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LIBRARY

A Moving Story



In front of one of the Library's delivery vehicles, from left: Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years.

The Library's Shipping Dept. transfers more than 32,000 books and media to and from the branches – that's like moving an entire branch – every working day.

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A Message From the CEO

Access Is
The Story

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

Standing early one morning on a sidewalk in Edendale, I was talking with **Paul Delgadillo**, Delivery Driver II, about what he does for the City and how he does it, when he handed me a tub of books and CDs. I grabbed it – not as light as I thought it would be – stacked it myself into the industrial yellow panel van, and kept right on talking.

And before I knew it, the van's doors were closed. I hopped into the Library's separate passenger van, and we were off to the next location.

Simple as that. In the 15 minutes we stopped at the Edendale branch (and then Silver Lake and Echo Park), lots of people drove by on their way to work (safety was our number one priority). A very important task in the City was playing out in front of them, and they hardly knew it. That's the way it goes with City Employees – the important things that they do are hidden right there in plain sight. City Employees don't ask for the recognition, you just do your jobs well and efficiently. That's why we here at *Alive!* do what we do – we tell your stories that no one else is telling.



From left: *Alive!* editor John Burnes; City Librarian John F. Szabo; George Valdivia; Eloisa Sarao; Brenda Breaux; and John Hawkins, Club CEO.

I love what City Librarian **John F. Szabo** said during our interview – that the Los Angeles Public Library is just one big collection, not 72 collections. It's all the same, and therefore getting that collection to the citizens of Los Angeles is important work. That's what the Shipping Dept. does – it makes sure that one collection is accessible to all.

Both **Robert Larios** and I had a blast spending a morning (each) hanging with the Shipping crew and seeing how it all works. Frankly, it's one of our biggest features ever, and we needed every page to tell the story. We aren't shy about highlighting City Employees! (And we were even working on another aspect of the story – the history of shipping books to the branches. The service must go back to the early 1900s when the Los Angeles Public Library opened its first branches, but we didn't get very far. Facts and photos were hard to come by. If you know any history of the Shipping Dept., please drop me a line at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

For something this major, there are always people to thank. I'm sending a shout-out to **Brenda Breaux**, for setting up our visits; **George Valdivia**, for hosting and driving us; **Eloisa Sarao**, for saying "yes," and John Szabo, who heard we were doing this story and made sure to join us so he could honor the Shipping Dept., too.

Moving on ... did you see the City Seal Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts in this issue? Perfect timing for Cancer Awareness Month, and a great addition to the Club Store! I can't imagine anyone reading this who has not been touched or known someone affected by this terrible, dreaded disease. The scientists are making progress; to that end, the Club will donate \$1 for every special Pink Ink City Seal t-shirt during October to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. So don't wait.

Speaking of the Club Store, did you see the Halloween bag giveaway (free with minimum merchandise purchase) – they're awesome! We've offered Halloween bags in the past for your family trick-or-treaters (or maybe you!), but this has to be the best one yet. Well done, Club Store!

As this is October, that means that all of the City's amazing Halloween events that you know and love are coming up fast ... and of course **Mariana Guevara** and everyone at the Club Store have some awesome Club deals for you. Go get 'em, and have a fun Halloween with your family. The opportunities to spend time with our families we'll never get back, so make 'em count.

—JOHN

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Club Director of Marketing Summy Lam (left) photographs Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager, and George Valdivia, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, at the Hope Street entrance to the Central Library.

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to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by
Cecilia and her excellent staff. — Ed.



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– Patricia Garber, May 2017

The Club's claims service is "great – very caring and helpful. Monica
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– Laurie Dunbar, May 2017

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The Club

She Went to HAMILTON! Thanks to the Club!



In early August, the Club announced a great deal on tickets to *Hamilton*, the super-cool new musical at the Pantages. It's the hottest ticket in town, with tickets on the secondary market going for many hundreds of dollars each, if you can find them.

The Club secured some tickets and made them available to Club Members at an incredible price – but because of the very limited number available, the Club created an essay contest.

The response was overwhelming.

Here, we print the first reaction of a winner of Club *Hamilton* tickets. We hope to print others in the next few months.

Congratulations to the winners!



Candice Guzman and her daughter, Julie



"I just wanted to share my and my daughter Julie's experience at *Hamilton* on Sunday night. We were both beside ourselves with excitement. My daughter warned me that when they started the show she might just cry.

"The performance was stunning and inexplicably amazing. I can't find the words to describe it. Julie was so incredibly grateful she had the opportunity to see the show.

"On behalf of both of us, I wanted to thank the City Employees Club once again for an opportunity I would not have otherwise been able to provide for my daughter. Thank you!"

– Candice Guzman, LAPD

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Letters to the Editor

Ice Cream at the Club Store Is Giving Kim the Chills

That Blue Bunny ice cream at the store is so delicious! I have tried each flavor and style already and I can't decide which one is my favorite just yet. I go any day I can just to figure out if I like the Neapolitan sandwich or the Snickers Ice Cream bar. And then you can't beat the member price of just \$1 each. That's pretty amazing. Thanks for making this available to us.



— Kim Montana, DWP

Club's Mukai Scholarships Are A Strong Investment in Future

Congratulations to all the recipients of the Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship. It is such a proud moment to see these worthy people get some help to make their lives easier during this challenging but fruitful time in their lives. The Club is so good to employees and their families. Thirty-six awardees means a lot of money, but I heard that the Club believes it is money well spent and sees it as an investment to society. My applause for everyone!



— Camilla Kennedy, LAPD

Obituary, Letter About City's John Tate Tell Good Guy Tale

It was such a touching story in last month's letters to the editor about John Tate from his wife, Patty Tate. My heart goes out to her and her family. It sounds like he was a terrific man who touched many lives in and outside of the City. It is men like John who embody what it is to be a "good guy." All the best to those who knew him.



— Jim Harrison, DWP



Club's Mobile Van Delivers Great Merchandise to the City

I was driving down the 110 Freeway toward my assignment in San Pedro when I saw the Club Mobile Van alongside me. I honked, and Angel and Dylan waived, while paying attention to safety, of course. It was like seeing your friend in a sea of cars. Late that day I saw them again parked at San Pedro with all their merchandise, and let me say it is great to see so much opportunity for us as City Employees to wear with pride. The hats and polo shirts look great, and I even tried their custom hat offer, which I got back in just a couple of days. That is fast service. Thank you again, Angel and Dylan!

— Jennifer Perez, DWP

Ethel's 55 Years of Service Is a Rare, Incredible Feat

Whoa! Did anyone see the years of service Ethel Pattison of Airports has? 55 years? That has to be a typo on page 30 of the September *Alive!* In any case, congratulations to her and all the other folks recognized for their years of service. Most people don't have the good fortune to work at the same place for 10 years, much less 30, 40 or 55 years. Extraordinary feat.

— Michael Lambert, LAFD

Robert's Question of the Month

CLASSIC
from Oct. 2014

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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What's the most pieces of candy you've eaten on Halloween?



"No less than 100!"

Eric Yoshida, Civil Engineering Associate, DWP, 9 years of City service

"Are you kidding me? Everything in the bag!"

Pauline Belleville, Management Analyst II, LAPD, 26 years of City service, Club Member since 2002



"You won't believe this, Robert, but I didn't trick or treat, or eat candy."

Sonia Bond, Executive Administrative Assistant, LAPD, 29 years of City service, Club Member since 2007



"Without question just ... let me repeat ... just eight pieces of chocolate."

Ira Blunt Jr., Capital Project Manager, DWP, 11 years of City service, Club Member since 2006



"My record was 50 pieces of Kit-Kats. Take that and try to beat my record!"

Hans Sosa-Lanza, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 8 years of City service, Club Member since 2006



"15 pieces of the little Snickers."

Luis Alvarado, Special Program Assistant, Rec and Parks, Club Member since 2011



"Ten pieces."

Victor Gomez, Transportation, Traffic Painter & Sign Poster, 10 years of City service, Club Member since 2004



"Not very many!" (wink)

Ellen Kanda, Secretary, LAPD, 17 years of City service, Club Member since 2008



"30 pieces was the magic number!"

Sgt. Alora Perna, LAPD, 28 years of City service, Club Member since 2009



CORRECTION:

In last month's list of Retirees, we incorrectly listed the final title of Hugo Valencia. Hugo retired as a Street Services Gn. Superintendent. Sorry about the error, Hugo!

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



Nevada



Jason Blum (left) and Dan Bovee.

Buddies **Dan Bovee** and **Jason Blum**, both of the **DWP**, did some clowning around in Nevada.

"My buddy and I were clowning around in Tonopah, Nev., when we came across the Clown Motel. We had seen documentaries on the motel as it is rumored to be haunted and there is a cemetery right next door! (Jason is scared of clowns, but don't tell anybody!)" — **Dan Bovee, DWP**



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Caribbean



"My husband and I took a Caribbean cruise on the Carnival Vista to Jamaica, Cozumel, and the Grand Cayman. We set sail out of Miami with 30 other friends. We returned to Miami and met up with our Godkids, and spent five days there. It was the most enjoyable vacation!"

— **Kimberly Garrett, Library**



Timothy Mingo, DWP; Kimberly Garrett, Library; and Keyonna Kidd-Goins, Public Works cruise.



Kim Garrett, Library, and Timothy Mingo, DWP.



Darrow Goins; Keyonna Kidd-Goins, Public Works; Timothy Mingo, DWP; and Kimberly Garrett, Library.



The Carnival Cruise group.

LACECA



From left: Kathey Valenzuela, Angie Roman, Pat Diaz, Angie Roman, Ana Gonzalez, Charles Rogers, Gloria Ortiz, Anthony Garcia, Lupe Durazo, Riana Mejia, Lisa Mejia, Bianca Mejia, Mando Mejia and Leticia Caro.



From left: Bill Sias, Kathey Valenzuela, Anthony Garcia, Jeannette Romo, Angie Roman, Charles Rogers, Elizabeth (nana) Nieto, Lil Audrina Mora, Joanne Maya, Gloria Ortiz, Jacqueline Mora, and Lupe Durazo.



From left: Angie Roman, Baltazar Vega, Irma Gonzalez, Nadine Murillo, Gloria Ortiz, Kathey Valenzuela, Bill Sias, Lupe Durazo and Anthony Garcia.

Story and photos courtesy Lupe Durazo, Personnel

Scholarship Awards

Chicano employees association honors scholarship recipients.

On Aug. 22, the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its scholarship awards presentation to honor three LACECA family members with scholarships.

The scholarship recipients were Riana Mejia, niece of member Lupe Durazo, Personnel; Jennifer Mendiaz, niece of member Jeannette Romo, DWP; and Nadine Murillo, daughter of member Irma Gonzalez, Personnel.

Selection of the finalists was based on outstanding achievements, achievements in school and community activities and financial need.

LACECA wishes you all much success in your future endeavors. Congratulations to the association's 2017 scholarship recipients!



From left: Riana Mejia, niece of Lupe Durazo, Personnel; and Nadine Murillo, daughter of Irma Gonzalez, Personnel.



Jacqueline Mora accepts the scholarship award on behalf of her sister, Jennifer Mendiaz.



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Finance

So Long, Selwyn

Club Board Member Selwyn Hollins leaves for the County.

On Aug. 10, the Office of Finance celebrated and bid farewell to Selwyn V. Hollins, Assistant Director of Finance, 26 years of City service. Selwyn was also a member of the Board of Directors for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

Selwyn leaves to become the General Manager, Internal Services Dept., LA County.

Here's a statement from the Finance Executive Team:

"We would like to announce that Selwyn Hollins, Assistant Director, will soon be leaving us. He has accepted an exciting job opportunity with the County of Los Angeles, as a General Manager within the Internal Services Dept.

"Selwyn, you have spent 26 years with the City of Los Angeles, and we were fortunate to have shared in that experience with you. Your leadership and

guidance were appreciated by anyone who had the good fortune to experience them. Your work and contributions have left an indelible mark on who we are as Team Finance. We will miss your professionalism, your empathy, your strength, and your charm.


"We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! On behalf of Team Finance, we wish you the very best of success in your new adventure, and bid you a happy farewell!"

"The Club has been incredibly fortunate to have someone with Selwyn's abilities and foresight to be a part of the Club's Board of Directors," said Robert Larios, Club COO. "Your service for all Club Members is very much appreciated, and of course we wish you all good success in L.A. County."




From left: Selwyn Hollins and Robert Larios.

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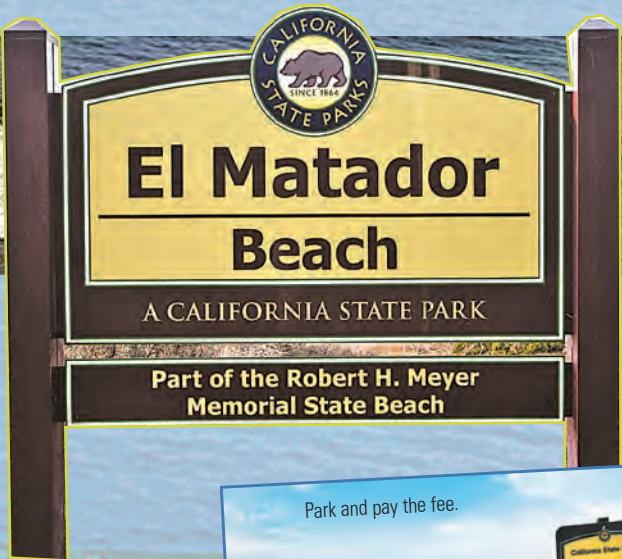
Difficulty: Easy
Distance: Less than a mile
Elevation: Steady decline (going down); steady incline (going back up)
Time: 1-2 hours, depending on your pace (15 minutes to get to beach)

Hours: 8 a.m. to sunset
Parking: \$5-\$7; street parking is free
Note: If you go to more than one state park, like I do, you can also buy the state park pass for \$195 annual fee. This is a great deal! You can use this at all the state parks.



Sunset view at El Matador.

El Matador State Beach – Malibu



A gorgeous view of the beach and the rock cave.



The ocean view from under the Rock Arches.

Hello again, everyone! Happy fall!

This month, we visited El Matador Beach in Malibu. The few weeks before we went, everyone had experienced the California heat wave, and we were all trying to stay cool. So what better way than at the beach! I usually like to hike up into the mountains and enjoy the views. This location was actually a friends' idea, but they could not make the trip and told me about it. I looked up the location and said, "I have to go, this place looks amazing!" With coastal views and just a short walk down to and along the beach, this place is a *wow*! What are we waiting for? Let's begin.

The hike: You will walk down the dirt road in a zigzag pattern, then you will see a set of stairs. The stairs take you all the way down on the beach. When you get to the beach you will see amazing rock formations and the beautiful arches. Please check the tide levels before you visit because lower tide means more beach to

explore. I read the area had some tidepools but I did not see them; I must have gone during a high tide. However, if you

come early (best time to take photographs), you should have a fine time. If you arrive later in the afternoon, that's when there are less or no people on the beach; you can get the best pictures for your screensaver.

Once on the beach, you'll see the rock formations and you can continue to walk to the right or to the left. Depending on the tide as I mentioned before, you can walk along on the outer border of the rocks, and come back around to find another little beach cove. I counted three little coves going to the right.

I recommend this location to everyone! The drive is gorgeous, and once you arrive you can park inside or on the street (free). Just be sure to arrive early. The best photos and best parking happen in the morning. If you are not an early bird you can also visit after 6 p.m. for the view and sunset. You will not want to leave until the sun is completely gone. I have already traveled there twice once in the morning and once at night, and both views are amazing! Enjoy the relaxing views at any time.

Make sure to bring water and sunscreen.
Be safe and "Be Alive!"

Angel



An aerial view of the walkway leading down to the beach.



An amazing rock formation on the beach.



Stairs lead to the beach.



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Street parking.



The bench area with a view.

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Zoo

Photos by Tad Motoyama and Jamie Pham, Zoo

A Sea Lion in the House

Zoo provides home for the nearly 700-pound creature.

After nearly eight years, a California sea lion is back at the Los Angeles Zoo's Sea Life Cliffs. Zoo guests are now greeted with the boisterous barking of a nearly 700-pound, male California sea lion named Buddy, a vocalization so loud it can be heard echoing throughout the park. The blind adult male, estimated to be around 10 years old, arrived at the L.A. Zoo May 24 after being rescued and rehabilitated by the Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles (MMCC LA).

"Buddy has definitely brought a new sense of excitement to Sea Life Cliffs," said Jennifer Kuypers, Sr. Animal Keeper. "Being from the wild, he came to us without any trained behaviors, and as we work with him we're learning about him as an individual. Buddy is a confident, smart sea lion who is adapting well to his new environment."

Buddy was found loitering in populated areas in Manhattan Beach malnourished, emaciated and blind. Due to his blindness, he was unable to hunt, forage and defend himself. He was rescued July 15, 2016 and brought to the MMCC LA, where their veterinary and husbandry staff was able to get him to feed and gain weight again. He remained at the MMCC LA for almost 10 months until it was time to find him a permanent home.

"This California sea lion was deemed non-releasable due to his injuries and blindness," said Jeff Cozad, Executive Director of the Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles (MMCC LA). "That's when the Los Angeles Zoo stepped in. They felt our patient would enhance their Sea Life Cliffs exhibit and found him to be a perfect fit. We couldn't be happier that he was placed



Buddy at the L.A. Zoo.

locally where MMCC LA visitors and volunteers can still visit him often."

Over the past three months, Buddy has quickly settled into his new home at Sea Life Cliffs, bonding with the L.A. Zoo animal care staff and getting to know his new neighbors, a Pacific harbor seal named Ziggy and two Atlantic harbor seals named Mysty and Alfred. It's common in zoos for sea lions and harbor seals to be housed in the same habitat because they share the same environment in the wild. But, unlike harbor seals, sea lions tend to be more active and vocal. Buddy is faster, more mobile, and communicates through a series of vocalizations including barks, growls and grunts, which can mean a variety of different meanings ranging from excitement to aggression.

The addition of Buddy to Sea Life Cliffs allows Zoo guests the unique opportunity to learn more about this massive pinniped that is native to their own backyard, the beaches of Southern California. This is the second animal the Zoo has welcomed to Sea Life Cliffs in the last year that was rescued off the coast of a Southern California beach town. Ziggy, an 18-month old female Pacific harbor seal made her home at the L.A. Zoo on November 1, 2016 after being rescued and rehabilitated by the Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC) in Laguna Beach.

California sea lions are found from Vancouver Island, B.C. to the southern tip of Baja California in Mexico. They are known for their intelligence, playfulness and noisy barking. Their color ranges from chocolate brown in males to a lighter, golden brown in females.

Males can reach 850 pounds and up to seven feet in length. Females grow to around 220 pounds and up to six feet in length. California sea lions are very social animals, and groups often rest closely packed together on land or float together on the ocean's surface. When diving deep in the wild, California sea lions can slow their heart rates to allow them to remain underwater for nearly ten minutes before surfacing to breathe. This ability gives them an edge in the pursuit of the fish, squid and shellfish that make up their primary diet.

The L.A. Zoo plans to bring in additional California sea lions to add to the group in the near future. In the meantime, Buddy, along with Ziggy, Mysty and Alfred can be seen swimming together at Sea Life Cliffs daily.

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 two. 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) free-ways. 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available. For additional information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit www.lazoo.org



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RLACEI Website

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Be an RLACEI Director; 2 Positions Soon Vacant

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Ed Harding

President's Report

By Edward J. Harding
President, RLACEI

As mentioned in my prior message, due to the retirements of Helen Salgado and Americo Garzas' at the beginning of 2018, there will be two vacancies for RLACEI Directors. If you are an active member of the City Retirement System, you are eligible to apply. Please contact Neil Ricci, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, at (310) 650-2745, or (800) 678-4145, x714. Join us to continue our mission and goal – to protect, maintain and improve Retiree benefits.

I hope Retirees plan to attend a LACERS' Open

Enrollment meeting. (See schedule in this issue.) These open enrollment-meetings are very informative and provide a chance to update your coverage. You will also learn firsthand on any changes in LACERS' 2018 health plans.

RLACEI Directors will be there to assist you in any way we can. Specifically, in becoming an RLACEI member. We are the only organization that fights to protect and improve benefits for our Retirees.

On a different note, the holidays are around the corner, so start planning for our Christmas holiday party, planned for noon Dec. 7 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

See you there! ■

LACERS Renews Health, Vision and Dental Contracts



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The LACERS Board has just renewed the existing health, vision and dental contracts at an overall cost increase to LACERS of 5 percent for 2018. The providers had initially requested \$1.1 million more, but this was successfully reduced following negotiations with our health consultant, Keenan Associates.

I am happy to report that there will be no "plan design changes" for this year. That means no increases to copays.

We will continue to provide the same plans to cover both our under-65 retirees and our Medicare-eligible retirees. LACERS offers two Kaiser plans, three Anthem Blue Cross plans, a United Healthcare HMO and a SCAN plan for retiree healthcare. LACERS also provides dental coverage through Delta Dental in a PPO and an HMO option and vision care through Anthem Blue View Vision. Kaiser members get vision coverage as part of their health coverage at no additional cost.

The LACERS Board has also increased the

health subsidy to keep up with the dollar increase for the two-party Kaiser HMO (for under 65 members and those who have Medicare Part B, but not Part A). This means that Kaiser one- and two-party members will pay nothing out of pocket while other members may pay out of pocket costs for other plans with premiums that exceed the subsidy amount.

LACERS' successful wellness program, LACERS Well, will continue to be supported by contributions from Anthem of \$100,000, Kaiser of \$75,000 (includes open enrollment support), SCAN of \$9,000, United Healthcare of \$8,500 and Delta Dental of \$10,000.

Thanks to all of you who have participated in the LACERS Well program by coming out to activities including the regular Griffith Park hikes led by my fellow LACERS Board Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz. There is something for everyone, so keep an eye out for the flyers to remind us to keep ourselves active – exercise, eat well and go for regular medical checkups. ■

The Best and Worst Cities In U.S. for Retirement



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

CaliforniaCityNews.org shared a story from WalletHub about the best and worst cities for retirement in the United States, an annual effort. California cities ranked last, while the top best places are Orlando, Fla.; Tampa; Miami; Scottsdale, Ariz.; Atlanta, Salt Lake City and Honolulu. The bottom ten start with Rancho Cucamonga and end with Newark, N.J. There may be objective reasons that the rankings work out this way, but a far better perspective would be this: We are Retirees who spent a career with Los Angeles. We have good retirement packages with excellent health benefits. We have saved up and probably own the houses in which we live, so anything relative to housing costs in a national survey are of less interest. Of all the cost factors measured by WalletHub, housing is the big one, and we have acquired our homes and should be well situated. Yes, we can even con-

plate selling our houses and moving elsewhere to buy a larger place for much less, with a good chunk of money to spare. But I prefer to think of how lucky we are to be here in a great climate, in a home we own and love, and not to ask why we should salivate on moving to Florida or Arizona, etc., just for a few extra things.

In early August, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the stock market surge that boosted all pension funds to new highs, fell short of filling the pension unfunded liabilities. There are some signs that a bear market might return, and the shortfall is still over \$1 trillion. Many pension funds feel that lower returns lie in the near future, and they will still have to seek more funding from the employers (in government cases, the taxpayers).

Citing Moody's Investors Service, the WSJ reports that large public pensions won't be able to reverse their shortfall in coming years. CalPERS earned 11.2 percent, which is great, but it still has just 68 percent of assets needed to pay estimated benefits; CalSTRS earned better, 13.4 percent. The

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The Best and Worst Cities In U.S. for Retirement (continued)

state performing the worst is Illinois, where the funding ratio is a miserable 35 percent.

Some commentators looked at August as the ten-year anniversary of the housing bust and economic dislocation, the worst since World War II. That was the month I retired, so this caught my attention. Did I cause this disaster? Of course not, but it doesn't hurt to look at this time, now safely behind us. Colin Barr of the WSJ wrote that this crisis is "widely understood that the global financial industry was overleveraged, that the U.S. mortgage market was rife with loans that wouldn't be repaid, that investors were paying high prices for highly-rated securities that were actu-

ally extremely risky." He said more and more people suddenly realized that there had been a liquidity outage, like too much money is being thrown around at tempting pots of gold. Then Countrywide Financial Corp., a major housing lender, warned that there was an "unprecedented disruption" about to unfold. The risk taking charged past financial disasters and was just beginning to erupt, while some expected central bankers or the government to step in with help. Central banking's rush to the rescue helped, but failed to stabilize the turmoil; there were no new incentives for capital raising and deleveraging, which is what Mr. Barr says was needed "most desperately." ■

Riding Route 66:
It's a Rough Road to a Cure



Mary Beetz

LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

Most City Employees look forward to the day they can retire. There are others who think, "Now what?" The majority thinks, "Now I can to pursue another career " or "do what I always wanted to do," such as opening a 1950s-'60s restaurant in Huntington Beach; start own band; continuing their education and eventually becoming a teacher. Life goes on.

Which brings me to Americo Garza. He retired from the City. He then served as a Director for RLACEI for 26 years. He will resign effective in January. His passion is to volunteer for organizations that serve to help those less fortunate. On his 90th birthday, he asked for no presents but instead for donations to the Armed Forces. Now he joins his daughter, Elsa, and her husband, Tim, joined by their friend, Earl Magpiong, and his son, Glen.

Earl Magpiong retired from the City's Public Works/Engineering's Survey Division.

Americo's granddaughter, Tina, was first diagnosed as having Lupus at age 12. She has grown and has become a productive adult but still continues with treatment for Lupus, as there is still no cure. The group's effort is to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for Lupus by "Bicycle Riding Route 66: It's a Rough Road to a Cure."

The group will start in Springfield, Ill. and will be bicycle riding along Route 66 all the way to Santa Monica. To see updates on the progress of this journey, log onto www.firstgiving.com/lupusalaroute66 or call Americo Garza at (562) 928-2051 for information.

To all our Retirees, if you live along Route 66, cheer them on as they pass through your city. ■



Open Enrollment Meetings Set

LACERS has scheduled its annual meetings in anticipation of the open enrollment period for choosing insurance.

This year, LACERS' 2018 Open Enrollment period will be from Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. During this time, those in the LACERS system may attend an Open Enrollment meeting and learn about any changes to LACERS health plans for the 2018 plan year. The meet-

ings will provide attendees an opportunity to talk to health plan representatives. Also, LACERS staff will be available to answer any health plan questions and assist with the enrollment process. Meeting dates, times, and locations are listed below.

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Those wishing to attend can make reservations to attend an Open Enrollment meeting by reserving online at www.LACERS.org/retired or calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328, TDD (888) 349-3996, 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.

Think Green and Opt Out

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- If you choose to opt out of receiving printed copies of these Open Enrollment materials, simply complete an online LACERS Opt-Out Form. The form is located in the "I Want To" section of the LACERS Retired Member home page (www.LACERS.org/retired), or you can contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328, TDD (888) 349-3996, for assistance. ■

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Recalling History in Dallas



Hal and Evelyn postpone a trip to Cabo and take a road trip from New Orleans instead **Part 2.**

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By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLCEI

On May 19, Hal's birthday, Hal and Evelyn flew from LAX to New Orleans to begin their two-week-plus road trip adventure. This was an alternative trip because of Hurricane Odile in Cabo San Lucas in September 2014, when they were scheduled to spend a week in Cabo. Their trip was canceled because of

the damage done to the area. Their timeshare resort allowed them to bank the week for use later. Two years later, they remembered that they had not used the week and decided to go to New Orleans and then drive back to Los Angeles. They spent five days in NOLA (New Orleans, La.), picking up a car and driving back to L.A. by way of Natchez and Vicksburg, Miss.; Dallas and San Antonio, Tex.; Las Cruces, N.M.; the Grand Canyon, Ariz.; a stop in Las Vegas; and then home. The road trip took around 17 days. They had not been to NOLA since Hurricane Katrina.

As we pick up the story, we arrived May 25 in Vicksburg, Miss., in the late afternoon. Vicksburg is the only city and county seat of Warren County, Miss. It is located 234 miles northwest of New Orleans at the confluence of the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers. The state capitol, Jackson, is 40 miles due west. The population of Vicksburg is approximately 15,000.

We stayed at the Corners Mansion (601 Klein St.), which was built in 1873, and is on a hillside overlooking the Mississippi River. We had a very nice room with a queen-sized bed. The bathroom was very large, with a tub with a handheld French shower. There was a TV and Internet access; in the olden days no B&B would have a TV or a phone in the room; it would detract from period decor.

The owner of the B&B recommended dinner at 10 South Restaurant (1301 Washington St, 10th floor), which had good Southern comfort food. The restaurant was at the top of a building that was being converted into condos. The view of the river and the surrounding area was spectacular and the food was good, too. It had the best moon pie bread pudding.

The next morning, May 26, we stopped in the parlor before breakfast for coffee and met a family from Germany; three of them spoke English. Breakfast was served in the dining room at 9 a.m. Macy, the B&B owner, sat with us with a couple from Nashville and another couple from Germany. Breakfast was an egg quiche, cheese grits, ham, sweet cake with cinnamon apples, buttermilk biscuit, coffee and juice, more than enough food so that we didn't need lunch.

We got to the Vicksburg National Military Park in time to watch a short movie before meeting our guide. During breakfast, we were told that a two-hour tour was not enough and that we should have made it three hours. The cost was \$25 per hour for our guide, Robert Terry, who directed me as we drove around the park. He is a trained contract docent for the park. The battle for Vicksburg was for control of the Mississippi River for the North and the maintenance of a supply line for the South. The battle started in 1862 and concluded with a 47-day siege on July 4, 1863, the same day that the fighting at Gettysburg was over. The two battles sealed the fate of the South, though the fighting continued until April 1865. The victory at Vicksburg also elevated Grant as the head of all the Northern armies. Part of the tour included a visit to the USS Cairo, an ironclad

gunboat sunk on the Yazoo River by the Confederacy during the siege and was raised intact and put on display. There was a small museum that had artifacts from the boat that were preserved in the silt of the river bottom, including many personal items that belonged to the sailors and even the china the officers were served their meals on. Our last stop was to drive through the National Cemetery where the Union dead are buried and by mistake, two Confederates. There are also World War I and II and Korean War dead there, but none after that as the burials have been closed even though there is plenty of space.

The battlefield has more than 1,000 memorials, plaques and markers indicating locations of soldiers, bunkers, forts and indicators of how far a given army advanced. It was very impressive.

On the way back to the B&B, we stopped for ice cream. We had dinner at Cedar Grove B&B, which had a restaurant that was recommended. It was across the street from our B&B. The food was okay and the service was good, but not someplace to recommend.

The next day's plans included a drive to Dallas, and we hoped the weather stayed good. The forecast was for large hail and isolated tornadoes. We hoped it would stay north of us.

In the B&B the room next to ours was occupied, and we could hear every sound. Staying in a B&B has both pros and cons – local atmosphere, personal service, a good breakfast and you meet a lot of interesting people, but sometimes you

must haul luggage upstairs, antique beds can be noisy, bathroom amenities were lacking, and there was no safe. It is still a great way to go local for a few days.

The next day, May 27, we left for Dallas after breakfast with a stop at the Vicksburg Old County Courthouse first for a magnet. The Old Courthouse, which is now a museum with very good exhibits, was preparing for a major Memorial Day presentation.

The drive to Dallas is about 350 miles on I-20. The rental car drove well and we split the driving. We got to the Omni Hotel about 4 p.m. and checked in to a nice room on the 16th floor. We planned to try the nearby Mexican restaurant for dinner (it was okay but not recommendable). The next day we planned to visit the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza (Kennedy Assassination Museum) before driving on to San Antonio. The weather had been overcast all day, with temps in the high 80s and very high humidity. So far there was no rain, tornadoes or hail.

The next day, May 28, we found the only Starbucks in downtown Dallas that was open and then got to the museum around 10 a.m. (that's when they opened). Our tickets, which I got online, were good between 10 and 10:30 a.m. for the tour, which helped control the crowd. There was a long line of ticket holders when we got there, but the line moved quickly. We got a personal audio device and were able to walk through the exhibits at our own speed. This was the Texas School Book Depository, and we walked through exhibits starting with an overview of the 1960 election; then the day of the assassination, Nov. 22, 1963 and the

aftermath; through the Warren Report and the various conspiracy theories. We walked from the actual ground floor to the sixth floor from where the shots were fired. Most of us who were alive when the assassination occurred can remember where we were, whom we were with and what we were doing. I was at Fort Ord, where I was serving my six-months of active duty for the California National Guard. The exhibits are well done, each with a 90-second narrative and many pictures with written information. We spent about two hours there, and if you wanted to read everything you could spend four. It was very gratifying to see so many young people (under 50) touring the museum.

We left for San Antonio a little after noon in the rain for the first 100 miles, and then it just got hot and muggy. The distance is just less than 300 miles, and we got to the Westin Hotel on the River Walk around 4:30 p.m. We had dinner at the Country Line Barbecue on the River Walk just a short walk from the hotel. The next day we planned to visit the Alamo and take a boat ride around the River Walk. There was a storm warning in the area. It had started to thunder and lightning. We hoped it would blow over by the morning.

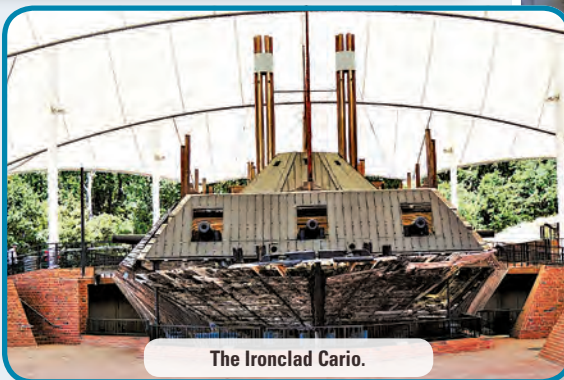
Next month we'll recap the rest of the road trip back to Los Angeles. ■



Hal and their guide at the Vicksburg Battlefield.



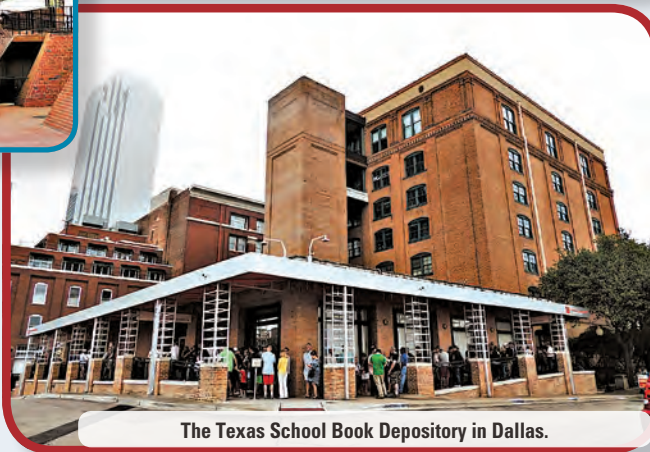
Evelyn along the River Walk in San Antonio.



The Ironclad Cairo.



At the B&B in Vicksburg.



The Texas School Book Depository in Dallas.

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



Australia

Norman Faner, DWP, Retired, and Florian Faner, LAPD (active), recently took a trip to Australia.



"Sunrise at Ayers Rock in Australia's Northern Territory. It is a large sandstone red rock formation that the aborigines call 'Uluru.'"



"Behind us are the 'Twelve Apostles,' a collection of limestone stacks off the shore of Port Campbell National Park, along The Great Ocean Road in Victoria."



"Sunrise at Kata Tjuta, a group of large, domed red rock formations 16 miles west of Ayers Rock."



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RETIREES: Latest in City Polos!

Popular Club polos are now available for Retirees.

Retirees, do you have your polo shirt yet? Order yours today!

The Club's polo shirts are now available for City and DWP Retirees, along with the regular long list of City departments. Show your City pride!

The Club offers a long list of departments available for custom-made polo shirts, and the list is expanding all the time. The current list is on page 18. Is your department on the list? What are you waiting for?

The reviews are in – the polo shirts are excellent. Here's a sample:

"Thank you so much for my polos – great quality and colors. I am always getting complimented and asked where I got them. I say the Club Store on Second Street! Great prices, too."

– **Cindy Serrano, Emergency Management**

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Calling All Wellness Champions!

It's time for open enrollment and the next LACERS Well Champion regional summit meetings. Mark your calendars for the following open enrollment sessions near you, and let LACERS know which date you plan on attending. RSVPs can be made by emailing Tara Miller at lacerswell@LACERS.org or by calling Member Services at (800) 779-8328.

For each of these dates, LACERS Well Champions will meet after the open enrollment session, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.:

- **LA Metro:** Tuesday, Oct. 17, the California Endowment Center
- **Valley:** Thursday, Oct. 26, Airtel Plaza Hotel
- **East LA County:** Tuesday, Oct. 31, DoubleTree Ontario
- **Harbor:** Thursday, Nov. 2, DoubleTree San Pedro

Become a LACERS Well Champion!

Do you have an interest, hobby or activity that you would like to share with others? If so, volunteering to be a Champion provides you an opportunity to socialize with other Retirees and receive more program rewards and incentives. To find out how you can be a LACERS Well Champion, call Member Services at (800) 779-8328 or register online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell



LACERS Well Member Kathleen Hashiguchi explores technology on an iPad at the third annual "Empowering Seniors With Technology" conference, held Aug. 15.



Tech Conference for Seniors

LACERS hosts third conference to help seniors use, manage technology.

Story and photo courtesy Tara Miller, LACERS Well Manager

LACERS Well hosted its third annual technology event for seniors entitled "Empowering Seniors with Technology." The sold-out free event was held Aug. 15 at the California Endowment Center.

LACERS Members enjoyed a full day of free, hands-on technology workshops. They were able to explore the capabilities of smartphones in a comfortable setting and supercharged their tech skills! Members also learned about online safety and how to avoid the most common online scams as well as how to connect safely with family and friends on Facebook.

Stay tuned for more technology workshop offerings coming in 2018!

Life after Retirement

Stay Connected

- 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.

If you are a Retiree and have interesting news or updates about yourself, your family or other retirees, or would like to connect with coworkers, send information to mbeetz@4841@aol.com, or mail to **Mary Beetz:** 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801

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



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 |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Adhami, Manoochehr | Sr. Trans. Engineer | Transportation | 32 | Ha, Lisa | Geographic Info. Spec. | Public Works | 29 | Nash, Sheila A. | Sr. Librarian | Library | 33 |
| Bolin, Zoe Adele | Police Service Rep | LAPD | 21 | Hall, Carla A. | Customer Supervisor | Gen. Services | 17 | Pasco, Tess O. | Pr. Accountant | Econ./Wrkfc. Dev. | 28 |
| Brown, Rosalynn D. | Sr. Recreation Dir. | Rec and Parks | 23 | Harowicz, John J. | Police Service Rep | LAPD | 38 | Portis, Eugene | Custodian | Airports | 12 |
| Bruce, Jeffrey S. | Survey Party Chief | Public Works | 28 | Hart, Margie Marie | Detention Officer | LAPD | 30 | Prophet, Susan G. | Airport Guide | Airports | 8 |
| Bustos, Engracio L. | Accountant | Gen. Services | 32 | Hatchett, James G. | Light Equip. Operator | Rec and Parks | 32 | Qubain, Lynn Ann | Ch. Clerk | Harbor | 35 |
| Caldwell, Ronald E. | Plumber | Rec and Parks | 28 | Humphrey, John A. | Equipment Operator | Harbor | 27 | Ramirez, Hector | Elevator Repair Super. | Airports | 25 |
| Carreno, Ruben | Survey Party Chief | Airports | 28 | Irlilan, Moe | Civil Eng. Associate | Public Works | 31 | Richardson, Wilma E. | Property Officer | LAPD | 10 |
| Chit, Selma | Geographic Info. Spec. | Public Works | 33 | Jackson, Derrick L. | Transitional Worker | Rec and Parks | 23 | Toby, Steven | Comm. Electrician | LAPD | 18 |
| Coakley, Maxine A. | Chief Clerk | Public Works | 33 | Kim, Jae Kwon | Sr. Accountant | Econ./Wrkfc. Dev. | 33 | Waterbury, Kristen | Management Analyst | LAPD | 28 |
| Crittendon, Ronald D. | Detention Officer | LAPD | 12 | Kimmerle, Daniel | Heavy Duty Truck Op. | Public Works | 16 | Webster, Johnie B. | Background Invest. | Personnel | 9 |
| Davanzo, Eduardo | Geo. Info. Sys.Super. | Housing | 7 | Lee, Jim Tse Ming | Sr. Systems Analyst | ITA | 31 | White, Jason | Crime Intell. Analyst | LAPD | 37 |
| Eisenbarth, Susan L. | Trans. Engineer Assoc. | Transportation | 31 | Lemos, Alexander P. | Systems Analyst | Airports | 30 | Ybarra, Laura Beck H. | Sr. Recreation Dir. | Rec and Parks | 24 |
| Elliott, Kurt P. | Tree Surgeon Super. | Public Works | 34 | Lim, Tony T. | Structural Engin. Assoc. | Public Works | 34 | Zafra, Julio Bautista | Off. Engineer Tech. | Bldg. & Safety | 27 |
| Fernandez, Ada Delarosa | Architect | Public Works | 21 | Liu, Pan An | Comm. Engineer Assoc. | ITA | 29 | Zamora, Maria De Tomas | Custodian | Airports | 12 |
| Gaines, Anna L. | Pr. Clerk | LAPD | 56 | Maihori, Suzanne L. | Emer. Med. Srvcs. Ed. | LAFD | 6 | | | | |
| Gin, Mae L. | Sr. Admin. Clerk | Public Works | 18 | Mitchell, Sheronda P. | Traffic Officer | Transportation | 27 | | | | |
| Ha, David T. | Engineer. Designer | Airports | 31 | Morita, Kristina J. Fong | Assist. City Librarian | Library | 42 | | | | |



Monthly Griffith Park Hike:

**With Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz
and LACERS Well**

- **First Friday of every month**
- **8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

Note: For October only, the monthly Griffith Park hike has been moved to the second Friday (Oct. 13).



**Monthly Easy-Paced
Bike Ride**

- **Dock 52, Marina del Rey**
- **3rd Wednesday of the month**
- **11 a.m.**
- **Contact Ron Skarin for location updates and to RSVP at ronskarin@sbc-global.net**

Seniors: Take a (Healthy) Walk!

The LACERS Well program sponsors walking/social events that are perfect for helping you keep in shape and take care of your health. And they're open to all fitness levels. For outside walks and events, make sure to bring comfortable shoes, sunblock, sunglasses and water.

For more information on LACERS Well events: Tara Miller, LACERS Well coordinator: (213) 978-6843 Or LACERS.org/lacerswell

West Covina Mall Walk and Stretch

- West Covina Mall, West Covina
- Every Wednesday, 8:30 — 10 a.m.
- Contact Pablo and Vivian Cortez at pabcrt6@aol.com

Lakewood Center Mall Walk and Stretch

- Lakewood Center Mall, Lakewood
- Every Monday, 8 a.m.
- Contact Beverly Anderson at the.andersons@verizon.net

Pathfinder Park Walk and Stretch

- Rowland Heights
- Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- Contact Joyce Kawai at jkawai@gmail.com

Madrugada Trail Hike and Stretch

- Chino Hills
- Every Sunday, 4 - 6:30 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@yahoo.com

Ontario Mills Mall Walk and Stretch

- Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario
- 1st Saturday of the month, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@yahoo.com

Ontario Mills Mall Walk and Stretch

- Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario
- Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— noon
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@yahoo.com

Chino Hills Senior Center Workout and Stretch

- Chino Hills Senior Center, Chino Hills
- Every Saturday, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@yahoo.com

Buddy Walk for Life

- Kaiser Baldwin Park
- 1st Friday of the month, 8 - 10 a.m.
- Contact Mariam Galang at mariamgalang@gmail.com

Playa del Rey Beach Walk and Stretch

- Playa del Rey
- Every Friday, 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Frankie Gallagher at Frankiequeenofhearts@yahoo.com

Rueben Ingold Park Walk and Stretch

- View Park, Windsor Hills
- Every Thursday, 11 a.m.
- Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas at avisridleythomas@me.com

Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park Walk and Stretch

- Sherman Oaks
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m.
- Contact Debby Rolland at debbylr22@gmail.com

El Cariso Park Walk and Stretch

- Sylmar
- Every Monday, 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Irene Galvan at ronnie20dav@gmail.com

Manhattan Beach Pier Walk

- Manhattan Beach
- 1st Saturday of the month, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Contact Cyrous Adami at Cyrous13@yahoo.com

Stay in Touch With LACERS

LACERS requires all plan members to have your physical address on file. Has your address changed? Use this form to update your information.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS REQUEST - All Members

Please provide your new address information below. LACERS requires all plan members to have physical address on file. Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 575, failure to provide a physical address will result in the change of your Federal Tax Withholding to married with three withholding exemptions.

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Attn: Membership Processing Unit

FAX to: (213) 473-7202 – Attention: Membership Processing Unit

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| Member's Name | | Social Security Number | |
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| C/O Trustee | | Effective Date | |
| Telephone | | Email | |
| Please check the box if you would like your 1099-R mailed to your home address. | | | |
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| C/O Trustee | | | |
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- Engineering
- Fire Services
- Fleet Services
- General Services
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- ITA
- LA City Council
- LA City Zoo
- LA Zoo
- LACERS
- LAPD
- LAPD FIU
- Library
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CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues
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Softball to Begin Soon

New season expected to start later this month.



Welcome to the 2017 season of Club softball! Games are planned to start in the Los Angeles area sometime later this fall, possibly this month. Final arrangements are being made.

For official announcements on the upcoming season, follow the Club on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, where the season will most likely be announced.

But for now, go ahead and register your team.

Who can join?

Managers of teams with at least nine players are welcome to register.

FREE AGENTS: Want to play but don't have a team?

Are you a softball player who's not part of a team but would like to play on one? Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com

All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join to play in the Club Softball League. Some exceptions might be made for specific relatives of Club Members. Contact the Sports Dude for more information. Club membership fees are \$2.25 a pay period for City and DWP employees and \$2.50 a month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club members over 18 years of age. Players who are not eligible to play may cause forfeit of games and/or season.

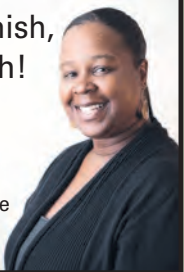
All new players must be City, State or County employees. Exceptions must be approved by the league office.

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RETURNING FOR 2017:

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Lady Smith!

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comments
each month in
Alive! during the
softball season.



Hoops, Bowling, Softball: Club Sports on the Horizon

Visit the Club's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts for highlights, updates and other Club Sports news.

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 rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.



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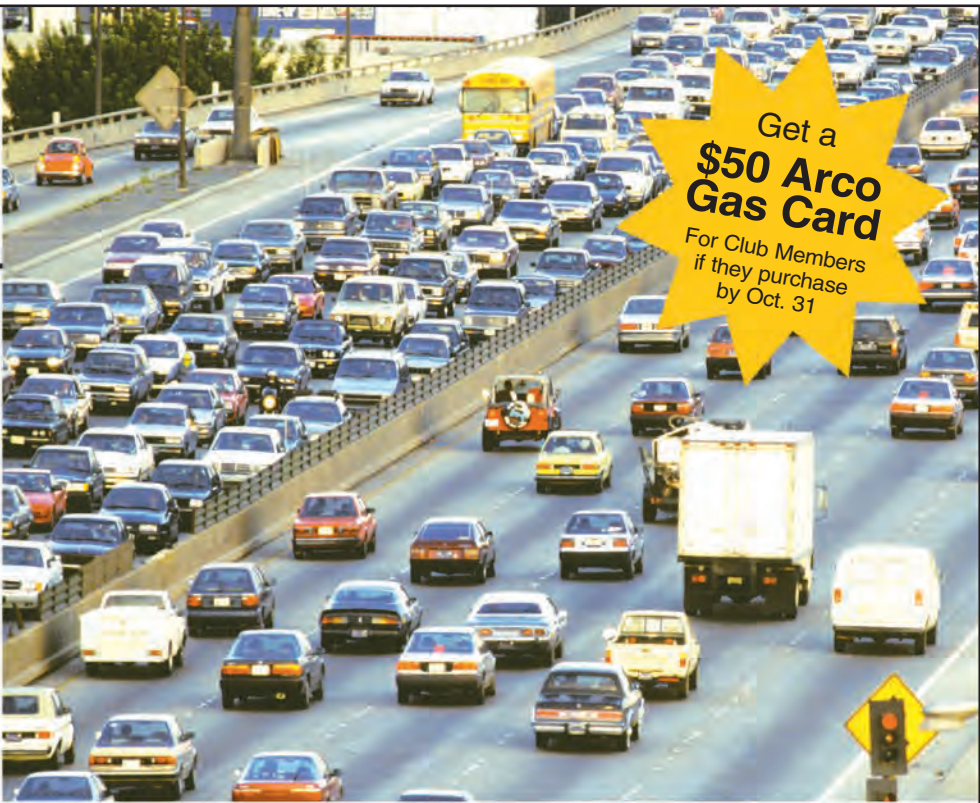
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| | Auto Club | \$929 |
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John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"Waterfall,
LA Arboretum."

— Victor Ladd,
LAPD

John's comment:

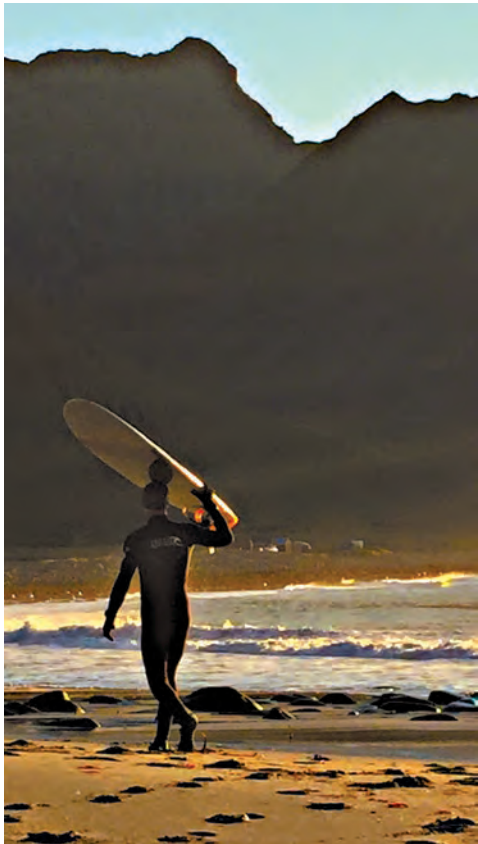
Victor, this is a very nicely timed exposure. You picked the perfect angle; the fern and the rock at the bottom give the perfect amount of perspective and framing. And I would have never guessed that it was right here in LA!



"I took this at Salem, Ore."

— Zaki Mastafa, Retired, Transportation

John's comment: Zaki, this is simply an amazing shot of the eclipse. You can even see the solar flare activity in your picture. Well done!



"Unstad Beach, Norway, high above the Arctic Circle. Known as the most northern surfing location in the world."

— John Hawkins, Club CEO

John's comment:

Even though I am not eligible to win, I couldn't help but show this off. I took it last month while my brother, Tom, and I were traveling from Bodo to Reine, Norway, along the Lofoten Islands. There were about 20 surfers with thick wetsuits enjoying what appeared to be very nice waves.

"Here is a photo from my recent vacation. It was taken at Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia."

— Ashley Vidovic, Airports

John's comment:

Ashley, this is *wonderful*! The lighting is perfect, the colors are sharp, the contrast is just over-the-top delicious and that sky, what a sky! I really like the wooden walkway and how from the angle you used it appears to just go on forever. Well done, Ashley!



"Maddox at the Wisdom Tree, Griffith Park."

— Joshua Martinez, Rec and Parks

John's comment:

Joshua, you caught Maddox at just the right moment. His expression is like he's telling the world that he is the boss of this piece of land way up in Griffith Park, the ruler of his micro kingdom. Love it!



"If this is not the most perfect, ghoulish Halloween olive tree in the world, I don't know what is! (Taken in an olive grove in Greece's Pelion region near Lefokastro)."

— Yves Didier, Airport Police

John's comment:

I completely agree, Yves; you just don't get creepier than this! It reminds me of the trees in *The Wizard of Oz*, a movie that still creeps me out to this day!

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.

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From left:
Roger Dimaano,
Retiree, and
Robert Larios,
Club COO.

Roger Retires

**Rogelio Dimaano
retires after 32 years
of City service.**

Roger Dimaano, Retiree,
and Commanding Officer
Elena Nihoa-Asucan, LAPD.

A retirement party was held July 20 for Rogelio Dimaano, who retired as Sr. Management Analyst after 32 years of City service.

The event was held at the Almansor Court in Alhambra.

Congratulations on your career, Roger! Enjoy your retirement.

Special thanks go to Patricia Morales, Sr. Administrative Clerk, Fiscal Operations, for her assistance.

The Dimaano family.



Retirees Wanda Bell
and Roger Dimaano.

Annmarie Sauer Hale, Police
Administrator II.



Patricia Paterno and Roger Dimaano.

Coloring with The Clubs

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The *Alive!* Children’s Coloring Contest

Deadline for submission:
Nov. 8, 2017

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



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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? _____

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Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child’s address/city/zip: _____

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ALIVE! FEATURE



In front of one of the Library's delivery vehicles, from left: Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years.

LIBRARY

A Moving Story

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing, and John Burnes, Alive! editor.



Preparing the next day's book shipment, from left: Kenny Valladares, Delivery Driver II, 3 years of City service; and Gonzalo Montenegro, Delivery Driver II, 12 years.

Living Story

The Library's Shipping Dept. transfers more than 32,000 books and media to and from the branches—that's like moving an entire branch—every working day. Here's how they do it.

The statistics are amazing – 32 employees, 15 vehicles driving 349 miles every working day to move more than 32,000 library materials.

But if it were up to the Library's Shipping Dept., the statistics are beside the point, because only one thing matters – getting you the book, CD, DVD, magazine or other material that you requested. Putting that book in your hand, and empowering you with the knowledge held in the vast collection of the Los Angeles Public Library, is what the department is all about.

In July, *Alive!* spent more than two days hanging out with the Library's Shipping Dept., one of the least seen but very important customer service aspects of the City. We watched books, CDs and DVDs being sorted, picked up, dropped off, stacked, shelved and finally delivered to Los Angeles residents. And on these pages, we show you how it's done. Come along for the journey!

Alive! thanks Brenda J. Breaux, Principal Public Relations Representative, 19 years of City service, Club Member, for her invaluable assistance setting up our visits and answering our questions; and George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years, for hosting our visits. ■



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At the *Alive!* interview, from left: John F. Szabo, City Librarian, 5 years of City service; George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years; Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager, 28 years, Club Member; and Brenda Breaux, Principal Public Relations Representative.



The *Alive!* Interview

One Collection, Many Branches

On Aug. 15, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed the leaders in charge of transporting the Library's collection as needed from branch to branch, or Central Library to the 72 branch libraries: Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager, 28 years of City service, Club Member (she's supervised shipping at the Library for eight years); and George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years. Sitting in was City Librarian John F. Szabo, 5 years, Club Member. The interview took place in a conference room in Central Library.

Thank you for hosting us for more than two days now. It's been fascinating to see how all this works. Okay. So who wants to talk generally about how shipping works?

Eloisa Sarao: That should be George, because George is the main key for making everything smooth and operational in shipping. He does all the hard work.

George Valdivia: The main purpose of shipping is to get the books out to branches, mainly the books that people can't get at their local branch; it's checked out somewhere. Our main purpose is move around books, equipment and supplies. We try to get books to the patrons as soon as possible. We try within three days, if the book is available.

We've broken down the city into seven regions. We have 10 delivery drivers now. There are several routes. And they

go out to each branch to deliver and pick up books. Most of these books are placed on hold by patrons because they can't find them at their own branch. We try to get books that are closest to that library. That way, they can get them quicker. The main purpose is to get our books out to the patrons when they can't get them any other way. And we also deliver our mail and supplies to our branches at the same time.

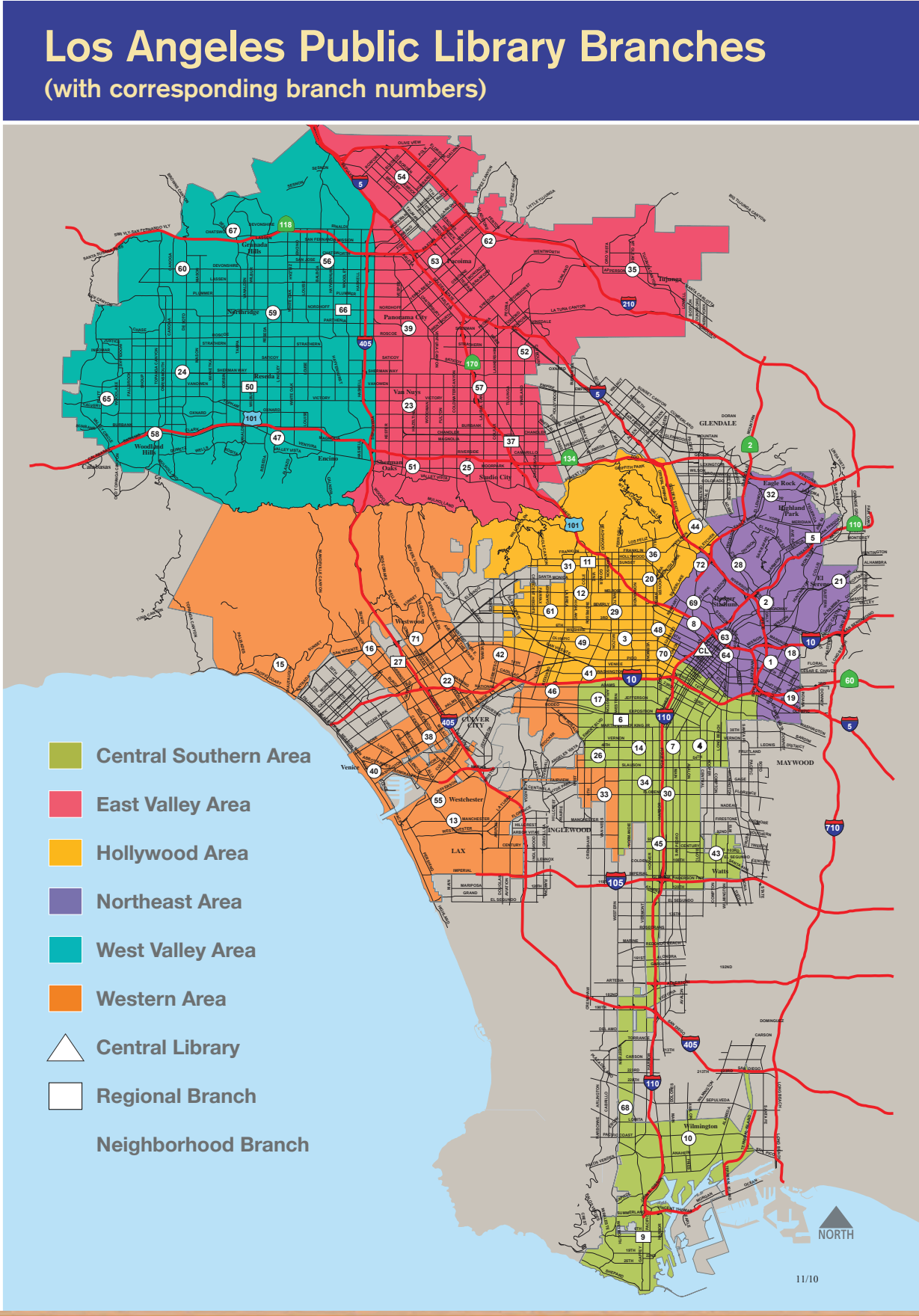
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IN THE ZONE

The Library's Shipping Dept. uses delivery zones with color coordination. Books and materials are placed in bins (tubs) that are numbered according to the branch number (see accompanying map). Then, those bins are placed on racks that coordinate with delivery zones. Those racks are then used to load the bins into vans going on those routes. Pretty straightforward, right?

- ### Library Delivery Zones
- (The Delivery Driver route colors vary from the colors on the map at right — they are two different systems for different uses. But the branch numbers are identical in both systems.)
- red Zone 1: East Valley
 - black Zone 2: West Valley
 - orange Zone 3: Western
 - white Zone 4: Hollywood
 - yellow Zone 5: Central Southern (Harbor)
 - blue Zone 6: Northeast
 - green Zone 7: Holly-West (combo of Hollywood and Western)

George Valdivia (right), Acting Sr. Storekeeper, explains the colored zone system to Club COO Robert Larios. These book bins at the Valley Processing Center are headed to the Holly-West zone.



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Right. If you're going to have a branch system, and LA has a huge branch system, you have to circulate the books and media to those branches.

George Valdivia: Right.

So, it's more than books.

George Valdivia: Yes, it's more than books – DVDs, videos, magazines, audio books.

Eloisa Sarao: The first actual procedure is when a person puts a hold on a book – those get processed into our inter-library system, which is called CARL system. Let's say the patron puts a hold on a book today. And so, tonight, that'll get processed, and tomorrow morning, the library staff will get a report on all the items that have been placed on hold. They pull all those materials and then they determine which ones stay at that branch, and which ones go to different locations. Each branch has different bins where they put all the books. The delivery driver comes during the day and picks up all those materials. While picking up and dropping off at the branch, our drivers are sorting materials throughout the day within the truck. They can deliver that same day if the branch where the book is going is still ahead of them on their route. If not, it comes back to the sorting facility, either at Central Library or our Valley facility for the next day's delivery.

The Right to Access

People often think of their branch as their public library. You are critical to fulfilling what people need; you are essential to what a library does if it has branches.

George Valdivia: Yes, I agree.

Eloisa Sarao: I agree with you 100 percent.

John F. Szabo: It's really one collection that resides at 73 different locations. And the people who make that one collection available is this wonderful group of people, because the books on the shelves at Porter Ranch right now belong to the people of Boyle Heights and of Watts and San Pedro and Pacific Palisades and Eagle Rock. And the fact that at 3 a.m. they can get up and put a request for a particular book and have it delivered to their local branch in Pacoima is a really beautiful thing.

We've been doing this for years, but people sometimes are still surprised. If I'm speaking to a group, I will tell them, "By the way, did you know you can get any book?" We have six million catalog items. We have 3.4 million photos and other things, but six million items that are all available to them, far beyond the 40,000 books that are on the shelf at Van Nuys. They say, "Really?" A lot of people take advantage of it, obviously, because we're moving thousands of books all the time, but people are still amazed that we do that.

All public libraries are wonderful, but being as large as we are, one of the things that makes us really fantastic is that we make those six million items, this incredibly deep collection, available. Central Library is a research library, a research collection; the materials here are on all sorts of arcane subjects, and they are available to everybody. You don't have to be Mr. Scholar or enrolled in a four-year institution to have access to that. A sixth grader at Angeles Mesa can get that book from Central Library. It's these fabulous people who make this happen in a really incredible way.

At the end of the day, we're about access and making it equitably available.

What's a library without access? It's no library.

John F. Szabo: Exactly.

Other Partners

You handle shipping not only to LAPL branches, but also to universities and county libraries. Talk about that for a second.

George Valdivia: Well, some of the books that people return don't belong to us – they come to us by accident. They say "library." We get a lot of misdelivered books. We're part of the SCLC – the Southern California Library Cooperative. Someone comes every two days to pick up books that don't belong to us, and they will take them to anywhere, really – he goes all the way to Camarillo, he told me, in the same day. He picks up here and returns books from other libraries.

Plus, we get a lot of books through the mail for Interlibrary

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ALONG FOR THE
RIDE



Follow along as *Alive!* goes on partial delivery routes downtown and in the Valley, and then heads to the processing centers to catch the sorting in action.

There's no better way to see how the Library Shipping Dept. moves more than 32,000 items each working day than to go along and see for ourselves. So that's just what *Alive!* did.

Downtown Run



The delivery trucks, preloaded the afternoon before, are ready to hit the streets to visit the branches and deliver books and other items that were placed on hold by library patrons.

Stop 1 **Central Library** **5:00 A.M.**
Shipping Dept.
630 W. Fifth St.
Underground Loading Docks

Stop 2 **7:20 A.M.**
Silver Lake Branch, No. 72
2411 Glendale Blvd.



Club CEO John Hawkins and the *Alive!* team catch up with the Library delivery team on the Northeast Area route.



The delivery drivers on this route today are (from left) Kenny Valladares, Delivery Driver II (in training), 3 years of City service, and Paul Delgadillo, Delivery Driver II, 17 years of City service.



Driver Paul Delgadillo (left) hands over a bin of books for delivery to the Silver Lake branch. The bins that are marked "72" – they are headed inside. Club CEO John Hawkins lends a hand. Once inside, Delivery Drivers grab the bins that the branch librarians prepared the day before, stack them in the truck, and head to their next destination.



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Downtown Run

Stop 3 **Edendale Branch, No. 69**
2011 W. Sunset Blvd.



The delivery truck arrives at Edendale.



Delivery Driver Paul Delgadillo leaves a cart of bins in an Edendale workroom, and grabs a cart of books that needs to be taken from the branch.



Books coming out, books going in, courtesy Delivery Drivers Paul Delgadillo (center) and Kenny Valladares (right). Club CEO John Hawkins observes.

It's John's turn: Club CEO John Hawkins stacks a bin of books from Edendale back into the van, ready to be taken to Central Library and sorted for the next day's delivery.



Inside Edendale (before it opens for the day), George Valdivia, Acting Sr. Storekeeper (middle), shows Club CEO John Hawkins how branch librarians store the books on hold. They will be kept here until claimed by the Library patron who requested the hold. The stacking is handled by library branch personnel, not the delivery drivers.

Stop 4 **8:00 A.M.**



Echo Park Branch, No. 8
1410 W. Temple St.

After the Echo Park Branch, Delivery Drivers have more stops to make, but the *Alive!* team heads back to the Central Library to meet the sorters.



The delivery truck arrives at Echo Park.



Delivery Driver Kenny Valladares piles up the bins ready to be delivered to Edendale.



Delivery Driver Kenny Valladares removes the bins of materials that the Echo Park Branch personnel left for him the night before ...



... and stacks them in the van.

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Loan System from other states and colleges. We get a lot from the University of Chicago, requesting a book that they don't have. We don't handle that ourselves. Our interlibrary loan department handles that; they ship out books. They'll lend them for two or three weeks and then they mail them back. They will also send them out of the country. We send it through the mail.

But most of what we do is for our local branches. **John F. Szabo:** In L.A. County there are, as you probably know, 88 municipalities. About 22 to 23 of them have their own libraries. We're one. Pasadena has its own; as do Beverly Hills, Torrance, and some others. The county library system serves everybody else. There are more than 200 public library locations throughout L.A. County. It's a big system. And we all do a good job of lending materials to each other and borrowing and sharing ideas. It's a good group.

Numbers and the Internet

Let's talk numbers. How many people work in shipping?

George Valdivia: 30 employees in Central Shipping and six employees in Mid Valley Shipping.

So, 36. That's Drivers and sorters.

George Valdivia: Yes – Drivers, sorters, Messenger Clerks. We also have event attendants, who help set up events at the branch libraries, or here at Central Library. When they're not doing events, they'll come and help us with sorting.

Eloisa Sarao: Most of our employees are half-time employees, not full-time. Twenty hours a week or so.

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And how many books do you ship a day? Books, or elements like CDs or DVDs.
George Valdivia: About 32,000 on average.

That’s like a whole branch, being delivered on wheels every day.
George Valdivia: Right.

How many miles do you drive?
George Valdivia: Let’s take a look at one route, the southern division. They call it the Harbor Delivery. He drives 72 miles a day. From Central Library, he drives to South LA through Harbor Gateway and he ends up in San Pedro, then drives all the way back. He drives the most miles. Remember he’s one of 10 drivers. Drivers from the Valley drive 25 to 30 miles a day.



George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years of City service, at his desk next to the main shipping area under Central Library. He directly manages the shipping dept.

Have you ever put all those together?
George Valdivia: I did, for you. We keep a log.

- Zone 1 [East Valley] is about 48 miles a day.
 - Zone 2 [West Valley], 37.
 - Zone 3 [Western], 53.
 - Zone 4 [Hollywood], 29.
 - Zone 5 [Central Southern/Harbor], 70.
 - Zone 6 [Northeast], 31.
 - Zone 7 [Holly-West, a combination of Hollywood and Western], 35.
- Our bobtail trucks, which roam as needed, drive about 46. So that’s about 349 miles total, per day.

Wow, that’s a lot of delivery!
George Valdivia: Yes.

What are the trends? Is that number, 32,000, holding steady? Is it growing? Were there big moments when it grew or declined?

George Valdivia: When I started, we had three extended but regular vans driving six routes. Now, we’re in large vans. There weren’t a lot of holds back then. We did a lot of our sorting. The guys that drive for us also did the sorting. They had time to come back, unload their trucks, sort them, and then reload their trucks. We had maybe five or six guys helping us.

But once the Library made it possible to hold books online – when the Internet blew up, that’s when we blew up. Everyone started requesting holds, and we had to get bigger trucks. We had to break up those six routes. We had to break two of them up because it was too much – the books didn’t fit in the truck. Everything was getting backed up, so we had to expand. It kept getting busier and busier. It did slow a little bit when e-books came out, and that was more recently. With DVDs and CDs – before you couldn’t put a hold on them, now you can. That increased our load a little bit. But, I would say it went down slightly over the past five years.

Eloisa Sarao: It’s been steady since about 2015.
John F. Szabo: We’re always looking at ways to make the material more accessible. That was a great

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ALONG FOR THE RIDE
Downtown Run

Stop 5
Central Library Processing Center

All the on-hold books and materials going out to the branches and coming back in from the branches are sorted and processed here in the main shipping area of the Central Library. More than a dozen full- and part-time employees work here sorting books and materials into bins numbered for each branch. And then the bins are arranged by carrier route (see the **IN THE ZONE** sidebar, page 26).

Downtown-based Delivery Drivers who have completed their daily route return here to load bins onto their vans for the next day’s route. This is the central engine that makes the entire operation work smoothly and efficiently.



The Central Library Processing Area is a hub of activity as books and other materials are sorted into bins, and then into carrier routes.



Stacking their van for the next day’s run are (from left) Gonzalo Montenegro, Delivery Driver II, 12 years of City service; and Kenny Valladares, Delivery Driver II, 3 years.



Delivery Drivers, clockwise from bottom left: Francisco Mendoza, Delivery Driver II, 17 years of City service; Jockues Wright, Delivery Driver II, 16 years; Gonzalo Montenegro, Delivery Driver II, 12 years; Gary Williams, Delivery Driver II, 14 years; Paul Delgadillo, Delivery Driver II, 17 years; George Valdivia, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years; Kenny Valladares, Delivery Driver II, 3 years; and Froilan Gamez, Delivery Driver II, 8 years.



The Library Shipping Dept. is also charged with shipping materials to each branch that are needed in daily administration, including brochures, office supplies, signage, and other materials. Managing those duties are (from left) Richard Sakata, Warehouse and Toolroom Worker II, 16 years of City service; and Daniel Royster, Messenger Clerk, 5 years.



Full and part-time sorters, from left: Daniel Royster, Messenger Clerk, 5 years of City service; Dan Espinosa, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; Rafael Roque, Event Attendant, 6 years; William Benito, Event Attendant, 1 year; Melvin Ortiz, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; Rudy Fernandez, Messenger Clerk, 20 years; Frank Montellano, Messenger Clerk, 16 years; Pedro Lazaro, Event Attendant, 5 years; Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager, 28 years; Keven Palencia, Event Attendant, 6 years; Alex Arrizon, Event Attendant, 2 years; John Medina, Messenger Clerk, 1 year; Angel Rodriguez, Messenger Clerk, 2 years; Alejandro Meza, Event Attendant, 1 year; George Valdivia, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years; Ismael Lopez, Event Attendant, 1 year; Paul Delgadillo, Delivery Driver II, 17 years; Janet Lavilles, Management Analyst II, 33 years; and Ricardo Ortiz, Sr. Event Attendant, 24 years.



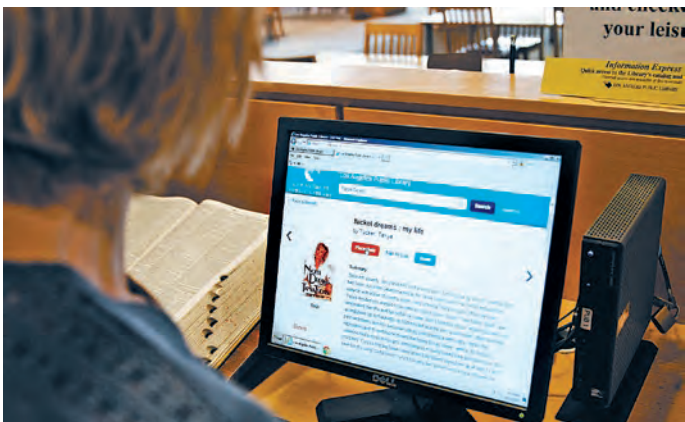
A Moving Story

FOLLOW THAT BOOK!

Ever wanted to know how that book you placed on hold gets sent to your local branch? Here's how!

FRIDAY ▶ Westchester-Loyola Village Branch, No. 13

Dearbhla McNulty, wife of *Alive!* editor John Burnes, finds a book on the Los Angeles Public Library Website; she needs the book for a television show she's co-producing. (The book, *Nickel Dreams: My Life* by Tanya Tucker and Patsi Bale Cox, is out of print and rare.) The Central Library has three copies. Dearbhla puts one on hold and requests that it be sent to her local branch.



MONDAY ▶ Central Library



Every morning, Connie Mesinas, Library Assistant I, 10 years of City service, Club Member, gets a report of all books that have been placed on hold. She heads to the stacks in the Art and Music section and pulls the book.



From the stacks, the book goes to Access Services where it's scanned, and a delivery route slip is printed and slipped inside the book's cover. Here, Teresa Lee, Administrative Clerk, 16 years of City service, does the honors.

Angel Rodriguez, Messenger Clerk, 2 years of City service, comes up to Access Services and pushes the cart filled with books placed on hold down to the Shipping Dept. in the basement of Central Library.



The books on hold are removed from the cart and sorted into bins with the branch number. This bin, marked 13, is headed for the Westchester-Loyola Village Branch. Angel Rodriguez pulls the bin for placement into the library van for the next day's deliveries.

TUESDAY ▶ Westchester-Loyola Village Branch, No. 13



The library delivery van arrives at branch 13. Gonzalo Montenegro, Delivery Driver II, 12 years of City service, unloads the bins destined for the branch. For Gonzalo, hard at it since 5 a.m., it's his last stop of the morning. After this stop, he heads back to Central Library.



Inside the branch, Shirley Ashe, Acting Sr. Librarian, 7 years of City service, accepts the delivery from driver Gonzalo Montenegro. Yes, the book has been delivered!



Jennifer Torres, Messenger Clerk, 6 years of City service, processes the books at the branch and brings the cart to the checkout desk and sends an e-mail to Dearbhla to let her know the book has arrived.



Shirley Ashe, Acting Sr. Librarian, scans both Dearbhla's library card and the book and makes sure the book is going to the right person. When everything checks out, Dearbhla gets her book.

...and that's how it's done.

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example: Technology allowed people to immediately discover what it is we had, where it is, order it and have it delivered.

You would think that with all the electronic delivery that’s possible from the Library now with e-books and so forth, the shipping number would have plummeted, but it didn’t.

John F. Szabo: Another important point here – libraries were always conscious of not disenfranchising someone or a group of people based on what format they prefer. There was a time where one format just replaced another. While there are a lot of people taking advantage of our streaming video service – you can stream/download a movie from the Los Angeles Public Library, we’re very conscious that there are still people out there who are making use of DVDs and other formats. We still make that available.

Another thing that’s affected this as well, a reason the numbers have remained steady, is Measure L. It allowed us to restore all sorts of services – hiring the staff and adding back all the hours. One of the promises of Measure L was collections and increasing our book budget. Every single year since Measure L passed in March 2011 we have increased the amount of money that we’re spending on collections. Now, a significant amount of that has certainly been spent on e-content, but we’ve also significantly increased the number of children’s picture books that we’re buying, print material here at Central Library and print material at our branches. We’re buying a lot more print material, and it’s the popular print material that people are putting on hold – that 254th copy of *Harry Potter*.



Eloisa Sarao, Assistant Business Manager.

Logistics

Right. What’s the biggest challenge you face?

George Valdivia: In terms of delivery, I’d say it’s traffic.

Could you utilize subways instead at some point?

John F. Szabo: We’re buying a helicopter next year. [He joked.]

George Valdivia: Yes!

Eloisa Sarao: We put the books in a tub. We have to carry multiple tubs. And the branches aren’t always near the subway. The subway is not going to work for us.

Have you moved your delivery hours earlier to beat the traffic?

George Valdivia: We start an hour early. We started at six a.m. when I started as a driver, and we moved to five o’clock, and that helps.

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ALONG FOR THE RIDE

Valley Run

Robert Larios, Club COO, and the *Alive!* team joined the shipping crew for a second day of deliveries, this time in the Valley.

The Library’s Shipping Dept. used to work completely out of downtown’s Central Library, but with the advent of online ordering of books and other materials, the department’s work increased rapidly. So the Library set up a secondary sorting and delivery headquarters at the Mid-Valley Regional Branch.

Stop 1 9:00 a.m.

Encino-Tarzana Branch, No. 47
18231 Ventura Blvd.



ABOVE: The delivery van arrives behind the Encino-Tarzana branch, piloted by Joseph Dennis, Delivery Driver II, 12 of City service.

Dennis pushes a cart of bins filled with books and other materials. On this day, 12 bins go in, and 16-18 bins come out.



The bins marked “47” are ready to be dropped off at the branch.



Accepting Joe’s delivery of books is Encino-Tarzana Branch Manager Leslie Chudnoff, 29 years of City service. “It’s a back-breaking job,” Leslie says of the work of the delivery drivers. “They’re really efficient at it.”

Stop 2 9:55 a.m.

West Valley Regional Branch, No. 50
19036 Vanowen St.



ABOVE: The delivery van arrives at the West Valley Branch, and driver Joseph Dennis pulls the bins marked “50” for delivery here.



Having deposited the bins for the branch, Dennis returns with the books ready to be brought back for sorting.



Books and materials go in, and other books and materials go out.

A Moving Story

Stop

3

10:15 A.M.



Northridge Branch, No. 59
9051 Darby Ave.



The delivery van arrives at the Northridge Branch.



Joseph Dennis, Delivery Driver II, hands off a box of supplies to Daniela Jimenez, Messenger Clerk I. Daniela works at the Northridge branch; her job is to accept, sort and shelve the incoming on-hold books, and package the books and materials that the delivery driver is to pick up. Most branches have a Messenger Clerk assigned to this duty.

Stop

4

10:25 A.M.

Valley Processing Center

Mid-Valley Regional Branch, No. 66
16244 Nordhoff St.



Inside the hub of activity in the processing center, George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years of City service (center), explains how it all works to Club Chief Operating Officer Robert Larios (left).



His route completed for the day (he's been out since 5 a.m.), Delivery Driver Joseph Dennis returns to the Mid-Valley Regional Branch. His work is not yet done; he's ready for unpacking, sorting and preparing for his route the next day.



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The drivers can get out faster and beat the morning traffic. They can get back quicker and let us sort the books for the next day.

That's a smart move. They can deliver the tubs and pick up the new ones at the branch at any time.

Logistics is a big thing now in business — people talk about it with FedEx and UPS, and they even use it in their ads. You were doing logistics a long time before any of them were doing logistics, and you're still doing it. Obviously, FedEx and Amazon have gotten huge, but you're still doing it. You're pioneers in knowing how to move 32,000 units in a single day in a city.

George Valdivia: Right.

You were the experts before the experts came in.

George Valdivia: When I started, my supervisor, Robert McLellan, a Sr. Delivery Driver, broke down all the routes and found the fastest way to get to the branches by making a circle. We try to be as efficient as possible.

John F. Szabo: It's a great point too — it's not like the volume and the pickups are exactly the same in every location. There's more volume in certain locations and geographies,

and their wisdom and planning those routes is really important to the logistics piece.

To know how it works and what to expect.

John F. Szabo: Absolutely.

John, you've worked around the country. How does LA differ in its shipping? Other libraries must do a similar thing.

John F. Szabo: Right. I think the scope of the operation here is much more significant. I think the diversity of materials in terms of language is different, too. The importance of having this fluidity between locations is more important here



City Librarian John F. Szabo.

because while we don't have, as an example, an Armenian language collection at all 73 locations, we do try to be nimble at having Armenian language collections in those communities where there's a large population. It's important that we be able to move that material out of Sunland to Topanga, Valley Plaza, Cahuenga and North Hollywood and Central Library where our largest Armenian populations are, to Encino, where there are certainly Armenians. It's incredibly important that our patrons really hear and understand that they are not limited by the four walls of their branch library. The library has a means of making the entire system's collections available to them.

Are we different in terms of support?

John F. Szabo: Well, all libraries are fabulous. This is the fifth public library I've directed. The first library was in Clearwater, Fla., population 125,000 — five libraries with a courier system to move material around. People were mobile, and with five libraries, they might drive to the Beach Ranch Library or North Greenwood to get the book. Here, given the challenges of geography, of traffic, this shipping service is even more important here. And the breadth and depth of our collections, it's even more important again. I'll also say, my staff is absolutely amazing. When he was describing this, you heard George talk about "getting it to our patrons." He talks about it in the sense of not vehicles or gasoline or roads or as books as much as he does people are requesting these materials; they're putting it on hold, and we want to get the material to them. I would say that our staff here, whether it's our PR and Marketing Office, our Business Office or our shipping crew, is that they really do understand the end game, providing really great service to the people in this City.

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ALIVE! FEATURE

ALONG FOR THE
Valley Run RIDE



With George Valdivia, Storekeeper II, Acting Sr. Storekeeper, 27 years of City service (left, their supervisor) are (from left) Noel E. De Paz, Messenger Clerk, 13 years; Brenden Huacuja, Messenger Clerk, 2 years; and Oliver Rosal, Messenger Clerk, 13 years.



Jesus Barragan, Delivery Driver II, 12 years of City service, loads books and materials into his van, getting ready for deliveries the next day.



Assisting in the unloading of a delivery van are (from left) Noel E. De Paz, Messenger Clerk, 13 years of City service; and Oliver Rosal, Messenger Clerk, 13 years.

The floor of the sorting area. Books that come in from the delivery drivers are sorted into the numbered bins that line the walls. These bins are then loaded back onto the correct van for delivery the next day. Some materials head to other valley branches, and some head downtown to Central Library for delivery in the rest of the City.



The *Alive!* Interview

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And I'd say the variety of services that this library is providing is much broader, and the willingness of Angelenos to have a library system that is doing things that meet their needs, whether it's the work we're doing in immigration or public health is very much embraced here. That's really energizing and exciting, and makes it a great place.

That's the way George really describes what he does. The first thing he said was, "We have to get this to the people who are requesting it" – it wasn't about the vehicle, the truck or the traffic.

John F. Szabo: I know it's not just him. All of those busy library staff on the loading dock who are feverishly moving all of that material from bin to bin and shifting things around, they get it, too. They totally understand that what they're doing is not just moving things around. When you think about the Los Angeles Public Library and really making people happy, there are retirees and young moms and people for whom being able to go to their library once a week or five times a week and get the material that they want from that branch is a really important part of their life. It's this shipping service that is really making that happen on a daily basis.

And it works. It's efficient.

John F. Szabo: And it works. We know how to do it.

It's a little harder than it appears, and you have to get the right people. You have the right people.

That's a tribute to what the whole shipping staff does.

Eloisa Sarao: Yes. Everybody in that department works as hard as everyone else to make sure everybody in the City gets their materials on time.

A Fluid Team

Do people know what you do? Do people realize that this service even exists? And does that matter to you?

George Valdivia: To me, it's not that important. It's getting the job done, but some people know what we do. When I was a driver, some people would come right into the truck, saying, "Oh, thank you for the book. I was going on a trip. I need it."

That's funny.

George Valdivia: And students know of us because they need their book. I get why people are so anxious to get it because some people can't afford them. To have it in their hands in time to do something, that's what we're about.

Yeah, but people might not really know you're the people behind it.

George Valdivia: Yeah, but people are aware of us. We do see them when we're there. They are thankful. They'll see the back of the truck and say, "Wow, I didn't realize you had so many books." "Yeah, this is today," we reply. "We're coming tomorrow again." I don't think people realize how much we're moving, but it's our job.

John F. Szabo: Our library staff really appreciates the work that they do. They rely on them so much.

George Valdivia: We couldn't do it without the staff at the branches. They work hard to get the material out every day to people, too.

It's not just you. It's also the library staff that's helping people.

John F. Szabo: Part of the system.

They assist in this endeavor as well. It's choreographed and it works, and there's a system. There's been a pattern of organization and problem solving that has led you to be so efficient as you are today. I'm impressed.

Eloisa Sarao: The staff on the docks knows how to move. They make suggestions on how to make it more efficient; they'll tell George and then we'll try it. And if it works, okay, we'll implement it. It's a really cohesive group of people that they all work together.

This is an identifiable unit. I know "family" is a bit strong, but it is a really cohesive unit.

Eloisa Sarao: Yes, it is.

It's interesting to see how the library has met challenges and then succeeded. You can really see it with the shipping unit being so incredibly busy – libraries are more relevant today than ever.

John F. Szabo: That's exactly right.

Eloisa Sarao: Exactly.

John F. Szabo: That's a hugely important message – public libraries really are more relevant than ever. Public libraries historically have always done a good job of keeping their finger on the pulse of communities and neighborhoods and saying what's needed. We're about civic engagement, and libraries are people places.

Eloisa, what do you wish people knew about the shipping department?

Eloisa Sarao: How hard the employees work. They really work hard every day. I want them to be appreciated for what they do.

Training must be an important part of working in shipping.

Eloisa Sarao: Yes. On occasion, George gives training courses on the proper way of carrying tubs, for example. We make sure everybody is safe.

A Passion

What do you love about what you do?

Eloisa Sarao: I do different things in the library. So, part of it is facilities and shipping. Supervising shipping is an easy job for me because George makes it easy.

What do you love about it?

Eloisa Sarao: It's not for me. It's really for the public.

What about you, George?

George Valdivia: I love that we're able to get the books out. We go through challenging times. A few years back, things were hard, but we still did the job with fewer people. We figured out how to get the job done. I like giving books to people who need them. It's a service to people. It's students, the elderly, even my own family, they request books from you. That's when I appreciate the service the most. I'm happy to be able to help people with what they need, and that's rewarding.

We're going to get that word out. Your volume may increase.

Eloisa Sarao: That's good. That's what we want.

Thank you for this conversation. We really appreciate you letting us come in and see what you do and share that knowledge with our readers.

John F. Szabo: Thanks for helping tell our story.

Eloisa Sarao: Thank you.

George Valdivia: Thanks.

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Citywide

Calling All Irish

City depts.
support first-
ever Ireland
Week, focusing
on tech, culture.

The City and its departments are supporting the first-ever Ireland Week, scheduled for Oct. 16-21 at various locations throughout the City. Ireland Week will be a unique blend of conference styled breakout opportunities to learn about the international trade benefits of Ireland as well as live entertainment events that share the global talent of the Irish people. The week will see varied and compelling events with a full and comprehensive program rolling out around Los Angeles, encompassing the myriad of cultural layers that make up Ireland, past, present and future. The emphasis is on modern Ireland and its many business, technological and cultural links to Los Angeles. Irish concerns are well established on the West Coast in many indus-

tries, including film, television, theatre, technology, construction and social media. Irish/American partnerships will be presenting innovative and creative endeavors through the many events of Ireland Week. The City of Los Angeles, including the Mayor's Office, Cultural Affairs, Rec and Parks and City Council, are general presenters of the week, in addition to a number of other sponsors and presenters. Councilman Mitch O'Farrell is co-sponsoring Goldenhair, a cultural live performance Oct. 18 featuring a cast of artists including composer Brian Byrne; American singer/songwriter Kristina Train; Irish actress Victoria Smurfit; musician Bill Cantos; Irish musician Keith Harkin (Celtic Thunder), Irish singer/songwriter Chloë Agnew (Celtic Woman), vocalist Windy Wagner, American jazz musician and singer Sara Gazarek, Irish actress Sonya Macari and renowned Irish musician and singer Colin Devlin. The Goldenhair performance will take place at Barnsdall Art Park, a Rec and Parks facility. Other sponsors include Aer Lingus, The Ireland Funds and the California Irish Legislative Caucus. Supporters of the project include Music From Ireland, Bord Bia, the American Chamber of Commerce Ireland and many more. Ticket prices vary. Go to irelandweek.com for more information.



Larios in the City

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Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer, honors Club member with the coveted Club Retirement Plaque.

Congratulations!



Mary A. Taylor, Retired from LAPD with 22 years of City service.

LAPD

Pipes and Cigars

LA Police Pipes and Drums fundraiser a success.

The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band hosted its fifth Cigars Under the Stars fundraiser Sept. 16 at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia. "Cigars Under the Stars" provides the funds for the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums band to offer its services free to all safety officer funerals and other events throughout the year that it can attend (event donations are accepted). The band performs a great and much-needed service to the families of active and retired safety officers, and the fundraiser is a primary way for the band to be able to continue with its mission. "The Cigars Under the Stars fundraiser was a huge success," according to the group's Facebook page. "Our thanks and gratitude go to all those people who supported us and attended this event. "Upon arrival, everyone was greeted with a glass of champagne. Hors d'oeuvre were served before the dinner. "LAPD Chaplain Msgr. Frank Hicks gave a benediction. After dinner came the live auction and raffle, and then we danced the night away to the music of The Wicked Tinkers. "Once again, thank you all for attending. Without your support the band could not provide the service we do." Special thanks to Sgt. II Michael Apodaca for his assistance.

At the Cigars Under the Stars fundraiser in September.



Airports

Photo by CSI Officer Darrius J. Lewis, Airports



From left: Capt. Greg Staar, Assistant Chief of Airport Police Dan Llorens, Chief David L. Maggard, Officer Teresa Arizaga, Officer Phil Park, Asst. Chief John Wallace and Capt. Tyrone Stallings.

Welcome the Officers

Airport Police welcomes two new officers.

In a ceremony held Sept. 1 at the LAPD Elysian Park Academy, Airport Police Chief David L. Maggard Jr. swore in two new officers as members of the nation’s largest aviation law enforcement agency.

Officer Teresa Arizaga, Vice President of LAPD Academy Class 3-17, a former Airport Police Security Officer and LAPD Detention Officer, along with classmate Officer Phil Park represented the Airport Police Division in the 35 member six-month academy.

Officer Park, who left a career in information technology to proudly serve the community, was presented with the LAPD Tina Kerbrat

Award for most inspirational recruit. Before swearing in the new Airport Police Officers, Airport Police Chief Maggard said, “Exciting times are ahead for these new officers; their responsibilities will be great but their opportunities will be equal in size and scope.” Officers Arizaga and Park will now begin a six-month Field Training Program specific to aviation law enforcement under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section. Welcome, Officers Arizaga and Park.

Rest Insured

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



When There’s a Whole Lotta Shakin’ Going On

With the terrible earthquake that has just devastated Mexico City, *Alive!* thought it would be a good time to revisit this column on earthquakes. Earthquakes and California are a given. It’s the price we have to pay to live in such a beautiful place. We don’t get freezing cold winters, but we do have to put up with a little shaking once in a while. It’s not a matter of if, but when. Another large earthquake is going to strike us, but we just don’t know when. There are many things that you can do to prepare for the inevitable. The Red Cross recommends that people should prepare an earthquake kit of non-perishable foods, water, blankets and first-aid supplies. It’s also vitally important for your family to have an emergency plan of where you are going to meet, and who is going to be responsible for what.

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

Know the safe spots in every room – under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls, and know the danger spots – windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces, tall furniture. Another important item to consider when contemplating earthquake preparedness is reviewing your insurance. Because earthquake insurance has traditionally been expensive, many homeowners have opted not to purchase the coverage. This may not be the smartest idea. The price of earthquake coverage continues to fluctuate based on the date since the most recent large quake. What was once very expensive, you might find to be quite affordable now. Remember that the deductible on an earthquake policy is a serious issue. Most policies issue deductibles that are 15 percent of the total insured values. If you are insuring your home for \$300,000, your contents for \$150,000, and your loss of use for \$200,000, then you are insuring a total of \$650,000 of values. Fifteen percent of \$650,000 is almost \$100,000. That means that in the event of an earthquake you would be responsible for the first \$97,500 of the claim. While this is a huge amount, if your house is totally destroyed, it would be a blessing to only have to pay \$100,000 to get your entire life back.

Be safe and have fun!

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Welcome New Members!

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

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John Erickson
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Graduations



Virginia Hysell Cox graduated from Baylor Law School July 29. She plans to live in Dallas, pass the bar exam, and practice law in the field of estate planning and taxation. She is the daughter of **Karen Hysell, Retired, LAPD.**



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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.

It's Time to *Tell Their Story*

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died.

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GRADUATES



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 32
in a series.

People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.



Meet Charles Phillips.



AGE: "I'm 54."

BIRTHPLACE: "I was born in Los Angeles, but I grew up in Milwaukee."

MARITAL STATUS: "I am single."

FAMILY:

"I have seven sisters and two brothers."

MILITARY: "Never been in."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?

"In 2000. I moved here because my mother passed away."

EDUCATION:

"I went to Rufus King High school in Milwaukee."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:

"My grandmother."



RELIGION:

"I am Christian but I do not go to church." (He pointed to the cross on his neck chain.)

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "I have no friends."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

"At 14th Place and Broadway."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Back in Milwaukee, I worked in a tannery shop and at an extrusion company making straws. When I moved to LA, I worked at the Midnight Mission, making \$200 a month."

FAVORITE SPORT: "I play ping pong. And I also like baseball and football."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "*The Magnificent Seven*."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "I like a lot of actors."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Marilyn Monroe, Debbie Reynolds, Doris Day, and also Ella Fitzgerald."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "When you walked up, I was listening to Kool and the Gang."

FAVORITE CANDY:

"Candy money— they are red like cherries. And I love chocolate-covered raisins."

FAVORITE FOOD:

"I love meatloaf, chicken a la king, liver, meatballs and mock chicken legs."

WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

"Perry Mason."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Do your *thang*. Keep it real. Life's worth living."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would wish for a million dollars."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would head straight to Vegas and play the slot machines."

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would walk around the streets and talk to people. I would spend money on housing."

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

The interview took place Sept. 8, 2010 at Fourth and Spring Streets downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez

Buckets and Blankets!

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

Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Cre8tive Solutions**— Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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CRE 8 TIVE
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SOLUTIONS



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins introduces 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. }

Citywide



Councilmember David E. Ryu officially launched the Give to LA annual charitable campaign at the Council meeting on Sept. 6.

Give to LA

City's annual unified fundraiser helps a number of causes.

For more than 20 years, the City's annual charitable campaign has pooled the efforts of many of the most respected and successful charitable organizations into a single fundraising endeavor. The participating charitable organizations are Asian Pacific Community Fund, Brotherhood Crusade, Community Health Charities, City of Hope, EarthShare California, Los Angeles Foundation on Aging, The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health, United Latinx Fund, UNCF, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, and Variety.

The campaign kicks off Oct. 2 and runs through Nov. 17.

The main goal of this effort is to improve the quality of life for all Angelenos by addressing challenges including aging, education, environment, disability, health and homelessness. City employees are offered the opportunity to

contribute, and the Give to LA campaign provides a convenient and efficient opportunity for City employees to give to the charity of their choice.

Mayor Eric Garcetti says, "The monumental challenge of creating a better tomorrow is a team effort. And with every City department partnering with the philanthropic community, we can maximize the impact of our collective good..

People can donate by payroll deduction, cash or check. Check with your workplace ambassador or go to www.givetola.org. On the Website, City employees can learn more about the participating charities and their track record of bettering the lives of Angelenos.

GIVE TO LA

COMBINED CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN



Examples of what your donation supports per pay period

- \$2 can pay for home energy conservation materials for three low-income families.
- \$5 provides five students with a new toothbrush and an oral health-coloring book.
- \$7 pays for a home-delivered hot meal delivered to a frail senior.
- \$10 funds research and helps to pioneer robotic surgery.
- \$20 will help provide a grocery gift card for a family in crisis.
- \$30 helps provide essential student aid to cover college expenses.
- \$50 shelters a homeless mother and child for a night.
- \$100 can buy a wig for cancer patients dealing with physical side effects of radiation therapy.

OCTOBER 2 - NOVEMBER 17, 2017
For more information visit www.Givetola.org

Help us Blanket the City!



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

The last six 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 six years ago with John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, Club Mobile Man, 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 \$9 each.
- Contribute what you can, and the Club will purchase blankets and hand them out for you.
- Donations could be tax-deductible. Contact your tax professional.

Want to contribute?

Mail your donation of any amount with the completed form below, –or–

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:
jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or 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.

Club Store

A Beautiful Retirement Gift of Art

Art of Honor’s quality keepsakes are now available at the Club Store

Imagine a spectacular piece of art hanging in a home or an office of a retiring friend or fellow coworker, a beautiful piece that will be the center of conversation for many years to come. And you will be remembered as the one that made it happen.

There is no better way for a group of colleagues or work associates to recognize a retiring friend than with an Art of Honor gift. All Art of Honor creations are custom designed, hand-made and personalized. They are the only gift capable of fully recognizing and paying tribute to a lifetime in public service.

A unique selection of City Employees, Police Officers and Firefighters’ retirement gifts are now carried at the Club Store. One of our

representatives will assist you in ordering your customized piece that you will surely be proud to present.



Beautiful and handsome, Art of Honor pieces are the perfect way to celebrate a special moment of a family member or coworker. When you want to say thank-you and congratulations with real impact and meaning, Art of Honor is unmistakably the way to go.

And it’s a Club exclusive – another unique benefit of Club Membership.

Art of Honor, an L.A.-based company, handcrafts three-dimensional pieces in wood and metal that emulate City, County and State seals, Police and Fire badges, and other government agency insignias. The nation’s only traveling Memorial Wall honoring the LAPD fallen officers is an example of Art of Honor’s fine work, along with



See For Yourself

Visit the Club Store and see first-hand the great quality of Art of Honor – the Club is displaying an L.A. City seal art piece for you to see and inspect. It’s just one example of the beautiful art pieces available for you to see in the Club Store showroom.

You can also see them online at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com or www.facebook.com/CityEmployeesClub

Airport Police Officer Joe Barrett, Retired, received this Art of Honor gift piece from friend and fellow Officer Abel Moreno.



Airports

A Special Honor

Club Member purchases City Seal art piece to honor his friend, who retired.

When Airport Police Officer Abel Moreno, Club Member, learned his good friend, Officer Joseph Barrett, was retiring after 28 years of City service, he knew what he wanted to do – purchase an exquisite Art of Honor City Seal art piece to pay tribute to his friend’s career and service.

Art of Honor offers Club-exclusive art piece gifts for very special occasions like retirements. The gifts are featured in *Alive!* and in the Club Store (see the accompanying article).

For his friend, Joseph, Abel purchased a composite City Seal piece, and Abel included the following message underneath:

Honoring 28 Years of Service

Joseph E. Barrett Police Officer

To a great mentor and leader, you are the embodiment of honor and brotherhood. Self-sacrifice and service to others is a calling only for heroes.

Thank you for your loyalty and dedication.
We wish you the best.

The L.A. City Seal composite was presented to Joseph Barrett by Airport Police Officers serving Van Nuys Airport.

Officer Joe Barrett began his career with the LAPD in 1968 and then, after the line-of-duty deaths of two colleagues, transferred to the L.A. County Sheriff’s Dept., and then out of law enforcement. But he always dreamed of being a law enforcement officer and returned to serve through General Service and then the Airport Police for the remainder of his career.

Working for the Airport Police “has been the best experience of a lifetime,” Joe writes, “and I will cherish all of the individuals and friends that I made, working side by side with the future generation of Police Officers couldn’t have been more gratifying. Those personal relationships will be my best memories.

“It is the men and women in blue that keep our society safe and free. “It has been a privilege to wear the law enforcement uniform. I swore an oath to uphold the law. At times it was not easy, and sometime I had to question what was taking place or the actions of other individuals. ‘Protect and Serve’ to me means, respect the lawful rights of everyone, treat everyone respectfully, be truthful in all of your actions, use only that force necessary to stop an unlawful act, never tolerate hate or bigotry, and take pride in what you do and who you are.

“It has been a privilege, and I look forward to the career of retirement.” Congratulations on your career, Joe. What a great honor Abel has given you.

Those interested in purchasing Art of Honor gift pieces can find more information in the accompanying article (above).

MISSION AREA FOOT PURSUIT

5k run\walk & 1K run for kids

Benefiting the LAPD Mission Cadet Program

Sunday, October 22, 2017
LAPD Davis Academy
12001 Blucher Ave, Granada Hills

Entry Fee
5K Run/Walk \$25
5K Student/Cadet \$20
1K Run \$10
(Add \$5 after Oct 15th)

Medals for all finishers!!

T-shirts and goody bags for all participants!!

CHECK IN 6:00-7:30 AM
1K Run 4 kids 7:45 AM
5K Run/Walk 8:30 AM

BIB & PACKET RICK-UP Sat. October 21st 8AM - 6PM @ Mission Police Station

Questions call: 818-838-9851/53

In conjunction with The Mission Community Police Council

Sign up now at Mission Community Police Station • 11121 N. Sepulveda Blvd. or at www.active.com



Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



LINGUINE WITH SHRIMP, GARLIC AND ASPARAGUS

Italian cuisine is my favorite to make when I am home. It feels like home cooking. When I have a little extra time, I will make homemade pasta instead of buying the dried pasta at the grocery store. It cooks much faster than dried pasta, so care must be taken not to overcook. For this month, I have made a pasta dish here that doesn't include a tomato-based sauce. Extra virgin olive oil acts as the sauce in this dish, so if you can, get a quality bottle. Email me if you would like some suggestions on brands. Lastly, although the ingredients and their quantities are listed, please view them as a recommendation. You are free to add more or less of any these ingredients. Some of you may want more shrimp or more olive oil. Italian cooking is all about improvisation, so experiment!

Linguine with Shrimp, Garlic and Asparagus

Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound linguine pasta
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine (optional)
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 3 stalks asparagus
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1/2 to 1 pound medium shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- Pinch of hot red pepper flakes

Cooking TIDBIT

Make sure the pasta is semolina; the ingredient tends to absorb water less than pasta that doesn't have it. Check the ingredients list on the pasta packaging.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Linguine:

Italian for "little tongues," linguine are long, narrow, flat noodles sometimes referred to as "flat spaghetti."

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DIRECTIONS:



1 Prepare your ingredients. Wash the asparagus and shrimp. Grate the cheese, mince the garlic and devein the shrimp. Boil the water in a pot and add a tablespoon of olive oil, salt and pepper. Let the seasoned water come to a boil. Then add the linguine and let cook for about 10 to 15 minutes. Do not overcook.



3 Remove the water from the pasta with a strainer. And then add the cooked shrimp to the pan. Mix the ingredients and add more olive oil if the pasta begins to stick. Turn off the heat and let cool. Add Parmesan cheese and dried parsley at the top of the pasta that is on the plate.



2 Place another pan over medium heat and add the minced garlic, diced asparagus, red pepper flakes, shrimp, salt and pepper. Let cook until the shrimp and asparagus have cooked thoroughly. Add a lid to cover the pan to help with the cooking process. Stir occasionally.



4 Plate the pasta on the center of the plate and add some more Parmesan cheese and sprinkle the dried parsley around the plate.




5 Serve and enjoy!

Food Quote

"I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'"

– Phyllis Diller



The Smart Move

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

Fixed Income Options

Tax-deferred annuities are a great fixed income option for your portfolio.

An annuity is an insurance contract. Many people think of an annuity as an investment, but when you purchase an annuity, you are buying an insurance policy. You are ensuring an outcome. You put money into the insurance contract or policy, and the insurance company provides you a guarantee as to when and how you will get that money back, or what interest rate your money will earn. There are about as many types of annuities as there are breeds of dogs, and each type works differently.

Because there are so many types of annuity products, this leads to a lot of confusion about what an annuity is and how it works. You may have also heard strong arguments for and against annuities, but the truth is that it all depends on what type of annuity you are talking about and what you are using it for. Insurance companies offer different kinds of annuities to meet different investment and retirement goals. Let's look at some of the most popular types of annuities.

As you will see below, all annuities are not alike. Any type of annuity can be a good choice if you know why you are buying it and how you will use it — and any annuity can be a bad choice if you don't understand how it works.

Immediate Annuity

With an immediate annuity, you give the insurance company a lump sum of money, and they pay you a guaranteed amount of monthly income. They pay the income out either over a set time period, such as ten years (this is called a term-certain annuity), or they guarantee to pay you as long as you live. Think of an immediate annuity that pays out over your entire life like a jar of cookies. You give the insurance company your money (a full jar of cookies), and they hand you back a cookie each year. If the jar becomes empty, they promise to keep handing you cookies anyway, for as many years as you live. In return, you agree that once you hand them the jar, you can't reach in and take a cookie anytime. If one year later you want three cookies, you'll have to get them from somewhere else — not from that jar. This unending supply of cookies means a life payout annuity is a good hedge against living a long time. No matter how long you live, and no matter how much of your other money you spend early in retirement, you'll still get a cookie each year. For older single retirees, an immediate annuity can help make sure they don't outlive their money.

Fixed Annuity

A fixed annuity is a contract with the insurance company in which they provide you a guaranteed interest rate on your investment. A fixed annuity works a lot like a Certificate of Deposit (CD) issued by a bank. Instead of the bank guaranteeing your interest rate, the insurance company is providing the guarantee. With a fixed annuity, the interest accumulates tax-deferred. You pay tax when you take a withdrawal. The interest that is withdrawn before age 59-1/2 is subject to a 10 percent early-withdrawal penalty tax, as well as ordinary income taxes. The interest rate is usually guaranteed for a fixed amount of time, such as five years or 10 years. After that time period is over, the insurance company will tell you what your new interest rate will be. At that point, you can continue the annuity, exchange it for a different type of annuity, or (like a CD) cash it in and decide to invest the funds elsewhere. (If you cash it in, you will owe taxes on the accumulated tax-deferred interest.)

Deferred Annuity

With a deferred annuity, you deposit money today, and an income stream is guaranteed to start at a defined time in the future, usually at least ten years from the time you initially purchase the annuity. This type of annuity can help reduce the risk that a big downturn in the stock market would thwart your planned retirement date. Many fixed, indexed, and variable annuities offer a deferral feature where you have the option to buy a guaranteed amount of future income. These features go by names like guaranteed withdrawal benefit, living benefit, guaranteed income riders, etc.

CBLife is The Club's partner for four areas – life insurance, critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expense insurance. Currently the Club offers three CBLife 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 CBLife at
(888) 443-8829.

Rec and Parks

Story and photos courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Thrills, Chills and Gills

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium to host family frightfest in time for Halloween.

Oct. 28

The 12th annual Sea Scare, San Pedro's frighteningly fun family Halloween party, is set for Saturday, Oct. 28, 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,

um, enjoy spooky entertainment and oceans of fun. Come in costume!

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.)




Sea Scare brings back favorite attractions, including "Trick-or-Treat Trail," where guests can enjoy some sweet treats; try their luck at some carnival-style games at "Seaside Boardwalk;" visit "Skull Alley," an exhibit created by the Aquarium's Collections Department, where you'll get a close look at some real skulls of the ocean world and some.... not of this world; enjoy some exciting crafts in "Craft Corner;" or dance the night away at the "Zombie Beach Party."

Pre-sale admission: \$7 adults, \$3 children, free for Friends of Cabrillo Members. Date of event: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Note: This event usually sells out. Tickets are available at the aquarium's gift shop or online at the Website below.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a Rec and Parks facility, is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro on the shores of Cabrillo Beach. Information: (310) 548-7562, or www.cabrilloomarineaquarium.org



JOIN A Toastmasters Group



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

Joining the Toastmasters is inexpensive, educational and fun. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit, worldwide organization that helps its members develop their public speaking and leadership skills.

DWP:
The Water and Power Toastmasters Club
Wednesdays, noon to 1 p.m.
111 N. Hope St., Room 1171
(last Wednesdays in room 1471)

QUESTIONS:
Eric Yoshida (213) 367-3962

FIRE AND POLICE PENSIONS:
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

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

Guests welcome!

PUBLIC WORKS:
The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club
Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m.
1149 S. Broadway
6th Floor Conference, Room 6004

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

LAPD:
The LAPD Code One Toastmasters Club
Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
LAPD Communications Building
100 N. Los Angeles St.,
third floor media room

QUESTIONS:
(818) 389-0803

Scare Yourself Silly

With great Club deals on Halloween events!

– Go to the Club Webstore for details:
cityemployeesclub.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

For Sale: Real Estate. Near Victorville. 10 acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. All reasonable offers considered. (310) 488-6140 or barrysylvan@live.com 10/17

For Sale: Car. 1967 Volkswagen Beetle, good cond. New 1776cc engine. Freeway Flyer trans., front tires, upholstery, much more. Asking \$4,500. mcp794@hotmail.com, or text Mark, (626) 534-2004. 10/17

For Rent: Apartment. 3 bd/1.5 bath. Inglewood. Remodeled bath, kitchen, lvg. room, dng. room, laundry. Central air/heat. 2-car garage. Encl. backyard. Near Inglewood Shopping Center, Forum, future home of Rams, LAX. \$2,400/month. Gwen, (323) 750-8461. 10/17

For Rent: Apartment. Leimert Park area. 1 bd/1bath. Kitchen, living/dining rms. 1-car garage. New paint. Hdwd. flrs. Remod. kitchen/bath, new fixtures/windows. Quiet. Downstairs unit. 4 units in bldg. Close to public trans. (310) 994-3682. 10/17



For Sale: Auto. 1972 Ford Maverick. 250ci 6 cyl.; am/fm/cd stereo, runs great. Great body, new paint. Asking \$3,500. Lou Suarez, (626) 320-5169. 10/17

Transport

For Sale: Beautiful classical 2-door 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Platinum Gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM radio, CD player air, 36,000 miles. Asking. \$20K OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274. 9/17



For Sale: Motorcycle. Harley-Davidson, 2006. Road King Classic. 10,000 miles. Black/chrome. 9/17

Windshield, cover, saddlebags, exclnt. cond. Rarely used. \$10,000 OBO. Tony, (562) 274-6251. 9/17



For Sale: Car. 1993 Toyota Camry LE, approx. 250,000 miles. Passed emissions Aug. 2016. Cat. converter replaced. New tires, radiator, water pump. New front lower left and right control arms included in trunk. Asking \$1,000. Valerie Brown-McCain, (323) 377-6241. 7/17



For Sale: 1939 Hudson Utility Coupe. Only '39 known! \$33,333 OBO. Paul Thomas (909) 233-4420. 6/17



For Sale: 2005 Harley-Davidson Screaming Eagle Fatboy. 23,000 miles. Exclnt. cond. Vance and Hines exhaust. Windshield, cover, travel bags. \$9,500 OBO. Text/call John Long, (909) 837-8347. 6/17



For Sale: Pickup truck. Ford F-250 XLT. 2003. Very good cond. V10. 111,000 miles. Good tires. \$10,500 OBO. Text/call John Long, (909) 837-8347. 6/17



For Sale: ATVs (2). 2013 125cc Cooler; 2003 ex 400 Honda. \$2,000 for the set. Roy Ponce, rewroy.rp@gmail.com 6/17



For sale: Chevy El Camino. 1982, ruby red. New engine under 8,000 miles. Interior, paint redone. Automatic, A/C, clean. Must sell. \$23,000 OBO. Rudy, (310) 626-0255. 3/17



For sale: Pickup truck. GMC Canyon. Metallic green. 2WD. SLT. 3.6L V6. Crew cab, long box. Leather. 3,456 miles. \$28,000 OBO. Alejandro, (562) 665-7127. 3/17



For sale: 2008 Harley Rocker FXCWC 3,200 original miles, always garaged, custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 6 speed, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000. 3/17



For sale: RV trailer. 2007 Thor Tahoe Light Hauler. 19 ft. Cover, TV. \$5,500. Contact Barbara: bebrunt@yahoo.com 1/17

For sale: Motorcycle. 2008 Harley-Davidson Rocker, FXCWC. 3,200 miles. 6 speed. Garaged. Custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000. Danny, (323) 605-8405. 1/17



For Sale: Delivery truck. Ford Vanette, 1955. Original engine, solid body, new brakes, suspension. Could be your next food truck or rat rod! 12/16



For Sale: Motorcycle. 2003 chopper. Black cherry. Special construction 8UP, four visor handlebars, 4 back. 113CC. \$24,000 OBO. Camilo, (310) 670-8525, flow-n-arts@mail.com 11/16

Cemetery Plots

For Sale: Cemetery plots. 2 @ Eternal Valley Newhall. Highly desirable near entrance, Garden of Peace. Side by side. \$7,500 (total). Jim, (661) 713-6353. 9/17

For Sale: One single cemetery plot. At Rose Hill Cemetery in Garden of Benovolence. Asking price \$3K. Call Carrie at 323-751-3498 9/17

For Sale: Cemetery plots. 2, side/side, on hill. Rose Hills Whittier, Garden of Comfort lot 1844, graves 3/4. Approx. value \$12,000. Asking \$3,000 each/OBO. Jackie, jmccul@pacbell.net 8/17

For Sale: cemetery plot. 1 single. Rose Hill, Garden of Benevolence. Asking \$3,000. Carrie B. Wilson, (323) 751 -3498. 7/17

For Sale: 4 cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. Greenwood Gardens, side by side. Valued at \$12,000, nego. Gregory, (909) 520-8053. 3/17

For Sale: Plot, Inglewood Park Cemetery. Double grave F, Lot 38, Park Terrace. \$8,600. JoAnn, (805) 238-6929. 11/16

For Sale: Cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. 4 plots side/side. Lot 858 Memory Lane. Valued at \$18,000. Sell for \$12,000 H. August, (208) 949-9858. 11/16

For Sale: Double cemetery plot. Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Section Tenderness, Lot 2127 Space A, B. Valued at \$13,000, asking \$11,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 7/16

For Sale: Cemetery plots. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Valued at \$13,000. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 3/16

For Sale: Burial plots, 4 (spaces 1, 2, 3, 4), Forest Lawn Cemetery, Cypress. Lot 1187, Constant Love section. \$4,100 each OBO. Michelle, (310) 648-5506. 2/16

Furniture

For Sale: Bed frame. Antique Cal-king. heavy iron/brass mixture. \$150 OBO. (626) 260-3787. 11/16

For Sale: Grand piano. Yamaha C3 Conservatory. Like new. Humidifier. Cover. Concert bench. Internal felt dust cover for soundboard. \$17,000 OBO. Victor Vallejo, (323) 356-7595. 8/16



For Sale: cabinet. Vintage, blond oak. Great condition. Glass shelves, mirror back, interior light. \$450 OBO. (626) 359-0023 5/16

For Sale: Furniture. Oak. King size bedroom suite; china cabinet; dining room table, six chairs; more. \$2,000 OBO. Vic, newtvic@gmail.com 3/16



For Sale: Bedroom set, 5 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: 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 dnrhenry@yahoo.com 4/15

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

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Sale: Aviation space. Adelanto Residential Airpark. Zoned for hanger/house. \$30,000 each. Jimmy Dunn, (562) 318-4313. 9/17

For Rent: Timeshare. Cancun Sunset Club. 7 days Sat.-Sat. Studio w/kitchen. Sleeps 4. \$500. Gina, (818) 395-3552. 6/17



For Rent: Big Bear Lake 3 bedroom, 2 bath house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, California. Fully furnished located near the lake. Contact John Long at 909-837-8347 6/17

For Sale: Farmland. Rural, upstate New York. 118 acres. Assessed at \$150,000, make offer. Ray, (310) 710-9871, ray1269@gmail.com 5/17



For sale: home. Bishop, Calif. Single family, 5 bd/3 bath, 2,900+sq. ft. Creek in backyard, view of Sierras. 2 garages. \$590,000. Patty, (661) 965-9457. 3/17

For Rent: Atwater Village. 2 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 pkg. spot. Hardwood floor, appliances, window A/C. No pets. \$2,300/month. John, (619) 207-0939. 4/17

For Rent: condo, Las Vegas. Vacation rental. 1 bd. Tahiti Village Resort, Bora Bora room. 3-, 4- or 7-nt. stay, starting \$150/night. Days avail. May-Dec 2017. Javier, (323) 547-5449, call or text. 4/17

For Rent: home. Covina. 3 bd./1 bath. New paint. Laundry inside. Front/backyards. Patio, carport, 1-car garage avail. Photos. \$2,000/month. (626) 482-0460. 4/17

For Rent: 1 bd/1 bath. Inglewood. Upstairs. Kitchen, living room, dining room. 1-car garage. New paint, hardwood, fixtures, double-glazed windows, granite countertop. 82nd/Crenshaw. \$1,350/month. (323) 292-9989. 12/16

For Sale: Undeveloped ranch near Victorville. 10 acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. Make offer. (310) 488-6140, or barrysylvan@live.com 12/16

For Rent: Vacation rental. 1 bdrm. suite, WorldMark San Diego Mission Valley. Nov. 26-Dec. 1. 5 nights, \$350. Charles Ella, (818) 212-0198.. 11/16

For Sale: Home, Big Pine, Calif. 3 br., 1 3/4 bath. Outdoors activities near. Description, photos avail. \$195,000. bigpineproperty@gmail.com 9/16

For Rent: House, 3 bd./2 baths. Near Manchester/Broadway. Garage, laundry room, handicap access. No Section 8. (323) 971-1042. 8/16

For Sale: House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, Bakersfield. Investment property, rented month/month (\$750/month). Large cleared lot, secure. Listed at \$94,000. Sold as-is, seller selects services (title, escrow). tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 11/15

For Vacation Rent: Condo, 2 bd./2 bath, beachfront, Puerto Nayarit, Mexico. Private pool on balcony. April 1-8, 2016. \$1,000. Jessie, (323) 893-6570. 11/15

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

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

Household Items



For Sale: Lamps. 2 Tiffany style. 1 12-inch wide, 1 24-inch wide. Both are green. \$30, \$60. (626) 664-2172. 8/17

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For Sale: Light meter. Gossen Luna Pro SBC. New condition. Manual. \$45. (213) 792-3130. 3/16

Miscellaneous

For Sale: Laptop computer. Windows 10, big screen. Fairly new; 18 mos. left on extended warranty. Bought new April 2016. \$200, cash only, no checks. Gary, (818) 988-6713 9/17



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Wanted

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| Child (6 - 11) | \$10.00 | \$7.50 |
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| SAN DIEGO | | |
| Adult | \$20.00 | \$13.00 |
| Child (6 - 11) | \$10.00 | \$7.00 |
| Senior (62+) | \$17.00 | \$10.00 |

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| Child (3-8) | \$42.80 | \$37.95 | |
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Library's TOP 10

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

Books loaned

1. *The Late Show*, Michael Connelly
2. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance
3. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*, Michael Connelly
4. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
5. *The Dark Prophecy*, Rick Riordan
6. *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls
7. *Murder Games*, James Patterson
8. *16th Seduction*, James Patterson
9. *The Hidden Oracle*, Rick Riordan
10. *Shattered: Inside Hillary Clinton's Doomed Campaign*, Jonathan Allen

DVDs loaned

1. *Life*
2. *Kong: Skull Island*
3. *The Fate of the Furious*
4. *Beauty and the Beast*
5. *Arrival*
6. *Split*
7. *Hidden Figures*
8. *Logan*
9. *La La Land*
10. *Moana*

Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *The Late Show*, Michael Connelly
2. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
3. *The Whistler*, John Grisham
4. *Camino Island*, John Grisham
5. *Into the Water*, Paula Hawkins
6. *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
7. *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles
8. *Big Little Lies*, Liane Moriarty
9. *Come Sundown*, Nora Roberts
10. *House of Spies*, Daniel Silva

Download-and-Keep songs*

1. "What About Us," P!nk
2. "Everything Now," Arcade Fire
3. "Praying," Kesha
4. "Creature Comfort," Arcade Fire
5. "Electric Blue," Arcade Fire
6. "Unforgettable," French Montana feat. Swae Lee
7. "Signs of Life," Arcade Fire
8. "Good God Damn," Arcade Fire
9. "Peter Pan," Arcade Fire
10. "Infinite Content," Arcade Fire

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Zoo

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Zoo Brings the Boo! Oct. 7 - 31

Annual month of spooky fun set for October.

Boo at the L.A. Zoo fun takes place every day from Oct. 7 - 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.

A Halloween maze is featured, while weekends include a puppet show, pumpkin carving, animal feedings, up-close encounters with some of the Zoo's smaller residents and other family adventures. Programming is subject to change.

Check 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 two. 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



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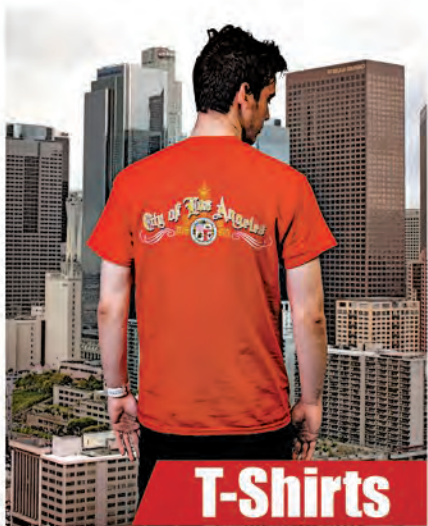
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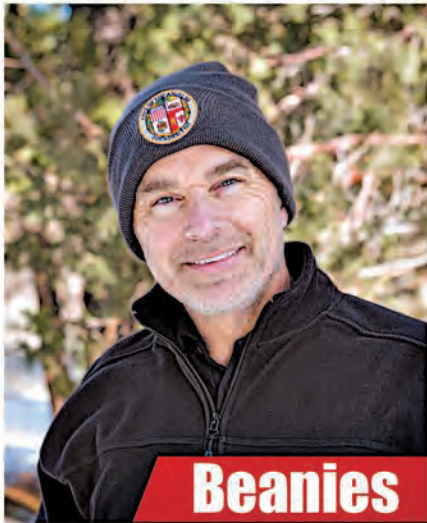
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CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB STORE

120 W 2nd St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(888) 777-1744



Free Parking

FREE parking for all Club Members at Joe's Parking Structure. The entrance is on 220 S. Spring St. (South of 2nd St. on Spring St.)

Ice Cream... at the Club Store!

Cool off at the Club Store!

Club Store is now offering single ice cream treats to Members and non-members alike! Robert Larios, the Club COO responsible for the great idea, explained, "It gets hot here in the summer. We always welcome Club Members and others to come inside, rest and pick up some great Club Store merchandise, tickets, gifts and apparel. I thought, what could help cool off our members? Ice cream!" Larios noted that most of the ice cream available is of the Blue Bunny brand from "the ice cream capital of the world" Le Mars, Iowa. Other brands available are ice cream Snickers and ice cream Twix. Prices are \$1 for Club Members, \$2 for non-members. Come on into the Club Store and pick up your ice cream treat at a great Club Store price, he says.



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- ✓ YOUR BADGE NUMBER



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\$110⁹⁴
*Through Automatic Payroll Deduction**

With \$443⁷⁵ Down Payment

CLUB PRICE \$1,775

Steel City Seal Coming Soon!



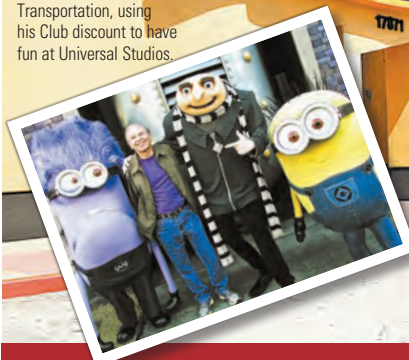
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The Club

BELOW: Here's Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation, using his Club discount to have fun at Universal Studios.



Here are Angel Jr. and Aden, sons of the Club's Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services, having a blast at Speedzone.



Share Your Fun!

Take a photo or video when you use your Club tickets, and send it in!

Next time you use your Club benefit – for movie tickets, amusement park tickets, Office Depot, or any others – take a photo or video, and send it in! Let everyone see how great Club discounts are!

Your photos or videos might be shared in *Alive!* or in social media.



Here's Leticia Yapana, Retired, DWP, and her family using their Club discount at Disneyland.



Here's Sophie, daughter of Mike Aubin, DWP, at the Touch Tank at the City's Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Send your pictures and video to:
info@cityemployeesclub.com

Include your name and description of the event



The Club...on Instagram!

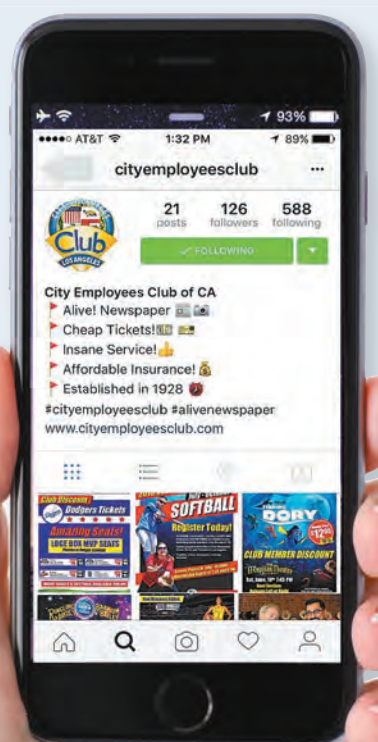
You can now follow the Club on Instagram!

Along with our presence on Facebook, Twitter and email, the Club is sharing its fun photos on Instagram.

Here's how to follow us there:

ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE
 open the app, and search for:
cityemployeesclub

ON YOUR PC
www.instagram.com/cityemployeesclub



City Employees Club of Los Angeles

MOBILE CLUB

We'll Bring the Club to Your Worksite!





MEET THE MOBILE TEAM

We are bringing the Club Store to you!

The Club Store is now on wheels and will bring official L.A. City seal merchandise, City department polos, & discount tickets to your worksite!




- ✓ Buy official L.A. City Merchandise
- ✓ Buy custom L.A. City Department Polo Shirts
- ✓ Buy select discount tickets
- ✓ Check your Club Member benefits

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Pre-funding your funeral is easy to do. You've probably already thought about who should receive cherished possessions and how you want your funeral arranged. With the help of a funeral service professional, putting your final wishes down on paper is as easy as having a conversation with a close friend.

- ✓ Available to Club Members, Spouses, or Domestic Partners.
- ✓ Your coverage is portable. If you leave the City or DWP, you can take your coverage with you.
- ✓ Paid off in 7 years.


Leave your kids the house, the jewelry, the photos ..but not this.




Select From Participating Funeral Homes

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| Mc Kenzie Mortuary Services Long Beach, CA | Riverside-Akes Family Funeral Home Riverside, CA | | | Ingold Chapel Fontana, CA | Akes Family Funeral Homes Corona & Riverside, CA |

Getting started is easy. I can help you right away!





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The Club



Get Connected!

Follow the Club online, and get up-to-the-minute news, photos and phenomenal Club Deals!:

With *Alive!*, Club Members get exclusive in-depth stories and photos about being a City Employee that you just can't get anywhere else.



Instagram



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cityemployeesclub
or go to:
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Twitter

Follow our Twitter feed for all the latest fun and Club deals!



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E-mail

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Sign up at
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| 2. Best Bike Rides Los Angeles | 16. Food Lovers' Guide to® Los Angeles | 31. Outlaw Tales of California |
| 3. Best Climbs Los Angeles | 17. Foraging California | 32. Rockhounding California |
| 4. Best Dog Hikes Southern California | 18. Gold Panning California | 33. Scenic Driving California |
| 5. Best Easy Day Hikes San Gabriel Valley | 19. Haunted Hollywood | 34. Scenic Routes & Byways California's Pacific Coast |
| 6. Best Easy Day Hikes West Los Angeles | 20. Hollywood Remembered | 35. Southern California Curiosities |
| 7. Best Hikes Near Los Angeles | 21. It Happened in Hollywood | 36. Southern California Mountains Wildflowers |
| 8. Birds of California | 22. It Happened in Southern California | 37. Southern California Off the Beaten Path® |
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