

# LETTERS

## To the Editor

### Mexican Lasagna: Quality Is Not the Issue ... Quantity Is

I'm intrigued by Chef Robert's Mexican lasagna recipe, but I did not find anywhere in the article the number of servings it makes. Can you tell me?

— **Richard Welch,**  
Retired City Employee, Club Member

Good catch, Richard! I too realized that the number of servings of the recipe was missing in the recipe. But here's the answer. With the quantity I used, I was able to get 8 to 10 servings. You may reduce or increase the quantities for each ingredient to fit the serving size you seek. — *Chef Larios*

### Country Drive in Roadster Is Now Minus the Country

First thing I do the moment I get all cozy and comfy in my '27 Model T is turn on my favorite radio station, KZLA 93.9. It's the only country music station in Los Angeles and, I might add, fine as cream gravy ... well, at least it was. So, last Sunday I did just that, I settled down and turned on the radio, anticipating the sweet melodic tunes of Kenny Chesney, Dierks Bentley or Sara Evans.

But as soon as I turned on my radio, all I heard was a bunch of musical garbage coming out of the speakers. I was full as a tick! I checked the station nine ways to Sunday to make sure I was on 93.9...which I was, but I just kept hearing that dagnam newfangled music: some guy they call Prince and then some lady they call the Madonna. Maybe the Prince and the Madonna ought to get together and hightail it out of my radio! Well, come to find out, KZLA, after 25 years, is no longer. It has been replaced by some funky new station headed up by that four-flusher Rick Dees. Guess it's time to buy one of those satellite radios.

— **John Beacheau,**  
Retired City Employee

We presume you've customized your 1927 Model T (the last year for the Model T, actually) and added a radio with FM. If it would surprise Henry Ford that you have added an FM radio to his historic buggy, how much more would it shock him if you added a satellite radio! Still, we mourn for the loss of your country station, John. We'll take Sara Evans over Madonna any day and a month of Sundays. — *Ed*

### Recent City Hall Fire Adds To List of the Unexplained

I heard that City Hall had a fire emergency on its ninth floor. What was interesting to me is that there was no one on the floor when it happened.

Considering the last few previous letters to the editor about the City Hall ghosts, could this be another one of those unexplained phenomena? If my memory serves me right, the automatic fire sprinklers were initiated late in the evening and this is when the spirits come out. If no one can explain it, then this would make a stronger case for it, I think.

— **Henry Thames, General Services**

### Why Yes, Mike, It's Oct. 1; Get Your ClubFest Tix Now

Does anyone know when ClubFest is coming again? The kids keep bugging me about it, it's all they've been talking about since we went last year — obviously they had a blast. Please let me know, I'd appreciate it.

— **Mike Simpson, Public Works**

### 'Brick' Story Lays It Out: City Has Great Employees

I really liked the James Feagin story, "Brick by Brick." I am surprised with the kind of people we have in the City like Mr. Feagin. I still can't believe that he has 12 licenses and registrations; is that possible? I'm very impressed. Not only that but he has great taste in music in Miles Davis. It was a well-made article and I give great kudos to everyone associated with *Alive!* that put this column together, having the foresight to recognize and place Mr. Feagin in the limelight and to share his amazing life. It's an honor to call him a fellow City employee.

— **Roger Teller, Rec and Parks**  
Retired City Employee and loyal Club member

### Fireworks Fiasco, Unfixed Holes Are Really Chapping His Hide

There are a few things that rub me the wrong way, the last few weeks especially.

To start, I bought some fireworks for my family to enjoy a few days before the Fourth of July (it's legal in Alhambra, by the way). I was happily surprised to find out that the fireworks vendor was able to accept credit card! Any chance I get to swipe my card, I use it to get airline rewards. Well, I still had to pay by cash because the cashier said that the transaction didn't go through. I knew it was too good to be true, but I was prepared to pay with cash anyway. Three days later, I checked my credit card statement and there was a debit from this fireworks vendor for the same amount that I paid cash with. To make this long story short — the fireworks vendor avoided all contact with me, and I expect that their headquarters won't do anything to correct their wrongdoing. What a rip-off.

And since I'm on the topic of wrongdoings and rip-offs, another thing that chaps my hide is the lack of maintenance of the street pavement where my Dad lives. It hasn't been maintained since the mid 1980s, and it's about time that City Hall got off their rear-ends and did something about it instead of having press conferences that they have filled thousands of potholes already, when the five potholes on my Dad's street still look like war trenches.

— **Matt Lawler, Rec and Parks**

### Corrections



In our recycling story in the August issue, a photo from Ontario Airport had an incorrect cutline. Here is the correct cutline; we apologize for the error:

Ontario Airport, back row from left: Clemon Shelton, Arturo Saenz, Ken O'Brien and Lodis Woodmore. Front row: Fernando Alday, Arturo Galvan, Robert Garcia and Carmen DeJonge.



We also misspelled a last name in our births section. Here is the correct spelling; we apologize for the error:

Rachel P. Lowry, born to Randy and Michelle Lowry. Randy is a Senior Plumber, Rec and Parks. Michelle works at North District Building Maintenance, General Services.

## QUESTION ? of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

### What will you remember most about this summer?



"I spent my summer working at the Evergreen Recreation Center, making sure all the kids went home safely with their parents."

— **Irene Gomez, Recreation Assistant II, Rec and Parks, 10 years.**

"Having fun with my family and being really busy at work."

— **Elizabeth Núñez, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.**



"This has been one of the all-time hottest summers for me."

— **Judy Martin, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD, 17 years.**



"Preparing for my daughter's senior year in high school."

— **Yvette Vasquez, Principal Detention Officer and Assistant Officer in Charge, LAPD, 19 years.**



"I got engaged!"

— **Suzanne Meuser, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 20 years.**



"My family and I were involved in power outages during the incredible heat waves."

— **James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD 18 years.**



"Just like most people who experienced it, the heat wave!"

— **Willie Owens, Senior Detention Officer, 15.5 years.**



"The crazy lines at the airport when I got back from vacation overseas due to the terrorist activity in England."

— **Dorothy Keller, Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 14 years.**



"Moving to a new house!"

— **Sarita Williams, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.**



"I got to see three separate car chases this summer."

— **Tina Tsai, Management Analyst, General Services, 2 years.**

