



The Word on the Street

Cecilia Talbot,
Club Claims Administrator

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Administrator Cecilia Talbot very often ... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. —Ed.

I thank you so much for the birthday card and the book [the Fall of Freddie the Leaf]. I was touched by the different birthday wishes. Words can't express how I felt. I read the book right away and I felt that the story in it gave me a new meaning on my new life now. You are right, that 'beyond the clouds, there is a sun shining which will brighten your days' is totally a beautiful phrase, and it will always be imprinted in my mind, always. I do really appreciate the things you all did for me. May God be with you all the time.

—Corazon Johnson

Your service was very good, because of the kindness and the help you gave us in assisting us in making out the paperwork correctly. Thanks.

—Joseph Rials

I got the money much sooner than I expected. Thank you very much. I have lots of bills coming in – the insurance money helped a lot in setting the bills on time. Cecilia [Talbot] and Sara [Fama] did a good job in processing the claim. Thank you very much. As a matter of fact I even told my friends in the office to sign up with LACEA.

—Eden Barroso

You showed "concern for fellow members such as sending a card of get well wishes."

—Steven Merkin

I love it! You guys are very friendly, you responded quickly and you know the business that you are in. Keep up the good work."

—Felicia Fair

Outstanding. The first day that I called, Cecilia and Sara were very helpful. Ms. Talbot and Ms. Fama had such a wonderful attitude in helping me. They took care of all my concerns. Thank you."

—Hazel Davis

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LETTERS to the Editor



We'll Alert Skippy as Soon as Animal Services Has Opening

Your news is happy. People smile. When my Daddy and brother stop reading the newspaper, I read *Alive!*, too.

The pictures are cool. I like the pictures of the people holding the animals. Can you show my picture of my dog Skippy having his birthday party? Skippy is not a City worker, but he is very smart and he can work for Animal Services if he wanted to. I invited all his doggy friends to his birthday party. We sang happy birthday and I gave him his favorite carrot cake. He is one year old. Skippy and Daddy are my best friends.

—Rudolf Farias, 8-year old brother of Charles Uresti, DWP

Here's the Secret: Everyone Gets Discount on Old Club Golf Balls

I've shopped for new golf balls and came across the Pinnacle gold balls through the classified ad in the April issue of *Alive!* I bought a dozen balls that had the City Employees Club's old logo. Let me tell you that these have great hitting quality. I practiced my game at the Alhambra Golf Course since the RLACEI Tournament will be held there June 14th. As you know, this is where I'm going to redeem myself from my performance last year at the RLACEI Annual Golf Tournament. Maybe it was mental or maybe it was magical, but I had one of my best golfing days of my life playing with my dozen Pinnacle golf balls. To top it off like Top Flight, I even got a deal for the dozen. You, too, could get your dozen for \$8 instead of \$15. You can't beat this! By the way, hear for my name as I take first place and all the prizes at the 19th annual Building and Safety Golf Tournament.

Oh yeah, the discount password is "brde 4 less."

—William "Billy Big Clubs" Greene,
Rec and Parks

Peanut Treat Recipe Really Makes Her Flip Her Lid

Thank you posting my Letter to the Editor, it was a joyful surprise. Your people at the Club really care about what we say.

I've been working with some basic dessert recipes and I submitted "Mom's Peanut Treats" recipe for Chef Larios' Cooking with the Club column as a Mothers' Day treat for all moms. It's easy to make and so scrumptious... it just makes my hairpiece tingle thinking about it.

—Joyce Miller, Engineering (Retired)

Mom Didn't Work for City, But Enjoys *Alive!* Anyway

After receiving and reading each issue of *Alive!*, I take it to Mom. She has read every single issue! She has even called me on the phone regarding articles on your "Where in L.A." photo contest. I joke with her about why she enjoys reading a newspaper when she doesn't know any of the people. She responds that she likes reading about the people and the events.

So that she would not know about your "Honor Your Mom" feature, when I gave her the March issue, I excluded pages 37 and 38 so that she will be completely surprised when she sees her picture!

Thanks for allowing me to honor my mom in this way.

—Lori Kwiatkowski, LAFD

Losing a Head of Hair Is An Act That's All Heart

Thank you so much for the article on "Close Shave." As a breast cancer patient just finishing up chemo, it is nice to see men and women losing their hair on purpose and for a good cause. I commend Pat White, Kathleen Ruddy and Christine Perkins for taking an extraordinary step, and a rather personal one at that, in the name of charity. Ladies, your hair will grow back, but what you gain in your heart will remain forever!

—Sheryl Greer, Club Member wife

Our Young Fan Wonders Why He Is Called the Town Crier

Thank you for showing my letter in the newspaper. I also saw the St. Patrick's Day parade. People had green clothes. That was cool. My Mommy says that the man in the first page is not a pirate. Mommy says he is a Town Crier. Why does he cry? I think he looks like the Lucky Charms man on my box of cereal.

—Heather Howard, Daughter of Tim Howard, DWP

Mary Rose Wilkins, Your 'Thought' Poet Is Calling

Your April 2005 edition contained a letter from Mary Rose Wilkins, a retiree who lives in Lake Elsinore. She expresses appreciation for the Retiree News page, including the Member News section and the "Thought for the Day."

As the editor of this page, I was really thrilled to know that my efforts "gave her a lift," and I would like to know how to contact her. I am at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. Phone (818) 784-0130.

—Phil Skarin, Editor, Retiree News Page

Mary Rose: Either you can contact Phil directly, or let us know, and we'll release your information to him. —Ed.

...And Mary Rose Thanks Us for Printing Her Letter

Well, well, well. You people over there at the Club really threw me for a doozy. Last month I sent you a letter to the editor, and lo and behold you actually printed it! You people are so sweet, I'm just at a loss for words. Please keep your eyes peeled for my entry into the adult coloring contest. I may just be a lonely widow making do in the middle of the desert but I wield great power in my artistic abilities. So long sweeties.

—Mary Rose Wilkins,
Club Member, Retired

Hynda Hit a Home Run With Column on Origin of Dodgers

Thank you *Alive!* team for the ongoing stories of our City's history written by Hynda Rudd. I knew of Hynda when I was an active employee and I must say that she is one tough cookie who really knows her stuff. I felt her story on Dodgers Stadium, a.k.a. Chavez Ravine, was very appropriate and timely considering the Dodgers' opening day was just around the corner.

I have lived in Los Angeles for 62 years and never understood the facts surrounding Chavez Ravine, nor did I understand the controversy. Thank you for clearing this up with such rich information. I look forward to Hynda's next guided tour down memory lane!

—Norma Sue Brooks, Airports (Retired)

Route, Leaders Made Her First St. Pat's Parade Special

I just want to thank Mayor Hahn for a great St. Patrick's Day parade! This was the first time I have ever watched the parade. Having it go past City Hall East was a great idea because that allowed me and my girlfriend to come down on our lunch break. Chief Bamattre and wife looked so cute together, and seeing Councilman LaBonge walk the route himself was a hoot. Again, thank you Mayor Hahn, you brought out the best in L.A. Guess I'll vote for you after all!

—Amanda Costlow, Rec and Parks

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