

# LETTERS To the Editor

## Color Her Very Happy for Winning the Coloring Contest

My daughter, Maya Boglarka Horvath, is so happy with the little red doggie [Big Red Dog] that Lupe Medina has sent her on behalf of the City Employees Club for Maya's coloring submission. She immediately fell in love with it and proudly carries it with her wherever she goes.

Thank you all at the Club. You guys are really rocking and rolling. You know how to make people (little and big) smile. My family — Adriana my wife; our son, Koppany; our daughter, Maya; and of course myself, Robbie Horvath — have been really appreciating what the Club (you wonderful people) have done for us. Please keep up the good work as always. May Gracious God richly reward you all.

Best wishes to your families.

—The Horvath Family from Azusa

## Great to Hear Regular City Employees in the Media, Too

I was driving on Pacific Coast Highway and listening to KNX News 1070 AM on the radio when I heard one of our own being interviewed on the subject of WiFi connectivity on Metro train lines around Los Angeles, proposed by the City of Los Angeles.

WiFi connectivity is certainly news and would offer a certain level of convenience, but what was even greater news is that finally we had an employee of the City, Curtis Gibbs, speaking on behalf of the City instead of a high ranking political City figure. He spoke intelligently, and one might say he has a radio voice. Good job on the radio waves, Curtis!

—George Griffin, Rec and Parks

## City's WiFi Plan Might Be Cool, But It Won't Fix Roads, Hire Cops

Well, I guess spending 20 million [dollars] on a WiFi project instead of hiring more cops, solving the homeless problem and repaving the streets makes sense ... that way, everyone can work from home, and they won't need to drive on the roads. Hey, maybe the cops can just WiFi to work.

C'mon people, where's your common sense?!

Mr. Mayor, just because WiFi is cool doesn't mean you have to give it away for free. Besides, six months after you roll it out, the transponders are going to be obsolete. What are you going to do, replace them all? Probably not. So, then all LA has is old technology, and egg on their face. Let private industry do what they do best and let the government take care of the roads, put more cops on the street, and solve the homeless problem.

—Maria Mendoza

Let's not be the first City in the country to have wireless Internet. Let's be the first to solve our homeless problem. Besides, when was the last time you saw a homeless person surfing the Web on a laptop?

—Timothy Tisdell

## There's a New Country Station in Town for Tim's '27 Ford to Receive

Well, I'll be! Looks like we have a new country music radio station in town! It's at 105.1 on the FM dial, and it has some of the old personalities from KZLA. Woo-hoo!

—Timothy McFarland

## Between Service, Discounts, Club More Than Pays for Itself

I am writing regarding two items. The first item is: I would like to thank Jessica Segura for all of her help. I recently ordered two shirts as a gift. I placed the order on a Tuesday, needing

them by that Saturday. I was worried because they were coming regular mail (and we know how slow they can be).

To my surprise, I received the shirts the next day.

The second item regards the membership fee increase. I have a part-time business that requires me to shop for office supplies at Office Depot. Thanks to the Club and the awesome benefit they negotiated with Office Depot, I have saved approximately \$60 in just two shopping trips. My membership fees are money well spent.

Thanks for everything.

—Brian Hollenbaugh, LAPD Jail Division

## Mayor Has New Newsletter, But *Alive!* Has More Good City News

Recently I received the Mayor's e-newsletter. It must be new as it's the first time I've ever seen it. It was nice — the usual political cookie cutter stuff.

But the more I looked at it the more I realized something was missing. Where was all the good news of us City Employees?

Now don't get me wrong. Antonio is a very capable man, but I'm sure he realizes that there are many hard working, smart, determined and eager City Employees that are out there helping him realize his dreams.

Hey, if you guys at *Alive!* can find the good news and accomplishments of City Employees, then I'm sure Antonio's staff can find it, too. (I mean, seriously. I know Antonio would only hire the cream of the crop.)

By the way, if you, too, want to get his e-newsletter, just go to [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org) and click on the link. I hope we'll see some *Alive!* material in it soon. Keep up the good work, Club, and keep telling the stories that are never told!

—Jaime Orazcal, Retired, Bureau of Engineering, Public Works

## There Was a Parade, But No Sign Of the Mayor's Fancy Parade Car

Hey, I went to the St. Patty's parade again as usual. This was my third year. Just curious though and maybe you can find out for me. What ever happened to the Mayor's parade car?

From what I understand it is only one of three 1952 Chrysler Imperial Parade Phaetons. Apparently only three were built: One was for New York City; the second for Los Angeles; and the third was supposed to be a gift to the White House but went to Detroit instead. The one that we got was painted cream with a rose interior, and was first used in the 1953 Tournament of Roses Parade. Apparently it has since been restored and repainted white, retaining its off-white interior, and is still in the possession of the City of Los Angeles. Supposedly it still takes part in official parades and celebrations, but I sure didn't see it at the parade last week!

Maybe you *Alive!* sleuths can do some research and find out what its status is. Thanks!

—Paul White

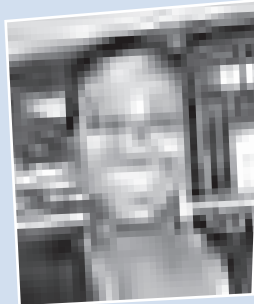
*Paul, you think exactly like we do! We first approached Fleet Services, General Services, about doing a special photo feature on this rare and remarkable car last year. But there was so much good news going on the City that the story was put on our backburner. Then, about two months ago, we approached Fleet Services again, and this time we were serious! We were told that Fleet Services would love for *Alive!* to do a feature on this cool car, but unfortunately it is undergoing some fairly serious maintenance at the moment and is out of commission. But don't fret; you can expect to see a great feature on the mayor's parade car just as soon as it's back on its feet. — Ed*

## 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!

# If you could trade places with someone famous (past or present), who would it be?



"Oprah!"

— Tracy Ware, Police Officer III, Mission Station, LAPD



"Jennifer Lopez without Marc Anthony."

— Josie Davila, Clerk Typist, Club Member



"The President of the United States."

— Kerry Ray, Retired, LAPD VTD



"Jimmy Doolittle."

— Mike Ohearn, Retired



"George Patton."

— Jim Hoffman, Retired



"Edward James Olmos."

— Abel Parga, Detective III, Mission Station, LAPD



"Jackie Onassis."

— Anna-Marie Izzo, Sr. Lead Officer, Mission Station, LAPD



"Eight-time world champion bull rider Donny Gay."

— Spence Leafdale, Sr. PSR, Mission Gangs, LAPD, Club Member



"My dad, because he taught me everything I know about honesty, integrity and fairness."

— J.R. Rodriguez, Retired, LAPD, Major Crimes