

LETTERS To the Editor

The Reason for *Alive!* Is Club Members' Pleasure

I'm Stephanie Burkhart and I've been a member since 2004. I love the *Alive!* newspaper! It's a great newspaper.

All the best!

— Stephanie Burkhart, Club Member

Reader Finds Issue With Large Government Payouts

I was casually listening to the radio the other day and heard that the County paid over \$6 million to families of killed inmates over the last 10 years. The news announcer made it sound so shocking that such a large amount of money was paid out.

At the same time, the City is contemplating giving almost half that amount to a firefighter who ate dog food. Sounds to me like the City Council has got their priorities screwed up. Either that or they have so much money they don't know what to do with it. Get a grip, you guys, and have some guts. Maybe Dennis Zine can loan you some; he seems to be the only Councilperson who is strong enough to do what's right.

— Samantha Reyes, General Services

Mary Rose Checks In on Dr. Krupp, Weather, Watches

Land o'goshin! Did any of you see that wonderful piece Huell Howser did with Dr. Ed Krupp and the Observatory? What a smart man that Dr. Krupp is; I would love to have met him back in the days when I was an active employee. He really gives the City Employee workforce a good name.

Well, it's been mighty cold out here in Hesperia, but you still can't beat California weather, especially when it's freezing back east and raining cats and dogs in Washington State.

I received my *Alive!* the other day and was really impressed with your new inventory of City goods. I really would like to get that watch with the large City seal on it for my nephew; he's over in Iraq fighting with the evil-doers... or whatever they're called now. Well, that's it for now kids, talk to you next month.

— Mary Rose Wilkens, A.F.F. (*Alive!* Fan Forever)

For Retirees, *Alive!* Has No Equal as Information Source

Thank you for printing so much information about us retirees. I used to get another City paper, but I canceled it because yours had so much more about retiree events and so many more pictures. I can tell that you truly care about retired City Employees. After working for the City almost 35 years it's nice to know that as retirees we're still important. Keep up the good work City Employees Club!

— Adrian Rubio - PW Retiree



City Pride Should Be the Same for All Departments

I often wonder why City Employees from different departments don't look to one another as equals, working under the same employer. Because, the fact is, we are working for the same employer. I often see employees working for particular departments look at people from other City departments with disdain. Why? Let's all get along darn it!

Happy New Year.

— Joe Farms, Rec and Parks

City Employees Club Proves That It's All About Employees

It's such a relief to know that there's at least one organization in the City that is not about politics and cutting corners and is all about the City employee. Why do people make it so difficult? Not at the Club though. When I call, someone answers. When I email them at 11:45 p.m., I get a response in five minutes. When I need a little motivation and just feel good about what I do in the City, I read the *Alive!* newspaper. Thanks, Club, for being there for me.

— Ricky Dale, Club Member

Alive! and Huell Howser Are Favorites in Observing Griffith

I've come to realize that *Alive!* and the Huell Howser PBS specials are my favorites for learning about the people and places of California. I'll tell you why. These were the only places I could get the real and down-to-earth stories about Dr. Krupp and the Griffith Observatory renovations. My entire family read the incredible article in *Alive!* about it. Let me add that those were some great photos from *Alive!* I also recommend the television program Huell Howser put together in a one-hour documentary that interviewed Dr. Krupp.

If I had a way to vote for the highest honors in the production of the Griffith Observatory, I'd give it to both the *Alive!* newspaper and the Huell Houser PBS special.

—Henrietta Jackson, City Retired

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's the greatest invention ever made?



"The ashtray! It's the safest place to put cigarette butts, and some are even stylish."

— David Pikney, Sanitation, RCTO II, 17 years

"It has to be the internet. I can do so much with just a click with my fingers."

— Wilfred Hornong, Sanitation, Equipment Mechanic, Retired, 8 years



"Sports never looked as good as it does now on plasma televisions."

— Robert Parra, Sanitation, RCTO II, 6 years



"The new automated sanitation truck we use makes my life as a Refuse Collection Truck Operator easier."

— Steven Thompson, Sanitation, RCTO, 20 years



"The mobile phone... what would any of us do with out them!"

— Francisco Castro, Sanitation, RCTO, 6 years



"It's got to be the airplane, because it has increased travel distance and decreased the size of the world."

— Richard Humphrey, Sanitation, RCTO, 20 years



"The toilet ... do I say more!"

— George Giambastiani, Automotive Supervisor, Sanitation, 4 years



"The wheel."

— Dailey McCoy III, Storekeeper, Club Member



"Cell phones."

—Katherine Quinn, Management Assistant



"Cars."

— Jennifer Lindstrom, PSR3, Club Member

