's no reason not to celebrate the fact! Join the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens and K-EARTH 101 FM for two days of festivities that will include recycled crafts, information booths and K-EARTH DJs. Activities require a paid admission.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park.

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Thanks for Saving Lives

Fire Dept. honors 20 Airport Police Officers for using defibrillators to save lives. Many of the honorees are Club Members.

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. Karla I. Ortiz, Airport Police

The LAFD proudly hosted the 2013 Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) Program Awards Ceremony, where 20 LAX and LA/Ontario Airport Officers were recognized for saving lives by responding and helping cardiac arrest victims by using one of the City's PAD Program defibrillators. The award ceremony was held Feb. 28 at the LAFD's Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center.

The citywide PAD program was created to increase the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest. Initially the program was restricted for use by medical doctors or highly trained fire department paramedics only. However, the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) were created so trained law enforcement officers and others have the necessary equipment to save lives.

In attendance with Deputy Executive Director Arif Alikhan

and Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon were Asst. Chief Ethel McGuire, Asst. Chief Michael T. Hyams and Lt. Robert Rios. Chief Gannon said, "I am proud of the efforts of the Airport Police and Security Officers in each of these incidents. Their quick action and their willingness to use these defibrillators saved lives and demonstrated their commitment to keep the traveling public safe."

Congratulations!

Certificates of appreciation and recognition were presented to the following officers for their acts of bravery and ultimate demonstration of public service:

Airport Police, LAX

- Officer George Chen, Club Member
- Officer Nicholas Fasheh, Club Member
- Officer Clayton Kadekawa, Club Member
- Officer William Lara, Club Member
- Officer Dana Ramsey
- Officer Daniel Morales, Club Member
- Officer Steven Balandran, Club Member
- Officer Christopher Unruh, Club Member
- Officer Erica Andrade, Club Member
- Officer Whilliam Hsu, Club Member
- Officer Robert Mosquera, Club Member
- Officer Thi Tran, Club Member
- Officer Gerard Kilayko, Club Member
- Officer Hans Bergmann, Club Member
- Airport Security Officer Polk Sherman Johnson, Club Member.

Airport Police, LA/Ontario

- Capt. Wendell Callaway, Club Member
- Officer Erick Geihm, Club Member
- Officer Gregory Giacomini, Club Member
- Officer Robert Lecours, Club Member
- Officer Matthew Patrick, Club Member.



LEFT: Some of the members of the Airport Police team who were honored for their life-saving actions.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE!

Dodgers, Angels Tickets: Select Games.

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HARBOR

Waterfront Website

Harbor Website lists fun activities at the Port of LA waterfront.

A new Website dedicated to the activities and attractions along the LA Waterfront has been launched by the Harbor to help visitors and residents become better acquainted with the growing variety of things to do in and around the LA Harbor.

The site, www.lawaterfront.org, features the LA Waterfront's dining, shopping, historical landmarks, museums and the experience at the doorstep of America's largest trade gateway.

"The LA Waterfront is a great place to play, dine, shop and explore," said Port Sr. Communications Director Arley Baker. "This site provides a wealth of information and will help both locals and tourists stay informed and plan their upcoming visit to the area."

The Website includes an interactive map of attractions, a calendar of events, the latest LA Waterfront news, information on upcoming LA Waterfront projects and more. There's also links to other visitor resources in San



Pedro and Wilmington.

For more information, including the latest news, event announcements, and updates on projects along the LA Waterfront, "like" the LA Waterfront on Facebook and follow @TheLAWaterfront on Twitter.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On March 16, LAFD and LAPD presented their 10th annual local St. Baldrick's fundraiser for childhood cancers research. The event was held at Fire Station 89.

Throughout the day, policemen, firefighters, and the public were invited to have their heads shaved for a fantastic cause! There was a blood and bank marrow drive available for participation as well as a free IHOP pancake and sausage breakfast provided. Entertainment for the kids included magicians, face painters, and Police and Fire apparatuses. What another successful St. Baldrick's fundraiser it was!

Special thanks go to Club Members Firefighter Danny Wu and Lt. Greg Doyle for their commitment and passion for this cause.



Firefighter Danny Wu, 12 years of City service, Club Member, helped shave the head of Fire Chief Brian Cummings.



Cancer survivor Ryan Compton, son of Officer Jason Compton, 10 years of City service, helped shave the head of volunteer Marycruz Puga, Fire Fraternity Phi Pi Alpha.

LAPD/LAFD

Life Shavers



Police, Firefighters host 10th annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser to fight childhood cancers. Fire Chief participates.



LAPD and LAFD representatives, from left: Lt. Greg Doyle, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Fire Chief Brian Cummings; and Officer Jason Compton, 10 years, with his son Ryan, posing with members of the community at the 2013 St. Baldrick's Fundraiser.



Firefighter Danny Wu, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



Volunteers of all ages got their head shaved.



Lt. Greg Doyle, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Motor Officer Chris Barlow, 15 years of City service; Mark Cronin, Director of LA Police Protective League; and Officer Jason Compton, 10 years.



From left: Officer Jason Compton, 10 years of City service; and Officer Ken Johnson, 10 years.



Firefighter Paul Duke, 10 years of City service, got his head shaved.



Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema***Die Hard 5: A Good Day to Die Hard**Rated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This fifth and I hope final installment of the *Die Hard* series (starring Bruce Willis as Capt. John McClane) shows that it's time for him to retire, even with all the adrenaline-pumping action-packed IMAX scenes. McClane seems to be struggling with his age as he teams up with this son, Jack McClane (Jai Courtney), a CIA operative on a mission who doesn't want his father's help, but gets it anyways. Some secrets about Chernobyl are revealed as Mother Russia provides the villains and scenery. All ends well, except you leave the theatre feeling that they should have stopped this franchise with *Live Free or Die Hard*.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

Beautiful CreaturesRated PG-13
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I am a bit disappointed with *Beautiful Creatures*, but not enough that I wouldn't recommend watching the film. Having read the book, I felt that the film was watered down a bit to appeal to the *Twilight* crowd. This takes away a certain amount of edge and characterization that the book presented. But you still have a great cast, led by superb acting jobs from Jeremy Irons and Emma Thompson, who definitely throw their all into the roles they are playing and make the film more enjoyable than it might have been. This one is definitely worth scoping out.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Oz the Great and PowerfulRated PG
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Despite some great performances by Rachel Weisz and Mila Kunis, and some spectacular CGI, *Oz the Great and Powerful* suffers from mood and setting inconsistencies and a performance by James Franco who totally hams up the performance a la Bruce Campbell in *Army of Darkness*, another Sam Raimi film. Raimi does present a wonderful and rich fantasy world in *Oz*, and he is clearly a master at visual presentations, but some scenes are sterile and uninteresting. Still, if you are a fan of the *Oz* mythos, this film will certainly be something you wouldn't want to miss.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Video Gaming

• *Videogames online, rental or purchase***Tomb Raider**Rated M for Mature
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Now this is the *Tomb Raider* game fans have been waiting years for. This reboot may be the best thing to happen to the franchise. Taking the Lara Croft character back to her youth, the player gets to witness the development of a young and unsure Lara into a con-

Dead Man DownRated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Despite a wonderful and believable cast featuring Colin Farrell and Terrence Howard, *Dead Man Down* suffers from a twisting and absurd plot and is bogged down by inconsistent pacing – and there is nothing worse in a crime thriller than to have the story halt and speed up at odd intervals. It throws the whole movie off. If you simply have to see this film, study the performance by Noomi Rapace – she is absolutely brilliant in this film. With a little more work, this film could have been great, as it is it just makes “rental” status to watch one time.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Jack the Giant SlayerRated PG-13
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Despite what you may have read from other critics, in my opinion *Jack the Giant Slayer* is a fun and entertaining fantasy romp. It may be lacking in the acting department, and the CGI was highly overused in the film, but you will get your money's worth in terms of entertainment value. If you are into fantasy films and don't mind a bit of an eyestrain from too much CGI I recommend seeing the film just for kicks. If this isn't already something you'd be interested in, skip it – there is nothing in it for you.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Last Exorcism Part IIRated PG-13
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

First off, let's address the name of the film – *The Last Exorcism Part II*. How is it the last when this is *part two*? Ugh! Anyway, unlike its predecessor, which was presented in found footage format, this film is presented as a traditional horror film. Unfortunately, someone forgot to tell the team making this film that it needs to be entertaining as well. This film completely lacks in almost every way. The only saving grace of the film is actress Ashley Bell, who reprises her role from the first film and again delivers a solid and disturbing performance as the possessed Nell.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

On a Screen Near You

• *Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming***Paul Williams Still Alive (2011)**Documentary
Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Do you remember Paul Williams? The height-challenged gadfly was all over popular culture in the 1970s (*The Muppet Show*; lots of hour-long dramas; the *Planet of the Apes* and *Smokey and the Bandit* movies; almost 60 appearances on *The Tonight Show*). His initial fame came from writing or co-writing some of the decade's best adult contemporary music (*We've Only Just Begun*, *Rainy Days and Mondays*, *I Won't Last a Day Without You*, *The Rainbow Connection*, *Just an Old-Fashioned Love Song*, *Evergreen*).

I thought he was dead. So did Stephen Kessler, who directed this feature-length documentary in the current Moore/Spurlock vogue of talking to the camera a lot, and making it about them rather than the subject. Still, this is a very good look back at a life wasted by drugs and alcohol but ending in peaceful redemption, even if it's in Winnipeg instead of more glamorous places. I would've liked interviews with Williams' former writing partners, but

the final song, a new one he penned called *The Dreamer's Still Alive*, more than makes up for it.

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor**Zero Dark Thirty (2012)**Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This was probably my most anticipated movie of the holiday season (well, okay, maybe it was *Skyfall*, but that was before Thanksgiving, forever ago!). *Zero Dark Thirty* lived up to the hype, but has left little impact; it was brilliantly made technically, but I felt nothing at the end. When Maya (an excellent Jessica Chastain) leans back against some military equipment at the end of the effort to hunt down Osama Bin Laden (and at the end of the movie) and cries, I didn't know why. Maybe she released her emotions because her long, arduous dream was realized. Maybe she felt for the families of the 9/11 victims. Maybe she lamented her loss of innocence. Maybe ambivalence is the point of the moment, like *Munich*. Whatever it meant, *Zero Dark Thirty* was impressive to watch but dry to take away.

– John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

Book Reviews

WakeAmanda Hocking
Fiction, 12 and up
St. Martin's Griffin, 320 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Wake is the first book in the new *Watersong* series by Amanda Hocking.

16-year-old Gemma Fisher seems to have a perfect life. But that all changes the night the mysterious girls Penn, Thea and Lexi invite her

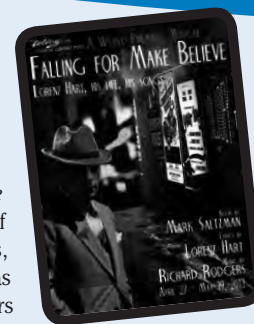
to the cove with them. Gemma is suddenly faster, more beautiful and stronger than she ever was before. Now she has to pick between staying with her loved ones or entering a dark world filled with unspeakable hungers and secrets. I recommend this book to anyone looking for a good read about modern mythology. It is very exciting and enjoyable.

– Natalia Guevara, 11,
daughter of Club staffer Mariana Guevara

Megan Recommends

Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich,
Customer Service Associate at the Club Store**Falling for Make Believe**Original Musical
Colony Theatre
Opens April 24

Falling for Make Believe is the true-life story of one of Broadway's great lyricists, Lorenz (Larry) Hart, who was half of the famous team Rodgers and Hart. Richard Rodgers was more known for his later work with Oscar Hammerstein, but with Hart he wrote songs including “My Funny Valentine,” “Blue Moon,” “The Lady Is a Tramp” and many others.



This original musical was written by Mark Saltzman of the Colony Theatre in Burbank. He captures a realistic look into the life of a man, born to Jewish immigrant parents, who wrote lyrics for 26 Broadway musicals before dying of pneumonia at 48, shortly after his mother's death.

Falling for Make Believe will run April 24 through May 19 at the Colony Theatre. Tickets are available on the website at www.colonytheatre.org.

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vs. Cincinnati Reds	Sun, July 28th	1:10 pm
vs. Tampa Bay Rays	Sun, Aug 11th	TBD
vs. San Diego Padres	Sun, Aug 31st	6:10 pm
vs. San Francisco Giants	Sat, Sept 14th	6:10 pm
vs. Colorado Rockies	Sun, Sept 29th	1:10 pm

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Retail Price \$48-\$70

Angel Tickets (Terrace All-Star Seats)

Visiting Teams	Date	Time
vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	Wed, May 29th	7:05 pm
vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	Thurs, May 30th	7:05 pm
vs. New York Yankees	Sun, June 16th	TBD
vs. St. Louis Cardinals	Thurs, July 4th	6:05 pm
vs. Oakland A's *	Sun, July 21st	12:35 pm
vs. Tampa Bay Rays *	Mon, Sept 2nd	6:05 pm
vs. Seattle Mariners *	Sun, Sept 22nd	12:35 pm

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NEWS BRIEF

NEW PORT POLICE ASSISTANT CHIEF:

On March 21, Michael Hillmann, a 44-year law enforcement veteran, was appointed Assistant Chief of Los Angeles Port Police, a new post for the organization. Harbor Commission President Cindy Miscikowski swore Hillmann in during ceremonies at the Commission meeting.

"Attracting someone with as much expertise as Michael Hillmann is a coup for the Los Angeles Port Police," said Chief Ronald Boyd. "We are fortunate to gain an individual whose law enforcement knowledge has been studied and applied around the world."

Hillmann served 42 years of service with the LAPD, most recently as deputy chief. During his tenure with LAPD, he was assigned to a variety of commands that included Metropolitan Division, SWAT and Air Support Division. He was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain in 1996 and appointed Deputy Chief of Police in 2002, later to implement and command the LAPD's Special Operations Bureau.

After retiring from LAPD in 2008, Hillmann

was selected as Assistant Sheriff for the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department, where he served until 2010. His commands included field and investigative operations, emergency preparedness, mutual aid coordination, special operations, critical incident management, airborne operations, counter-terrorism intelligence, and other investigative units.



Michael Hillmann.

Hillmann holds a Bachelor of arts degree from the University of Redlands in public service management. He is also a published author of several tactical articles addressing SWAT, crisis negotiation, critical incident decision-making, airborne law enforcement operations, crowd management, and use of force.

The Los Angeles Port Police is one of the nation's few police forces dedicated exclusively to seaport activities. Founded in 1911, the agency enforces all federal, state, and local laws applicable to Port responsibilities, including cargo protection, pollution investigation, vessel traffic control and narcotics interdiction.

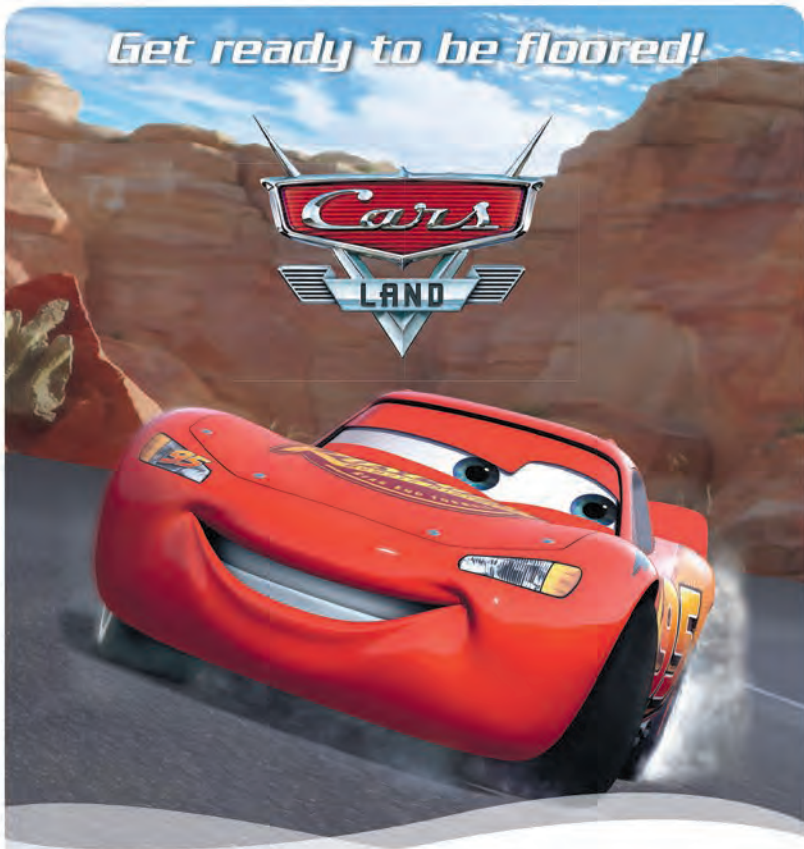
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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



BREAKFAST BURRITO A LA BACON

It's been years since I've made a breakfast recipe for the column, but here is one that should remind you of your favorite Mexican eating establishment. The breakfast burrito is very common here in the Los Angeles area and has become part of the menu with some of the national fast-food chains. And for good reason, people love them.

Here is one version of the breakfast burrito that you will like, for it's easy to follow these instructions, and it leads to the end result, a full-flavored breakfast meal that will win the hearts of family and friends.

I used bacon in this recipe, but you may use sausage, chorizo or ground beef. And make sure to accompany your breakfast with a salsa or hot sauce. I like using Tapatio hot sauce for this recipe. Enjoy!

Breakfast Burrito a la Bacon

Serves 2

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 strips bacon
- 2 large Russet potatoes
- Sea salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 half onion
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 half of a medium avocado (sliced)
- 2 extra large flour tortillas
- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup refried beans (from a can okay)
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Cooking TIDBIT

Place potatoes in a bowl with cold water, especially with Russet potatoes. This helps to prevent them from oxidizing and turning brown.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Bacon:

side pork (the side of a pig) that has been cured and smoked. There are a variety of bacon cuts such as sliced bacon and slab bacon. Bacon grease, the fat rendered from cooked bacon, is highly prized – particularly in the southern United States – as cooking fat.

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Food Quote

“Governing a great nation is like cooking a small fish – too much handling can spoil it.”

– Lao Tzu

DIRECTIONS:



- 1 Make preparations by washing the potatoes, peeling them and then dicing them into small cubes. Dice onion and mince one clove of garlic. Slice the avocado. Place bacon strips onto skillet over medium heat. Cook until desired crispiness.



- 2 Remove bacon from skillet and place onto a plate. Then add about a cup of the diced potatoes, onion and garlic to the same skillet used to cook the bacon. Utilizing the bacon fat rendered on the skillet will add much flavor to the potatoes. Let cook until golden brown, then remove and place onto a plate. Cook eggs – also placing them in their own plate once cooked and do the same for the remainder potatoes but add butter and let cook until golden brown. These potatoes will serve as a side to the breakfast burrito.



- 3 Warm the extra-large flour tortillas and then add the bacon, potatoes, cheese, avocado slices and eggs into the two tortillas. Roll and fold the tortillas carefully so that they don't tear.



- 4 Serve and enjoy!

CLUB SPORTS

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THIS JUST IN!

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UPCOMING RUNNING CLUB EVENTS

- MAY 27:** Walk for Warriors 5K. Visit www.walkforwarriors.org. Club members get about 15 percent off the registration fee. Expires April 15, 2013.
- APRIL 6:** XTERRA Renegade Off Road Triathlon/ Duathlon and Three-Mile Trail Run Challenge at San Dimas.
- MAY 27:** Laguna Hills Half Marathon, 5K/10K.
- JUNE 23:** Breath of Life Ventura Triathlon.
- AUG 24:** iTRYathlon and 5K (women and youths reverse triathlon), Irvine.

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Pay Tribute to Your Mom!



CLUB MEMBERS: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom) and a two or three sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom) Send high resolution digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to the Club Store at 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 15**

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"Mom, I hope you have the Mother's Day you deserve - a happy one! You did an outstanding job raising all of us kids... seven total! I just hope I am being as good of a father as you were a mother. I love you, Mom and Happy Mother's Day!"
- John Hawki Club



"Happy Mother's Day to one of the strongest and most independent women I know. Words could never explain how much I love you, and I really tried hard to get you that \$640 Mega Million ticket 'cause you deserve that and a whole bunch more. Love you."
- Kasandra "Kacy" Evans, Personnel

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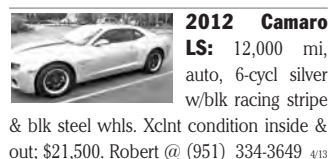
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Cemetery Plots

4 Cemetery Plots: Side by side, Westminster Memorial Park, Garden of Devotion. \$3000 ea; \$5500 for 2; \$10,000 for 4, + transfer fee. Allene @ (310) 376-2006. 3/13

2 Cemetery Plots: Garden of Benevolence @ Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA. 1 for \$2500 & both for \$4800. Peggy @ (951)486-3767. 1/13

2 Cemetery Plots: Valhalla Cemetery in North Hollywood, Lot 19 & 20, Section 470, Block H. \$7,000 for both. Thomas @ (602) 770-9389. 11/12

2 Cemetery Plots: Garden of Benevolence @ Rose Hills Memorial Park-Whittier, CA. 1 for \$2,500 – both for \$4,800. Peggy @ (951) 486-3767. 11/12

4 Cemetery Plots: For sale by owner. Adjacent. Panoramic views in Hillside Section of Forest Lawn Hollywood Cemetery. 1- Plot: \$3,500. 4-Plots: \$12,800. Jason @ (949) 466-8542. 10/12

4 Cemetery Plots: Burial plots (1-4 side by side) at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Covina, CA. In Cherished Memory Section 1617 (near the road). \$3,300 each OBO. Betty @ (626) 286-8649. 8/12

Cemetery Plot: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 double capacity crypt Tier-3, \$10,000 OBO. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912. 6/12

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Pedal Fire Truck: Collectible kids org. Real light & bell, rear wooden working ladder & rudder wheels, never used original condition. Replica would be \$400. My price is \$325. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Trundle Bed: White metal frame w/floral knobs, w/2 sets of sheets, 1 new in package, + 1 comforter & 3 pillow shams, both mattresses are upgraded. \$425. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Roll top desk: Oak, w/chair, space saver has 4 drawers in front & 3 on back left side, all porcelain knobs. \$300. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Roll top desk: Oak, w/chair & 7 drawers. 2 large filing drawers & inside top has 4 small w/locking cabinet & cubby holes. Interior under cabinet lights. \$450. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

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

Country Style Round Table: (48" diameter x 29" H) w/ 4 chairs "As is". Good condition & durable. \$135 OBO. Great table & chairs for the holidays! Info @ (310) 833-6801. 12/12

Desk: Mahogany wood, cute, 4 drawers on each side, case slot top, + small drawers inside when lid opens. Reduced price \$250. Info @ (818) 825-1264. 11/12

Dresser w/ mirror & 1 night stand: Brand new still in the box, only wanted bed assembly. Email for more pictures. Purchased entire bedroom set for \$1500. Asking \$400 for these 3 items. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlr@hotmail.com 8/12

Leather recliner, Thomasville. Price \$150 OBO. Rob @ (626) 827-4386. 7/12

Sofa: Corner Group w/ Ottoman Price: \$450 OBO. Like new, 3 years old, Microfiber. Comes w/ pillows & ottoman. Rob @ (626) 827-4386. 5/12



Vintage 1950's Bamboo Furniture: 5-piece retro-deco set. Perfect for Tiki Room, Man Cave or Palm Springs home. Slip covered w/50's type Hawaiian fabric. Awesome condition, no tears/fading. Sacrifice at \$1,800 must downsize. More pictures available upon request. Nels @ (818) 781-1747. 5/12

Homes/Rentals/Land

Room for Rent: Fontana/Rancho Cucamonga border near 15 fwy & Victoria Gardens. \$550 mo. w/utilities/washer/dryer, carpet, private hallway bathroom. Non-smoker share w/ female. Pool & exercise room on premise. Email Sonia for info: easterswaters@aol.com 2/13



Room for Rent: Private room & BA & own entrance. Sunny w/French doors looks at pool & garden. Includes kitchen use/laundry/pool/ wireless DSL/basic utilities. Extras available: storage/jacuzzi/cable TV. Need happy/reliable/ clean/friendly roommate. Great house, quiet neighborhood. Close to shopping/train station/bus stop/CSUN. Must like dogs & 1 kid, \$650 mo. + deposit required. Jeana @ (818) 378-7822. 2/13

Household Items

Household Items: (All OBO) China Cabinet w/matching table & chairs \$300; BD Dresser w/ mirror \$150; Stand-up lamp \$25; Sofa & chair \$125. Steve/Linda @ (818) 506-4024. 3/13

First Edition Book: *Gone with the Wind*, hard cover book, written in 1936. Good condition. Asking \$1000 OBO. Lauretta Hall @ (323)751-3203. 12/12

TV: 50 inch lg plasma tv, needs a circuit board. Reduced price \$195. Info @ (818) 825-1264. 11/12

Refrigerator: L.G. 26.5 cu.ft capacity side by side, ice & water dispensing; system-IED lighting & digital temp. Controls, like new, great bay, only \$500. Rosemary @ (951)218-4414. 11/12

Miscellaneous

Ovation Acoustic/Electric Guitar: Looks great w/no "bumps or bruises". Includes case, shoulder strap, digital clip-on tuner, picks & beginners book w/CD. Fresh "Elixir" Teflon strings installed, sounds great, very bright acoustic sound but electric pickup system needs to be fixed. \$200 OBO. Michael @ (818) 720-5198. 2/13

Examiner Newspaper: Last 1 ever printed \$500 OBO. Lauretta @ (323) 751-3203. 2/13

Monopoly Board Game: Disney edition, Disneyland purchase, unused, in original package. \$25. Info @ (805) 477-2866. 2/13

Fiberglass Step Ladders: 6ft & 4ft. Make offer. Info @ (818) 764-2091. 2/13

Jig Saw: Ryobi Orbital w/laser, used 2 days. Make offer. Info @ (818) 764-2091. 2/13

Puppies: 2 months old (2 males & 1 female) \$150 each. Info @ (323) 804-1021 or (323) 804-1015. 1/13

White Fox Fur Stole & Hat: Excellent condition, \$600 OBO. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. 1/13

Black Mink Coat: Full length, excellent condition, \$1200 OBO. Size M/L. Nicole @ (310) 308-1523 or (323) 766-1876. 1/13

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. 11/12

Snap-on Tool Box: Classic 78, great condition, pinstripe on side of box. 51" Wide x 21" Deep x 44" High. \$2,200 OBO. Ben @ (818)497-3394. 9/12

Many Items: Lexmark X2470 Color Printer \$90, Gossen Luna Pro SBC Light Meter \$100, Kodak Brownie 8 Projector \$25, Radio Shack Computer Chess Game \$25, Kato Unitrack HO Track Set w/Powerpack \$40, Polaroid Model 95 Camera \$25, Pontiac Rally Wheel Inserts (Red PMD) \$60. Info @ (213) 792-3130. 8/12

Travel / Timeshare

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

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

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Vacation Rental: Nuevo Vallarta/Grand Luxxe. Golf, 2 units, 3K sq ft, each unit sleeps 4. Rent 1 or both units: May 20-27, 2013. \$1.2k or \$1.4k/unit; \$2.5k both units. Info @ (626)278-2886. 1/13

Timeshare: Mayan Sea Gardens/Acapulco 2 units, 1BD, full kit & lvng rm, each sleeps 4 privately. Sep 28-Oct 5 or Oct 5-12, 2012. Rent 1 unit or both, 1 wk or both. 7 nights -\$600/per unit, \$1000/both. Info @ (972) 291-2871. 8/12

Vacation Rental: Lake Tahoe Cabin in beautiful forest setting. 4BD/3 BA, large deck, BBQ, satellite TV. Close to beach, bike path, stables, boat launch, hiking, casinos. Jess @ (626) 797-5992. 3/12

Timeshare: Cancun Mexico. Fiesta Americana, 2BD, silver package. Earns 3500 pts annually. Feet from the sand, 5 minutes walk to town. Serious buyers info @ (562) 447-3189. 1/12

Wanted

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

Wanted: Looking for a 2BD+, w/d hookup preferred, garage in San Pedro or within 5 miles. Maximum Rent \$1100. Contact: a.townsend78@gmail.com 9/12

Wanted: Do you have a Desert Tortoise looking for a new "approved" home? Marcell Baines @ (310) 323-5313. 7/12

Transport

Tires & Wheels: 4 original 2011 Toyota Tundra wheels w/Michelin P255/70R18 tires. Used only 5,000 miles. \$350 OBO. Ernie @ (310) 908-0433. 3/13

Black 1996 Impala SS: W/ grey leather interior, 5.7 liter LT1 V8 engine w/ Sequential fuel injection, w/elect. controlled 4L60-E, 4-speed auto trans. Suspension is police package w/quick-ratio power steering. P255/50ZR-17 tires new & speed rated, w/ lightweight 17" x 8.5" 5-spoke cast alloy wheels. Only used Sundays. New carpet purchased & ready for install & new decals for rear panels. \$12,000. Info: kaufmankdk@gmail.com 2/13

2006 Volvo: Flint gray, V50 SW. Sports package, fair cond & 138K highway miles. Valued btw \$6500–\$8800. Price negotiable. Denise @ (323) 697-8299. 2/13

1992 Mercury Grand Marqui LS: Good condition, low miles. "As is". \$2,993. Alvin Williams @ (310) 764-4478. 2/13

Harley: Factory paint job; USB power commander & drag tuner; Freedom 2 into 1 exhaust; CNC ported heads w/forged pistons & adjustable push rods; S & S gear driven cams 258; 42mm injectors; green LED lights; 6 speed trans; chrome; progressive 440 shocks. All work done @ Harley dealership w/ printouts. Many performance upgrades, 4,000 miles on engine build. Last dyno at 125hp 135ftq. 26,000 miles. \$16,500. Richard @ (805) 208-4406. 2/13

2008 Providence 40X Diesel RV: 360HP Cummings 8.3 L, 5-speed Allison transmission. 35,000 miles w/3 slide outs, 5-TVs, many upgrades. Reduced price \$130K. Mike White @ (661) 904-2234. 2/13

2005 BMW R1200GS Motorcycle: Gently used, mileage is 23,666 miles. Has GPS w/full option. \$11,000 OBO. Selling because I never have time to ride it, my loss is your gain. Info @ (213) 718-2373. 1/13

Kendon dual motorcycle Trailer: Purchased 2006. Fold/standup type. Stored inside. Storage box, LED lights & moving dolly. \$2,000. Don @ (213)434-0214, days. 12/12

2007 Harley Davidson: Screamin Eagle (cvo) motorcycle, 750 miles. Showroom perfect. Some custom mods. 35k new. Sell for 30k. Don @ (213) 434-0214, days. 12/12



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Bayliner Boat: 24', 1999 cabin cruiser, loaded. Kitchen, dining, 2BD/1BA. Reduced price \$27,000. Info @ (818) 825-1264. 11/12

1959 Dodge Truck: Restored 1/2 ton Dodge Step-side Pickup Truck. Oak bed. \$18,000. Jim @ (818) 825-0091. 9/12

Wheels: 22" Makaveli 3 piece rims w/tires. \$1500, very good condition. Info @ (310)628-3477. 8/12

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Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
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	\$11.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
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	\$11.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
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Good Any Time	\$14.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
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Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
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All Day Pass	\$24.99	\$16.25	X	= \$
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Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$72.50	\$60.50	X	= \$
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Whale Watching	Adult \$30.00	\$21.00	X	= \$
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Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$40.00	\$30.25	X	= \$
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1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$125.00	\$114.38	X	= \$
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	Child (3-11); Senior (62+)	\$24.00	X	= \$
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Adult	\$34.99	\$23.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$24.99	\$20.00	X	= \$
LA Zoo				
Adult	\$16.00	\$13.00	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$11.00	\$8.25	X	= \$
Legoland <i>Expires 11/21/2013.</i>				
Adult	\$75.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$65.00	\$58.00	X	= \$
<i>Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.</i>				
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<i>Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
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General Admission (3 and up)	\$64.99	\$34.99	X	= \$	
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Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$	
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	= \$	
Mulligan's Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	\$16.00	X	= \$	
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Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	= \$	
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Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	= \$	
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$	
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Adult	\$24.95	\$18.00	X	= \$	
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$12.00	X	= \$	
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Child (5-12)	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	= \$	
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Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$79.00	\$63.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$61.00	\$48.75	X	= \$	
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Adult	\$44.00	\$35.75	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$34.00	\$27.75	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$79.00	\$63.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$61.00	\$48.75	X	= \$	
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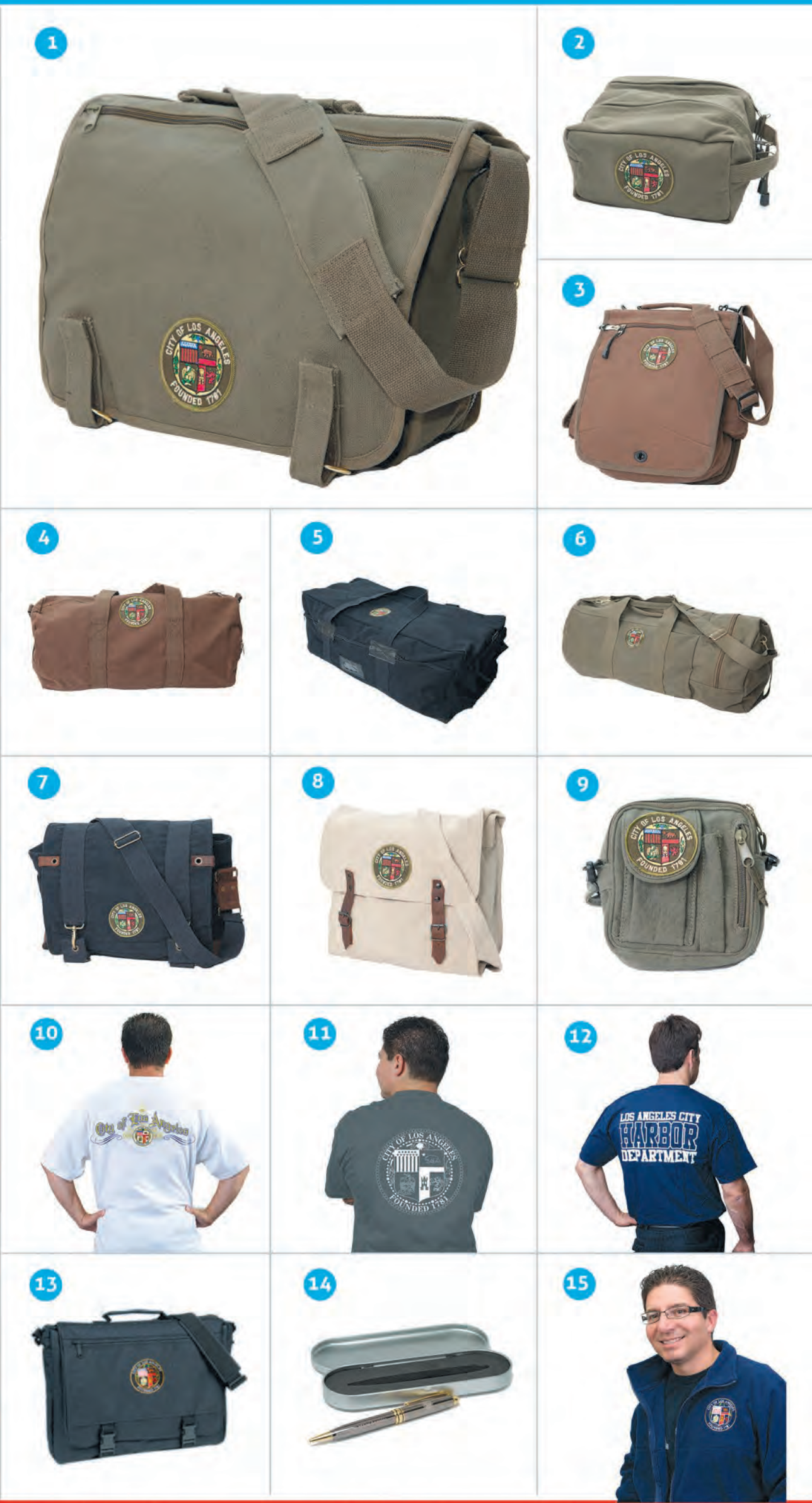
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APRIL Product Highlights

Get Spring "In The Bag" with your Official City Seal Bags!

More City and DWP Merchandise Available at the Club Store

- 1 City Classic Messenger Bag**
Additional Colors Available
\$42 Retail | **\$32 Member**
- 2 2 Compartment Travel Bag**
Additional Colors Available
\$13 Retail | **\$10 Member**
- 3 M-51 Engineers Bag**
Additional Colors Available
\$58.50 Retail | **\$45 Member**
- 4 Vintage Canvas Shoulder/Duffel Bag**
Additional Colors Available
\$24 Retail | **\$18 Member**
- 5 Israeli Duffel Bag**
Additional Colors Available
\$56 Retail | **\$43 Member**
- 6 Double-Ender Sports Bag**
Additional Colors Available
\$46 Retail | **\$34 Member**
- 7 B-15 Pilot Messenger Bag**
Vintage Style Bags with available colors in Olive Drab, Khaki, and Black
\$64 Retail | **\$49 Member**
- 8 Medic Bag**
Vintage Style Bags with available colors in Khaki and Black
\$23 Retail | **\$17 Member**
- 9 Vintage Organizer Bag**
Vintage Style Bags with available colors in Olive Drab
\$24 Retail | **\$18 Member**
- 10 City Seal Classic T-Shirt**
Additional color shirts and sizes are available
\$16.90 Retail | **\$12 Member**
- 11 City Seal One Color T-Shirt**
Additional color shirts and sizes are available
\$14.30 Retail | **\$10 Member**
- 12 City Department T-Shirt**
Many Department shirts and sizes are available.
\$15.60 Retail | **\$12 Member**
- 13 City Seal Professional Bag**
Stay organized with this professional bag. Limited supplies available.
\$32.50 Retail | **\$16 Clearance**
- 14 City Seal Engraved Pens**
Come in collectors box with City Seal
\$24 Retail | **\$10 Clearance**
- 15 City Seal Embroidered Fleece**
Additional Colors Available. Size small - XX Large
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