

LETTERS to the Editor

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Ticket Guy Event Made Them Feel Like Princesses

Thank you, Ticket Guy and Arlene Herrero for making it possible for us to attend our first tea party!

The Princess Diaries 2 movie was funny. But our favorite part was meeting the enchanting Snow White, Belle, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Ariel.

It was very exciting for us to sip tea and eat tiny yummy sandwiches in our princess outfits.

This was the best tea party ever. We can hardly wait for our next venture through the Club.

Two very contented princesses,

Miranda Medina (Snow White) and Hannah Franco (Belle)

— **Granddaughters of Red Medina, Public Works.**

The two young Club princesses took part in a special Club event—a screening of Princess Diaries 2 and a tea afterward at the El Capitan Theater.—Ed.



Miranda Medina, left, and Hannah Franco, right, with a Disney princess at the princess Club event.

Is There More to Situation Between Mayor and Keller?

Why does [Mayor] Hahn have to be so political all the time? Why can't he just come out and say that he's glad Larry Keller resigned from the Port of LA, instead of whitewashing his true feelings? By the way, I sure wish the mayor's sister lived in my city, maybe then we could get our streets paved and cleaned up. In case no one has noticed, Los Angeles is starting to look like a third world country, weeds are growing everywhere and many streets are in horrible condition. Am I the only one who is thinking these things?

— **Jimmy Tomlin, Club Member**

Will Palmdale Resurgence Create City Employee Jobs?

Now that the Palmdale Airport will be opening soon, maybe that will give City employees more job opportunities.

— **John Smiley Jr., Airports**

Mayor's Plan for Affordable Housing Is At Least a Start

People might say that the Mayor's new housing proposal which is supposed to help with the shortage of affordable housing is "too little to late", but at least it's a start.

— **Gerard Howard, DWP**

The Governor Should Pass This List of Bills

Here are a few bills that Governor Schwarzenegger must allow to pass. They are:

- the bill that would ban cruise ships from releasing raw sewage into California waters;
- the bill that would require all sellers to allow consumers to recycle old cell phone;
- the bill that would make it illegal to possess a .50 caliber rifle in California without a permit;
- the bill that requires sellers of handgun ammunition to check the identification of buyers
- the bill that would make the Megan's Law database available on the Internet
- the bill that would make it easier for property owners to build second units next to existing homes;
- the bill that would boost penalties for high-speed driving
- the bill that would raise minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour; and
- the bill that would prohibit state and local agencies from contracting outside the United States.

— **Helen Fontaine**

Actions Against Slumlords Are Cause for Celebration

Hooray for the City of Los Angeles for filing criminal counts against Wilshire district landlords accused of being slumlords.

The City needs to continue its citywide rejuvenation.

— **Thomas Tonney**

Kudos to Sunil for Receiving Young Engineers Trans. Award

Congratulations to Sunil Rajpal of the Advanced Transportation Management Division of the Department of Transportation for receiving the Institute of Transportation Engineers' (ITE) Southern California Section Young Transportation Engineer of the Year Award in July.

— **Julie Bunn, LADOT**

Thanks to Club for Printing The Good News About DOT

Thanks City Employees Club for, once again, sharing with the City employee community the great things LADOT has done for its neighborhoods like the signpost project. How wonderful that the City had a ceremony for those traffic officers who participated in the street sign decal project. I wouldn't have known about it.

— **Heidi Logan, DWP**

Elvia Wins Recognition for Her Great Work with Aging

Kudos to Elvia Magallon for receiving the employee of the quarter in recognition of her outstanding work providing technical assistance to her assigned agencies and co-workers with the Department of Aging.

— **James Don, Department of Aging**

New Employees at DOT Get A Warm Welcome From Him

Let me give our new Department of Transportation employees a warm welcome. They are Daryl Stricke, Traffic and Sign Poster; Charles Steven Parra, Traffic Painter and Sign Poster; and James Muraoka and Tneal Goffney, TPSP I, from Department of Airports.

— **Tim Lawland, LADOT**

December Refund Check Will Help Him Buy Holiday Gift

For a second I thought I was going to get my refund check in September. Thanks for the clearing it up in the *Alive!*. Now I can buy a decent Christmas present since I'm getting the refund check in December.

Thanks *Alive!* and the Club,

— **Matt Cicala, Club Member**

Swing-a-Thon Pictures in *Alive!* Gave a Nice Flavor of the Event

I had a great time at the LAPD Swing-a-thon. I was also happy to see coverage of this event in *Alive!* The pictures taken gave a nice flavor of the fun we had that day. The event really is a great cause for the children in the community.

— **Mike Gilespi, LAPD**

Cool Office Depot Club Discount Requires Using a Credit Card

I bought the Haier Refrigerator at Office Depot priced at \$249.99, but I paid just \$145.33.

I was a little hesitant to sign up for this Club service because some colleagues were having trouble using their Club card. But as Howard Pompel of the Club said, you have to use your credit card.

Thanks, City Employees Club.

— **Lauren Brady, Community Development**

Fallen Firefighter Coverage Gave Jaime Proper Respect

Thanks goes to the City Employees Club for the placing a great article and fantastic pictures of our fallen firefighter Jaime Foster. It gives her proper respect.

— **Frank Tuutata, LAFD**

New Member Appreciates Counselor's Personal Touch

I'm so glad Elizabeth Montes came to my office today. I would love to join the City Employees Club! I would also like to know more about the life insurance program. Thanks!

— **Yvette Rojas,**

**Administrative Assistant
Councilmember Wendy Greuel**

Cleanup Effort Appreciated, But More Could Be Done

So I noticed that the street across from the City buildings on 220 N. Figueroa St. have been cleaned up and made to look brand new. How about sending some of that money spent there over to some of the slum areas of downtown LA.

— **Linda McCloud, DOT**

It's Round Two Between Mayor and Bernard Parks

It's interesting to see Councilman Bernard Parks start up with his combo jabs at Mayor Hahn, especially about the increasing crime rate in the City. What's even more interesting is that Mayor Hahn proclaims that the City crime rate has decreased even when there are reports about homicide increases that support Parks' notion that Hahn is failing on crime reduction.

— **Gondika Hoppekinnakana, City Administrative Office**

Is the political tugging between Councilman Parks and Mayor Hahn really about the differences in opinion or is because Parks is still bitter that he was ousted by Hahn as Chief of Police? What a sweet victory it should be for Parks if Hahn's election rival wins the mayoral ticket.

— **Mike Hearst, Building and Safety**

Funding Needed to Remove LA From Worst Traffic List

And our great City achieves another great feat ... the nation's number one City for the worst traffic. I believe that we need funding to fix our City streets and add more roads to already swelling traffic.

— **Mona McKeena, Sanitation**

Anti-Spam Law Prevents Him From Getting E-mail

The federal anti-spam e-mail law went into effect January 1. But I haven't noticed any deterrence in the flow of my junk e-mail. In fact, I have received about three times more than I did before January 1.

— **Jonathan Burogs, ITA**

LAPD Could Use the Proposed Tax Increase

I'm all for the 5-cent sales tax increase for Los Angeles. All of the money collected will be available for the Los Angeles Police Department. This is a worthy cause as long as it is used wisely.

— **Roger Lopez, City Planning**

Safety Upgrades at LAX Need Better Management

Bureaucracy! Bureaucracy! Bureaucracy! That's what rings in my ear when I hear that the safety upgrades planned for LAX are behind schedule and the cost is climbing beyond what was budgeted. The City of Los Angeles needs to step in and restore order.

— **Ronald Alarcon, Street Services**

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