

LETTERS To the Editor

Alive! Editor, Cover Guy Only Look Like Twins

I love the February *Alive!* I had no idea that your editor, John Burnes, has become a DWP employee up there in Owens Valley. Good for him. It's the beard that gave it away. By the way, those are great photos. Who was the photographer?

— Juliette Grover, DWP

I agree that there's a striking resemblance with our own John Burnes and Jeff Roberts, Building Repairer, DWP, on the cover of the February issue. The rumor mill at Club Headquarters has not turned up anything that would indicate that John will be heading to the DWP for employment, and we'd like to keep it that way. If it weren't for him, we wouldn't have been able to share the fantastic photos he took while at Owens Valley for the feature story - *Precious Water*. John took the cover shots, and all the photos inside. Take credit, John, and thanks for your help. — Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing.

Alive! editor John Burnes (left, at the DWP's Lee Vining station) is not related to the DWP's Jeff Roberts (top, right), believe it or not.



To Her, DWP T-Shirts Are As Cool as Blue Lightning

I'm with Todd from last month's Letters to the Editor about the new and cool DWP T-shirts the Ticket Guy has at his store. I really like the one with the lightning bolt, and they even have my size since I'm a really big person. Thanks, Club, and thanks to the Ticket Guy.

— Loretta Mitchell, DWP

Reader Badgers Photographer About Picture Perfect Location

When I saw the badger photo in John's Picture Perfect Contest in the last newspaper, it reminded me of my travels to South Dakota and Montana, where the groundhogs roam. Just thinking about it makes want to take a plane ride there and just live off the land. That is such great country. I wonder, where was this photo taken by Ron Angst?

— Yancy Hillard, Retired

Perhaps Ron can write in and let us know. — Ed.

He Wants to Take *Alive!* to Pole Position Before It Melts

I can't believe that Dolly Sevilla went to India and took her *Alive!* newspaper, and even took a photo for *Alive Around the World*. You go, girl! I'm hoping to head to Antarctica before the entire region melts, due to global warming.

— Thomas Garrett, Rec and Parks

He Saw Proof That Club Is Serious About Fast Response

You guys don't joke around when you say you will get back to us when we email you guys from the Club Website. I did just that on the President's Day Holiday, and I could not believe my eyes the moment I got a reply email only a few minutes after I sent it. Don't you guys rest?

The Club is really amazing, and I'm glad to be a member.

— Joe L.

Do You Enjoy Your Water? Thank Employees of the DWP

Your story on how the water gets to our City was absolutely fascinating. I am so impressed by those DWP guys and gals. Working for the DOT for 17 years, I honestly never connected our water with City employees. I just never thought of it.

Thank you for enlightening my fellow co-workers and me.

— Herb Wilcox, Transportation

Mary Rose Brews a Story About Her City Girl Shirt

Greetings kids. I thought you would be tickled to hear this story. Two weeks ago I was visiting my nephew in Salt Lake City. He wanted some coffee, so we skedaddled over to that Starbucks place. We were both relaxing in two of the most pungently purple sofa chairs I have ever seen in my life; he was nursing a chocolate coffee, or mocha, or whatever, and I ordered a café latte. He treated me, but I noticed he used a charge card, so it must have been expensive. I offered him a dime and he just laughed.

Anyhow, I'm sitting there sipping my latte, and some guy comes up to me and asks me if I was a City of Los Angeles employee! Imagine that! Turns out he noticed that I was wearing my City Girl shirt. We had a great conversation about the old days. Jack was his name; a nice looking fellow he was.

Anyhow, thanks for offering City Girl clothing. I love showing off my pride in being a retired City of LA employee. All the best.

— Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired, Library

Mayor Gets Major Props for Working on Widening the 405

So we're finally going to get the 405 widened. Nice work, Mr. Mayor!

— Tom Wainsworth, Rec and Parks

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 luckiest thing that's happened to you?



"Coming to work this morning knowing that I didn't get stuck in the snow blizzards of New York!"

— Steve Fathaway, General Services



"Finding my new home at Manhattan Beach."

— Tina Torrell, Rec and Parks



"Getting married while skydiving in Lake Elsinore."

— Fred Gilmore, LAFD



"Living for the past 65 years."

— Gilbert Handle, Retired



"Working for the City of Los Angeles."

— Luis Guerra, Rec and Parks



"Getting my degree in engineering."

— John Burgos, DWP



"Getting my picture taken for *Alive!*"

— Loyd Leonard, LAFD



"Being married for 35 years."

— Hilda Smith, Retired



"Having a great family."

— Mandy Moore, Rec and Parks



"Losing 120 pounds last year."

— Jim Kendall, LAPD