

LETTERS To the Editor

Alive! Lets All City Employees See the Renovated Observatory

Thank you all for a job well done! Once again, you put the Griffith Observatory and Dr. Krupp as the center of attention in your beautifully laid out newspaper.

Now the Club Members and the rest of the City employees will get a chance to read the most recent information about the renovated Griffith Observatory complemented with nice photographs done by JJLA & Associates. More power to *Alive!* and its staff.

— **Erlinda Pabon, Director's Secretary, Griffith Observatory**

Yes, Indeed, the Observatory Is the City's Pride and Joy

Thank you for your wonderful article about the new and improved Griffith Observatory. I had no idea the observatory was part of the Recreation and Parks Department. Once again, you and your company made me proud to be a City Employee.

— **Roger Seisner**

Mary Rose's Date Got Fresh In Now-Freshened Observatory

Greetings friends! Sorry I haven't written in a while. Reading your latest *Alive!* gave me the giggles. My first date was at the Griffith Observatory; Jimmy Denton was his name and boy oh boy was he a cutie. That warm summer night is still a clear memory, looking out over Los Angeles at all the twinkling lights. I also remember that he had the nerve to try to kiss me ... instead he got a nice slap on his cheek.

All that said, I really enjoyed reading about Dr. Krupp and his dream. The observatory is truly as LA as the Hollywood sign, and it's nice to see that it's being well taken care of.

That's it for now. I need to go online to check my email and then buy one of your new City seal watches as a Christmas present for my good friend who's a retired City Employee. I think he'll really like it. All the best.

— **Mary Rose Wilkens**

Prompt Ticket Service Means He Recommends Club to All

Hi, I received the (ticket) package yesterday. Thank you for the follow up, I really appreciate that.

Thank you again and I am telling everyone about The Club.

— **Mark Mayer**

Did Recent Settlement Keep All City's Needs in Balance?

I've lived in South Central for over 35 years and have always supported the City Council in their endeavors. However, their recent actions have greatly disappointed me.

With all the needs of our community, I am appalled that they approved a \$2.7 million settlement for a firefighter who sued the City over a practical joke. The joke (some dog food was put in his spaghetti) caused the firefighter no harm; temporary or permanent. Down here we've got homeless people on our streets who are eating much worse than dog food; we're being overrun by crime and gangs; the condition of the streets are on par with a Third-World country; and yet, somehow the City Council felt it necessary to flush much-needed money down the toilet. I'm embarrassed and ashamed that these same Councilmembers that I supported stabbed me and my community in the back.

I guess the old adage, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease," is true in the LA City Council. I guess we're just not squeaking loud enough down here in South Central for the Council. They should be ashamed of themselves.

And here's the rub, they want to extend their term limits. Where's the common sense?

— **Mitchell Waters**

Evidence on Club Website Of How Great ClubFest Was

The ClubFest photos in the newspaper and in the Club Website are wonderful. You people really did a great job. It's incredible to see so many City Employees from different departments get together for the day, and a grand day it was. Was that a Ferris wheel? I really missed it this year but hopefully I'll be there next year.

— **Roy Underwood**

Club Watches: Affordable, And Still of High Quality

I hear you have City Seal watches? It looks like high-end stuff, which is just the way I like it. I just hate it when I buy a watch and the next day it leaves you with an orange residue around your wrist. It's at that point that you know you got jobbed with a bad watch.

Knowing the Club as long as I have, I can't see how you're wristbands will leave my wrist orange. The Club is always about quality and that's enough to make any City Employee become a member of the Club!

— **Tim Lawler**

You're in luck, Tim! Check out all the new Club watches, just in time for the holidays. See page 47.

— **Ed.**

All in All, 'Twas a Good Issue Of Alive! For Truck Owner

That was a rootin' tootin' article about your new auto and home insurance. Quick and to the point, like a hummingbird in the spring, I'll give it a try and see if I can't get that Arco gas card for my Chevy truck.

I'm hoping there won't be trouble in getting my 36-year-old truck insured. She's a wonderful truck and has given thousands of miles of reliability.

By the way, your question of the month on page five was a bellyache of laughs. Were did you get such fun people to respond? They were a hoot I tell you. Keep it up and keep up the good work, fellows.

— **Gene Winkle**

Stellar Cover Image Made Believer Out of 5-Year-Old

You guys must have hired some new guns to take photos of the Griffith Observatory. They are out of sight, mind and world! My five-year-old daughter saw the paper in the mailbox and ran to me to show me the cover. She asked me why she hadn't been able to see other planets with rings and comets like the ones on the cover next to Dr. Krupp. She also asked that we go the observatory because she thought this was the only place where you could see the night sky the way it was portrayed in *Alive!* That tells you how real it looks.

Congratulations on your 50th issue. Our family can't wait to see what you guys have in store for the next 50 issues.

— **Janet Fitzgerald**

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!

We know you are thankful for all your presents ... but what was the least appropriate Christmas present you ever received?



"A recycled gift that was used."
— **Jess Hernandez, Warehouse Worker, GSD Auto Parts/ Fire**



"Every gift I receive is a good gift."
— **Mark Campos, Storekeeper, GSD Auto Parts/ Fire**



"Stationery with my name spelled wrong, from my sister in-law."
— **Vincent Augustine, Storekeeper**



"An O2 sensor."
— **Rebecca Anderson, Warehouse Toolroom Worker**



"A pair of socks."
— **John Mireles, Storekeeper II**



"Not getting one."
— **Jim Taylor, Equipment Mechanic**



"I don't have a worst one, but my favorite one was a motocross bike when I was 10."
— **John Stevenson, Equipment Mechanic**



"A Denver Broncos shirt."
— **Albert Jaramillo, Storekeeper**



"Batman candles...but I was in high school."
— **David Fossett, Van Nuys Airport, Club Member**



"A re-gifted barbecue utensil set."
— **Thomas Trujillo, LAX, Club Member**



"A box of sausages with cheese."
— **John Villarruel, LAX, Club Member**



"A water bottle rocket that, on its first flight, flew into my neighbor's yard, where his dog ate it."
— **Paul Renteria, LAX Police Division, Club Member**



"A bottle of cologne that I never use."
— **Homer Boulin, LAX, Club Member**