



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1 Mexico



"Here's a photo from our family vacation this summer. It was taken in Cancun at the Moon Palace Resort. I enjoyed a beautiful summer vacation with my son, Marquas, and wife, Kim."
– **Burt Smith, Public Works**

2 Ireland



At the end of his long journey, **Alive!** editor **John Burnes** bids goodbye (for now) to Ireland at the Dublin Airport as **Dearbhla McNulty Burnes, Club Wife**, has earned her green card visa and has relocated to Los Angeles.

3 Florida



"I went to Daytona, Fla., for a family reunion."
– **Joann Le Count, wife of Frankie La Count Sr., Public Works**

4 Peru



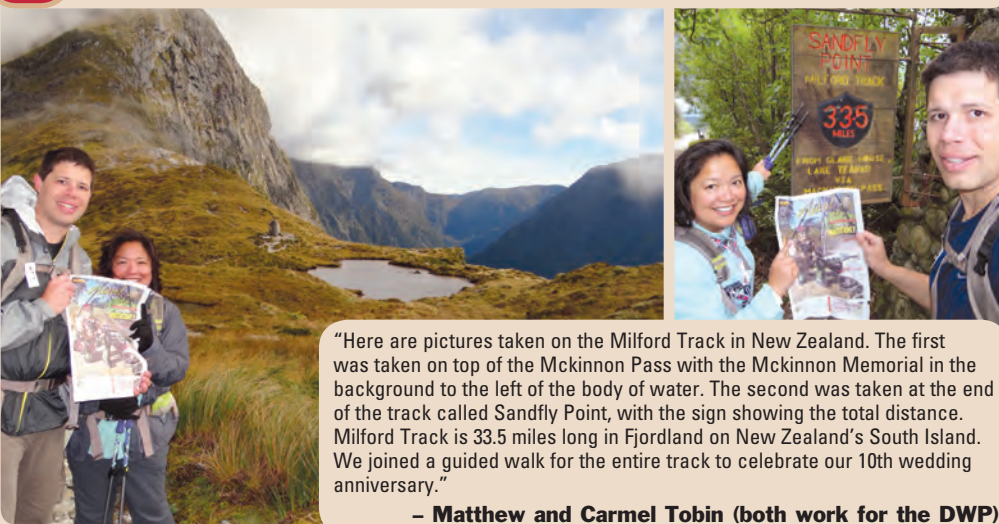
Here's **Gustavo Barba, Transportation**, at Machu Picchu, Peru.

5 Mediterranean



Darryl and Robin Wright, who both work for **Transportation**, spent their honeymoon in Rome, Italy, Greece and Turkey. "We are standing in front of the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome (in Italian, *Fontana di Trevi*). It's the largest standing (85 feet high and 65 feet wide) and the most ambitious of the Baroque fountains of Rome. We thought it would be fun to take *Alive!* with us. The other photos shows Robin and I in Athens."

6 New Zealand

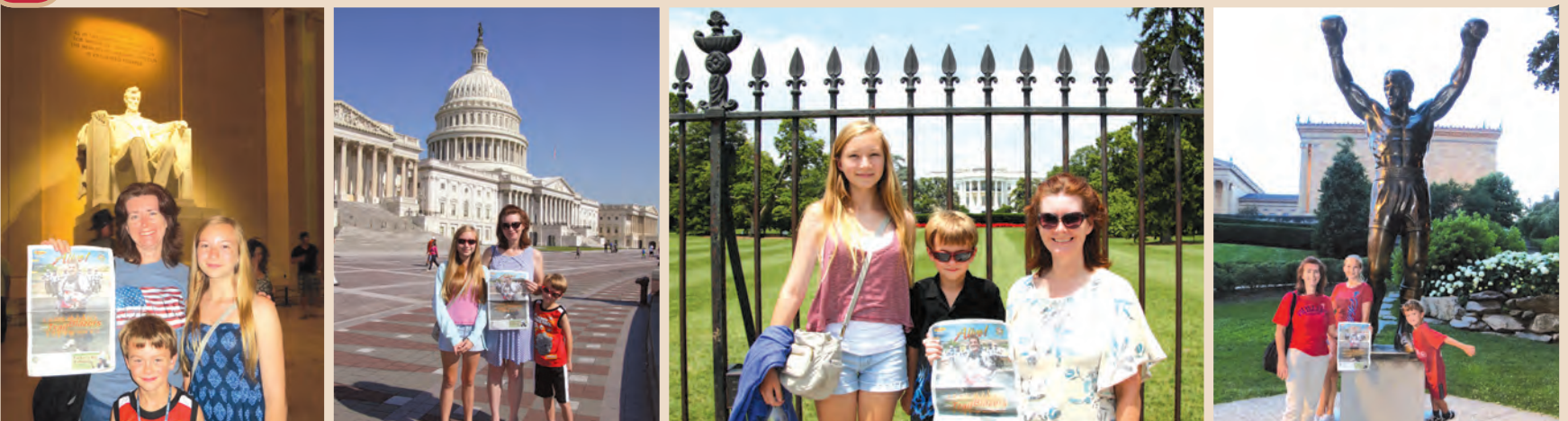


"Here are pictures taken on the Milford Track in New Zealand. The first was taken on top of the Mckinnon Pass with the Mckinnon Memorial in the background to the left of the body of water. The second was taken at the end of the track called Sandfly Point, with the sign showing the total distance. Milford Track is 33.5 miles long in Fjordland on New Zealand's South Island. We joined a guided walk for the entire track to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary."

– **Matthew and Carmel Tobin (both work for the DWP)**

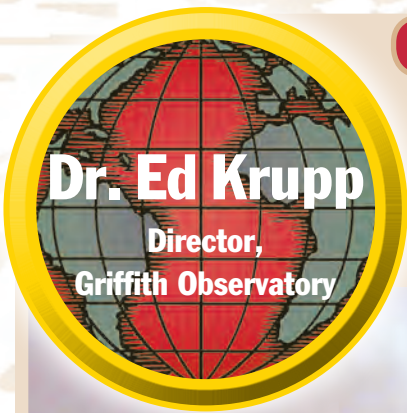


7 East Coast



"In the last two weeks of June, we visited Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Although we couldn't get in the White House, we were able to tour the Capitol. We had to visit the *Rocky* statue and run up the steps like he did in the movie when we were in Philly! The kids are my son, Jonah, and niece, Franny; my husband, Jeff, was the cameraman."

– **Kathy Kravitz, LAPD**



8 Peru

Here's *Alive!*'s intrepid traveler and favorite observatory director, **Dr. Ed Krupp**, making his way through Peru. — Ed.

"My Peru trip emphasized sites on the coast and included a lot of new archaeological and archaeoastronomical discoveries. The pictures sample just a little of this."



"Chankillo, on Peru's central coast, seems to have the earliest solar observatory in the New World. The 13 towers in the background are built upon a natural north/south ridge in the valley below a fortified hilltop temple constructed around 2,400 years ago. The archaeologist examining the site discovered two distinctive structures on either side of the ridge that are placed perfectly to allow the observation of the sunrise and sunset through the entire year. I am standing at the sunrise observation point. The year's limits, the June and December solstices, are marked by the towers at each end of the ridge. We successfully observed the June solstice sunset from the observing point on the other side of the ridge on 21 June 2013."



"Cahuachi is major ceremonial center associated with the world-famous 'Nazca lines,' the giant ground drawings on the south coast of Peru. The ground figures are associated with mountains, sources of water, water flow, and perhaps a little astronomy. Peoples of ancient Peru started constructing monumental architecture, including pyramid platforms, very early, around 2,600 B.C. The pyramid in the background is more recent. It is the main structure at Cahuachi, and it was probably begun around 200 B.C., long after the earliest monuments in Peru but long before the arrival of Europeans."



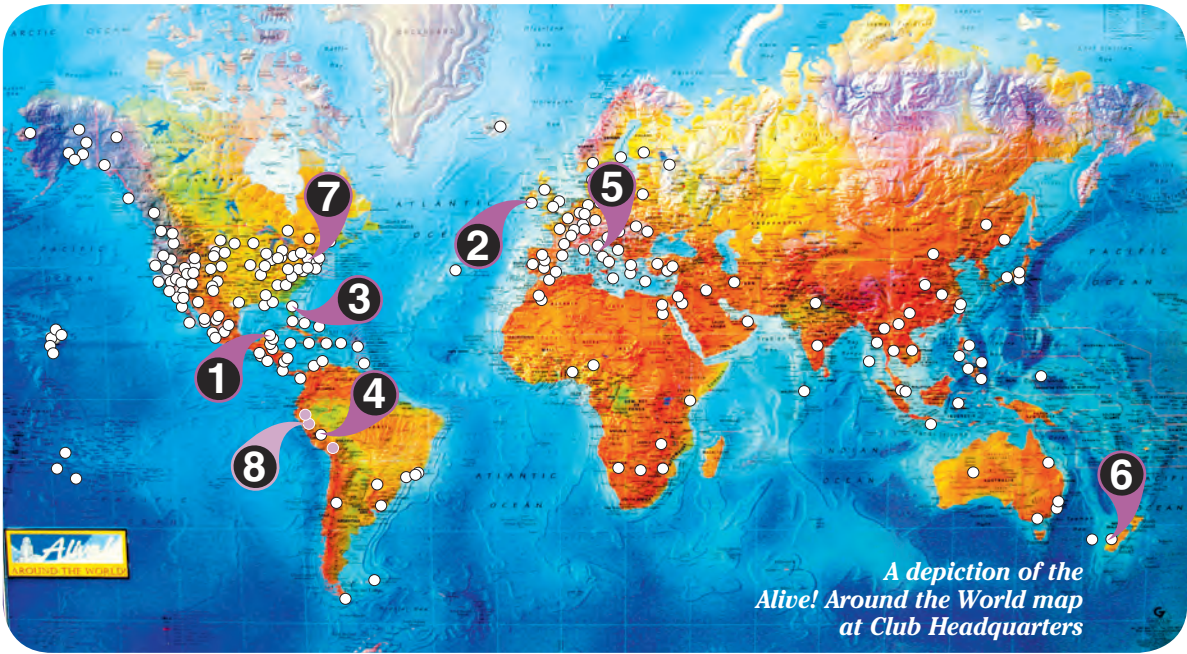
"Kuelap, in Peru's northern highlands, was the inspiration for the Temple of the Chachapoya Warriors in the roller coaster of an opening sequence in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. A monument at Kuelap known as El Tintero ('the Inkwell'), or Templo Mayor ('the Great Temple'), has a odd inverted cone surface at the top with an opening at the bottom of the "funnel," and that led some to speculate the opening and the inaccessible chamber beneath it were used astronomically. This is unlikely. Bones were deposited in the chamber from the top. Perhaps sunlight was intended to strike those bones for a symbolic effect on the two days of the year when the sun passes directly overhead, but that is completely speculative."



"The Sicán culture of northern Peru was in business from about 700 B.C. to 1,350 B.C. Spectacular treasures — primarily gold — from Sicán tombs at Batán Grande in northern Peru, near Chiclayo, are displayed at the Sicán National Museum in Lambayeque. A Sicán lord endorses *Alive!*'s coverage of Griffith Observatory in front of the museum."

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