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**A Message From the CEO**

# When Help Really Matters

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

There are so many good, positive stories of City Employees that it's hard for us to get everything we want to, when we want to. Case in point: The LAFD's "new" Metro Fire Communications facility. We called it "new," but it's three years old, and we've wanted to do a story on it since it opened. Meanwhile, there were lots of other great things to feature!

We finally made it to the MFC, and were welcomed by awesome **Batt. Chief Rudy Hill** and his C Platoon mates **Firefighter Ruben Lopez** and **Capt. Sean Hughes** and the rest of the dispatch gang on the MFC floor. What a cool place this is.

It might be cool to outsiders – especially those who love giant monitors and a hint of NASA ground control – but inside it's life-and-death serious. This is where your emergency call gets routed if your emergency is fire- or medical-related. They send for help; they get you through it over the phone; they keep you calm on often the worst day of your life; and they make sure that LAFD resources are covering every inch of the City. It's a dynamic situation every moment.



Firefighter Ruben Lopez and the Club's Robert Larios at the LAFD's MFC.

When our crew was there, paying a respectful visit to see how things worked, everyone was variably busy, and **Firefighter Cynthia Soto** was actually giving CPR instructions over the phone, and we hope saving someone's life.

A point made by Batt. Chief Hill was that, unlike other cities, the LAFD's MFC is staffed by actual Firefighters and Paramedics, when the trend is to go civilian. L.A.'s MFC has people with real experience on the other end of the emergency line, and that's a very good thing.

So, good for the LAFD for leading the way, and keeping us safe. I probably won't remember who I'm talking to the next time I call 9-1-1 – and that's okay with the MFC crews. But I *will* know I'm in great hands.

Speaking of being in good hands – if I ever want to take an excursion into a different kind of life, I'll hop on a hog and head to Sturgis, N.D., with our intrepid Car Club columnist, **Everett Bennett**. What a great adventure he tells in this month's column. He rebuilt his own bike, leaking oil and all, and joined a cool group of bikers for an adventure none of them will forget. Everett usually writes about the restored rides of other Club Members, but in this instance, he gets to write about himself. I'm glad he did! Look for part two of his adventure coming up soon.

Moving on ... who could have guessed that, 40 years after it was released, Aerosmith's "Dream On" is the number one downloaded song at the Library this month? Not to go all Casey Kasem (or Ryan Seacrest) on you, but I'm talking about one of our newest monthly features, the Top 10 list of the Library's most popular books, e-books and songs, put together each month by the Library's **Lauren Skinner**, who used to be at Public Works. We're happy to have you at the Library, Lauren; and thanks for the fun lists. It's an interesting addition to *Alive!*

Speaking of new things, we send a big Club welcome to new Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association (LARFPA) President **Robert L. Olsen**. Welcome, Robert!

Make sure to stop by the Club Store this month for super-awesome (and free) Halloween bag, given to all who shop there. It's great for trick or treating, as it glows in the dark. And make sure you use a Club discount to all the great Halloween theme parks deals. Don't go out without them!

See you next month!

**JOHN**

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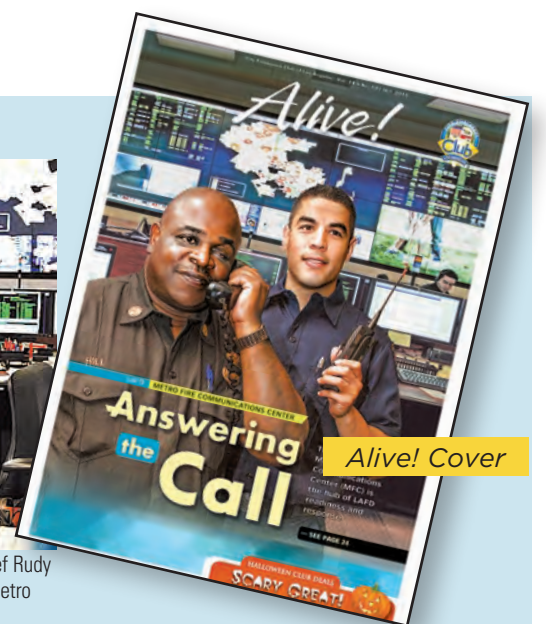
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Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing (left), photographs Battalion Chief Rudy Hill, 33 years of City service; and Firefighter III Ruben Lopez, 10 years; in the Metro Fire Communications facility.



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— **Carol A. Bass**

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— Ed.



Cecilia Talbot,  
Director of Claims,  
Member Advocate



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# Letters to the Editor

## Ontario: The Long Goodbye

In last month's edition, *Alive!* ran a story about the City handing Ontario Airport back to Ontario, and we invited comments. Two are published below. If you have any further comments, we'd like to hear from you. Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

From the time I arrived at the Ontario Airport two-and-a-half years ago, I was told, "Welcome to Mayberry." It took all of a month to realize why. Everyone knew each other and cared for one another. I was quickly adopted into the Ontario family. We also knew downtown didn't care about us. Take them or leave them, they would say. But we were happy. I was there exactly four months when I suffered a heart attack and had to have quintuple bypass surgery. My family at Ontario Airport did so much to take care of my family and me through donations and prayers. It meant the world to my family and me to have so much support. The people at Ontario really showed me how much they cared, even though I was the new guy.

Now I feel like my family is being separated. I'm sure business is business, but when you put business before people, business suffers. Some of us made our lives out here. We've done our best to survive the pay cuts and lack of raises that haven't kept up with inflation. Now we are being forced to make the long, costly commute or relocate and pay a higher cost of living. In the past, downtown has said we need to live within our means. Well I wish they would practice what they preach and set the example. We barely sur-



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vive paycheck to paycheck as it is. As for my family and me, we are exploring our options. Working for the City of Los Angeles used to be the winning ticket. Good pay, great benefits, great schedules. Not so much anymore. I wish the politicians and big business would remember that their employees are people and we all matter.

— Paco, Airports employee

I believe that most of us are upset that the City gave up, especially after hearing the new price for the sale of Ontario. Some of us think that it is a plan to secure votes for the race for our next governor. I hope I don't get in trouble for that!

I'm grateful that none of us will lose our employment, but sad to see it go!

— Club Member

### Club Softball's Commish Deserves Commendations

Thank you to Lady Smith [the Commish for the Club Softball League] for her moral support to the team; it's very nice of her to take the time and make the team feel supported and good about themselves. Speaking for myself, thanks for her big effort and support to the League. Lady Smith and the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios, make a great team that makes things happen to keep the league going and trying to make things as fair as possible for all teams participating every season. The league has evolved and become what it was supposed to be, a league where family members can come and enjoy the game and have fun watching without the drama.

— Reyes Nunez, DWP

### Club Member Thanks Mariana, Gedina for Great Customer Service

Thank you so very much, Club, for the extra effort you have gone to in serving me as one of your Club Members.

The LA Zoo group reservations were accepted, and the day was a hit with family.

I love this benefit to members, and Mariana Guevara and Gedina made such a difference in that large circle of Members! You go above and beyond in your follow-up. I want to commend you.

— Priscilla Hundley, State of California



### Seemore's Nine Lives Playing Out in *Alive!*

Dear Club, here is a picture of my cat, Seemore, with his cat pillow. Have a blessed day.

— Jim Booth, Retired

### Correction

In the list of retirees in our August issue of *Alive!*, one name was misspelled. His name is Roland Barnett Jr., Sr. Traffic Supv. III, Transportation. Sorry, Roland; we regret the error.

## Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations  
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Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

### "Which of your Halloween costumes resulted in the most candy treats?"



"My mother's closet was filled with some wonderful clothing, such as a Spanish dress that I used as a costume."

—Lyn Shaw, District Chief of Staff, City Council



"I didn't dress up for Halloween!"

— Helen Ubiadas, Accounting Clerk, Airports, 8 years of City service



"No Halloween for me. I'm religious"

— Jae Park, Sign Painter, Airports, 29 years of City service



"A hobo. That got me so much candy!"

—Fred Gallegos, Warehouse Tool Worker II, Airports, 17 years of City service



"I didn't dress up. Instead I gave away tons of candy to kids with costumes!"

— Leslie Normandy, Instrument Mechanic, Airports, 35 years of City service



"A princess!"

— Lori Coleman, Secretary, Airports, 25 years of City service



"Oh come now! That was way too long ago. I can't remember!"

— Daniel Gonzalez, Jr., Construction Equipment Service Worker, Airports, 30 years of City service



"Anytime I wore my Star Wars costumes, I got bags and bags of candy!"

—William Todd Stone, Carpenter, Airports, 12 years of City service



"There was nothing better than Dracula!"

—Efren Navarro, Gardner Caretaker, Airports, 16 years of City service

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**Airports**

Story and photos courtesy Ralph Morones, Director, Maintenance Services Division, Club Member



Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance Services Division, Club Member (left) and David Shuter, Deputy Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Utility Group (right), honored Jesus Cortez for 30 years of service.

# Correction

In the August edition of *Alive!*, in a story on page 30 about Airports/Maintenance giving awards for service, we inadvertently switched identifications on two photos.

Here they are with the correct photo captions. *Alive!* regrets the error.



Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance Services Division, Club Member (right), and David Shuter, Deputy Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Utility Group (left), honored Albert "George" Kramer for 45 years of service.

## NEWS BRIEF

### DWP EXPANDS GEOTHERMAL POWER

The DWP is now powering Angelenos with clean, reliable and renewable geothermal power from an expanded geothermal power plant in Nevada.

The Don A. Campbell 2 Geothermal Power Plant in Mineral County, Nev. is delivering 16.2 megawatts (MW) of geothermal energy to Los Angeles homes and businesses, moving the DWP closer to its mandated renewable energy target of 33 percent by 2020. The new plant will provide more than 130 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of clean reliable energy per year, enough to serve 22,500 Los Angeles typical households each year and avoid more than 75,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, which is roughly equivalent in removing 14,600 cars off the road.



"The City continues to lead on sustainability, benefiting now from reliable, renewable energy from the Don A. Campbell 2 Geothermal Power Plant," said Mayor

Eric Garcetti in a statement. "This brings us a step closer to achieving a clean energy future for Los Angeles by reducing greenhouse gas emissions produced from fossil fuels while providing a continuous, reliable source of clean renewable energy for Los Angeles."

The new power plant is an expansion of the Don A. Campbell 1 Geothermal Power Plant, which has been delivering 13.7 MW of geothermal energy to Los Angeles and 2.5 MW to City of Burbank since December 2013. The construction of the new plant was completed in August 2015. It started test operations on August 28, 2015, and has been in commercial operation since Sept. 17 – about 15 months ahead of the original schedule. Early completion of the plant is expected to help offset the loss of renewable energy from the DWP's small hydropower plants, which have been impacted by the severe drought in California.

Combined, the first and second phases of the Don A. Campbell Geothermal Power Plant are providing close to 30 MW of renewables for Los Angeles with an energy output of 245 GWh—enough to serve 41,500 households and avoid 139,100 metric tons carbon emission, which is equivalent removing 26,900 cars off the road.

"The Don A. Campbell Geothermal Power Plants play a key role in diversifying the DWP's portfolio of renewable energy necessary to meet goals and mandates for expanding renewable energy and weaning us off of coal power while continuing to provide reliable electric service," DWP General Manager Marcie Edwards said.

"Geothermal energy is an incredibly vital renewable resource to have in our power portfolio because it generates power continuously, so we can rely on it for base load renewable power, 24/7," said Michael Webster, LADWP Executive Director of Power System – Engineering and Technical Services.

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## Library

# The Art of Dining

Exhibit examines food culture through menus.

Now through Nov. 13

The Library Foundation of Los Angeles is bringing the City's food culture to life with "To Live and Dine in L.A.," which showcases the Library's vast menu collection and celebrates the rich, as-of-yet-untold history of restaurants and food in the City of Angels.

The project will include a major exhibition at the Central Library and the publication of the first book to explore the colorful history of restaurants and menus in Los Angeles, written and edited by USC Annenberg Professor Josh Kun.

"To Live and Dine in L.A." tackles the timely and critically important topic of food justice, showing us how vintage menus can serve as documents that go beyond the table, acting instead as guides to the politics, economics, and sociology of eating. The project is the second in a series of collaborations between the Library Foundation and the Library to explore the Library's extensive collections. The first was 2013's "Songs in the Key of L.A.," which showcased the Library's sheet music collection.

The "To Live and Dine in L.A." book and exhibition, which closes on Nov. 13, features rare first-edition menus from the Library's collection, in addition to menu templates and menu printing materials donated to the Library by the Lord Menu Company, a business that designed, printed and delivered menus daily to landmark Los Angeles restaurants – including Bob's Big Boy, the Brown Derby, and Perino's – for most of the last century.

"To Live and Dine in L.A." asks how we can look at our City and its history through the window of menus. And, being trusted places of information, learning, and inspiration, libraries are just the place for that exploration to happen," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "With this project, we also want people to talk about how historical menus can be a guide for thinking about issues of hunger, food access and food inequality in our community."

For more than a year, Kun and a group of his students, working with chef Roy Choi and Librarians from the Central Library, combed the Library's roughly 9,000-piece menu collection, piecing together an unprecedented history of how, where, and what people ate in Los Angeles over the past century.

The book, "To Live and Dine in L.A.: Menus and the Making of the Modern City," published by Angel City Press, details the history of Los



Angeles. Author Josh Kun riffs on what the culinary habits of a foodie city say about place and time, before comparing the lives of those who eat big while others go hungry, and the influence of that disparity on the City's history. Kun turns to chefs and cultural observers for their take on the modern: Chef Roy Choi tackles subjects that readers may have never contemplated in his book foreword. Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Jonathan Gold interprets food as theater, while museum curator Staci Steinberger examines the design of classic menus like Lawry's. Restaurateur Bricia Lopez follows a Oaxacan menu into the heart of Koreatown.

Visit [lfa.org/live-and-dine](http://lfa.org/live-and-dine) for more information about the "To Live and Dine in L.A." project. To explore the menu collection and other special collections, visit [lapl.org](http://lapl.org).

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# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



**1 Austria**




**David and Marie Jamgotchian, the designers of *Alive!*, recently traveled through Germany and Austria to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Here's David in Salzburg, Austria.**

"In Salzburg, everything is Mozart, Mozart, Mozart (he was born and lived and worked there). You can tour Mozart's birthplace, attend concerts of his music, eat Mozart pastry, and see a puppet show based on his opera, *The Magic Flute*. Even the candies are Mozart. Here I am in front of one of the many candy stores selling Mozart-themed marzipan chocolate balls. He's as popular as ever!"



**2 Lone Pine**



Here's **Gary Kotas, LAPD**, in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine, Calif.

"I drove to Lone Pine to meet some vacationing friends for dinner. Arriving early, I drove to the Alabama Hills, which is only a few miles from town. More than 400 movies and TV shows have been shot here, primarily early Western movies. The scenery is very unique, with lots of rocks in wild shapes. There are maps that show you where different movies were filmed, or you can just drive and explore. It is well worth a stop to see it and to photograph the unique scenery."

**3 Europe**



**Florian Faner, LAPD, and her husband, Norman Faner, Retired, DWP, took a trip to the upper Mediterranean.**

1. Lake Bled in Slovenia.
2. A castle in the tiny country of San Marino.
3. Piazza San Marco in Venice, Italy.
4. St. Mark's Church in Zagreb, Croatia.

**4 Dominican Republic**



Galen and Tahisha Osborne took a weeklong anniversary trip to the Barceló Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. "Fun under the sun," Galen reports. Galen works in Public Works/Street Services.

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**Airports**



Public Relations Specialist II Treva Miller (left) looks on as Gateways Program Manager Allyson Lavalais (right) congratulates intern Jamia Scranton after a Westwood-based accounting firm made a job offer.

Through association with the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Community Relations Business and Jobs Resources Gateways Internship Program, six student interns started working as airport superintendents of operations at LAX. They were part of a group of nine applicants who received emergency appointments to join the staff at LAX Airport Operations. An additional Gateways Internship Program student received a job offer at an accounting firm in Westwood.

"LAWA has an ongoing internship program that matches college and high school students with an opportunity to gain employment experience," said Gateways Program Manager Allyson Lavalais. "The Gateways Internship Program provides the way for student interns to gain valuable experience that allows them to learn skills needed to successfully compete in today's job market."

"The Gateways Internship Program has not only benefited this group of newly appointed Airport Superintendent of Operations, but it has also benefited LAWA by allowing us the opportunity to select good candidates that come with previous LAWA experience," said LAX Airfield Manager Jeff Mort.

Six out of nine LAX Airport Operations new hires are Gateways student interns. Four of

the Gateways students interned at LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) while two Gateways interns worked at LAX where they gained experience working at a major airfield.

"Intern Jeong (John) Chang gained valuable airport operations experience at ONT and was issued a letter of recommendation that helped him become an employee at San Bernardino International Airport," said ONT Chief of Operations David (Keith) Snyder. "Chang accepted an emergency appointment with LAWA and is now working at LAX," said Snyder.

Jessica Ginnetti and Olumyiwa (Muyi) Afolayan were current ONT interns who also accepted emergency appointments with LAWA and are now LAX employees.

"Students gain real-world experience that can be used to transition to regular employment positions," said Lavalais.

For example, LAWA new hire Daniel Chan is an Aviation Management major who graduated from Southern Illinois University in 2014. Chan interned at LAX in the Regulatory Compliance Section under the supervision of Airport Superintendent of Operations III Lewis Winslow. Afolayan, Chang and Ginnetti were aviation administration majors who graduated from Cal State Los Angeles (CSULA) and interned at ONT in the Airport Operations Section under Snyder's supervision. Former Gateways student intern and LAWA new hire Nestor Orellana graduated from CSULA in 2012 and interned at LAX working under the supervision of Sr. Management Analysts Regina Tennelle and Phu Tong of LAX Airport Operations.

Michael Govea is studying for a Master of science degree in aeronautical science at Embry Riddle University. Govea interned at

LAX in the Security and Airfield Enforcement (SAFE) Program under supervision by Airport Superintendent of Operations II George Ortega. Govea has a history with LAWA, working as an Airport Ambassador. He briefly held a job in the Customer Contact Center at the DWP. Govea accepted the emergency appointment for the opportunity to work at LAX.

"We see many Gateways students receiving job offers," said Lavalais. "It's a great example of the benefits of internship programs."

Gateways student Andrew Meier, an intern who majored in aviation administration at CSULA, secured a fulltime airport operations staff position at San Bernardino Airport as a result of experience gained at ONT Airport Operations.

Andrew Kim graduated from Embry Riddle Florida campus and worked as a summer


intern at ONT, which afforded him the opportunity to secure an airport operation staff position at Florida Southwest Airport. Another ONT intern, Chris Riehn, now works at Santa Barbara Airport as a result of the knowledge and experience gained as an intern.

Success continues for Gateways student interns with Jamia Scranton recently leaving the Gateways Program after receiving a job at an accounting firm based in Westwood. Scranton graduated in Spring 2015 from Cal State/Dominguez Hills and majored in human resources management.

**For more information about the LAWA Gateways Internship Program, please visit its Website at <http://www.lawa.org/bjrc> or contact the program at (424) 646-7306.**

BELOW: At LAX, a group of newly hired Airport Superintendents of Operations gather at an airfield construction site. The new hires are (from left) Daniel Chan, Mike Govea, Jeong (John) Chang, Nestor Orellana, Paul Armstrong, Nicolas Brown, Jessica Ginnetti, Anthony (Tony) Nealon and Olumyiwa (Muyi) Afolayan.





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# Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Jr. and Aden play along the shore.

## Bolsa Chica State Beach

### -Huntington Beach



Angel and Aden do some pull-ups.



Aden, Angel Jr. and I at the multi-use trail.



Aden and Angel Jr. find lots of cool shells.



#### Hello again everybody!

For this month, we stayed close to home and spent a nice day at Bolsa Chica State Beach. We headed south from Los Angeles to the beach (Bolsa Chica State Beach is only 31 miles south of Los Angeles).

My thoughts this month were: Where else could you get exercise and hours of rest time too? Think about it – if you're at the beach, you are either going to exercise or just rest and enjoy the view. This is a perfect plan!

According to the California Parks and Rec Website, Bolsa Chica is also a place for surf fishing of perch, corbina, California corbina, croaker, cabezon, shovelnose guitarfish and sand shark. At new and full moons during the summer, visitors can enjoy barehanded fishing for California grunion, a species that only spawns on sandy southern California beaches. Under state law, these fish may be caught by hand with a fishing permit. Wildlife and bird watching are also popular at this state beach.

#### Let's begin!

**History:** Indian groups like the Tongva and Kizh inhabited the coastal villages that are now Bolsa Chica State Beach. They helped build the San Juan Capistrano Mission but were forced to leave their villages and traditions to convert to Christianity. In the 1940s and 1950s, beachgoers slept on the unfenced sand of Bolsa Chica Beach. Because of this, Bolsa Chica Beach was eventually called "Tin Can Beach." There were large amounts of litter left on the beach shore, so local residents convinced

the state to buy the beach and maintain it. Bolsa Chica State Beach was added to the state park system in 1960.

**The Beach:** The beach was a lot of fun. The water was cool and the sun was hot, so it was a perfect afternoon. The day we visited, the waves were three to five feet, which was fine with us. If you want to be more active, there is also a trail for biking and/or jogging along the entire beach. If running or biking is not your thing, there are other activities like walking along the beach and of course collecting shells.

Once we set up our tent, we walked the length of the beach and happened to go to the tidal inlet, where we found a few people fishing and collecting shells. We also collected a few shells; it is very relaxing and fun, too.

Lastly, a beach day without a bonfire just doesn't sound right. Bolsa Chica State Beach has many fire rings along the beach; the rings are first come, first serve. These fire pits are usually taken by 8 a.m., so I suggest getting there early.

All and all, the beach is a wonderful place to visit. I would recommend everyone take a day and travel a few miles to this beach. It was very fun, and I am definitely coming back with my family again.

If you have any locations you want me to know about and visit, please email me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com)

Send pictures of the great views to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com).

*As always, be safe and Be Alive!*

*Angel*



Angel Jr. and Aden along the bike path.

### Bolsa Chica State Beach

17851 Pacific Coast Hwy  
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**Activities:** Biking, running, hiking, fishing, swimming, surfing, camping and picnicking, to name a few.

**Distance:** Bolsa Chica State Beach extends three miles from Sunset Beach to Seaport Avenue along Pacific Coast Highway.

**Directions:** Take the CA -110/Harbor Fwy south until you reach the I-405 south – take that freeway south to Seal Beach Boulevard, then take exit 22 from I-405 south, follow Seal Beach Boulevard and CA-1 south to your destination.

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Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

# Bye, Beverly

**Officer Beverly Beasley retires after 30 years of City service.**

A retirement party was held Aug. 31 for Officer Beverly Beasley, who retires after 30 years of City service.

Her party was held at Costco on Los Feliz Boulevard.

Now that she's retired, Beverly says she will be "hitting the road" and travel all of the states. She gives all City Employees a bit of advice. She says: "30 healthy years in, and then enjoy 30 years out!"

**Congratulations, Beverly, on a great career. Have fun hitting the road!**



From left: Retiree Beverly Beasley and her daughter, Dana.



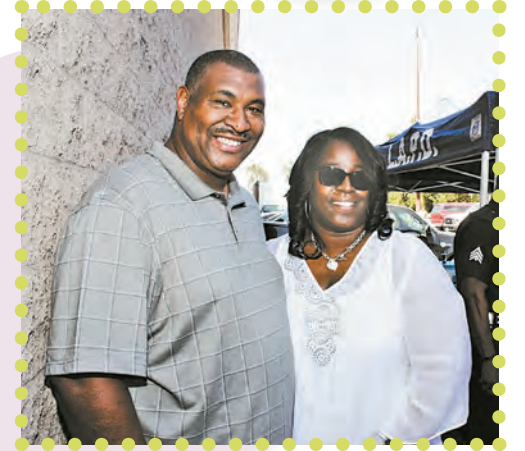
**Beverly Beasley, retiring after 30 years of City service.**



Bryan Miles and his sister, Retiree Beverly Beasley.



From left: Dwan Jackson-Harris, Parole Agent II, CDCR/DAPO, 29 years of service; with Retiree Beverly Beasley.



Husband and wife: Van Cleave, Airport Police, brother-in-law to Retiree Beverly Beasley, 27 years of City service; and Michelle Cleave, Airport Police, 32 years.



From left: Sgt. Hammett, LAPD, 18 years of City service, with Retiree Beverly Beasley.



From left: Dale Roberts, longtime friend; Retiree Beverly Beasley; and Van Cleave, Airport Police, brother-in-law to Beverly, 27 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Hammett, LAPD, 18 years of City service; Officer Kinderman, LAPD; Retiree Beverly Beasley; and Officer Sanchez, Emergency Services, LAPD.



From left: Officer Don Wynne, Beverly's police partner, LAPD, 31 years of City service; with Retiree Beverly Beasley.



From left: Det. Ron Jones, LAPD; Sgt. Todd Cleave, LAPD, 30 years; Michelle Cleave, Airport Police, 32 years; and Kenneth Baxter, LAPD, partner to Retiree Beverly Beasley, 29 years. Seated: Retiree Beverly Beasley, 27 years.



From left: Michelle Cleave, Airport Police, 32 years of City service; Bertha Beasley, Beverly's mom; Retiree Beverly Beasley; and Beverly's daughter, Dana.



From left: Van Cleave, Airport Police, brother-in-law to Retiree Beverly Beasley, 27 years of City service; Det. Ronald Jones, high school friend, 29 years; and Officer Kenneth Baxter, Beverly Beasley's partner, 29 years.



From left: Det. Ted Jones, LAPD, 26 years of City service; Sgt. Todd Cleave, LAPD, 30 years; and Van Cleave, Airport Police, brother-in-law to Retiree Beverly Beasley, 27 years.



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**Dec. 3:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium, Los Angeles

**Dec. 13:** LARFPA Christmas party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City

**June 1:** general meeting and annual barbecue, Grace E. Simons Lodge

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

When you are out and about, and see someone gathering signatures, be sure you know what you are signing. The Voters Empowerment Act of 2016 affects the pension

and healthcare benefits of every public employee and Retiree, including us. It will eliminate our Constitutional Protection of our vested pension and healthcare benefits.

It is up to all of us – your friends, neighbors and relatives – to be sure that this initiative fails! Do not, I repeat, do not sign any petition that will hurt you, and all

of our retirees!

On a different note: I hope you will receive this edition of *Alive!* before our annual corporation and election meeting, set for 11:30 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Friendship Auditorium. Remember to make reservations for lunch by calling (800) 678-4145 x701. Thank you, and I'll see you there!

## Birds and Snakes, And an Aeroplane



Michael R. Wilkinson

### LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The year was 1987. The Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its worst percentage drop ever, 22.61 percent, on Black Monday, Oct. 19, and REM came out with one of my favorite tunes, "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)." Extra points for the two of you who spotted the headline to this article as one of the first lines of the song with lyrics that I am still pondering.

In August of this year, the Dow Jones had its worst intraday point drop, more than 1,000 points, and the international financial markets were in turmoil over actions with the Chinese currency as well as other chal-

lenges around the world. Since I write this article over a month before you read it, many exciting events may have occurred in the financial markets in the interim.

LACERS total investment value came down from an all-time high of \$14.7 billion to \$13.9 billion. What does this all mean, and more importantly, what should we do about it?

I am so glad you asked. The short answer is "nothing."

The turmoil in the markets is an absolute part of how markets work. The patient long-term institutional investor (that would be LACERS) invests for the long term and does not make rash changes in investments. This long-term strategy has worked well in the past and will continue to work to ensure that your pension and health benefits are safe.

LACERS was up 2.78 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and up more than 18 percent in the previous fiscal year.

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So, as you watch the financial news, please think about how we all survived Black Monday described above when the stock markets later rebounded. Also, think about the wry sense of humor of the REM song title that ends with, "... and I Feel Fine." Me, too!

## Nature of Sate Initiative Is Creating Turmoil



Michael Karsch

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

The pending initiative by former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and former San Diego City Councilman Carl DeMaio is getting a lot of attention because of how the State Attorney General Kamala Harris is summarizing the measure for her official "title and summary" that goes on every ballot measure. Reed and DeMaio propose to require any future local or state pension increase to be approved by the voters. The authors say the initiative would not affect pension benefits promised to any current employees. Dan Walters, a columnist for the

*Sacramento Bee* and other state newspapers, says that Harris is probably making an unjustified description. CalPERS has also come out with commentary on the initiative's impact on their own pension fund, and speculated that the initiative might be illegal. Again, the backers of the matter say it requires that pensions be cut for new hires, while CalPERS argues that it could end up cutting benefits for existing workers.

In another, unrelated comment by CalPERS in August, they say a long term rate hike is likely to lower the risk of big investment losses by those pension systems that are maturing into systems with more beneficiaries than active paying members, a

condition called "negative cash flow." Two years ago CalPERS had a funding level of 77 percent, but that has now shifted to 73 to 75 percent. As readers recall, the City of LA retirees are not part of CalPERS.

In Illinois, that state's Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in November on Chicago's year old pension law. That law sought to eliminate more than \$9 billion in unfunded pension liability by cutting benefits and increasing contributions, affecting 61,000 city employees and retirees. Eyewitness News Chicago ended its commentary with: "Chicago has the worst funded pension systems of any major American city."

## In Fire, Police Pensions, Past Different Than Now

### LARFPA



Lee Kebler

I was asked a question from a young Firefighter about all of the political unrest going on and if it was always this way. My short answer was yes, but I wanted him to know a little of the history of City politics and the Fire and Police Pension System.

I told him that Fire Station 24 was my first assignment after graduating from the drill tower in 1947 and a Charter amendment to increase the Firemen and Policemen's pension contributions from 4 percent to 6 percent was to be voted on the June ballot. My Captain and his crew went out and rang doorbells to encourage the citizens to vote yes so the Pension System wouldn't go broke. That was my second day in a Fire Station. Since that time there

have been more than 25 changes to our pension system.

The big difference between my first experience on the Department and now is that all Firemen and Policemen were not only employees of the City, they were also residents, and efforts were a hands-on approach. Today the great majority of Police Officers and Firefighters live outside the City and hire lobbyists to take care of their political efforts. They don't have the same parochial feeling toward the City they work in that residents have.

Public employees have to understand that every time there is a change in administration or management, there will be a change in philosophy and politics. Every administration has different goals;

better Fire and Police Departments, better schools, better roads, better parks, social changes etc. This struggle will continue as long as we have a representative type of government and there are both active and retired employees cared for by the City.

What this young Firefighter should understand is when you retire, the fight goes on and on. Politicians and reformers will try and take away the benefits that he earned. All retirees need an organization to protect and improve their benefits, not an organization that focuses on active employees.

Hoping to see some of you at our Christmas party, set for Dec. 13 at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Encino. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

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## Attend An Open Enrollment Meeting

### LACERS



Mary Beetz

### LACERS' UPDATE BY MARY BEETZ

LACERS' 2016 Open Enrollment period will be from October 15 through November 17 this year. During this time, you may attend an Open Enrollment meeting and learn about any changes to LACERS health plans for the 2016 plan year. The meetings will provide you an opportunity to talk to your health plan representatives. Also, LACERS staff will be available to answer any health plan questions you might have and assist you with the enrollment process. Meeting dates, times, and locations are listed below:

**Universal City – Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, at 10 a.m.**

Sheraton Universal Hotel  
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**Ontario – Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, at 10 a.m.**

DoubleTree Hotel  
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**Las Vegas – Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.**

The Orleans Hotel  
4500 West Tropicana Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89103

**Los Angeles – Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, at 10 a.m.**

The California Endowment  
1000 North Alameda St.  
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**San Pedro – Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015, at 10 a.m.**

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**Ventura – Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015, at 10 a.m.**

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Make Reservations online at [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell) or calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voicemail or Email messages will **not** be accepted as reservations. Reservations will be accepted for one Retiree and one Guest.

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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.

**Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System:** (800) 779-8328

**RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines** (800) 678-4145

- Mary Beetz Ext. 711
- Cliff Cannon Ext. 715
- Hal Danowitz Ext. 707
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Edward Harding Ext. 703
- Michael Karsch Ext. 704
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
- Phillip Orland Ext. 709
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Sternock Ext. 708
- Michael Wilkinson Ext. 712
- Questions: Ext. 0
- RSVP: Ext. 701

**DWP Retirement Plan Office** (213) 367-1722

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### Officers

Edward Harding: President  
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Mary Beetz: Publicity  
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## Member News



At the RLACEI's annual picnic Aug. 13, I spoke with Victor and Pat Apria. Both had a big smile as they told me they were celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary.

They met Aug. 13, 1945 – at a V-J (Victory in Japan) Day celebration downtown on Broadway. Victor Apria and his friends decided to join in the celebration, and there is where he met Patricia with her friends. As he tells it, "It was love at first sight."

They went surfing at Hermosa Beach the next day.

A year later, Aug. 10, 1946, they went to Las Vegas to get married.

Victor worked in various City jobs and Retired in 1983 after 33 years of City service while working in Transportation.

Congratulations to Victor and Pat on their anniversary and for such a long and happy marriage!

## Life After Retirement

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

If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

*Note:* Due to our confidentiality policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.

### Mail information to:

Mary Beetz  
137 Westmont Drive,  
Alhambra, CA 91801

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Email: mbeetz4841@aol.com

# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members



## An Anniversary Cruise

Hal and Evelyn celebrate 25 years of marriage with a transatlantic cruise. **Part 1**

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

*Evelyn and I went on a cruise adventure in October 2014, celebrating 25-years of marriage. We flew to Barcelona via Paris and spent four nights in Barcelona before boarding the Celebrity ship Equinox for a 14-day repositioning cruise to Fort Lauderdale. We stopped in five ports before a seven-day crossing. We met our friends Max and Linda in Barcelona. They had already been on the ship for 14 days.*

We had a very close flight connection in Paris and I hoped we ended up in Barcelona together with our luggage. Hal had been a wreck for a week worrying – Evelyn. Although not a bad idea, this was the first time we put a change of clothes in the carry-on. The flight left LAX on schedule. We were in Premium Economy, and it was better than the US Air first class we flew last year. We tried to sleep, but I'm not sure we did. We got to Paris about 11:30 a.m. and caught our flight to Barcelona. We got to Barcelona around 2:30 p.m., baggage and all, so my worrying was for nothing.

We had "Sky Priority" status, which saved us from standing in really long lines; instead we got to stand in just long lines. No really, it did help, especially at immigration. It surprised me that we never really had any customs clearance except entering Barcelona.

I had a Blacklane car pick us up at the Barcelona airport, and we got to the hotel, Le Meridien, about 3:30 p.m. The hotel is on the La Rambla, a walk street in central Barcelona, popular with tourists and locals alike. A tree-lined pedestrian mall, it stretches for three-quarters of a mile connecting Plaça de Catalunya in the center with the Christopher Columbus Monument at Port Vell. La Rambla forms the boundary between the quarters of Barri Gòtic to the east, and El Raval to the west.

Our room was ready and we just dropped our bags and took a walk. We wanted to stay up as late as we could to get back on schedule. We had a light dinner of pizza. The next day we planned to use the hop-on-hop-off bus to get to the sights we wanted to see. In the evening we had a tapas food tour starting at 7:30 p.m.

That night (Oct. 24), we slept until 8:30 a.m., which helped us get over the jetlag. We stopped at Starbucks for coffee, of course. So far, Italian dinner and American coffee! Not a great trend, or the world is getting too small. We enjoyed free Internet at the hotel; however, our Verizon email seemed to be a problem. We couldn't access it either by iPad or phone; we could get it by going online to Verizon, but Evelyn was having trouble even sending from it. Gmail was working fine.

We walked up to Placate Catalunya, about five minutes from the hotel. It is a large plaza and general meeting place. This is also the main stop for tour buses. We decided to take the hop-on, hop-off bus on Sunday, when we toured the inside of *La Sagrada Familia*, the famous church designed by Gaudi. We took the hop-on bus to the church and then to tour the city. There were three routes that covered most tourist attractions.

We had tickets for an 11 a.m. to visit the

inside of the *Familia*. (Get tickets in advance as they allow only so many in at a time.) The wait if you didn't have advance tickets was one and a half to two hours or more.

Our friends Lanny and Elaine were here a month ago and found a leather store that was going out of business; we stopped there and I got a new wallet. They also recommended a restaurant that we considered trying the next day.

We walked to the Barcelona Cathedral in the Gothic section and then split a sandwich for lunch. There are two large food markets, not like Ralph's, but with individual stalls. We walked through the *Mercat de Sta. Caterina* – the newer one, with very nice stalls with fresh fish, produce and meats. We then walked toward the marina, walking through the old part of the city until we reached the statue of Christopher Columbus at the bottom of the Rambla. We stopped at a sidewalk cafe for a beer. The weather was outstanding, with clear skies and temperatures in the high 70s. The forecast was for this to continue for a



At a market in Barcelona.



The Barcelona Cathedral in the Gothic section.

Enrique Thomas shop, we learned all about the differences in *jamón*. White hoof, black hoof, front leg, back leg... There will be a test later. Spain is known for its *jamón*. A leg can cost upwards of €200. We sampled *jamón* trimmings, saving ourselves for the next stop. On a previous trip to Barcelona I had sampled *Iberico Jamón*, one of the best, so we knew what were sampling. A word about our New York companion: She mentioned that she eats every two hours, even during the night, and between the cheese and *jamón* she had us wait while she purchased an empanada for later.

**Off for tapas:** At a small *tapas* restaurant we were served three different small plates for sharing – a sample of Spanish cured meats, a small finger sandwich with mystery meat, and white anchovies in a wonderful spicy olive oil. All were wonderful, served with bread and sweet vermouth. This was red color vermouth made at the restaurant. It was served with a bottle of seltzer to mix your own. It was really good – a little sweet and a little herby. All vermouths are fortified wine. That means you can put the cap back on and put it in the pantry and it's fine. I was getting both full and buzzed. I noticed our companion had a hollow leg for both food and drink and inspected the restroom in each location we visited.

We were then off to a wine bar for croquettes and wine. The croquettes were different from the fried ones you generally see. The filling was a ground, seasoned chicken almost like custard with fine breadcrumbs on top, baked in little ramekins. It was amazing – my description did not do it justice. They were served with a Spanish white wine. All good. The shop/restaurant also sold wine by the bottle to take away. We could purchase either by the glass or bottle to drink there or by the bottle to go. They had a large selection of Spanish wines from many areas of Spain.

Now off to dinner: We went to a small family-owned restaurant in the Gothic district (as all that night's locations were) and had



Evelyn in Placate Catalunya.

few days until we boarded the ship.

We walked up the La Rambla to the other market, *Mercat de La Boqueria*, the old market. It had many more stalls and because it was right on La Rambla, it was much more crowded. There we saw a shellfish neither of us had ever seen before, and we were at a loss to guess what it was. We finally asked and were told they were barnacles. Who knew – ugly and almost €0 per kilo?

We booked the tapas food tour with Barcelona Food Tours ([www.barcelonafood-tour.com](http://www.barcelonafood-tour.com)). The cost was 170 for the two of us. We walked over to the meeting place around 7 p.m. The tours started at 7:30 pm. We met Kaye, our guide and the owner of BFD. There was only one other person, an interesting woman from New York City, on the tour with us.

We met in front of a bakery, and Kaye purchased some small almond marzipan like ball-shaped confections for later. Then we were off to the cheese shop for our first course. Owned by a knowledgeable woman, the shop sells only small-batch cheeses from some 140 boutique dairies in Spain. We sampled cheeses made from the milk of cows, goats and sheep, and they were all good. I liked the cheese from the sheep best. Next we were off to the *jamón* (ham) shop. At the

two more *tapas*, a flat bread, entree, desert and red wine. Remember we were sharing, but it was still a lot of food. One *tapa* was a veal Carpaccio served with small slices of buttered bread, and the other was a salted cod, also served with bread. Next was a very thin flatbread with a Spanish cheese and a ground seasoned beef. The entree was another preparation of salted cod. Finally, a Catalán style cream custard. It was smooth and silky and not as thick as I expected. The red wine was a great accompaniment to the meal. It was here at the finish after dessert that Kaye gave us the small almond confections she purchased when we first met. They were good but not the highlight of the meal. Our odd companion left the table again for the restroom and was never seen again.

We started at 7:30 p.m. and finished about 11:30 p.m. – still early by Barcelona standards, but we are lightweights.

*Next month: more in Barcelona.*



### The Club Store Has Great Deals!

Retired City Employees: Remember that the Club Store has great deals on all sorts of activities – the perfect way to have fun without spending a lot!

Here, Ms. Fairgood, Club Member, Retired State Employee, shows her San Diego Chargers football tickets that she purchased with a great deal at the Club Store. (She's with her son.)

As a Retired City Employee, you have access to great deals to a world of activities. Take advantage, either in person at the Club Store downtown, or online at: [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)

LACERS



# Mike Biked

Mike Wilkinson leads retirees, others at inaugural wellness event.

On Sept. 10, despite the soaring summer temperatures, LACERS *Well* members enjoyed a scenic and exhilarating bike ride in Griffith Park with LACERS Board Vice President (and *Alive!* columnist) Mike Wilkinson.

The route includes three options:

- a five-mile loop
- an eight-mile loop
- a 20-mile loop.

Riders included:

- 10 LACERS Retired member cyclists, including Mike Wilkinson, LACERS Health Benefits Administrator Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS *Well* Program Manager Tara Miller, as well as representatives from Keenan and Associates (LACERS' health and welfare consultant), Kaiser Permanente and Delta Dental.

A special thanks to LACERS' staff members Heather Ramirez and Quyen Luu for ensuring everyone stayed hydrated by passing out chilled water and fruit, and Park Ranger Capt. Albert Torres for overseeing the safety of the riders.

LACERS *Well* is a wellness program administered by LACERS for its retired Members. More information about the program and upcoming events can be found at [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell) or by calling Tara Miller at (213) 978-6843.

Mike Wilkinson (center, red) and the bikers get ready at the inaugural Bike With Mike event.

Mike Wilkinson (right foreground) gets ready to lead bikers.



# 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
Adams, Regina L.	Asst. Gen. Manager	Rec and Parks	35	Hagebeck, David	—	DWP	—	Ranu, Harmel	—	DWP	—
Alonzo, Avelino M.	Security Officer	Airports	13	Hagos, Charlotte A.	Municipal Officer	LAPD	25	Reina, Paul	—	DWP	—
Armijo, Michael	—	DWP	—	Hamilton, Michael	—	DWP	—	Reyes, Horton Damiana	Custodian	—	8
Bamossey, Wayne	—	DWP	—	Hanna, Mark	—	DWP	—	Royal, Donald	—	DWP	—
Baraka, Sauti	—	DWP	—	Harrison, Jimmie Lee	Wastewater Treat. Oper. III	Public Works	27	Ruby, Manolo	—	DWP	—
Bermudez, Milagros R.	Spec. Prog. Assist. II	Zoo	4	Hernandez, Javier	Golf Starter	Rec and Parks	26	Schwab, Jeannem	Sr. Clerk Typist	Harbor	29
Bernard, Charles	—	DWP	—	Hill, Damon	Survey Party Chief II	Public Works	35	Seaton, Excell	Manage. Analyst II	LAPD	15
Bell, Booker	—	DWP	—	Hirst, Alan G.	Airport Supt. of Oper. III	Airports	14	Segul, Romeo	—	DWP	—
Blackburn, Tony E.	Mech. Engr. Assoc. IV	Build & Safety	12	Hooks, Cathy	—	DWP	—	Sevilla, Julio	—	DWP	—
Boswell, Todd	—	DWP	—	Jacobsen, Carol	Sr. Manage. Analyst II	Rec & Parks	32	Shimazu, Steven	—	DWP	—
Brazile, Lorenzo	—	DWP	—	Jai, Betty L.	Dept. Chief Account. IV	LAPD	28	Sotelo, Frank	—	DWP	—
Buguy, Matthew William	Dir. Of Systems	Econ/Wrkfrce Dev.	31	Jones, Jennifer H.	Cust. Srvc Specialist	Finance	20	Stolarik, Sherrie	—	DWP	—
Campbell, Randy	—	DWP	—	Karch, Jeffrey J.	Airport Supt. of Operat. III	Airports	26	Stone, Tony	—	DWP	—
Cartagena, Daniel E.	Council Aide	Council	8	Kitayama, Jon	—	DWP	—	Taylor, Donald Anthony	Municipal Officer	LAPD	31
Chavez, Robert Lawrence	Polygraph Examiner III	LAPD	13	Kositwongsakul, Luz	—	DWP	—	Tham, Katie	—	DWP	—
Chinzi, Marc	—	DWP	—	Kulla, Norman Stanley	Council Aide VII	Council	10	Thompson, William	—	DWP	—
Chow, Bradford	—	DWP	—	Kurz, James F.	Solid Res. Mgr. II	Public Works	37	Timbol, Erlinda C.	Accountant II	Convent. Cntr	7
Chow, Russell	—	DWP	—	Lennon, Timothy	—	DWP	—	Tirres, Carlos	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	26
Christian, Paula	—	DWP	—	Madriaga, Ernesto R.	Sr. Accountant II	Public Works	25	Tirres, Margie	Clerk Typist	LAPD	17
Clarke, Michael	—	DWP	—	Magcamit, Mauro	—	DWP	—	Tiu, Bryan	—	DWP	—
Cockayne, Michael	—	DWP	—	Marquez, Robert	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	29	Tom, Darrell	—	DWP	—
Collins, John	—	DWP	—	Martinez, Rudy	Sr. Heating/Refrig. Insp.	Build & Safety	34	Tseng, William	Contract Administrator	Public Works	30
Colvin, John F.	Transportation Inv.	Transportation	25	Mbanu, Paul	—	DWP	—	Turner, Lawrence N.	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	35
Cruz, Virginia Ann	Clerk Typist	LAPD	26	Miller, Alan	Heavy Duty Truck Operator	Public Works	19	Tyler, Anthony	—	DWP	—
Dacosta, Bagot Patricia	Occup. Psychologist II	Personnel	27	Moore, Jay	—	DWP	—	Underwood, Craig	—	DWP	—
Dang, Irene S.	Accounting Clerk II	Public Works	30	Mulleneaux, Jack	—	DWP	—	Valerio, Asuncion Librada	Management Analyst II	LAPD	26
Dean, Glyndis	—	DWP	—	Mundo, Michael	—	DWP	—	Van Eyk, Laura	Dep. City Attorney IV	City Attorney	30
Dortch, Lee Pamela	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	31	Mushegan, Dana Yin Fee	Accounting Clerk II	General Services	31	Vartanians, Vahik Vahed	Civil Engineer	Public Works	34
Eisner, Laurence	—	DWP	—	Nardulli, Arthur	—	DWP	—	Walker-Bonnelli, Nance	—	DWP	—
Emans, Gay	—	DWP	—	Nelson, Leander	—	DWP	—	Wall, Thomas	—	DWP	—
Estrada, Edmund	—	DWP	—	Nelson, Patricia	—	DWP	—	Ward, Charles L.	Personnel Analyst II	Personnel	33
Evans, Richard	—	DWP	—	Nuno, Alejandro	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	LAPD	27	Watson, Robert W.	Geographic Info. Spec.	Planning	34
Fossett, Kelvin E.	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	13	Oliveros, Ignacio	—	DWP	—	Weatherspoon, Phylis E.	Sr. Real Estate Officer	Harbor	35
Foster, Lisa	—	DWP	—	Ontiveros, James	Wastewater Treat. Elec. III	Public Works	29	Weston, Vivian K.	Clerk Typist	Library	10
Fu, Alex	Environ. Spec. III	Housing	14	Orejana, Myrna	—	DWP	—	Williams, Kenneth	—	DWP	—
Furuyama, Gary	—	DWP	—	Patrich, Larry	—	DWP	—	Winkfield, Johnnie L.	Special Prog. Assist. II	Rec and Parks	6
Garcia, Robert	Street Srvc Supv. II	Public Works	31	Patton, Andre Ricardo	Equip. Operator	Public Works	30	White, Jacob M.	Locksmith	Gen. Services	36
Gates, Robert Q.	Airport Safety Officer	Airports	25	Peindl, Helmut A.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Public Works	26	Zackery, Delores Jean	Legal Clerk II	City Attorney	27
Gonzalez, Jimmy	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	31	Pheifer, Verna Louise	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	7	Ziliotto, Brian	—	DWP	—
Griggs, Annetta Marie	Clerk Typist	Build & Safety	4	Phillips, Leonard Pierce	Wastewater Treat. Wrkr II	Public Works	10				

## A Men's Extravaganza!

LACERS' summer health expo focuses on men's health.

On July 8, LACERS hosted its annual summer health expo. For 2015, the focus was on men's health, creating what LACERS called a men's extravaganza.

The event was held at the California Endowment Center on Alameda Street downtown.

On hand were representatives from all medical and dental carriers (including Anthem Blue Cross, Blue View Vision, Delta Dental, Kaiser Permanente, SCAN and United Healthcare); RLACEI, the City Employees Club, LACERS *Well* Champions (representatives), SilverSneakers, Keenan and Associates (LACERS healthcare broker) and Healthfax biometric screenings.

More than 200 registered Retired Members and guests (plus vendors and LACERS staff) attended.

Presentations included:

- "Andropause: the Aging Male and What You Need to Know," with Dr. Damon Raskin
- "A Body in Motion Stays Young," with Fitness Expert Rona Lewis
- "Healthy Eyes, Healthy Vision" with Richard Hom, OD, MPA; National

Optometric Director, Anthem Blue Cross

Retired Members and their guests won opportunity prizes including gifts donated by the Club, wellness attire and \$50 reward cards from the LACERS *Well* program; fun, healthy gift baskets from many of the medical carriers; and more.

Participants also enjoyed free biometric screenings, including a Dermascan, which highlights areas of sun damage not easily seen by the naked eye. Wellness Champions were on hand to answer questions about upcoming local programs and activities. Members who submitted their Preventive Health Screening (PHS) form were entered to win one of four FitBits and received a \$50 reward card from LACERS *Well*. Congrats, winners!

The CA Endowment Center is a favorite among event venues for LACERS *Well* because they not only have top-notch facilities, incredibly helpful staff and a delicious menu, but is free to organizations providing health-related information to the community.



At the health expo.



From left: Ed Harding, President, RLACEI; Richard Gomez; Neil Ricci, RLACEI Director; Mary Beetz, RLACEI Director; and Hal Danowitz, RLACEI Secretary/Treasurer and *Alive!* columnist.



Club Counselors (from left) Tiffany Sy and Jeanette Gadut.



Hermon Tatu Sr., Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, 34 years of City service.

## LACERS



From left: Tara Miller, MS, Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist, LACERS *Well* Program Manager and *Alive!* columnist; and Ann Marie Weber, LACERS *Well*.



From left: Glen Malabayoc, Management Analyst I, LACERS, 17 years of City service; and Asya Hickman, Benefits Specialist, LACERS, 9 years, talk to retired City Employees about benefits and services provided by LACERS.

# The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

## RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



**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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

### 1 Orlando



Here's former **Club Board Member Dorothy Dillard**, Retired, in one of the courtyards of the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Fla., where she combined a conference and a vacation.

### 2 Dominican Republic



**Justinea Allen** recently took a vacation to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

### 3 Japan



"This was a tour that I just finished – the last part of April and May," writes **John Wilbourne**, Retired, **Building and Safety**. "It was a Japan cultural treasures tour. Only 14 people in the group visited temples, schools and private homes, and we rode the bullet train. I have now toured Europe, North and South Africa, Australia, and finally Asia."

### 4 Oceania



Here are **Larry Campita**, Retired, **Controller's Office**, and his wife, Fina, in Australia and New Zealand.

1. The Sydney Opera House, Australia.
2. Feeding a kangaroo in Tasmania, Australia.
3. In a kiwi plantation in Tauranga, New Zealand.
4. In front of a "hobbit house" used in the movie production of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy in New Zealand.

### 5 Caribbean



Here's **Michael A. Patterson**, Retired, **Port Police**, in the Caribbean.

1. La Romana, Dominican Republic.
2. St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.
3. Lord Nelson's Dockyard, Antigua and Barbuda National Park, Antigua.
4. Michael and Diane Patterson on Martinique, French Antilles.



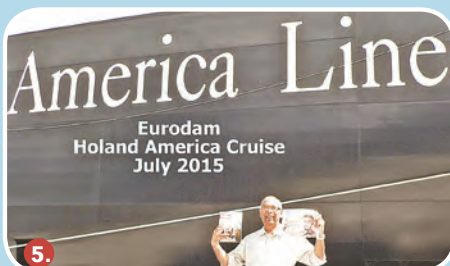
### 6 Baltic Sea



In July, **Jawahar Shah**, Retired, **Public Works/Sanitation**, and his wife, Varsha, took a cruise on the Baltic Sea.

"We took our dream vacation of cruising from Copenhagen, Denmark to St. Petersburg, Russia; Estonia; Sweden; Finland; and Germany," Jawahar reports. "We had a wonderful time in cruising with Holland America's Eurodam and excursions into all five Baltic countries."

1. Helsinki, Finland.
2. Catherine Palace, St. Petersburg, Russia – "The Catherine Palace is named after Catherine I, the wife of Peter the Great, who ruled Russia for two years after her husband's death. Originally a modest two-story building commissioned by Peter for Catherine in 1717, the Catherine Palace owes its awesome grandeur to their daughter, Empress Elizabeth,



who chose Tsarskoe Selo as her chief summer residence." This is the Catherine Palace's banquet hall.

3. Catherine Palace, St Petersburg, Russia.
4. Jawahar and Varsha Shah at the Holland America cruise ship in Tallinn, Estonia.
5. Jawahar Shah at the Holland America cruise ship





Tara Miller, MS RD/N  
LACERS Well Program Coordinator

## Ask the Dietitian



A monthly question-and-answer feature with Registered Dietician/Nutritionist Tara Miller, LACERS Well Program Coordinator

### Questions?

Do you have a question for Tara, the LACERS Registered Dietician? Write to her: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

# Hope Against Breast Cancer

On Sept. 10 at the “Mike on a Bike” LACERS Well event in Griffith Park, I had the pleasure of connecting with LACERS Member Lupe Vela. Although it was nearing 100 degrees that morning, and she had just ridden the second leg of the bike route, I realized that her energy was infectious and her insight should be shared with *Alive!* readers. I’m honored that she allowed me the opportunity to do so, and I hope you find her as inspiring as I do.

**Tara: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and you are not only a breast cancer survivor, but a “thrive-or”! Such a personal health concern is not easy for many to talk about, but you are passionate about discussing your experience. Why is this important to you?**

Lupe: When I left the City, I walked out with a tremendous toolbox of skills, knowledge, experience and friendships and was looking forward to new career opportunities. Months later, I was diagnosed with cancer and it felt like a truck hit me. I turned to my “toolbox” to help me learn about cancer and have the courage to ask for support from my family and friends. Because of my LACERS PPO health plan, I was able to choose my medical team (and receive guidance) on every aspect of my benefits, eligibility and billings. Prior to my cancer diagnosis, I considered myself a very healthy person and used my healthcare plan for the typical services such as checkups and routine screenings. Now, I know that for anything as complex as cancer, you need to take charge of your treatment and recovery because you are the only one who really knows your needs and challenges. Doing my homework gave me the confidence to make the right decisions for me.

**Strength to face a challenge looks and feels differently for different people. What are some of the strengths you’ve seen/experienced in yourself, in your fellow cancer survivors, and/or supporters? Were there surprising things you learned during this time of your life, and has it changed how you view your day-to-day now?**

Lupe: I know what it takes to deal with a major life crisis, recover, and move forward. I learned not to retreat but to ask for support. I found perspective in meeting with other cancer patients who had to undergo more difficult treatments and recovery periods. I found sisterhood in conversations with so many women facing all types of cancer. Together, our energy and exchanges were empowering, healing and sustaining. You can’t forget those kinds of moments; they become your new normal.

**Your experience surely changed your life and the life of your loved ones. Knowing what you have been through, if given the opportunity, what would you have told a younger version of yourself?**

### Lupe Vela

Former Policy Director for LA River City Council Committee (2002-13, on loan from Public Works/Sanitation), 28 years of City service

**Occupations:** traveler, Tweeter on LA culture and design, cyclist, coach, drummer.

**Passions:** LA River, reading, traveling, and eastside living

**Twitter:** @LAzanjera

Lupe: You get what you give; the City gave me some great moments and I am proud of my legacy. Stay for the long-term benefits if you can do it with passion and purpose. Otherwise, find something you really want to do.

**Retirement is something everyone looks forward to, but it hasn’t seemed to slow you down one bit! Is being retired what you expected it to be? What is your favorite part of retired living, and what would you like to do differently, if anything? Any advice to those about to retire?**

Lupe: First, I would retire the word “retirement.” It is a whole new ball game for the age group in transition.

My peers are now performing with world-class musicians, writing their own plays, acting, traveling the world, and starting new businesses. Leaving the City just opens your eyes to a bigger world to enjoy at your own pace. Jump in. The world is waiting.



## October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, and it is a great time to start thinking about the things you need to do to keep your risk of breast cancer at bay before being overwhelmed with the holidays.

Here is a scary statistic: According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and 1 in 8 will develop breast cancer at some time in their lives. In 1990, 33 women out of every 1,000 died of breast cancer. However, there is good news: Breast cancer can be survivable with early detection. Today, thanks to awareness campaigns such as the Susan G. Koman “For the Cure” movement, that number has dropped to 22 women out of every 1,000. That’s a 34 percent reduction in mortality between 1990 and now.

The American Cancer Society lists the following as modifiable risk factors for development of breast cancer: use of birth control pills, hormone replacement therapy, alcohol (more than one drink per day) and obesity. Non-controllable risk factors include family history and genetic predisposition. By practicing regular self-examinations and scheduling mammograms, you can detect abnormalities in breast tissue that may be early warning signs of cancer. Signs to look for are lumps or irregularities on the breast, under the armpit or on the neck, skin irritation or dimpling, scaling or thickening of the nipple or breast, a discharge from the nipple other than milk, and general tenderness or pain, even if no lump is felt.

Talking to your doctor about breast cancer may seem daunting, but it is an important step in self-care. Likewise, if you have adult children, encourage them to participate in regular screenings and self-examinations. According to the ACS, while there are risks and benefits of mammograms to consider, women should have annual mammograms starting at age 40, and continue to do so as long as they are in good health. If you are unsure of your risks, discuss with your doctor which plan of action is right for you.

If you would like to learn more about raising awareness or participating in local breast cancer events and campaigns, please check out the following Website: [www.makingstrides.acsevents.org](http://www.makingstrides.acsevents.org).

Don’t forget, there is still time to complete your Preventive Health Services (PHS) Screening form and receive your LACERS Well \$50 reward card just for speaking to your doctor about mammograms and other suggested preventive screenings. To download the PHS form and for additional details, log on to: [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell).

*Content is provided for your information only and should not be construed as medical advice or instruction. Since numerous health and medical organizations have provided breast cancer screening recommendations, consult your doctor and discuss with him/her your family history and lifestyle to see which preventive and treatment options are right for you.*

## Medicare Workshop

LACERS’ Health Benefit Administration Division (HBAD) hosted a workshop on Medicare requirements Aug. 19. The workshop took place at the California Endowment Center on Alameda Drive downtown.

The Club was present at the workshop, helping Retired City Employees with advice and retirement needs.

The Club thanks Jason E. Harris, Sr. Management Analyst I, and Heather N. Ramirez, both from LACERS’ Health Benefits Administration and Communications Division, for their assistance.

### LACERS



Club friends from the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. association (RLACEI) were also present at the Medicare event, including from left: Phil Orland, RLACEI Director; Mary Beetz, RLACEI Director; and Ed Harding, President, RLACEI



Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor, talks to Retired City Employees.



Attendees at the Medicare Requirements Workshop at the California Endowment Center.



From left: Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II, LACERS, 8 years of City service; Bella Cabulong, Executive Administrative Assistant, LACERS, 30 years; Gilda Olivares, Benefits Specialist, LACERS, 15 years; and Bernadette Molina, HBAD Support Services, LACERS, 9 years.



From left: Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor, and Heather Ramirez, Management Analyst II, LACERS, 8 years of City service.

# History Comes *Alive!*



by Michael E. Holland  
City Archivist

## ON THE RADIO

Some *History Comes Alive!* columns can be heard on 89.3-KPCC's Off-Ramp, online at [www.kpcc.org/offramp/](http://www.kpcc.org/offramp/)

~ Tales From the City Archives ~

There is a film in the City Archives taken by an LAPD helicopter April 18, 1958. It was the very first home game for the relocated Brooklyn Dodgers, who were to play for four years in the Coliseum in downtown L.A. The footage shows cars backed up on the streets and on the Harbor Freeway in both directions as more than 78,000 people attended the first major league baseball game in the City's history.

The heart of this month's article is not that first season of 1958 but the next year of 1959. There were other things taking place in Los Angeles that had nothing to do with baseball. Those events are part of a larger story of one era – the 1950s – ending and the 1960s getting ready to make its first appearance.

The team that ended the 1957 season in Brooklyn was not the same one that began the following year in Los Angeles. Jackie Robinson had retired. Roy Campanella was crippled in an auto accident that left him in wheelchair the rest of his life. In his book *Dodgers Move West*, author Neil J. Sullivan points that changing faces of the franchise in L.A. reflected a new identity and was leaving the Brooklyn past behind as Pee Wee Reese and Don Newcombe moved on. New players like Wally Moon and Maury Wills would belong to Los Angeles fans exclusively as the franchise settled into the Coliseum. Their future "real" home in Chavez Ravine was still in dispute as the 1959 season began.

A game that has become legendary in Dodgers lore was the exhibition game with the New York Yankees on May 7. More than 93,000 fans packed the Coliseum for a game where all ticket sales went to a former Brooklyn player while his long-term pension was in dispute. The gesture of civility and loyalty to one of their own gave the Dodgers organization a badly needed boost. That goodwill was quickly unraveled by events taking place across town in Elysian Park. The following day, May 8, saw the last evictions in Chavez Ravine. The Arechiga family was forcibly removed by L.A. County Sheriff's deputies while TV station cameras rolled.

The resulting outcry forced the City Council to hold a special meeting. The conclusion was that, while it could have been handled better without the presence of the media, the evictions were legal and the Arechigas were not indigent but owned several properties outside of the area being developed. Nobody had clean hands – the media, the Dodgers or the Arechigas themselves.

There had been rising tensions between the Hispanic community and local government for years; the most serious tensions involved the LAPD. With Mexican American Edward Roybal on the City Council, Hispanics had a voice and an advocate for their concerns. Los Angeles would be a stage for some of the civil rights history in the coming decade. Ground was broken on the future Dodger Stadium Sept. 17, 1959.

Two days later, the greatest challenge to Los Angeles that year came in the form of a bald man from Russia. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev spent one day and one night during his 11-day American tour. This would

be the largest and most complex LAPD security operation in the City's history up to that time. More than 500 police officers were assigned to protect Khrushchev from the moment his plane landed at LAX until his train pulled out of Union Station headed for San Francisco. A request to visit Disneyland was denied due to security concerns and led to a famous denouncement by the Russian leader to his

League pennant on the last day on the 1959 regular season by defeating the Milwaukee Braves. Before the days of conference championships and wild card races, the World Series took place in early October. The Chicago White Sox hosted the first two and last two games. The L.A. Coliseum hosted the middle three games, and the home team won two of them. The series was decided in Chicago as the Dodgers won the sixth game and brought the World Series banner to L.A. in only their second year. A final victory came as the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in

the Dodgers favor on Oct. 19 by dismissing the last appeals of those opposed to the contract for the Chavez Ravine property.

So, how are all of these events tied together, you may ask?

Fifty-six years after that first World Series that did more to establish Los Angeles as a sports town, we have basketball teams, a hockey team and a soccer team, and we may get football back very soon. We may be retreating to the Cold War stance with Russia, but we're back in Cuba. The challenges of equality and peace in the form of violence and racism are still very much a part of our daily conversation. 1959 was a preview of the political landscape from the Democratic National Convention of 1960 to the Ambassador Hotel in June 1968.

Let's end on a note of promise and hope. A special archival treat can be found on the City Clerk's YouTube channel. The 1959 World Series champs were given a ceremony and parade starting at City Hall and ending at the Coliseum April 12th 1960. We have a clip from footage shot by LAPD. The link is at <https://youtu.be/NZ0fUMxvs7s>. That's where a lot of other video clips from the City Archive can be found.

Perhaps this will be the year for the Dodgers to take it all – again.

## Baseball and Hardball

Building Dodger Stadium and a new era in L.A. caused turmoil in Chavez Ravine.

Photos courtesy the LA Archives and the Herald Examiner Collection, Los Angeles Public Library

American hosts. The coming decade would bring both the United States and Soviet Union to the edge of nuclear war over Cuba and a shooting war in Vietnam, which would bring discord at home.

Meanwhile, the Dodgers managed to win the National



From 1959: Crowds pack the Coliseum to watch a Dodger game.



From April 1959: Mrs. Abrana Arechiga, 63, weeps as she reads an eviction notice tacked on her home by Deputy Sheriffs, ordering them to move from Chavez Ravine to make way for the construction of Dodger Stadium. This notice came on a Friday; her extended family was ordered to get off the property by 9 a.m. the following Monday.



From 1958: This was the scene one-half hour before game time as fans streamed into the Coliseum for the L.A. Dodgers-S.F. Giants opener.



One of the photos illustrating the story I wrote on the Watts Riots (August) was of two KJH reporters under fire during the unrest. I had an email exchange with Roger Aldi, who set me straight on a couple of major details.

"Thanks so much Michael – I remember that picture well," Roger writes. "That is news director Art Kevin (holding the mic) and Frank Terry. That picture was on the cover of Time magazine with the headline 'How to Cover Hell,' or something close to that.

"Andy and I went out the first night and were following (chasing) three LAPD units down Avalon Boulevard. Suddenly the police cars disappeared and we found ourselves going

down a street lined with about 100 people on each side, and then came the rocks and bottles! The car was messed up pretty badly, but no injuries.

"The slide show was wonderful and especially moving, and brought back my favorite memory of the riots. Gov. Brown (Senior) was in Greece when the riots started. On the third or fourth night, he was scheduled to arrive at LAX, and as I was driving down the Harbor Freeway toward the riot area, I remember thinking, 'I sure wish the station calls me to go to the airport to meet the Governor. I don't want to go back there tonight.' I got the call."

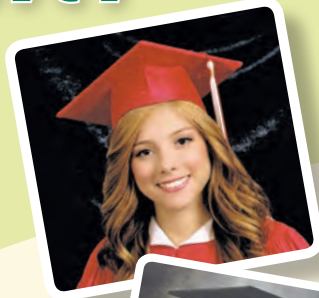
Thanks to Roger Aldi for providing context to the photo.

## Updates

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



## Club Store

# Argh! Good Times Awaitin'!

**These Club Members had a blast at the Pirate's Dinner Adventure. Get a great deal at the Club Store!**

Retired Firefighters Jim Wolfe, Steve Johnson and their families attended Pirate's Dinner Adventure Aug. 21, and wrote to *Alive!* to share their fun.

"We were pirate-ready at the Pirate's Dinner Adventure in Anaheim," writes Jody Wolfe. "We had an awesome time. Thank you, City Employees Club, for the great discount!"



The Wolfe/Johnson families, including Retired Firefighter Jim Wolfe and young Konner Wolfe and Cayden Von Barger, have a great time at the Pirate's Dinner Adventure.



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# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



– Here's Capt. John Hicks, LAFD, at sunset at Pfeiffer State Beach, Big Sur.

**John's comment:** What can I say, John – this is *perfect*. And just when I didn't think it could get any better, I zoomed in and saw the surfer on the wave. *Wow*. I hope you put this one up in your living room!

– From Aaron Harris, Public Works.

**John's comment:** The chosen distance of the bokeh, depth of field, is perfect. It allows the simple pier to burst into the field of view pleasantly skirted by the touch of green vegetation. A work of *art*, Aaron!



"Here is a photo from our family's recent road trip up the beautiful coast. My kids enjoyed Pismo Beach as the sun started to set. June 2015."

– Irary Daniel, LAPD

**John's comment:** Irary, this is about as classic as a kids' beach photo can be – a slice of *perfection* as only youths can experience it.



– The Maha Dance Company of Long Beach, by Victor Ladd, Retired.

**John's comment:** Victor, this has wonderful colors and perfect timing. The expressions of the dancers are perfect. Well done!



"Caldera sunset, Santorini, Greece."

– Alfredo Fajardo, General Services

**John's comment:** Peace and contemplation ... pure happiness ... that's what I see in this photo. Thank you, Alfredo, for a *wonderful* entry.

## 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](mailto: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.

Airports



Fan of Chef Larios, Bryan Jackson, Landscape and Park Maintenance Supervisor, Airports, 17 years of City service, gives the Club's Robert Larios the thumbs-up!



Visiting the Club's booth: Lisa Edwards, Custodian, Airports, 25 years of City service.



Visiting the Club's booth: Helen Ubiadas-Tolosa, Accounting Clerk, Airports, 8 years of City service.



Leslie Normandy, Instrument Mechanic, Airports, 35 years of City service.



Visiting the Club's booth: Jeff Mararac, Sr. Custodian, Airports, 12 years of City service.



Visiting the Club's booth: Fred Gallegos, Warehouse Tool Worker II, Airports, 17 years of City service.



Visiting the Club's booth: Lori Coleman, Secretary, Airports, 25 years of City service.



Visiting the Club's booth: Efren Navarro, Gardener Caretaker, Airports, 16 years of City service.



Visiting the Club's booth: Jae Park, Sign Painter, Airports, 29 years of City service.

# Thanks, ONT Employees!

**Association of Airport Employees hosts an employee appreciation day at Ontario.**

On Sept. 16, the Association of Airports hosted an employee appreciation day at Ontario Airport. The City recently agreed to cede control of the facility back to the City of Ontario. The Club thanks the following officers of the Association of Airport Employees for the invitation to attend and for their assistance: Jimmy Sparks, President; Korey Holmes, Vice President; E. Elaine Williams, Treasurer; Laronda Echols, Corresponding Secretary; Donna Erie, Recording Secretary; Ricardo Jimenez, Sgt. at Arms; Stephanie Martinez, AAE Rep, Ontario; and Diana Valencia, AAE Rep, Ontario.

Rec and Parks

# Thrills, Chills And Gills

Sat., Oct. 24

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium to host 10th annual family frightfest in time for Halloween.**

Sea Scare, San Pedro's frighteningly fun family Halloween party is back for its scarily impressive 10th year and set for Saturday, Oct. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m.

See Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in a different light as it is transformed into an underwater world of chills, thrills and gills. Come in costume and join in the masquerade of ghouls and goblins, trick-or-treat throughout the aquarium, enjoy spooky entertainment and oceans of fun!

Sea Scare is washing ashore with lots of thrills and chills. Sea Scare brings back all your favorite attractions like Trick-or-Treat Trail, Seaside Boardwalk, the Sea Scare Party Zone, and Skull Alley.

There will also be some exciting Tricks and Treats to celebrate Sea Scare's 10th anniversary and the Aquarium's 80th anniversary. Plus, Aquarium Members get a special early entry into the event at 6 p.m. So come in costume and join in on the masquerade of ghosts and goblins, it's sure to be a frightfully good time for the whole family!

Visit the Aquarium's Aquatic Nursery for a special treasure hunt, scary sea creature feedings, make your own slime and learn what ocean animals use slime to survive. Stop by the Exploration Center for some treats, participate in bioluminescent crafts and learn about deep-sea creatures that lurk in our oceans. Enter the Marine Research Library for some creepy creations and spooky stories. Don't forget to enter the costume contest for your chance to

win some spook-tacular prizes. (Costume guidelines apply.)

Take a journey to Cabrillo's old haunted boardwalk and try your luck at the carnival-style games of chance or have your fortune read. Then dance the night away in the newly themed "Sea Scare Party Zone," with a live DJ and fun games.

Kids of all ages can participate in activities at the Craft Corner, including spooky cookie decorating, slime making, trick-or-treat bag decorating, mask making, plus much more!

With apparitional activities, creepy crafts, dreadful demonstrations and eerie entertainment, Sea Scare 2015 is sure to be a frightfully good time for the whole family.

**Admission (purchased online or before Oct. 24): \$5 adults, \$1 children, free for Friends of Cabrillo Members. Save time and money by purchasing your tickets online! (At the door: \$7 adults, \$3 children.)**



Story and photos courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

THIS MONTH AT THE

# Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

## Salt Marsh Open House

SAT., OCT. 10  
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Join CMA Educators to learn about the Salinas de San Pedro wetlands habitat at Cabrillo Beach by using binoculars and microscopes to observe live animals. Visitors can view the birds of the marsh, learn about native plants and observe the changes in the tides.

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# The Car Club

By EVERETT BENNETT, Inspector,  
Public Works/Contract Administration



## Living Life, Not Watching It

Everett Bennett rebuilds his bike, gathers some famous friends and takes a monumental adventure to Sturgis, N.D., the summer motorcycle capital. **Part 1**



I had been scratching at the idea of riding to Sturgis for years. I wasn't looking for the party or the sight of tired, leathery-looking ladies wearing questionable attire, just an adventure.

The romance of riding the two-lane blacktops that crisscross our country with friends has always captured my imagination. Whether the trip is good or bad, it doesn't matter. It's all about the ride, man! (I say in my best hippy voice).

The reason for the adventure starts out differently for everyone, but in the end, it is all the same – enjoying the moment and the unknown. Phone calls, TV shows and social media take a back seat to living life, not watching it. The small moments I had with friends at a gas station, or stuck on the side of the road when you have nothing else but each other, is all that matters. The world was created for every one of us to write our own movie or song, it just takes getting out and doing it. This is my movie.

My buddy, Cary, is a writer and editor for *Easyriders* magazine and the organizer of the trip. I had spoken to him about going a number of times, but for whatever reason I never committed. I decided this was the year, partly because of 2015 being the 75th anniversary. The group grew by the week, and soon we had Affliction Clothing supplying the chase truck, trailer and gas. The following week, Randy Couture (MMA fighter and actor) confirmed he was riding with us. Then, the call came in that Rusty Coones (Sons of Anarchy) and Paul Teutel Sr. ("American Chopper" TV show) would be filming the trip for their new show. How could I not commit after all of this news?

I knew that my only bike that had half a chance of making it was torn apart in my garage. So my victim would be a chopper built by Denver Mullins in 1970. Equipped with a Honda motor, it had been up and running until my decision a few months earlier to change a few things. And so it began ... seven weeks of designing, cutting, welding and grinding. I don't work with plans or drawings of any sort, so everything is pictured in my mind. Three weeks in and nearly done with my first version, everything went in the trash. I wasn't just bolting parts on a motorcycle because that's not my style, but building a tribute to the crazy chopper days of the 1970s. It needed to be perfect. I managed to mold a chain guard into the rear fender, build a 40-inch sissy bar with six three-quarter-inch LED lights up the side, and make a custom seat pan. When it came time for a taillight, I took a 1955 Oldsmobile hood emblem and made it my brake light. It meant lots of metalwork and hard work, but everything was hand-



Taking time to enjoy the experience.

made. With every passing day, the stress level went up. Working nights, sleeping four hours and working in my hot shop until dinner time, wore on me. I definitely bit off more than I could chew in the amount of time I had, and the towel almost got thrown in many times. Luckily, my beautiful girlfriend, Cara, was there to remind me of how I would regret not going. So, I pushed on.

Nine hours before I was set to leave, the seat my upholsterer, Ramon, finished that afternoon was being installed. I ran out of time to complete everything, including putting any sort of primer or paint on the metalwork, so there was no choice but to roll the bike unfinished in bare metal. The hard part was done, or so I thought!

**Day 1: July 29.** 106 degrees outside, 411 miles to go that day: The crew of about 30 bikes and two film crews left Duarte at 7 a.m. and took over the 210 Freeway like a pack of wolves. We were all fresh and ready for what 3,200 miles and seven states would throw at us. A small detour along forgotten about Route 66 for filming a future episode of Rusty's new show was fun. After about three hours of the desert heat frying my bike and me, we bolted for Vegas. I created oil slicks from Barstow to Vegas along the 15 Freeway and kept praying for the bike to hold together until Vegas. I questioned

fix the bike, and the chase truck and trailer would stay in Mesquite while the rest of us went on to St. George, Utah. I decided to risk it. A quick whistle through beautiful Virgin River Gorge, Az. and Utah welcomed us with open arms. The bike still leaked oil, but ran better. The heat was not this bike's friend.

**Day 2: July 30.** 87 degrees outside, 173 miles to go that day: I rose early and tightened clamps and bolts on the bike. I cleaned up the oil spill that now consisted of desert dirt and oil all over the frame and motor. There wasn't an actual spot where I could see oil coming from, and my only guess was that my oil lines were swelling from the heat. I wasn't sure, but I chose to ride on. The beautiful Utah day told me to put away the helmet (don't tell my mother) and enjoy the clean air and crisp beauty (legally). After a quick stop at the Zion Harley-Davidson dealership for filming, we blasted into Zion. Zion National Park is simply stunning. Colorful, beautiful and inviting only begin to describe it. Do yourself a favor and put it on the list of things to see.

After enjoying the beautiful colors and windy roads for a few hours, Highway 89 took us north. I went ahead of the group and found myself the only soul on the road for miles at a time. No music needed: Only the wind, the hum of my motor, and my thoughts were necessary. "This is why I did this," I thought. We made it to Big Rock Candy Mountain Resort and called it a day. The campsite rested next to a stream where we had a bonfire, ate hot dogs and passed out to the sound of silence.

**Day 3: July 31.** 80 to 103 degrees out-

side, 552 miles to go that day: We screamed out of the campground up Highway 89 to Highway 70, and headed east – and what seemed forever. We slid through the stunning rock formations of Utah before hitting the desert floor. "Great," I thought. Yes, that is sarcasm. The temperature rose to about 103, and oil started leaking and burning again. Our goal was Grand Junction, Co. – a mere 300 miles. The Utah desert decided to swallow my kickstand spring at some point, so it drug until the Colorado state line. A quick scratch of the head and search through my tool bag, and a Harbor Freight bungee cord would act as my spring now. I took a picture of the Colorado sign, gassed up, and was off again. Grand Junction couldn't have come soon enough; the heat wears on you. Sitting in the direct sun for hours on end, riding a bike with no suspension, and the wind and bugs hitting me across the whole state of Utah took a big toll. I scarfed down a triple cheeseburger, fries, and four Red Bulls – anything to get energy at this point. Seven miles out of town, I was trailer-bound again. The altitude of Colorado wreaks havoc with things with carburetors; needless to say, it had fun with the four I had on my bike. Thirty minutes of different adjustments didn't do me any good. I saw Vail and Denver through tinted windows and avoided the horrible rains that hit the rest of the group.

15 hours of being on the road made everyone ready to call Ft. Collins, Colo. home for the night. Silence seemed to overcome all of us from being so tired, and the only thing that sounded remotely appealing

was a soft pillow. Mine wasn't soft, but I was too tired to care.

**Stay tuned for the second installment soon!**



my sanity for the first time on this trip. Our first major stop was Hogs and Heifers in Vegas, a place known for good adult beverages, but the only thing that could quench my thirst was ice cold water – and lots of it. After burning through a quart of oil in 200 miles, the bike was trailer-bound. I didn't want to risk blowing up the motor just yet, and the heat of the desert floor had made me nauseous and light-headed.

More miles and a lot more heat led us to Mesquite, Nev., where I unloaded the bike just before sundown. I wanted to



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*Alive!* Feature

**LAFD METRO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

# Answering **the**

■ **The modern Metro Fire Communications Center (MFC) is the hub of LAFD readiness and response.**

At the times you most need the LAFD – in an emergency – your lifeline comes right through this place, the department’s Metropolitan Fire Communications (MFC) facility downtown. And this modern facility, which opened in 2012, and its personnel are more than up to the task.

### About the MFC

The Metropolitan Fire Communications (MFC) facility is the LAFD’s Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) primarily responsible for the processing of 911 emergency calls for service. MFC accepts 911 calls and then dispatches the closest and most appropriate resource to the emergency incident. MFC also manages department resource coverage while making certain that each part of the City has adequate Fire Dept. coverage. Handling nearly 1,500 calls for service each day, MFC maintains an on-duty staff of 26 Firefighter/Dispatchers under the supervision of three floor supervisors. The assigned Battalion Chief oversees the command and control functions of the dispatch operation. MFC also employs an administrative

staff that researches and analyzes contemporary technologies that improve dispatch functionality. Through the combined efforts of the dispatch floor operations and the administrative staff, MFC maintains operational readiness for all types of emergencies 24 hours a day.

The LAFD transferred its communications center during the early morning hours of Feb. 28, 2012, when

it moved its dispatching capabilities from the Operations Control Division (OCD) at City Hall East to the Metropolitan Fire Communications (MFC) facility in the City’s Emergency Operations Center at 500 E. Temple St. The move to the new Metro Fire Communications facility involved many City agencies, vendors and private contractors.

Construction of the Metro Fire Communications facility, which includes Fire Station 4 and the City’s Emergency Operations Center, began in January 2006 as part of Prop “F” funding.

**Continue reading for a tour of the LAFD’s impressive Metro Fire Communications facility, and the great people who work there, keeping the City safe.**



The Club’s Gedina Bergstrom and Firefighter Dionisio Garza, 28 years of City service, Club Member, in the MFC.



Firefighter Gabino Martinez, 9 years of City service, moves around LAFD personnel and equipment in response to an emergency call.



# Call



## THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

### Life and Death, Every Day

On Aug. 25, Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, and Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, interviewed the following: Firefighter III Ruben Lopez, 10 years of City service; Battalion Chief Rudy Hill, 33 years; and Capt. Sean Hughes, 30 years. They were all with "C" platoon, which was on duty the day *Alive!* took our tour (there are three alternating platoons). The group was interviewed in a conference room in the Metro Fire Communications (MFC) facility.



From left: The Club's Gedina Bergstrom and Robert Larios; Firefighter Ruben Lopez; Battalion Chief Rudy Hill; and Capt. Sean Hughes.

**Thanks for giving us a tour of this facility, which we haven't covered in *Alive!* before. First let's ask – what path did you take to get to your current position?**

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** I transferred here to MFC with about seven years at the Fire Department, and I wanted to take my career in a different route, as opposed to going through the ranks as a Driver and then Captain. I wanted to see what we call the other side of the Fire Department, the backbone, the nerve center of how the Fire Department operates. It all starts here, and I get a unique insight as to how the Fire Department operates on a day-to-day basis. I get to make decisions at a level I wouldn't be able to in the field. So I can make command decisions here on a daily basis, and I think that's preparing me for my future, where I'm able to work independently but still be able to make these types of decisions on a day-to-day basis.

**Great. Thank you. Captain?**

**CAPT. SEAN HUGHES:** My path was a little unique in that I returned back here. When I had four years at the Fire Department, being bilingual – a Spanish speaker, I was asked to come down and serve a couple of years here. I did my time here, and then went back to the field. About nine and a half years, I was promoted to engineer, then promoted to captain, and I did my time out in the field. I came back here after I was injured. I've had four back surgeries. It's nice to have not been just discarded or sent on your way with a disability pension. I still feel like I'm a young guy. We're really fortunate that this opportunity is here for us.

**Chief?**

**BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL:** I have almost 33 years with the Fire Department. In that time, I've held the ranks of Firefighter, Inspector, Captain I, Captain II, and now a Chief-level officer, and I've been assigned to multiple responsibilities around the department. Far and away the most challenging assignment that I've had in my 33 years has been here at the Metropolitan Fire Communications Center. It is a unique entity within the Fire Dept., and because it's not riding on those fire trucks that most people see, it's kind of behind closed doors on what actually occurs here. But remember, everything starts here.

### The MFC

**Good. Now, explain what the MFC is all about.**

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** Well, here at MFC, which is an acronym for Metropolitan Fire Communications, you have specially trained firefighters who answer 9-1-1 phone calls. When you answer the phone call, it's really the start of the emergency. The LAFD is able to mitigate an emergency from start to finish, and this is literally the start; it starts off with a Firefighter gathering critical information, such as the address, phone number, the type of emergency.

So a person calls 9-1-1, and the citizens of Los Angeles are really fortunate that they have a firefighter on the other end of the line, which is a very unique – this center is staffed by sworn firefighters. There are not many of those left in the nation, only a handful. So we're very fortunate to have that here. The Firefighter answers the telephone, and like I mentioned earlier, gathers critical information – the nature of the emergency, the address, phone number, the number of patients, age, gender – and while they're doing that, they're simultaneously calming frantic and panicked callers. And, they only have a few seconds to do this, which is high stress. They gather this information while figuring out their location in the City by the use of our mapping systems. Then they analyze the situation, assess the extent of the emergency, and assign the appropriate resources to the call. Then they have to provide life-saving instructions over the telephone, whether it be controlling massive hemorrhaging; CPR instructions, like we heard just a few minutes ago on the floor; or even delivering a baby. I'd say just about everybody here on the floor has delivered a baby over the telephone.

Now, while they're doing that, we also have other firefighters on the floor who are controlling the resource coverage in the city. It's their job to make sure that when there's a call, the citizens in that area aren't affected by the lack of resources. So it's their job to manage resources to make sure there's proper placement so there's always coverage in the City.

**Right, so when a Fire Station responds to a call, then you have to have someone covering that area behind them.**

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** Absolutely, and that's the job of the dispatcher, along with processing requests from the field, whether it be asking for additional resources or asking for more information on the incident that they're on.

**Got it. And so everyone here has been in the field. Everyone here has done what they're talking about on the call. And that's a big deal.**

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### On the Floor With the Dispatchers

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# On the Floor With the Dispatchers

Come along as *Alive!* takes its readers on a tour of the main floor of the Metro Fire Communications facility. The staffing on duty at the time of the tour was the C platoon.



From left: Firefighter Ruben Lopez with the Club's Gedina Bergstrom and Robert Larios.

The basic duty of an LAFD dispatcher is to take a 911 call (either on a phone or an LAFD radio), determine the nature of the emergency (fire or medical, and the specific kind of each), determine the proper course of action, and then contact the nearest Fire Station and direct them to the emergency. The MFC receives 3,000 calls a day.

The MFC has 40 consoles, where up to 13 dispatchers work at a time. Overlooking all the positions and dispatchers are three Captains per shift, perched above the floor operations. Captains are not just observing – they have line duties as well.

While it looks like the large TV monitors are providing entertainment for the dispatchers, that's not the case – the MFC monitors all news sources in case the sources might be transmitting from an emergency situation. Also, the smaller monitors keep a tally as to how many calls are being handled at any given moment.

Each dispatch position holds three people – one "puppet master," who moves Fire Station companies around the City to make sure every region is covered, and two "wingmen" who assist (all three receive calls). For example, if there's an emergency in one area, the dispatcher connects with a nearby Fire Station to make sure the area that is now missing its company is covered. So the "puppet master" dispatcher is constantly moving resources around. The "puppet master" then has two others – "wingmen" – who take on supporting roles, and all three take calls constantly, some on the telephone, some on department radios (coming in from Fire companies actively working an incident).

## Community Liaison Unit



ABOVE: The LAFD's Community Liaison Unit has a satellite branch at the MFC facility to monitor social media, radio, TV and traffic for emergencies. Here's Firefighter Erik Scott, 10 years of City service, explaining to Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios how Scott monitors various media platforms.



A visible light signal system helps Captains and others determine exactly the status of each dispatcher – the blue light indicates the dispatcher is on a call; the orange light indicates the dispatcher is on his or her handheld radio; and the white light indicates the dispatcher requests assistance.

*'Everybody here has delivered a baby over the telephone.'*

– Firefighter Ruben Lopez

## City's ITA Dept.



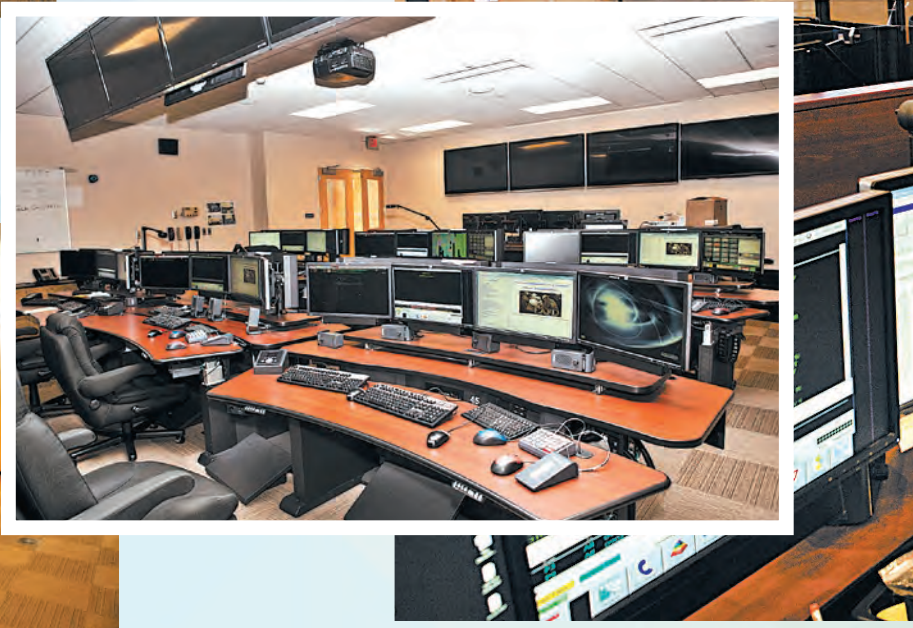
ABOVE: The MFC utilizes state-of-the-art emergency telecommunications equipment. It's so important to the safety of the City that the systems continue functioning that the City's ITA Dept. has its own satellite office at the MFC facility, where the MFC systems are monitored 24/7. Monitoring the systems are (from left) Dan Buthusiem, Communications Electrician, Tech Control 8 years of City service; and Frank Moreno, Communications Electrician, 10 years.

Manual maps at the back of the MFC show available staffing in each fire region.



## MFC Facilities

BELOW: The MFC maintains a fully equipped (but non-functioning) training room. It's almost an exact replica of the MFC main floor, but it's not hooked up.



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**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** Absolutely. That's what makes MFC unique – the members here have all been there and done that. They've all gone on calls, they've all been assigned to the field, they've all be Firefighters or Paramedics, and they've literally been on just about every call that they receive over the telephone, and they're able to provide instructions that the general person from the street wouldn't be able to do.

**And Chief, it seems like when they moved over to this building a few years ago they could have made a decision to go to more of a civilian model, but the City didn't. They kept it the way it is. That was kind of an important decision.**

**BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL:** Well, what you get here is a person who has the practical knowledge to be able to make the most appropriate decisions.

**CAPT. SEAN HUGHES:** Because we were able to stay sworn and not civilianized, at least up to this point, the benefit to the City is really incredible. When you look at different dispatch centers and you see the amount of people that it takes to actually run those centers and the amount of times that those centers fall short of that staffing, we never fall short of the staffing. With us being sworn, the City can order all of us to be on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It doesn't matter if we're sick. Firefighters have an obligation to fill those seats, and they do a really, really great job of it, and we're really proud of them and lucky to have them.

**What does the MFC do that the previous facility couldn't?**

**BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL:** Well, it's safer. One of the reasons that we had to transition to the new facility was when they did the threat assessment, the former location just wasn't as safe as this new location. There were several challenges that we had. One was flooding. If there was a flood– and we've seen a lot of water main breaks – it would flow into the old location and flood it out. But the MFC is above ground.

But then updating equipment – the old one used 1970s technology. The equipment that we have here is state of the art, and we're transitioning into the new technology. We're looking at the next generation CAD systems and incorporating that into what we do here, and the City needed a facility that could actually – how could I say it?

**Grow?**

**BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL:** Well, not only grow, because we're kind of at a maximum capacity as it stands right now. However, we needed a facility that we can incorporate the new technology into, and that's why we had to formulate the new Emergency Operations Center. We also have the LAPD Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division and the Emergency Management Department housed within this building. This building is known as the City's Emergency Operations Center, or the brains of the City in emergency management.



From left: Batt. Chief Rudy Hill and Capt. Sean Hughes.

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** One of the major advantages to being here at MFC is the redundancy. Any console on the floor could be turned into either a dispatching console or a call-taking console, which is an advantage—it's something we didn't have before. If a dispatch console went down, it created major problems with communicating with the field. Here, if one console goes down, someone else could immediately take over, whether it be a fellow Firefighter, or even a captain can take over if needed. That redundancy serves the public better than what we had before.

**BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL:** Another aspect of the modernization of Metro is that now we have a viable backup system, which we didn't have before because of the age of the old systems.

**Saving Lives**

**Got it. Give us a practical example of the capabilities of the MFC.**

**CAPT. SEAN HUGHES:** Sure. Every day that we come into work, we're processing thousands of calls. We're dispatching right under 1,800 or 1,900 calls or incidents per day, and processing business calls on top of that.

Last shift, for instance, we had a traffic accident unfortunately on the northbound 405 freeway at about Sherman Way or Victory, where a family was struck by a big rig vehicle. Unfortunately we had a deceased member at the scene. We transported the family members to two different hospitals, unfortunately dividing the family up. From the minute that we got that phone call processed over to us by the LAPD and the CHP, our members out there were on the telephone dealing with those family members at the emergency, processing the incident, dispatching it. As the units are responding, they were trying to keep members safe on that freeway, giving life-saving instructions. We were coordinating efforts to respond to the hospitals. We intervened with the Mayor's Crisis Response Team to allow there to be psychological help for the family members who ended up showing up. Actually, the family had quite a large family, and 20 of them responded just to one of the hospitals alone. Here we provide that coordination. We intervene with different agencies, like the CHP, LAPD. We dealt with the Mayor's Office. There was a whole variety of things, just with one incident.

**Hospitals? Do you liaise with hospitals?**

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** Yes. We dealt with the Trauma Center at Northridge, and then Holy Cross Hospital. So that was just one. I can give you so many other examples, when hikers are lost or hurt, or injuries from mountain bike riding, or twisted ankles up in the mountain areas, or Griffith Park. We coordinate those.

**BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL:** The Da Vinci fire (downtown last December). The fire down in the Port. All are instances where a mass amount of coordination has to take place. That coordination is typically taking place here. We're making notifications, we're getting the players involved so that they can effectively mitigate whatever type of issues that they may have on the incident.

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** One of the major advantages of having the City's Emergency Operations Center here is if Chief Hill were on duty and there were a major incident, he could have a face-to-face with LAPD and not have to go someplace else. When the facility was at City Hall, you used to have to jump in a car and drive down here to try and manage an incident. In real time, we can manage incidents with other City department heads, and that's one of the advantages of having this facility.

**CAPT. SEAN HUGHES:** I think as well what's important to note is, after 9/11, information-sharing has changed quite a bit. Our ability to share information, share channels, integrate those channels with our systems, integrate different computer systems – that's all occurring as we're speaking. The next-generation 9-1-1 system – voice-over-Internet provider information – all of that technology is changing, and this facility has the ability to move and be shaped around that in the future. We were limited at the old facility, even though now it's our backup center. We're capable of doing that at any time.

**FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ:** One of the best examples of being a leader in 9-1-1 communications is TDS. That's our Tiered Dispatch System, and that was created in house, led by Dr. Marc Eckstein, our medical director, with the input of the Firefighter/Dispatchers here at Metro. This is probably one of the first of its kind in the country, where we were able to use the knowledge



Listening to a question from *Alive!* editor John Burnes (right) are (from left) Capt. Sean Hughes, Club Vice President of Operations Robert Larios and Club Counselor Gedina Bergstrom.



Firefighter Ruben Lopez takes *Alive!* on tour of the MFC.



Standing at the Floor Captain's position is Capt. Sean Hughes, 30 years of City service.

BELOW: The view of the MFC from the Floor Captain's perch.



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and experience of the Firefighters and really help the callers immediately on the telephone, and that's probably one of the best examples that we have of how the Fire Dept. leads the nation with innovation.

**Let's say someone is sitting at home. Something happens. They dial 9-1-1. It is the LAPD that's answering the phone? Is it you guys? How is that coordinated?**

CAPT. SEAN HUGHES: We're a secondary public service answering point. All telephone calls, when they're on a hard line, are directly sent to the Police Dept., or the police agency of that municipality. In our circumstance, all 9-1-1 calls on a hard line go to the LAPD. The minute that somebody says that they have a fire or a medical-related emergency, the LAPD transfers the phone call to us. If the call came through a cellular device, it would go directly to the CHP. California Highway Patrol would then, at the same way, transfer the call to us if it were medical or fire-related. Once we get that phone call, the agency that initially received the call will remain on the telephone line with us and monitor the call in the event that there is a safety situation like a shooting, a stabbing, a traffic accident, where they need additional information or where those agencies respond with us. We'll process the phone call, obtain the important information so that we can triage the call properly. Our dispatchers will simultaneously create the call, push buttons that would allow the audio systems at the Fire Stations to open up and be dispatched via the automatic, or automated voice over the fire station. Units can still be responding while the person is still on the phone processing the call, and basically serving them with life-saving information to do CPR or what have you.

And I would add on top of that – because we're a dispatch command-and-control center as well, we don't just process 9-1-1 calls, which most cities do; we serve as a command center that allows us to have direct control over all resources that are going on in the City, as well as all incidents. We coordinate with all agencies, so at any given time, the mayor, for instance, can call us up, and we can give him a proper identification of any serious incident that's going on in the City.

**So multiple agencies at the same time on the phone helping out a citizen to get to where they need to be at the end of the day.**

BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL: Correct.  
CAPT. SEAN HUGHES: Yes.

**The Legacy of Capt. McKnight**

**Who was Capt. Matthew McKnight, and why is the building now named for him?**

CAPT. SEAN HUGHES: Capt. McKnight was one of my best friends. He was a father of two terrific kids and a wonderful husband. It chokes me up because I miss him dearly. He was on duty here at the MFC and suffered a medical emergency, and unfortunately we were not able to revive him.



From left: Firefighter Ruben Lopez, Batt. Chief Rudy Hill, and Capt. Sean Hughes.

BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL: He succumbed to that medical emergency.

CAPT. SEAN HUGHES: He was a devoted safety member of our City. He cared so much about the job that he did. He was a true friend to almost anybody who met him. If you met him, you would feel the warmth of his personality. You would understand what made him a special Fireman. He was a firefighter. He spent many years out in the field really becoming skillful at what he did and went on many, many life-saving calls. He was promoted through the ranks and ultimately made Captain. He, like I, was injured. Over the years, your body as a Firefighter really does take a beating. You're exposed to a lot of things. And after that he came down and served as a Captain here, and did a wonderful job. It's really sad to not have him alive, but his memory is certainly living with us each day.

Last year, we were fortunate enough to have the command staff and the City leaders allow us to name the facility after him. We had a wonderful celebration of his life and his memory. He was a wonderful, wonderful person.

FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ: He was a mentor. He was a leader. He was a friend, someone I think every young guy here would want to emulate, and we miss him a lot. He was probably one of the best role models I've had, someone I aspire to be. I think it's appropriate that we named the building after him.

**Quality Staff**

**We heard there are a lot of shining stars here in the building, people who stand out like Capt. McKnight did. Talk about the crew here.**

CAPT. SEAN HUGHES: Oh boy, sure. I'm one of the nine captains assigned here. I've got three Chief Officers above me, and an Assistant Chief who runs the facility above them. We've got 78 really special people who are on duty every single day doing the best job in the world. We're very tight as a family. But I can tell you that they're out there processing calls and taking care of the field units out there as if they're a brother or sister. That's how we grow up in this organization. We take care of each other, and by taking care of each other means that we're obtaining the best information possible.

Remember, we all came on pulling hose and swinging axes and throwing ladders, and when we've been asked to do anything, we're going to give it 100 percent. For these folks, their tools right now happen to be a computer screen and a telephone.

You can't teach somebody truly how to be empathetic and how to think of all these things we have to think about when we call about an emergency. But we draw those types of Firefighters in from the field who can emotionally be in a position where they're not going to be affected by somebody screaming and yelling at them at the worst point in their life. People are calling us with the worst tragedies that are unfolding in their life, and they're waiting for that empathetic voice to say that help is coming, that they're going to get the information that they need, and that we're going to help them until we can get somebody there. And that is exactly what our staff members do. I love every single one of them.

FIREFIGHTER RUBEN LOPEZ: One of the things that makes the center unique is that all the firefighters on the floor right now have worked at a station and they've brought that culture here. We hold each other to the highest standard, because we understand the position that we're in and we're only as strong as our weakest link. Our actions directly impact the citizens of Los Angeles.

BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL: It's basically life or death, on a daily basis. That's what our dispatchers are confronted with. They're trying to talk to people who are hysterical, because this could be the worst day of their life, trying to calm them down, get the appropriate information to assist them in making an appropriate decision on how to handle whatever it is they have to deal with. Our dispatchers do that 24/7, 365 days a year.

**Good point. Thank you so much for the tour and for sharing with us.**

BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL: Thank you.  
CAPT. SEAN HUGHES: Thank you.

BATT. CHIEF RUDY HILL: Thank you for having the interest in coming down and hearing a little bit about what we do. ■

**On the Floor  
With the Dispatchers**

— Continued

**MFC Dispatchers  
At The Ready**



Firefighter Gabino Martinez, 9 years of City service, is on a call and determining the best course of action.



Firefighter John Ferrer, 33 years of City service, at a call position.

Below: Firefighter Armando Diaz, 15 years of City service, has been on duty for three days (with times for rest). "I talk them through it; I get them the help they need," he says about his duties.



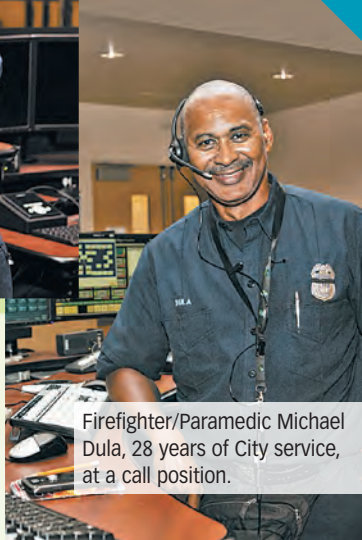
Firefighter Dionisio Garza, 28 years of City service, Club Member, is responding to an emergency call.



On a call and acting as "wingman" to dispatcher Firefighter Molina is Firefighter Nathan Wilmoth, 10 years of City service.



On an emergency CPR call is Firefighter Cynthia Soto, 10 years of City service. She was calmly giving CPR instructions while *Alive!* was on the floor; *Alive!* stayed clear of her doing her intense but calm work. "One of the things that separate us from civilian-staffed centers is that we've all done CPR over the phone; we've all been there," comments Firefighter Ruben Lopez, who's leading the *Alive!* tour through the MFC.



Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Dula, 28 years of City service, at a call position.



Firefighter Steve Marcinko, 9 years of City service, is the "puppet master" for his pod, moving Fire companies around the City as needed.



Sitting at the Floor Captain's position is Capt. Patrick Leising.

*'It's basically life or death on a daily basis.'*

– Batt. Chief Rudy Hill



At the Valley Fire dispatch position is Firefighter Rico Molina, 15 years of City service.



Second "wingman" to dispatcher Firefighter Molina is Firefighter Daniel Roman, 10 years of City service.



At a dispatch station are (from left) Capt. Mike Fisher, 27 years of City service, who is in charge of the MFC's communications system for the LAFD; and Firefighter Steve Bloch, 32 years of service.



Firefighter Jason Rios, 3 years of City service.

**IN MEMORIAM:  
Capt. Matthew McKnight**  
**Metro Fire Communications floor named for Capt. Matthew McKnight.**

On Feb. 13, the LAFD dedicated the Metropolitan Fire Communications (MFC) Dispatch Floor in the name of fallen LAFD Capt. Matthew G. McKnight. A dedication ceremony was held to honor Capt. McKnight's contributions to the Communication Center and to the citizens of Los Angeles. In addition to re-naming the floor in Capt. McKnight's name, Fire Chief Ralph M. Terrazas and Mayor Eric Garcetti honored five other members who died while on active duty and assigned to the Department's dispatch section.

Capt. McKnight was on duty overseeing the dispatch operations center on Aug. 12, 2013, when he collapsed and died.

Capt. McKnight faithfully served the citizens of Los Angeles for more than 31 years. He passed away at 51 from a duty-related medical condition. Capt. McKnight served for nearly 10 years at MFC. He was admired and greatly respected by those who worked with him and for him. His on-duty death deeply impacted the hearts and minds of the members assigned to MFC. Capt. McKnight left behind his wife Sylvia, his now 16-year-old daughter Lauren, and 14-year-old son Matthew.

A Matthew G. McKnight Memorial Fund has been created. Tax-deductible donations (consult your tax adviser) will be used to pay for expenses incurred by the event and the purchase of memorial items to be permanently designated at MFC. These items include three bronze medallions in his honor to be placed at designated locations, and the construction and mounting of a custom-built display as a tribute to his memory.

Donations can be made via the LAFD Foundation Website. If you choose to submit a donation, please be sure to enter the words McKnight Memorial in the "Purpose" box on the next screen. Your monetary gift will serve to keep his memory alive and honor his contributions to the Communications Center, the LAFD, and to the citizens he served.

Go to:  
[SupportLAFD.org/donate](http://SupportLAFD.org/donate)



Capt. Matthew McKnight

**IN MEMORIAM:  
Pilot/Firefighter Steven Robinson**

**A valued member of the LAFD MFC team passed away as *Alive!* was preparing this cover story.**

LAFD Pilot/Firefighter Steven L. Robinson passed away Aug. 9. He served the people of Los Angeles for nearly 30 years as a Firefighter, Pilot, and Dispatcher with the LAFD.

On March 23, 1998, Pilot/Firefighter Robinson was involved in a helicopter crash while taking a critically injured 12-year-old girl to the hospital. Due to mechanical failures, the helicopter went down near Griffith Park, but not before Steven steered the copter away from all residential areas to avoid greater harm to the general public.

While Pilot/Firefighter Robinson survived, tragically, LAFD Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Butler, Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Reiner, and Apparatus Operator Michael McComb all lost their lives on this fateful day, along with the 12-year-old girl who was being flown.

Steven Robinson survived this crash along with Crew Chief Firefighter Dennis Silgen, but both sustained major injuries.

While unable to work in the field due to the injuries that he received from this crash, Steven chose to continue to contribute to the City of Los Angeles as a dedicated LAFD Dispatcher.

Every single member of the LAFD who had the honor of working with Pilot/Firefighter Steven Robinson will always remember his positive attitude, commitment to the job, and his love for his fellow Firefighters in the LAFD. He touched the lives of thousands of his colleagues and the people who he served.



Pilot/Firefighter Steven Robinson

# CLUB SPORTS

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## From the Commish:

### A Rare Rainout

While we suffer through the fluctuating temperatures of the Southland weather – spontaneous rain and flooding that made our softball fields unplayable Sept. 16 – there’s nothing like the weather phenomenon of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles softball games, where the ball is pitched to the moon, the players run like lightning, the ball is hit to the rain clouds, and the defense is steaming like humidity and spinning like tornados.

In the games held Sep. 2, the Guzzlers took out the undefeated Blue Dragons by a landslide, and the Sluggers and Enforcers took their leads by a slight mist (1 run) over the P-Slappers and Game Time, respectively. The DoTgers remained undefeated by creating a typhoon over Next, and Left Turns Only and Transformers survived the sudden thunderstorms of Killawatts and U Go I Go.

On Sept. 9, the Blue Dragons returned like a cyclone for their win over the Sluggers, and the Enforcers and Guzzlers put down a flurry of runs over P-Slappers and Sewer Rats. Killawatts, U Go I Go, and Left Turns Only all felt the hurricanes from DoTgers, Next and Transformers. These teams are very competitive where there can be no accurate forecasts of the leagues outcome.

For instance, the league experienced meteorological conditions and severe atmospheric pressure on Sept. 23 that all teams succumbed to the unpredictable weather phenomenon. The undefeated DoTgers’ ozone layer was thinned by Left Turns Only, and the Transformers left Next in a dreadful blizzard. Although Killawatts barely won over U Go I Go, there is no underestimating U Go I Go as they bring the heat to every game. Enforcers maintained their winning streak, making the future seem bleak for the Sewer Rats. Yet, over the mountains, Yosemite games fell under the xenon effect. All the teams were like a ball of lightning on almost every play. Although the wave of smiles continued, each wave eventually died in the fog. Surviving one weather disturbance after another, the Sluggers held on in the storm until (Moby Dick) Guzzlers circled their boat, ... (you know what happened next). The storm lifted for the 15 minute game break, and then Game Time, too, fell victim to the storm of another team, Blue Dragons, thereby missing out on retribution. I feel you, Capt. Ahab!

Even though I cannot provide an accurate forecast, I can envision more phenomenal games to come. Sewer Rats have already predicted defeat over Game Time for Sept. 30. Last season’s championship teams, Guzzlers and Enforcers, will also battle through the bitter monsoon, and P-Slappers, led by the 2014 All-Star MVP winning shortstop, Oscar, is favored to win over Blue Dragons.

Bring your raincoats and umbrellas and support your teams! With fans in the stands, we’re sure to weather the storms.

Zulu time! I mean, game time! I mean, batter up!

Mark your calendar for the second half games!

– Lady Smith, the Commish

### Lady Smith, The Commish

**Returning for 2015:**  
The Softball Commish, Lady Smith! Read Lady’s comments each month in *Alive!* during the softball season.



## Softball in Full Swing

The Club’s 2015 Softball League is mid-season and gearing up for its exciting conclusion!

For a list of the teams and managers, see the article by the Commish, Lady Smith.

### Come out and support your team!

Watching a Club Softball League team is fun ... and free! There are cheerleaders, DJs, your workmates in nice uniforms, all free. And you can volunteer, too.

*We’ll see you there!*



### 2015 Club Softball League Teams

(managers in parentheses)

- Blue Dragons** (Ben Lozano)
- DoTgers** (Carlos Rodriguez)
- Enforcers** (Manny Ortiz)
- Game Time** (Dominick King)
- Guzzlers** (Lisa Pallares)
- Killawatts** (Angel Vidales)
- Left Turns Only** (Jerry Borunda)
- Next** (Monte Carter)
- Pitch Slappers** (Oscar Berumen)
- Sewer Rats** (Jordan Price/Luis Figueroa)
- Sluggers** (Alfred Lopez/Delta Rodriguez)
- Transformers** (Raul Montenegro)
- U Go I Go** (Mike McComas)

## NFL AND USC TICKETS!



### The Club Store has gone big-time with football tickets!

The Sports Dude is excited to announce that the Club offers discounted tickets to **USC Trojan** football games, as well as to **Chargers** and **Raiders** games for the current season!

Visit the Club Store in person for specific game information or at the Club Webstore at [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)

### Robert Larios, The Sports Dude



### Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club’s sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for **basketball, bowling and softball.**

Please contact [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com) or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent or for more information.

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

Public Works

# Time for Dodgers Baseball!



**For Chermaine Fontenette, Public Works/Sanitation, the Club Store discount came in handy when she treated her family to a Dodgers game.**



"Thanks to the City Employees Club, I surprised my husband on his birthday with perfect seats," she reports. "Not to mention they honored Tommy Lasorda for his birthday, and he was in the stands."

"My husband, Dwayne, saw his birthday wish on the ribbon board. The smile on his face was priceless. And it my daughter's first real live baseball game! The nachos in the souvenir hat were awesome and, for myself, it was the old time favorite, Dodger Dogs."

Glad you had a great time, Chermaine, and that the Club Store discount helped you save money.

Zoo

# Lewis on Board Zoo Association

The membership of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has elected John Lewis, Director of the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, to the AZA Board of Directors.

"John's strong leadership and extensive experience will benefit AZA-accredited aquariums and zoos as we continue our commitment to protecting wildlife and engaging visitors to join us in these initiatives," said AZA President and CEO Jim Maddy.

Beginning Oct. 1, Lewis will serve on the AZA Board of Directors as one of its 13 members. Lewis will be involved in every aspect of the national organization, including accreditation, ethics, animal welfare and conservation. Each year, AZA's 230 accredited facilities collectively contribute \$160 million to field conservation projects that help to protect species across the world, serve more than 183 million visitors, welcome more than 12 million students on educational field trips, contribute \$17.4 billion to the U.S. economy, and support 176,000 jobs.

Lewis began his career in animal care as a zookeeper and curator and has spent the last 29 years in executive management as director of two AZA-accredited facilities, John Ball Zoological Gardens in Grand Rapids, Mich. for 17 years and Los Angeles

Zoo and Botanical Gardens since 2003. During his career, he has also served on a variety of AZA Committees, including the Wildlife Conservation and Management Committee (WCMC), Accreditation Commission, Ethics Board, Charter and Bylaws Committee, and several task forces. This is his second time serving on the AZA Board of Directors, and he is pleased to bring perspective from the past to seek and assess opportunities for the future.



Zoo Director John Lewis

"I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve on the Board," Lewis said. "Like the L.A. Zoo, AZA is a place where people make a positive difference for wildlife every day."

Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the landmark Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, drawing 1.6 million visitors each year, is home to a diverse collection of 1,100 animals representing 250 different species, many of which are rare or endangered. Its lush grounds on 113 acres feature a botanical collection comprising over 800 different plant species with approximately 7,000 individual plants. The Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org).



# Rest Insured

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

## Are You Automatically Covered?

We get the question wherever we meet a client – restaurants, churches, movie theatres. It *always* comes up: "Am I covered automatically when I buy a new car?"

Many people are mistaken when they think that they have "automatic coverage" when they purchase a new car. Many policies have restrictions, and all policies require you to notify the agent to make the coverage effective.

"Automatic Coverage" is extended to you *only if all* of the vehicles that you own are insured under the same policy! This makes logical sense, as you can't expect the insurance company to know whether or not you are going to insure your new vehicle.

Let's say that you are the registered owner on three cars, but one of them is used by your child at college, so you insure that vehicle under a separate policy. Even though all of your vehicles are insured, you aren't insuring them all under the same policy. So, when you buy a new car, or even if you trade in one of your existing cars for a new car, the insurance company does not have to provide you automatic coverage on the new car.

Or, what if you like to fix up classic cars? You might have one that is not operational, so you aren't insuring it. Or maybe you have a classic car insured under a separate antique auto policy. Again, you are not insuring all the cars you own on your main insurance policy, so the insurance company does not have to give you any automatic coverage.

Another area of concern is the listed drivers on your policy. If you have someone covered on your policy as a driver, that doesn't mean that automatic coverage extends to them. For example, you may have a boyfriend or a girlfriend who lives with you, and you are both insured under the same policy. But, the automatic coverage applies only to the owner of the insurance policy and their immediate relatives who live in the house. So, when your boyfriend trades in his car for a new one, if the policy is in your name, then he doesn't get automatic coverage.

A very common area where this applies is in regards to recreational vehicles. If you own an RV, and insure it separately on an RV policy, that is still considered a vehicle. So again, you are not insuring all of the vehicles that you own on the same policy, so you don't get automatic coverage on any new vehicle you purchase on this policy.

There are other factors and other circumstances that commonly remove the automatic coverage from your policy.

Bottom line: Make every effort to contact your agent as soon as you purchase a new vehicle. You can fax us the purchase agreement at (877) 901-5522, or call us and give us the information over the phone. Many times people are covered automatically by their policies, but there are many times when they are not. Be safe, and let us know as soon as you get the new car, so we can make sure that you are properly covered.



**About United Agencies**

United Agencies is the Club's Partner helping members with their home and car insurance, and related products. Feel free to call us with any questions about rental cars, auto insurance, or any other topic. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Call our office today at (888) 801-5522.

Check out the City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website: [www.ua-insurance.com/city-club](http://www.ua-insurance.com/city-club)

**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](mailto:jgelineau@unitedagencies.com) and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

# FRIGHTFULLY GREAT DEALS

**On Halloween events are at the Club Store!**

**– Go to the Club Webstore for details: [cityemployeesclub.com](http://cityemployeesclub.com)**

# Coloring

with **Mariana!**



Compiled by  
**Mariana Guevara,**  
Club Store Manager

## The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Deadline for submission:  
**Nov. 5, 2015**

**Submit to:**

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

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

**Good luck and have fun!**

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

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is your favorite snack? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite television show? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to go to this park? \_\_\_\_\_

**For parents/guardian to complete:**

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and department with the City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address/city/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_





# SCARE YOURSELF SILLY

With great Club deals on  
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John Hawkins, Publisher, September 22, 2015



## The Smart Move

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

### Taking Care of Your Health, Finances Linked, Study Says

The same underlying psychological factors are behind poor physical and financial health, a new study from Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis finds.

The researchers found that the decision to contribute to a 401(k) or 457 plans for retirement predicted whether or not an individual will act to correct poor physical health indicators revealed during an employer-sponsored health examination. Even after controlling for differences in initial health, demographics and job type, the researchers found that those who had previously chosen to save for the future through 401(k) or 457 plan contributions improved their health significantly more than noncontributors, despite having few health differences prior to program implementation.

"We find that existing retirement contribution patterns and future health improvements are highly correlated," says the study report by Lamar Pierce, associate professor of strategy at Olin, and doctoral candidate Timothy Gubler. "Those who save for the future by contributing to a 401(k) or 457 plan improved abnormal health test results and poor health behaviors approximately

27 percent more than noncontributors."

The report, "Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: Retirement Planning Predicts Employee Health Improvements," was published June 30, 2014, in the journal *Psychological Science*.

The researchers studied personnel and health data from eight similar businesses or public employers in multiple states. They found the previous decision of an employee to forgo immediate income and contribute to a 401(k) or 457 plan predicted whether he or she would respond proactively to the revelation of poor physical health.

While the decision not to defer income could by itself indicate a worker living paycheck to paycheck and thus unable to spare any income for savings, the failure to improve behaviors putting the employee's health at risk, once pointed out, indicates a lack of trust that actions taken today can result in better futures down the road. Confronting that fatalism may be necessary before these employees will take constructive steps to adopt healthier habits and to save for their future, to the extent they can afford to do so, the research suggests.

Dearborn National Insurance is the Club's partner for three areas – critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expense insurance. Currently the Club offers three Dearborn products – the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan and the Accident Medical Expense Plan. Ask your Club Counselor for details.

**You can contact Dearborn National at (888) 443-8829.**

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The City of Angels  
Toastmasters Club 251

**Tuesdays**

**11:30 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.**

City Hall South Room 103  
111 E First St. downtown

Guests welcome!

#### QUESTIONS:

Barbara Nobregas  
(213) 928-9771 or  
(213) 847-4707

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

The Public Works Pioneers  
Toastmasters Club

**Wednesdays  
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

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

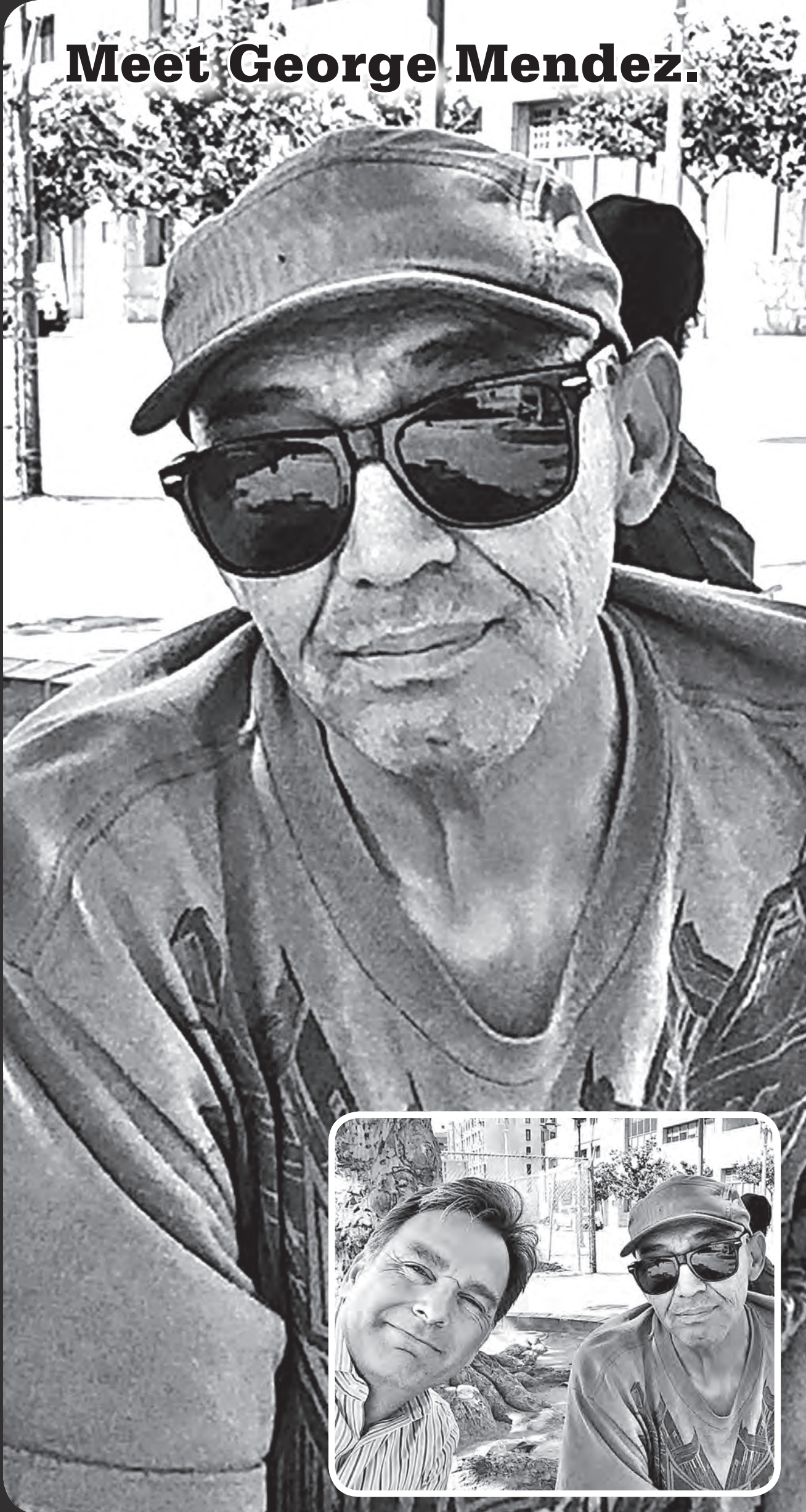
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## Meet George Mendez.



**AGE:** "I'm 57."

**BIRTHPLACE:**

"Chillán, Chile – you know the place where the world famous Super Smash Bros. player is from, Gonzales 'ZeRo' Barrios."

**MARITAL STATUS:** "Divorced."

**FAMILY:** "I have two older sisters."

**PARENTS STATUS:**

"My dad passed away 15 years ago."

**FAVORITE MEMORY:**

"When I was around 10 I remember moving into a new house that my dad bought. It was amazing; it was brand new and big. It's a great memory."

**EDUCATION:**

"I almost finished school in Chile, but I came to America before I could."

**MILITARY SERVICE:** "No."

**SPORTS:** "Absolutely – soccer all the way!"

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

"On the streets, or Dolores Mission."

**WHEN MOVED TO LA:** "When I was 20."

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "MacArthur Park, even though that's where my life went downhill; I still like it. And it's really been cleaned up. It's very nice now."

**RELIGION:** "No, but I do believe in God."

**MEDICATIONS:**

"Yes, for asthma, scoliosis, hepatitis C and schizophrenia."

**YOUR STORY:**

"My father moved me from Chile to America when I was 20. This was about five years after Pinochet took over in his CIA-backed coup d'état. Young men my age were at high risk. The new government under Pinochet was very harsh — many people disappeared if they didn't agree with him — mass killings and such. I remember when I was about 16 I witnessed a scene I will never forget. I couldn't be seen but I saw the military separate the young men from the women and children. The young girls were sent off to the military to be sexually used and young men were taken and shot. My dad sent me to America to protect me. And for 35 years I did well. I worked in construction doing everything — electrical, tile, building, plumbing, you name it. I even got married and had a daughter. She's married with a child now. But, then it all went bad for me when I was arrested in MacArthur Park for having marijuana. The LAPD busted me in an undercover sting. I spent two years in prison out of a four-year sentence. It broke me. When I got out my life was over. It's been seven years on the streets just trying to survive."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Midnight Express."

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**

"Jerry Springer, back in the day."

**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Clint Eastwood."

**FAVORITE FOOD:**

"Carne asada and vanilla ice cream."

**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Caramel."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Progressive rock."

**LAST JOB:**

"I spent 35 years in construction."

**LAST THING EATEN:**

"I had breakfast at Dolores Mission – frijoles, rice, ground beef and bread."

**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:** "My toothpaste, toothbrush, skin cream and medications ... oh, and fresh socks."

**IF YOU WERE MAYOR:** "That's a tough question. The homeless situation is very complicated; many will never be off the street."

**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Work hard, work serious. Take your job serious and do the best you can."

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

*The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place Sept. 22 downtown. Photos by Angel Gomez.*

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

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# Help Us Blanket the City!



Help the Club take care of those living on the streets this winter.

The last four years, we put out the call to help those in need downtown. And Club Members came through! So we're continuing *Blanket the City*.

It started four years ago with John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales, coming into the Club Store one December night, shivering from the cold. And if they were chilly, they thought, what about those living on the streets?

So they hatched a plan: pass out blankets those living on the streets

downtown. That first night, they gave away eight blankets. Now the number is into the hundreds.

*Blanket the City* is an official part of Club Angels, the Club's charitable outreach. During the fall, winter and spring months, the Club will be handing out military-grade blankets to those who really need them.

**Blanket the City has become a new winter tradition here at the Club!**



Join the effort? Here's how:

- The military-grade blankets cost \$7 each.
- Contribute what you can, and the Club will purchase blankets and hand them out for you.
- Mail your donation of any amount with the completed form below.
- Donations could be tax-deductible. Contact your tax professional.

**Want to contribute?**

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez with any questions: [jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com) or [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Help us to Blanket the City!

Enclosed is my check (made out to Club Angels) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please bill my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.



Send this completed form to:  
Club Angels  
311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Name on Card

Card Number ---

Expiration - CV#  Last 3 digits on back of card

Signature

Please provide the following information so we can send you a receipt:

Name

Home Street Address

City  State  Zip

Home Phone  Work Phone

Club Member Number (if you are a member):

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.

*Your donations will be acknowledged with official letters of receipt.*

**Zoo**

Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

## Zoo Says Boo!

Annual month of spooky fun set for October.

**Oct. 1 - 31**



An animal eating a pumpkin must mean it's time for Boo at the Zoo.



"Boo at the L.A. Zoo" fun takes place every day from Oct. 1 - 31 at the Los Angeles Zoo. Jack-o-lantern-carving demonstrations, strolling characters, entertainment and up-close encounters with "crawly" insects and reptiles are just some of the Halloween family adventures for visitors.

Check [lazoo.org](http://lazoo.org) for daily activities, which are free with paid Zoo admission. Zoo admission is \$20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$17 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$15 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2.

Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

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

## Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations  
[rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com)



*Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, honors City employees for their achievements.*



### Congratulations, Lisa

The Club's Robert Larios congratulates **Lisa Foster** for her career at the DWP. She retired Sept. 1 after 34 years of City service.

# Life's Important Moments

## Share your moments!

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



## Welcome New Members!

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

## New Members

### Airports

Daniel Alonzo  
Lowell Carson  
Freddie Chaline  
Gary Chen  
Jaimie Figueroa  
Jason Flores  
Edwin Flores  
Ernest Frost  
Lorena Garcia  
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Edgar Ojeda  
Gefri Rodriguez  
Eduardo Sermeno  
Silvia Villeda  
Jenny Wang  
Jay Ward  
Sabah Washington

### Harbor

Herbert Grageda  
Rodrick McMillan  
Marty Sasson

### Housing

Richard Caudillo  
LaKiya Malone  
Micshalay Wilson

### Personnel

Yvonne Coleman  
Alixis Hoare  
Roxanne Silva-Ochoa

### LAFD

Muhammad Al-Amin  
Andre Brown  
Carlos Caceres  
Sammy Cardona  
Alicia Castro  
Doug Colfax  
Cody Crippen  
Robert Dubarry

Brian Farris  
Robert Franco  
Jordan Gammon  
Scott Gehr  
Pablo Gomez  
Daniel Gonzalez  
Jonith Johnson, Jr.  
Joe Linares  
Michael Mandahl  
Ivan Martinez  
James Mihalka  
Jared Musacchio  
Ryan Nassar  
Corey Pennington  
Shawn Phillips  
Nik Rankell  
Mariana Rivera  
Dennis Rodriguez  
Daniel Saballos  
Eddie Tiburcio  
August Weideman

### LAPD

Angel Cervantes  
Norma Clarke  
Joy Grace Edrosolano  
Sabine Eichmann  
Saulivan Escaleva  
Norma Espinoza- Cato  
Julio Garcia  
Christian Guerrero  
Kelly Gutwein  
Morice Jackson  
Isaiah Jelliner  
Hal Jones  
Debra King  
James Lee  
Robert Loya  
Rudy Marroquin  
Matthew McNully  
Josue Merida  
Sergio Moreno  
Daniel Navarro  
Autumn Paysinger  
Brett Populorum  
Paul Ramlo  
Martin Robles JR  
Michael Ruiz  
Robert Ruiz  
Jason Stevenson  
Miguel Terrazas  
Jorge Trejo  
Harry Waring

### PUBLIC WORKS

**Engineering**  
Renee Curtis  
Yesenia Santana  
Carla Valladares  
Marcus Yee

### Sanitation

Edwin Amaya  
Jesus Aranda  
Jesse Barrientos  
Steven Boyd  
Mai Bushara  
Uvaldo Castaneda Romero  
Anthony Diaz  
Manuel Elorreaga  
Daniela Goga  
Juan Gonzalez  
Larry Henderson  
Trevor Johnson  
Michael Lee  
Damon Lindsey  
Jose Mendez  
Nitin Negandhi  
Marco Sanchez  
Mark Shin  
Danilo Siguenza  
Danilo Siguenza  
Dean Taylor  
Reynaldo Torres  
Vaniver Young  
Ernesto Zamora

### Street Lighting

Saon Kashem  
Lissett Mondragon  
Zouhair Shehab

### Street Services

James Alvarez  
Ignacio Anaya Jr.  
Silvio Caceres

### Rec and Parks

Jorge Banda  
Jose Barber  
Chelsea Callicotte  
Edgar Ceja Maravilla  
Arelly Covarrubias  
Theodore Garcia  
Rolando Guzman  
Alane Harpe  
Karina Hernandez  
Jorge Madrigal  
Marcela Magallanes

Nikol Morales  
Maria Padron  
Barbara Pleasant  
Amir Puente  
Arlene Quintas  
Carlos Reyes  
Geysell Sandino  
John Paul Sedillo  
Lateace Slaughter  
Griselda Solano  
Javier Solis

### Transportation

Ronald Bennett  
Bernadette Cook  
Michael Dinh  
Stephanie Dukes  
Felipe Espinoza  
Malvinder Grover  
Otamez Haddock  
Mohammad Hasan  
Alejandro Juan  
Martin Maleryan  
Zachariah Mia  
Cesar Valdez

### DWP

Juan Artiga  
Jerrid Dorsey  
Juan Gafare  
Clive Hampel  
Patricia Harden  
Steven Holzhauer  
Kawana Key  
Owen Knapper  
David Lopez  
Paul Luna  
Arturo Moreno

Cynthia Muller  
Lillian Reese  
Emil Ruian

### Other

Michael Adams  
Claudia Aivazian  
Carlos Anaya  
Dinora Araujo Castro  
Ryan Asanuma  
Carl Berendt  
Jerry Brown  
Christian Caceres  
Dolores Campbell  
Jorge Cobian  
Elsie Cole  
Dominic Coles  
Soledad Corona  
Nettie Crayton  
Vincent Daniels  
Jose Dolores  
Laura Doyal  
Craig Eagleson  
Nicholas Farino  
Chris Fechser  
Jamie Galbraith  
Robert Gibilterra  
Bob Gobuty  
Kathleen Godfrey  
Erick Gonzalez  
Beverly Gunn  
Delano Harris  
Carolyn Henderson  
Amber Hseh Johnson  
Nam Huynh  
Latoya James  
Penney Johnson  
Mackeuize Johnson  
Patricia Kent

Norman Lamb  
Edward Larson  
Ismael Leanos  
Patrice Leflore  
Isaac Lopez  
Keith Macasieb  
Tatiana Magdaleno  
Neszille Manuel  
Earl McLawley  
Carlos Mejia  
Sueko Oka  
Marco Ordorica  
Rosa Ortiz  
Wayne Padelford  
Moises Pedroza  
Jose Rene Pelaez  
Pedro Perez  
Boone Quenga  
Alexander Reposar  
David Romero  
Anthony Sallas  
Chris Sanchez  
George Sevnal  
Craig Short  
Undra Smith  
Megan Smith  
Ryan Solis  
Kristin Stanfill  
Barbara Tapscott  
Lavella Thomas  
Katrina Topacio  
Craig Trammell  
Michael Van Do  
Jorge Velez  
Michael Wilke  
Kenneth Witt  
Eddy Nelson Yapana  
Delfin Zafra

## 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

Briggs, James	DWP	32	Derlighter, Sheldon	DWP	7
Brown, Leonard	Public Works	13	Downs, Norbert	DWP	38
Chappel, Portia	Public Works	18	Duncan, Meredith	Mayor's Office	26
Chmielewska, Grazyna	DWP	28	Eggenberger, Nicholas	DWP	23
Contreras, Laura		23	Evans, Elizabeth	DWP	30
DeSales, Emilio	Public Works	18	Guerrero, Ruben	Public Works	20
Hunter, Miriah	Airports	15	Heaton, Thomas	DWP	22
Jackson Roberts, Lenya	LAPD	12	Horsfall, Dennis	Public Works	34
Ornellas, Albert	Airports	27	Hume, William Jr.	City Clerk	21
Roberts, Jeffrey	DWP	17	Jackson, Larry	DWP	51
			Jackson, Richard	Rec and Parks	25
			Jacobs, Paul	Public Works	16
			Jernagin, Harvey	Public Works	32

### Retired

Allen, Roy	DWP	31	Kaya, Kenneth	DWP	38
Alzner, Wilhelm	DWP	24	King, Kenneth	DWP	31
Anderson, Hayward	Public Works	23	Lacasella, Pat	DWP	30
Armand, Augustus	Public Works	28	Loe, William	DWP	26
Austin, Lewis	Airports	26	Long, John	DWP	32
Bernard, Charles	DWP	37	McQuown, Mary	LAPD	35
Caldwell, Henrietta	Transportation	3	Mecartea, Ruth	DWP	20
Crayton, James	General Services	32	Mendizabel, Manuel	Build & Safety	33
De Aynes, Memo	General Services	14			

### It's Time to

## Tell Their Story

An *Alive!* feature

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

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



Merina, Cynthia	Library	13	Sheeler, Mark	DWP	25
Miller, Ruth	DWP	36	Sichmeller, Ronald	DWP	18
Morton, Phillip	Library	21	Siddle, Ronald	DWP	22
Offner, William	DWP	31	Small, Mildred	LAFD	31
Plummer, Larry	DWP	11	Smith, Thomas	Transportation	10
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## Special Achievements



**Janessa Morse** was one of the winners of the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse 2015 Student Poster Art contest. Her artwork reminds children that bullying is not cool and harmful. LA County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented the award at an L.A. County board meeting.

Janessa is the daughter of Sirlord Morse, DWP.

Congratulations to **Armando Nunez**, Mayor's office, and the Nunez party, which made it atop Mt. Whitney.

"On Sept. 16 at 2:15 a.m., my wife, Jenny; sister, Amberr; and I left Whitney Portal, elevation 8,360 feet. At 10:15 a.m. we reached the summit, 14,505 feet. It was 32 degrees, but with wind-chill factor it was 18 degrees Fahrenheit.

"We left at 10:50 a.m. (after pictures) and returned to Whitney Portal at 5:15 p.m."



## Births

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## Weddings

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## Graduations



**Jeremy Bellard** graduated from boot camp Sept. 11, and he is now Private Bellard in the United States Marine Corps. "I am one very proud Mama," says Tonja Bellard, Personnel, Club Rep.



**Janine Chelsea Adriano Carpena** graduated *summa cum laude* with an international baccalaureate and high school degrees from Edgewood High School. She now attends the University of California/Irvine, majoring in computer games science. She's the daughter of Janelle Adeloga A. Parra, Real Estate Officer, DWP.

Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Alive! In the Military

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

# Peace of Mind

BY TIFFANY SY,  
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert  
[tsy@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:tsy@cityemployeesclub.com)



## Insurance 101

When it comes to being a smart consumer, make sure you know what the terms mean. Here's a list of the basics.

Attention City Employees – October is Open enrollment month for City Flex benefits! If you need to make any changes to your benefit election, contact City FLEX by the end of October.

I've compiled a list of insurance terms you'll most likely run into when reviewing your coverage and hope it helps you understand your policies. A big factor in understanding your insurance coverage is identifying the jargon that insurance companies often use.

**Here are some terms:**

**Premium:** The amount of money charged for your insurance coverage.

**Insurance:** A type of risk management used primarily to protect against the risk of an uncertain loss. Insurance is defined as the reasonable transfer of the risk of a loss from one entity to another, in exchange for payment.

**Insurer:** A company selling the insurance; the insured or policyholder, is the person buying the insurance policy for which an insurance policy is issued.

**Beneficiary:** The person who will receive the money or other benefits after the death of the insured. I always recommend a backup beneficiary, which is the contingent or secondary. For instance, many City Employees will list only one beneficiary, including their spouse or parent, so it's best to know that when you add a secondary beneficiary, benefits will be received only by the secondary if the primary beneficiary and the insured pass away together.

**Claim:** A formal request to an insurance company asking for a payment based on the terms of the insurance policy.

**Policy:** A contract between the insurer and the insured, known as the policyholder.

**Certificate of coverage:** This document serves to provide evidence of your insurance policy. Typically, this document contains the specifications of the insurance policy.

**Indemnity:** To compensate or replace loss. In a property and casualty contract, the objective is to restore an insured to the same financial position after the

loss that he or she was in prior to the loss, but the insured should not be able to profit by damage or destruction of property, nor should the insured be in a worse financial position after a loss. In life insurance, the situation is totally different because the payment to the beneficiary of the insured can place the beneficiary to a much better financial position at the death of an insured than he or she was in prior to the death. The Club's long-term care policy pays a monthly indemnity so you receive the full amount of benefits you applied for, not the reimbursement amount.

**Elimination Period:** The time that must pass after filing a claim before a policyholder can collect insurance benefits, also known as a waiting period.

**Underwriting:** A risk assessment handled by the insurance carrier usually done before the policy is issued, it's the process of identifying and classifying the degree of risk represented by a proposed insured. In my experience, I have seen insurance companies request for

the applicant's medical records dating back to the past 10 years depending on the medical condition, and decisions can take weeks.

**Rider:** Not to be confused with a backseat driver – in the insurance world, this word identifies an add-on coverage purchased separately from the basic policy and provides additional benefits that can sometimes have additional costs. For instance, we allow riders on our group term life insurance to add additional benefits to cover their dependents for life insurance, called a dependent life insurance rider.

If you would like further clarification on any terms I have covered or have not identified, or would simply like a review of your benefits, feel free to contact me via phone, email or swing by in person at the Club Store. Appointments are always welcome.



DWP

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations



The Reina family, from left: Scott Drope, son in law; Andrea Garcia, daughter; Kim Reina, wife; Retiree Paul Reina; Nick Reina and Kimmie Diaz; and Phil Reina, brother who's also retired from DWP with 30 years of City service.



From left: Igor Liffehitz, Statistical Analyst, DWP, 25 years of City service; Bradley Walker, DWP, Safety Administration, 13 years; and Retiree Paul Reina, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, 34 years.

## Reina Retires

**Paul Reina leaves the DWP after 34 years of City service.**

A retirement celebration took place Aug. 19 for Paul Reina, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, who leaves the City with more than 34 years of City service.

**During the event, Paul received:**

- A Mayor's certificate
- A DWP Employees Association certificate
- Recognitions from the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, Power System Safety and Training Group, and Safe Work Performance
- A belt buckle and a 29-year pin
- A watch from the DWP, and
- Recognition from Local 18.

Congratulations on your great career, Paul. Enjoy your retirement!



From left: Vernon Lucero, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, 28 years of City service; Israel Fuentes, Carpenter Supervisor, DWP, 20 years; Armando Nila, Painter, DWP, 6 years; Don Brink, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, 27 years; Rick Lovano, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor, DWP, 23 years; and Phil Letiner, Sr. Electrical Mechanic Supervisor, DWP, 27 years.



From left: James Mannino, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, DWP, 29 years of City service; Tony Gafre, Carpenter Supervisor, DWP, 10 years; Dave Ferguson, Mechanical Engineering Associate, DWP, 22 years; Roger Taguchi, Carpenter Supervisor, DWP, 29 years; and Al Carlos, Carpenter, DWP, 24 years.

Transportation

## Health and Perfect Attendance

**Transportation hosts health fair, honors 149 employees with perfect attendance.**

On July 14, Transportation hosted its annual Resources Management Seminar and Health and Wellness Fair; during the ceremonies, the department also honored 149 employees who demonstrated perfect attendance.

The multifaceted event was held at the California Endowment Center on Alameda Street downtown.

Vendors at the event included AFLAC; Anthem Blue Shield; the City Employees Club

of Los Angeles; Delta Dental of California; Empower (deferred compensation); Kaiser Permanente; and Temple Medical Center.

The Club gave City Seal pins to those honored for perfect attendance.

Thanks to Selwyn Hollins, Assistant General Manager, Club Board Member, and Greta Stanford, Sr. Management Analyst II, Transportation, for inviting the Club and for their assistance.



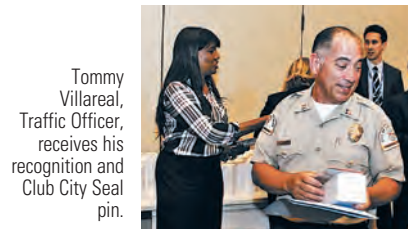
Selwyn Hollins, Assistant General Manager, Transportation, and Club Board Member, congratulates the employees who have demonstrated perfect attendance.



Kimmi Porter, Traffic Officer, Club Member, receives her recognition and Club City Seal pin.



Seleta Reynolds, General Manager, addresses the employees.



Tommy Villareal, Traffic Officer, receives his recognition and Club City Seal pin.

# Congratulations!

Here's a list of the employees who were honored for perfect attendance.

Manoochehr Adhami  
Jafar Ahmed  
Philip M. Aker  
Collins Allan  
Charles B. Andrews  
Bernardo F. Apolonio  
Helene Arnold  
Daniel S. Ashley  
Nader Asmar  
Pedro B. Ayala  
C Glen Bagby Jr.  
Vigen Baghdasarian  
Judson E. Bailey  
Marvin A. Bailey  
Stanley M. Barr  
Zachary Barringer  
Nicolas Bautista  
Rex C. Blackwell  
M. H. Blorfroshan  
Tonique Brittenum  
Kim S. Brooks Mills  
Thomas J. Brown III  
M. G. Cardenas  
James H. Carlin  
Tomas Carranza

Michelle D. Cayton  
William Chan  
George Chen  
Hansen M. Chew  
Timothy M. Conger  
Juan M. Contreras  
Martha D'Andrea  
Marilu F. De Vera  
Maria C. Delgado  
Kari Derderian  
Nick J. Diberardino  
Michael K. Dinh  
Durrell W. Drumgold  
Inder D. Dugal  
Kevin E. Duncan  
Ernest Dunton  
Teresa C. Eidenbock  
Emmanuel I. Fabiyi  
Louis H. Fernandez Jr.  
Khalil K. Firoozmand  
Michael A. Ford II  
Richard Fullman  
Elvin H. Galindo  
Trinidad R. Garcia  
Wayne P. Garcia

Gegam Gasparian  
Lorraine L. Gonzalez  
Richard Greene III  
Edward Guerrero Jr.  
Reynaldo C. Guillies  
Brian C. Hale  
Richard S. Harada  
Kenneth N. Heinsius  
Elmer Henriquez  
Daniel J. Henry  
Kenneth V. Hill  
Selwyn V. Hollins  
Dale W. Horton Jr.  
Claudio F. Hoyos  
Howard Huang  
Kenneth A. Husting  
Teresa C. Eidenbock  
Robert E. Jackson  
Carl W. Jones  
Armen Kamshyan  
Joseph K. Keung  
Rafik Khachikyan  
Konan E. Kouame  
Scott A. Kramer  
Aaron K. Kurihara

Raymond W. Lau  
James M. Lefton  
Louis T. Lin  
Elton Y. Louie  
Eva R. Manalang  
Arsen Mangasarian  
Thomas L. Manzanares  
Shaldy V. Marte  
Eric R. Maya  
Ronald McCollum  
H. Mehrkhodavandi  
Norbert Melkonjan  
Antonio Mendieta  
Chris R. Mestas  
Daniel E. Mitchell  
Miles L. Mitchell  
Juan Montoya  
Timothy D. Moore  
Richard S. Morrill  
William Navarro Jr.  
Arnetta Nevels Maxie  
An H. Nguyen  
Freddie Nuno  
Manish V. Patel  
Jonathan W. Patten

Alvin E. Pegues  
Patricia A. Perry  
Brian K. Podolsky  
Kimmi R. Porter  
Tovonni J. Price  
Weston S. Pringle III  
Saif Rahimuddin  
Susan Rahtz  
Corinne G. Ralph  
Richard R. Rea  
Freddrick A. Reed  
Carlos Rios  
Armando Rocha  
Brent Rosser  
Rene M. Sagles  
Aram Sahakian  
John S. Sam  
Beverly A. Samuel  
Romeo B. San Juan  
Jasmin C. San Luis  
Ricardo W. Sanchez  
Hamed Sandoghdar  
Bearj L. Sarkis  
Gregory J. Savelli  
David E. Scott

Garland Seto  
Mikisha Shirley  
David Sinohue  
Baljit S. Soni  
David K. Spencer  
Greta L. Stanford  
Leonard E. Stone III  
K Charles Tajiri  
Matroso G. Talag  
Randall M. Tanihiri  
Wisith Tisuthiwongse  
Uy T. Tran  
Iral J. Turner  
Mark K. Twu  
Cesar R. Valdez  
Jeffrey A. Van Hoosier  
Tommy J. Villareal  
Phan M. Vuong  
Nancy J. Wagstaff  
Roy S. Webster  
Thomas D. Wichmann  
Paul D. Wilborn  
Lester D. Wortner  
Carmon D. Wyrick  
Bradley D. Yamamoto

# Reviews by Fellow Club Members

# ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

— *In the cinema*

### The Gift

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*The Gift* is one of the best psychological thriller movies we've seen in years. It's an intimate drama about a happy, perfect couple who moved into a beautiful glass house up in the hills in L.A. Life seems to be going along great for the couple until a chance encounter with an old schoolmate sends their lives into a different direction. The build-up to the suspense is well paced and very effective. It had us jumping off our seats several times. The narrative has substance, and the main characters are well developed. This movie held us captive from beginning to end. Finally, there's a movie that was a true gift to watch (no pun intended).

— Marilou Romney, LAPD

### Straight Outta Compton

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

*Straight Outta Compton* is a biopic movie of the main members of the rap group N.W.A. — Dr. Dre, Easy E and Ice Cube. Other members of the group have been relegated to the sidelines. If you are a fan of rap music, you'll find this movie hugely entertaining. The studio sessions, the live concerts ... and when the music just kicks in is what makes this movie come alive. Unfortunately, two-and-a-half hours of running time are too long, and it felt long. The first half of the movie was very good, but the second half got weighed down by business disputes. Cameo appearances by actors playing Tupac and Snoop Dogg helped. But this movie is definitely for fans only.

— Marilou Romney, LAPD

### Learning to Drive

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

When Wendy's husband leaves her for a younger woman, she is angry yet thinks he'll return to their marriage. He did all the driving. Now however, with her life's certainties in turmoil, Wendy takes up driving lessons. Her instructor is Darwan, a Sikh immigrant to New York. Neither is quite where they thought they would be in life, but they learn from each other: Wendy to drive and get a handle on her new reality, Darwan to open up to a marriage late in life. *Learning to Drive* is a gentle, and gently moving movie, with excellent performances from Patricia Clarkson and Ben Kingsley.

— Dearbhla McNulty, Club wife

### Black Mass

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

## BLACK MASS



In the late 1970s, Whitey Bulger (Johnny Depp) was the kingpin of South Boston's "Irish Mafia." The story of Bulger's rise and the deals he made with the FBI to inform on his rivals, the "Italian Mafia," are told through violent vignettes that are both thrilling and repulsive. With excellent acting and realistic gore, *Black Mass* is one of the better crime drama reenactments of a real crime figure. Johnny Depp's performance is worth the price of admission, but all the performances are well done and highly believable.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

## Book Reviews

### Red Girls:

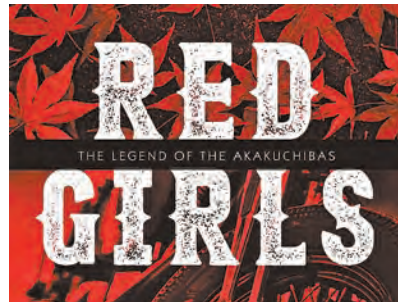
### The Legend of the Akakuchibas

Kazuki Sakuraba (translated by Joyce Allen)

Adult fiction, 343 pages

Haikasoru/VIZ Media, LLC

My Score: 3 (out of 5)



I was quite taken aback with how much detail I found in *Red Girls: The Legend of the Akakuchibas*, a generational fictional tale following three women of one family over the course of a lifetime. Each section of the book covers one of the three women: the matriarch, Manyo; her daughter, Kemari; and her daughter, Toko, the narrator of the story. And though separated by time and cultural divisions, the women are forever linked by blood and honor to the family, and the secret that each of them hides from each other. This is a great story that completely had me floored.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

## Submit a Review!

*Alive!* publishes entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer on a space-available basis.

- Categories: Movies (in theatres or at home/streaming/DVDs); theatre; books; concerts; videogames.
- Reviews must be written by you (not taken from another source) and exclusive to *Alive!*
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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5.
- Tell us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

## Video Games

— *Video games via online, rental or purchase*

### Attack on Titan: Humanity in Chains

Rated M for Mature

For 3DS

My Score: 2 (out of 5)



I am a huge fan of the *Attack on Titan* anime series that debuted a couple years back. It was a smart, violent and emotional anime series that enthralled legions of fans across the world. When I heard that a 3DS game was being made based on the series, *Attack on Titan: Humanity in Chains*, I didn't expect it to really encapsulate everything the anime did, but I was hoping it would capture some of that magic. Unfortunately it didn't even in the slightest. Ugly animations, a wonky camera and sluggish controls make me want to feed this game to a titan as a sacrifice.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

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**Oct. 20**  
6 – 7 p.m.

The Observatory offers a sunset hike led by a Park Ranger and a museum guide. The easy walk starts on the Observatory's West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace. The distance covered is about half a mile over the course of an hour at a very moderate pace with stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

*Note: The Charlie Turner trail is a moderately steep earthen trail. The Observatory recommends footwear appropriate for hiking.*

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**DWP**



From left: Barbara Johnson, DWP, Club Representative, and Retiree Lisa Foster.



Mark White, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Supervisor, Club Member, and Retiree Lisa Foster.



Retiree Lisa Foster with the Club's VP of Operations, Robert Larios.



From left: Ginger and Robert Curtis (Lisa's dad), Retired DWP, 31 years of City service; Lisa Foster, CJ Foster, Lisa's husband; and Arlene Foster.



From left: Cherie Lamb-Gutierrez, Principal Clerk Utility, DWP, Club Member, and Retiree Lisa Foster.



Judy Fierro, Clerk Typist, DWP, Club Member, with Retiree Lisa Foster.



**Lisa Foster addresses the dozens of employees who came to wish her a fond farewell.**

## Goodbye, Lisa

**Lisa Foster retires from the DWP after 34 years of City service.**

Coffee and donuts were the rule of the early morning as friends, family and coworkers gathered Aug. 27 for a retirement reception for Lisa Foster, who retires from City service after 34 years. She retires as Line Maintenance Assistant.

The gathering was held at the DWP Street Light Maintenance facility on North Hoover Street.

Lisa is a third generation DWP employee, with a combined 94 years of City service in her family succession. Her father, Robert Curtis, Truck Driver, and grandfather Benjamin Curtis (Equipment Operator) came

before her.

In July 2013, she began a process of transitioning to become a woman.

In retirement, Lisa plans to become a school bus driver for the Simi Valley Unified School District,

## Congratulations!

and she plans to travel with her husband.

Congratulations on your career, Lisa, and best of luck in your retirement.

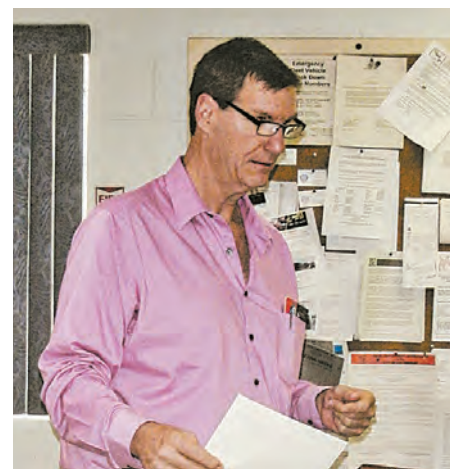
**Alive!** thanks Barbara Johnson, Club Rep, for her assistance.



DeJeffrey Sempelsz, Line Maintenance Assistant, 31 years of City service, tells stories about working with Lisa Foster.



Paul Lacey, Line Maintenance Assistant, DWP, Club Member.



Roy Pyros, Superintendent, was the host for the breakfast retirement celebration.



Rebecca Shirrell, Outdoor Area Lighting Manager, DWP.



James Stanley, Line Maintenance Assistant, DWP, Club Member.



Michael Lehron, Retiree, LMA, DWP, Club Member.



## Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## Penne con Broccoli e Capesante (Penne with Broccoli and Scallops)

You may have never guessed that combining just a few key ingredients would create some very delicious flavors. It happens with this dish by combining penne pasta, broccoli and sea scallops. Of course I added a few other ingredients to skyrocket the flavors with the likes of red chili flakes and Parmigiano-Reggiano. This is a very easy recipe to make, and I hope that each of you takes the time to make it.

*¡Buen provecho!*

*Chef Larios*

Photography by Patricia M. Larios

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste
- Pinch red chili flakes
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 small shallot, finely diced
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 10 small broccoli crowns
- 6 scallops (size is up to you)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 cup penne pasta
- 2 cups water for boiling pasta
- 1/4 cup water for broccoli

Makes 2 Servings



[ A Cook's Dictionary ]

### Broccoli:

The name comes from the Italian word for "cabbage sprout" and indeed, broccoli is a relative of cabbage, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. This deep emerald-green vegetable (which sometimes has a purple tinge) comes in tight clusters of tiny buds that sit on stout edible stems.

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

### DIRECTIONS:



- 1 In a sauté pan, add the olive oil, garlic, shallot, salt and pepper. Sauté until golden brown, then add the broccoli. Season the broccoli with more salt and pepper to taste. Add the red chili flakes and 1/4 cup water. Toss and cover with lid.
- In a small saucepan, add the water, a teaspoon of olive oil, sea salt and pepper. Then bring water to a boil. Add the penne pasta and let cook for about 10 to 15 minutes or until the pasta is to your preferred consistency. However, do not overcook.
- In another sauté pan over medium heat, add the butter and scallops. Add sea salt and pepper to taste. Cook until golden brown on both sides. Add lemon juice at the end.



- 2 Strain the water from the cooked pasta and add the broccoli in the pan to combine them.



- 3 Now combine the scallops to the pasta and broccoli. Plate and then add freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano.

Serve and enjoy!

### Fun Food Quote:

*"Newman, you wouldn't eat broccoli if it was deep-fried in chocolate sauce."*

– Jerry Seinfeld to Newman in "The Chicken Roaster" episode of *Seinfeld*.

### Cooking TIDBIT

Shrimp can also be used in this dish if sea scallops are not available. If both are available, then feel free to add them both to the dish.

Los Angeles Public Library

# Library's TOP 10

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

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

### Books loaned:

1. *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green
2. *The Maze Runner*, James Dashner
3. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
4. *Divergent*, Veronica Roth
5. *If I Stay*, Gayle Forman
6. *The Hunger Games*, Suzanne Collins
7. *14th Deadly Sin*, James Patterson
8. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly
9. *Insurgent*, Veronica Roth
10. *Mockingjay*, Suzanne Collins

### DVDs loaned

1. *Interstellar*
2. *Home*
3. *Big Hero 6*
4. *Blackhat*
5. *Birdman*
6. *Taken 3*
7. *Guardians of the Galaxy*
8. *Gone Girl*
9. *Into the Woods*
10. *Lucy*

### Books downloaded (e-books)

1. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
2. *Go Set a Watchman*, Harper Lee
3. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
4. *The Goldfinch*, Gillian Flynn
5. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
6. *Grey*, E.L. James
7. *The Husband's Secret*, Liane Moriarty
8. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
9. *Eyes on You*, Kate White
10. *The Martian*, Andy Weir

### Download-and-Keep songs\*

1. *Dream On*, Aerosmith
2. *Cheerleader*, OMI
3. *Drag Me Down*, One Direction
4. *Shut Up and Dance*, WALK THE MOON
5. *Drunk in Love*, Beyoncé
6. *Fight Song*, Rachel Platten
7. *Get Lucky*, Daft Punk featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers
8. *Classic Man*, Jidenna featuring Chris Brown
9. *Fun*, Pitbull featuring Chris Brown
10. *Like I'm Gonna Lose You*, Meghan Trainor featuring John Legend

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

## Rec and Parks

# Second Sustainable Seafood Fair

Sun., Oct. 11

Cooking demos, exhibits expanded as Cabrillo Marine Aquarium hosts second Sustainable Seafood Expo Oct. 11.

Local executive chef Christine Brown, former Owner of Restaurant Christine in Torrance, joins the lineup for cooking demonstrations at the second annual Sustainable Seafood Expo – Savvy Choices for Seafood Lovers. Brown joins celebrity chef Sam Choy, executive chef Bernard Ibarra of Terranea Resort in Palos Verdes, and head chef Pete Lehar of Gladstones, Long Beach.

Advance discounted tickets are on sale now at [www.sustainableseafoodexpo.org](http://www.sustainableseafoodexpo.org). The Expo, hosted by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and its Friends organization, is Southern California's only major sustainable seafood event and takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Sun., Oct. 11, at CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, 112 E. 22nd St., San Pedro.

Immediately following the Expo from 5 – 8 p.m., a limited number of seats are available for the new sustainable seafood dinner. Guests can enjoy a dining experience featuring locally sourced seafood and seasonal fare prepared by cutting edge chef, Paul Buchanan of Primal Alchemy. Dinner tickets are \$150 and include entry into the Expo. For more information, visit [www.sustainableseafoodexpo.org](http://www.sustainableseafoodexpo.org).

The National Seafood Month event is sponsored by Whole Foods, the Harbor Dept., Jeff Neu, Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery,

Terranea Resort, AltaSea, San Pedro Business Improvement District (BID), CRAFTED at the Port of Los Angeles, and Councilman Joe Buscaino, 15th District. Featured are more than 40 exhibitors and sustainable seafood sampling booths, including a growing list of local restaurants, seafood purveyors and others.

Experts estimate that more than 85 percent of the world's fisheries are fished to capacity or overfished. Responsible seafood choices can improve this situation. Choosing the right fish can have a positive impact on the marine environment and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium leads the way in educating local consumers, chefs and restaurateurs on this critical topic.

The Expo is a perfect time to sample new seafood options, sustainable wines and craft beers while learning how to make the host of other factors that affect each species. The goal is to help sustain wild, diverse and healthy ocean ecosystems that will exist long into the future.

Tickets for the Expo are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door, with discounts available for members of the Friends.

For information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.sustainableseafoodexpo.org](http://www.sustainableseafoodexpo.org) or call (310) 548-7562, ext. 211.

*The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a Rec and Parks facility dedicated to interpreting the Southern California marine environment. Recognized for its award winning educational programs, the Aquarium is visited by more than 300,000 people each year, about half of them school students. Admission to the aquarium is free. The Friends is a nonprofit support group devoted to raising funds for the Aquarium's activities and programs.*

Story and photos courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium



## Rec and Parks

# Fairly Fun

Sun., Oct. 18

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium hosts annual Autumn Sea Fair.

All are invited to celebrate the bounty of the sea with fun-in-the-sun games and hometown spirit at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Autumn Sea Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

Children of all ages will enjoy ocean-related activities throughout the day, including face-painting, origami lessons and gyotaku, the Japanese art of fish printing. Dig out your inner pirate and join in the search for a buried treasure, learn how to cast a fishing rod, and use recycled materials we provide to compete in the Ocean Monster costume contest.

Dozens of local marine-related organizations will be on hand to share their information and activities. Enjoy live music including the unique jazz stylings of Harold Greene on the Chapman Stick, the Japanese drum troop Kokoro Taiko and the smooth sounds of Stucco Rainbow. Watch for "Eagle-eye" Greg, birder extraordinaire, the spectacular display by the Los Angeles City Fireboat and "Scuba Mike" demonstrating equipment used by scuba divers – the opportunities for fun are endless.

Visitors can take a look inside the Southern California Marine Life Exhibit Hall with 36 aquariums – live exhibits full of the natural beauty that exists in the watery world of the

Pacific Ocean. Also, stop by the Aquatic Nursery to see what's being raised in this "research laboratory on display." Feeling inquisitive? Check out the Exploration Center and let your sense of discovery lead the way.

And, the Marine Research Library contains materials on everything from anemones to zooplankton, for children and adults.

Take part in this annual celebration of marine life and community spirit.

This annual event is free. Parking is available at Cabrillo Beach for just \$1 per hour. The Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, and is a Rec and Parks facility with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. For further information or a calendar of events call Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at (310) 548-7562 or visit our Website at [www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org](http://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org).

Story and photo courtesy Cabrillo Aquarium



### At a previous Autumn Sea Fair.



# CLASSIFIED ADS

## Members Marketplace

### New Ads This Month!

**For rent:** Duplex, Glassel Park, 2 bd/1 bath, parking for 2 vehicles. \$1,400/month. Alfredo, (323) 240-2772. 10/15

**For Sale:** Plumeria trees. White. Scented. From Hawaii. Assorted heights. \$10/foot, potted. Buyer picks up. Michael, (310) 339-7684. 10/15

**For Sale:** Bedroom set, 6 piece, cherry wood. Good cond. \$650 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

**For Sale:** Crib, cream colored, designer style. Good cond. \$350 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15

**For Sale:** Oven, Kenmore 30-in. wall unit, electric, self-clean, white. Brand new in package. 30 inch/wide x 29 inch/high x 24.5 inch deep. \$600. (562) 301-2940. 10/15

### Transport

**For Sale:** 1984 F-150 - w/camper shell and carpet kit. As is. \$1100 OBO. Call 310-764-4478 9/15

**For Sale:** 1963 Chevy Corvair, convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext/int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323) 691-0872. 8/15

**For Sale:** Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardier Seadoo, '91 Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 7/15

**For Sale:** 2003 Harley "ROAD KING" Davidson (100th anniversary edition) motorcycle, 5087 miles, stage 1 with detachable windshield, passenger back support, hardbags, battery charger, black and chrome, hardly ridden, always garaged, 1 owner only. \$10,000.00 OBO. Please call 818-366-3273 John or text 818-633-4164. 7/15

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

**For Sale:** RV trailer/toy-hauler, 2006 Forest River Sierra Sport, 29 foot. Very good cond., new tires, new roof, 4,000 onan generator, low hours. \$15,000 OBO. Call/text John Long, (909) 837-8347. 7/15

**2005 Honda Civic Si:** Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, XLNT running condition, tan color, 68K miles. \$10,500 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

**1993 Infiniti Q:** Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K miles. \$3,000 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

**1959 Buick Invicta:** Fully restored, 4 door asking \$25,000. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com 9/14

**Pop-Up Trailer Tent:** 2005 Rockwood Freedom, in good condition, very clean interior. Everything works well & ready for camping. Sleeps 6-8. 1 propane tank, stove, sink, spare tire, stabilizer jacks, water heater, awning & refrigerator. \$4,200. Yervand @ (818) 355-7704. 8/14

**5th Wheel Trailer:** 2010 Cougar High Country, excellent condition. Sleeps 4. Slide outs, awnings & full bath. All accessories & new 5th wheel hitch can be towed by 1/2 ton truck, it's ready to go. \$32,000 or TOP. Ken Hawkes @ (310) 505-5733. 8/14

**1967 Caprice Classic:** Runs great! Has a rebuilt motor & transmission, new tires, power brakes, new shocks, new brakes, hubcaps & a 327 motor. Air conditioning unit is valued \$1,000. Registered & tags are up to date. It's a running project. Asking \$5,000, must sell. Info @ (310) 753-9522. 8/14

**2013 Dodge Challenger:** Like new, fully loaded, excellent condition, very low mileage asking \$30K OBO. "PATY" @ (626) 242-4365. 8/14

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

**Factory Mag Rims:** (4) 2006 F150 w/near new Cooper/Hercules P265/165/17 tires. \$500 firm. Vinyl rear seat sold separately. \$400. Scott @ (562) 427-6700. 8/14

**2005 Southwind RV:** 32ft. Like new w/ 2 slide outs, 2 panasonic tvs, 2 cds, full surround sound system, dvd, satellite, cable, new tires, only 15,000 miles. \$49,000. Rosemary Finch @ (951) 218-4414. 8/14

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

### Cemetery Plots

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Cemetery plots, 4, side by side. Rose Hills/Whittier. Value \$18,000, selling \$13,000, nego. Cortez, (323) 382-2405. 2/15

**Cemetery Plot:** Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 Double Capacity Crypt Tier-3, \$8,000. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912. 11/15

**Cemetery Plot:** Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Carnation Lawn, grave #2, lot 2709. \$2,500 OBO + transfer fee. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 after 4pm. 11/14

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Side-by-side, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Garden of Affection; graves 1-2, Lot 4063; sale price \$4,900 OBO + transfer fees for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 after 4pm. 11/14

**Cemetery Plot:** Contentment Hillside section of Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, 1 plot, \$3,250. Maria @ (310) 518-2996. 11/11

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Eternal Valley Newhall, Premium Garden of Peace. Currently plots here start at \$6,900 each. Sell both \$7,500 total. Jim @ (661) 713-6353. 10/14

**Cemetery Plot:** 1 plot for 2 people. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, CA, \$3,000. Jose or Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or (818) 799-0569. 10/14

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**2 Cemetery Plots:** Rose Hills, Whittier. Located in cherry blossom lawn, \$4,850 each + transfer fees. Area is on flat ground & near the lake. Charles @ (310) 386-5041. 9/14

### Furniture

**For sale:** Sofa and chair, great condition, leather/upholstered, "reversible" pillows/cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970. 5/15

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

**Mattress:** Beautyrest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new mattress, \$600 obo. Responsible for own pickup. Dwain, (323) 754-8382 or dnhenry@yahoo.com 4/15

**Ping Pong Table:** 5 x 9, fold-up & roll-away, \$75. Joe @ (310) 323-4940. 2/15

**Baby Crib:** Never used, brand new & in great condition. Delta brand, amber model #6925-204, \$130. John @ (562) 755-9462. 2/15

**Cocktail/Coffee Table:** New, modern glass-top. \$300 (El Segundo). Espresso colored base w/large glass top elevated by grey posts. 43"x 43". Breakdown is easy. Must be able to lift & transport on your own. Javier Gomez @ (310) 529-0543. 12/14

**Table Set:** With leaf & 4 chairs. \$300 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14

**Hutch & Cabinet:** Touch light, matching set \$500 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14

**Dinette Set:** 9 piece, dark brown oakwood w/ matching leather chairs & leaf for extension. \$2,500. Parker @ (562) 612-6567. 8/14

### Homes/Rentals/Land

**For Sale:** Timeshare. Pacific Monarch/Diamond Resorts. One full week, two bedrooms. Don't buy direct. \$2,000/obo. Elizabeth, (909) 772-4087. 9/15

**For Sale:** Home/studio apts., three sep. units sold as one package. Bakersfield. Front home: 2 bd., needs work (in progress), flippable. 2nd bedroom rentable. 2 studio apts. in back, rentable. \$110,000 total. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

**For Sale:** Townhouse. Las Vegas/Chinatown, near Strip, behind school, near major streets. Has rental tenant. \$85,000, HOA \$100/month. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Do not disturb tenant. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

**For Rent:** House, 2 bed, 1 bath. Chinatown. Old-fashioned porch, downtown skyline view. Front/side garden areas. 1 gated parking spot. Washer/dryer on premise (shared w/3 units). Convenient to downtown, Staples Center, Gold line/public transport, Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank, 101/5/110 fwy's, Olvera St., Dodger Stadium, Echo Park, Griffith Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check req. No pets. 1 yr. lease min. \$1,500/month. (323) 919-1163. 8/15

**For Rent:** Apt., 1 bed, 1 bath. Near First/Alvarado. 1 of 3 units. 1 car garage. Near Mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, Good Samaritan Hospital, Staples Center, Echo Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check req. No pets. 1 yr. lease minimum. (323) 919-1163. 8/15

**For Sale:** Timeshare, Puerto Vallarta 1+1, 1/2, sleeps 4, beachfront Playa del Sol Costa Sur Resort. Asking \$1,800, extended thru 2030. Jennifer, (818) 517-3675. 8/15

**For Rent:** Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed / 1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 8/15

**For Sale:** Cabin, A frame, San Bernardino mtns., secluded, views. 765 sq. ft.; 1BD/1BA; new cabinets; needs work; 30903 Live Oak Dr., Running Springs. Photos on Realtor.com. \$127,000; Dan Teter: (866) 214-8587. 7/15

**For rent:** Vacation rental, Big Bear Lake. 3 bd/2 bath house in village. Fully furnished, near the lake. John Long, Call (909) 837-8347. 5/15

**For rent:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2-story townhouse for rent in Monterey Park with high ceilings. Conveniently located 7 miles east of civic center, between the 10 and the 60 freeways. Great schools parks, markets, stores, restaurants. Attached 2-car garage. No pets. Minimum 1 year lease, application process and credit check. Complex has a pool. Call (323) 919-1163. 4/15

**For rent:** Studio apt. in safe, quiet La Crescenta, Wifi-ready, semi-furnished, double-pane windows, glass-sliding doors opening to vegetable garden, fruit trees, succulents, seating areas, mountain views. Close to Montrose and Trader Joe's, 2 blocks to public transportation. \$1,400 includes utilities. Lita, (818) 795-4074. 4/15

**Vacation rental:** Condo in beautiful oceanfront resort, Cabo San Lucas. 7-day rental for \$795. 1 bd, 1 bath; completely furnished, full kitchen w/ views of El Arco on Medano Beach. Close to downtown, shopping, restaurants, entertainment. View at clubcascadasdebaja.com. (562) 301-2940. 4/15

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

**For Rent:** Lovely downstairs apartment, 82nd/Crenshaw, very quiet, close to public transportation. 1BD/1BA w/kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage in Inglewood (4-units). Newly painted, new carpet, fixtures, double glazed windows & new granite kitchen countertop. \$1,200. Info @ (323) 292-9989. 3/15

**For Rent:** 1BD/1BA apartment in North Inglewood. Mr. Brown @ (323) 296-1547. 3/15

**For Rent:** Newly remodeled 2BD/1BA, LA/Baldwin Hills area. Carpet & hardwood floors, laundry on-site, quiet neighborhood, non-smoking unit, 1-car garage. Paid utilities: water & gardener. No pets. \$1,600mo + \$1,600 deposit. Info @ (310) 365-1868 or trferson2001@yahoo.com 12/14

**For Sale:** Condo 1BD/1BA. All new paint, carpets, dishwasher, etc. Boulder City, NV. Info @ (702) 293-9554. 11/14

### Household Items

**For Sale:** TV/entertainment center. Phillips Magnavox 60-inch TV, \$200/obo. All maple entertainment center, 3 piece, glass doors, tall sliding compartment doors, \$800/obo. Martha, (213) 367-4094. 9/15

**For Sale:** Panini maker. Wolfgang Puck brand. Black/chrome, like new. \$40. (212) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Pots/pans. Wolfgang Puck brand. Stainless steel. 13 pieces, like new. \$50. (212) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** VCR, Mitsubishi HS-U520, 4 head Hi-Fi. Remote. Exclnt. cond. \$25. (213) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Printer, color, Lexmark X2470. New in box. \$20. (212) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Exercise machine. Rock 'n' Roll Stepper Body Express by Tony Little Designs. New in box. \$65. (212) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Refrigerator, side/side, 6 feet tall, white. \$150. Robert, (626) 633-1940. 8/15

**For Sale:** Lawn mower, 21 inch rotary, good condition. Plus other gardening items. \$58. Don, (818) 780-7788 (leave message). 8/15

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**For Sale:** Motorized wheelchair, Go Chair, exclnt. cond., new battery. \$800/OBO. Peggy LeGras, (323) 314-9100. 7/15

**For Sale:** e-printer, HP Photosmart 7520, brand new in box. \$75 or best offer. James A. Goree, (323) 778-6086. 8/15

**Updraft Range Hood:** Kenmore Elite 42" w/3-setting halogen lighting in white. Sears price: \$379.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$350 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

**Double Wall Oven:** Kenmore 24" manual clean in white. Sears price: \$1299.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$1,150 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

**Built-In Dishwasher:** Kenmore 24" Energy-star in white. Sears price: \$279.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$250 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

**Drying Center:** Like new, white Maytag 2-in-1 Neptune w/lower tumble drum (7 cu. ft. capacity) & hanging/flat laying upper dry cabinet (17.3 cu. ft. capacity). Upper unit refreshes clothing w/o wash or dry & reduce wrinkles. Has a "sensor dry" setting. Best dryer I ever had! 73-3/4h x 32w x 26d. \$320. Phil @ (800) 678-4145, Extension #709. 1/15

### Miscellaneous

**For Sale:** Exercise set. Tony Little Easy Shaper. Exclnt cond. \$40. (212) 792-3130. 9/15

**For Sale:** Binoculars. Bausch and Lomb. 7x35, 11 degree field. W/case, strap. Exclnt. cond. \$75. (212) 792-3130. 9/15

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Movie Bundle	\$42.00	<b>\$25.00</b>
<small>- Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drinks, 1 small popcorn</small>		
<b>CINEMARK THEATERS </b>	\$11.75	<b>\$8.00</b>
<b>GALAXY THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$11.00	<b>\$8.00</b>
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Restricted	\$10.00	<b>\$6.50</b>
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<b>REGAL/ EDWARDS/ UNITED ARTIST</b>		
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Movie Pack	\$30.00	<b>\$26.00</b>
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<b>ULTRASTAR THEATERS</b> - Good Any Time	\$11.25	<b>\$6.00</b>

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<b>CATALINA EXPRESS </b> Round Trip Fare	Adult \$76.50 Child \$61.00	<b>\$62.00</b> <b>\$52.50</b>
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All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$20.00	<b>\$15.25</b>
<b>GRAMMY MUSEUM </b> General Admission	\$12.95	<b>\$12.00</b>
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Hollywood - Earn Your Wings Flight Package (Age 3+)	\$59.95	<b>\$39.95</b>
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<b>MEDIAEVAL TIMES </b>		
E-ticket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.	Adult \$57.95 Child (0 - 12) \$35.95	<b>\$43.50</b> <b>\$31.50</b>
<b>MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM </b>		
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<b>MULLIGAN'S FAMILY FUN CENTER</b>		
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$27.99	<b>\$16.50</b>
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	Adult \$56.95 Child (3 - 11) \$37.95	<b>\$36.00</b> <b>\$27.50</b>
<b>QUEEN MARY </b>		
	Adult \$24.95 Child (4 - 11) \$21.95	<b>\$20.25</b> <b>\$12.25</b>
<b>RACERS EDGE INDOOR KARTING</b>		
Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	<b>\$18.00</b>
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>SANTA MONICA PIER &amp; PACIFIC PARK </b>		
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$25.95	<b>\$13.50</b>
<b>SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK COMBO PACK </b>		
General Admission	\$43.00	<b>\$32.95</b>
<small>Package Includes All-Day Ride Wristband, 2 Attraction Tickets - Choose from: The Vault Lazer Maze, Mini Golf, Laser Tag, Bowling (w/shoes), Climb n Conquer or Flight Walk, Plus \$3 in Arcade Play (comes w/Rechargeable "My Boardwalk" Card)</small>		
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	RETAIL	CLUB
<b>ADVENTURE CITY </b>		
Adult/ Child	\$16.95	<b>\$12.50</b>
<b>DISNEYLAND / CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE </b>		
1 - Day, 1 - Park	Adult \$99.00 Child (3-9) \$93.00	<b>\$95.04</b> <b>\$89.28</b>
1 - Day Park Hopper	Adult \$155.00 Child (3-9) \$149.00	<b>\$142.60</b> <b>\$137.08</b>
2 - Day, 1 - Park	Adult \$185.00 Child (3-9) \$172.00	<b>\$168.35</b> <b>\$156.52</b>
2 - Day Park Hopper	Adult \$225.00 Child (3-9) \$212.00	<b>\$204.75</b> <b>\$192.92</b>
3 - Day, 4 - Day, 5 - Day: 1 Park	(ADDITIONAL PRICES AND DETAILS ONLINE)	
For Annual Pass Info	Call the Ticket Office at (888) 777-1744	
<b>GILROY GARDENS </b>		
General Admission	\$52.00	<b>\$26.00</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA'S GREAT AMERICA </b>		
General Admission (Age 3+)	\$65.00	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>CASTLE PARK </b>		
General Admission (over 36")	\$24.99	<b>\$12.99</b>
<b>KNOTT'S BERRY FARM</b>		
Adult	\$67.00	<b>\$37.00</b>
Child (3-11), Senior (62+)	\$37.00	<b>\$30.00</b>
Cheaper for eTickets	Adult \$67.00 Child (3-11), Senior (62+) \$37.00	<b>\$34.00</b> <b>\$29.00</b>
<b>LOS ANGELES ZOO </b>		
Adult	\$20.00	<b>\$17.00</b>
Child (2-12)	\$15.00	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>LEGOLAND </b>		
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Legoland 5 Day Ticket	Adult \$113.00 Child (3 - 11) \$107.00	<b>\$103.00</b> <b>\$97.00</b>
Legoland Resort Hopper	Adult \$113.00 Child (3 - 11) \$107.00	<b>\$75.00</b> <b>\$70.00</b>
<b>MAGIC MOUNTAIN </b>		
General Admission	\$76.99	<b>\$44.99</b>
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<small>* May be used for 1 visit at each park, or 2 visit to the same park.</small>		
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Zoo

Story courtesy LA Zoo  
Photos by Brandi Andres, Nancy Bunn and Tad Motoyama, Zoo

# A New Ape Home

Zoo debuts newly renovated Red Ape Rain Forest.

The LA Zoo has opened the newly renovated Red Ape Rain Forest, the first major improvements to be made since the exhibit opened in July 2000. The eight month passion project began in January and brought together several Zoo divisions with the shared goal of creating an improved, multi-dimensional environment for the six orangutans who call the habitat home.

As orangutans are the largest arboreal mammals on the planet, the goal of the improvements was to take the animals off the ground and give them more vertical options. The makeover included a thicker, stronger stainless steel woven mesh, several two- and three-tiered wooden climbing structures, 10

bridges on land and suspended in the air, two swings used for foraging and play, and several hammocks made from donated fire hose. The entire exhibit was also repainted, and the grass was reseeded.

"The orangutan's natural inclination is to be up high in the trees," said Jennie Becker, Curator of Mammals at Los Angeles Zoo.

"These renovations now put the orangutans at eye level, or higher than the visitors, while also increasing their exercise and activity level, providing more shade and cooler temperatures, and giving them more choices to be together as a group or in solitude."

While the entire group of orangutans benefit from the multitude of choices in their new environment, one special orangutan named Eloise was the driving force behind most of the design and construction decisions. Eloise, a 46-year-old female special needs orangutan living with a condition similar to cerebral palsy, has physical and developmental challenges that have been present since birth. Her decreased mobility, limited range of motion, tight muscles and



Red Ape Rain Forest structure renovations

curled feet make it harder for her to maneuver throughout her environment. Animal care staff works with Eloise daily through physical therapy sessions and special training, but a long-term solution was necessary.

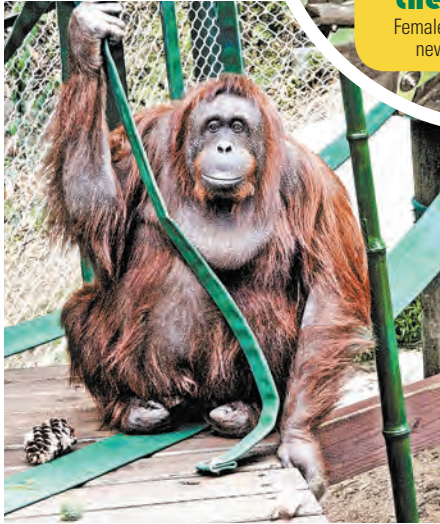
Eloise was the first of the orangutan group to venture out into a portion of the newly remodeled Red Ape Rain Forest on May 9, and she has been able to enjoy the improvements thanks to the mobility the structures provide for her. The remainder of the orangutan family was able to investigate the entirety of the renovated exhibit on Aug. 11, and began cautiously exploring their new surroundings. Four-year-old Elka was the first to cross the suspension bridge, a dizzying height that took her over twenty feet in the air, and the rest of the family followed her lead.

Guests can now look to the skies of Red Ape Rain Forest and view Eloise along with the rest of the orangutan group, Bruno (36), Rosie (34), Kalim (33), Berani (10), and Elka (4) swinging, climbing, foraging, and exploring in their habitat daily, weather permitting.



**Eloise, the Orangutan**  
Female orangutan Eloise in the newly renovated habitat.

Female orangutan Rosie.



The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)

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## Dept. on Disability

# Be a Mentor, Change a Life

Dept. on Disability to host annual Disability Mentoring Day. Mentors for students and job seekers are needed.

Story by Adriana Miranda, Dept. on Disability  
Photos courtesy Dept. on Disability

Wed., Oct. 21

City Employees are encouraged to join their fellow employees from dozens of City departments and Council Offices Oct. 21 for Disability Mentoring Day (DMD), when employees can mentor a student or job seeker with disabilities. A one-time commitment to sharing a typical workday can make a lifetime of difference to job seekers and college students who are just beginning to navigate the working world and determine their future path.

DMD L.A. is coordinated by the Dept. on Disability (DOD) as part of a large-scale international effort in collaboration with the Association of Persons with Disabilities (AAPD). The primary goal is to promote career development through hands-on career exploration and ongoing mentoring relationships. "DMD is an extraordinary opportunity for City employees in all fields to help change a life by simply demonstrating the pride we take in our work," said Stephen David Simon, DOD's Executive Director.

Annually, more than three dozen City employees typically become mentors for the disabled on Disability Mentoring Day.

DMD was founded in 1999 through a White House initiative with fewer than three-dozen students participating to increase the awareness of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This year, mentors will be joining thousands of participants in more than 250 U.S. locations and more than 20 countries around the world!



At a previous Disability Mentoring Day.

City employees, job seekers and organizations wishing to participate can contact:

Adriana Miranda, Dept. on Disability  
(213) 202-2767 or [adriana.miranda@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.miranda@lacity.org).

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fax (213) 202-2715 or [adriana.miranda@lacity.org](mailto:adriana.miranda@lacity.org)

"As City employees, we are here eight to nine hours each day, so let's work towards making a difference during that time. Disability Mentoring Day is no exception. I believe the program motivates its participants to discover their interests and enables them to make a connection with a mentor, who can assist them with their career endeavors."

— Zernan S. Abad, City Administrative Officer.

"The Disability Mentoring Day was a huge success, and I would like to attend every year! As a G2 Secure Staff Employee, my supervisor (Errol Cutley) and I thoroughly enjoyed the event and meeting our wonderful mentee, Vicky Ramirez. Thanks for having us, and we look forward to participating in future events that will help us to better assist our passengers needing wheelchairs."

— Jenise Jackson, Airports

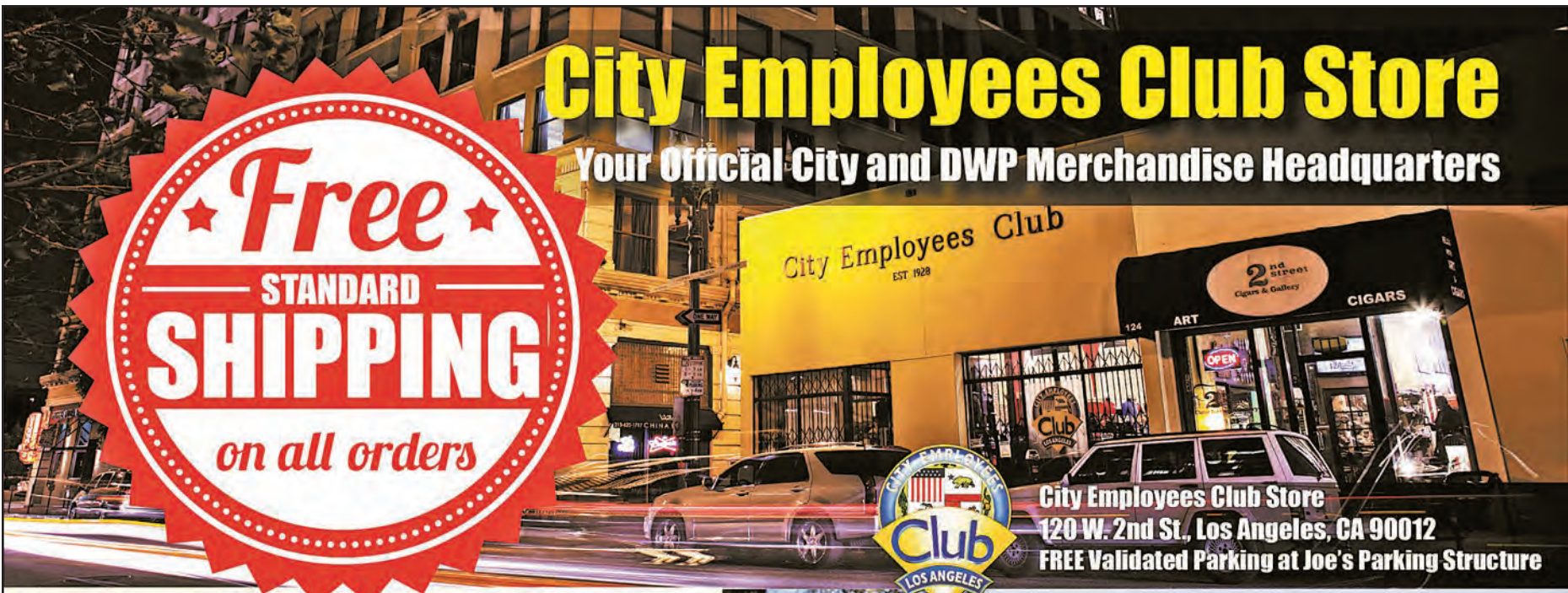


Disability Mentoring Day, 2011.

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