

* A Message From the CEO *

LA History Makes For Historical *Alive!*

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Okay, hang on because *Alive!* for October is one of those issues that's jam-packed with story after story of intrigue.

First, you'll notice that this issue is dedicated to the 225th birthday of the City of Los Angeles. Most of us take for granted just how old our employer is, which is why we've used some interesting examples to illustrate this. (Just in case you hurriedly bypassed the front page so that you could immediately get started reading my column, our City was just beginning as Beethoven was turning 11 years old!)

Instead of regurgitating dry facts from the encyclopedia (or Wikipedia, if you're Web savvy), we decided to interview three of the City's foremost and illustrious experts on the history of Los Angeles: Suellen Cheng, Doyce Nunis Jr. and Glenna Dunning. We also enlisted the brilliant archiving abilities of our own Hynda Rudd. She helped us complete a comprehensive timeline that will give you an amazing perspective of when many of our departments were formed in relation to world events. There's also a quiz on our history provided by Larry Williams on page 27; memorize the answers and then go test the Mayor, see if he knows as much as you!



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It all starts on page 21, so go grab your vanilla latte, get comfortable in your favorite chair and get absorbed in the wonders of our fascinatingly humble beginnings. (Of course you have to finish my column first.)

As for the rest of the paper, we've covered the heroic actions of 13 brave LAPD Police Officers who just received the coveted Medal of Valor from Chief William Bratton. Read the stories behind their awards and see the faces of the country's finest!

We also received some real interesting letters to the editor, so if you're not already addicted to them, make sure you start the habit. In addition, the DWP's Fleet Services really outdid itself with an astounding number of its employees receiving awards. See the full story on page 6.

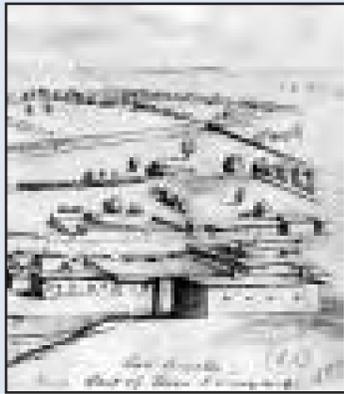
And on a very somber yet important note, Airports held its fifth commemorative ceremony marking the tragic events of 9/11. Three of the four hijacked planes were bound for LAX, bringing the reality of 9/11 even closer to home (the complete story begins on the cover). There's much, much more so I'll stop yapping so you can get started reading.

All the best,

JOHN

(And remember, success is a journey, not a destination....)

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