

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Mayor's Lack of Appearance at St. Patrick Parade Was Noticed

The St. Patrick's Day parade was well put together, and it made sense that it was because I understand Councilman Tom LaBonge and his staff helped make it happen.

One question though: Where was the mayor? Did he show up? I saw Garcetti, Perry, Zine, LaBonge, and Parks. The writer of last month's letter to the editor (Paul White, I think?) hits it right on the button about the mayor's car as well.

— Joseph Simpson, Rec and Parks



On left is Councilman Parks with Councilman LaBonge.

Filipino-Style Christmas Party Article Makes Him Want More

I truly enjoyed the wonderful article, "First Filipino-Style Christmas Party: Community Development celebrates Filipino-style," written by Corazon Soriano [February issue].

The article was very informative about Filipino culture. I went to the Philippines in 1963 while on active duty with the U.S. Navy. Corazon Soriano, would you please tell me how to make that delicious-looking pig? It looks so delicious!

I also admire the Barong Tagalog shirts. Where can I buy one? Do I have to go to the Philippines to buy one of those beautiful shirts?

Corazon, you are a very gifted writer. Would you please e-mail me with that information? [You can contact the letter writer by writing to the Club: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com —Ed.]

Salamat Po. Thank you very much

— Carl Banks Jr., Retired from Rec and Parks in 1998

Her Appreciation of Picture Perfect Contest Is in Full Bloom

"John's Picture Perfect" feature is one of my favorite pages on the newspaper. It's often the first place I go to when I get my copy in the mail. I guess I'm a sucker for flowers, but the photo Gonzalo Guerrero entered in last month's Picture Perfect of the white flower was my favorite. I think it has to do with my dad, since he was a botanist for the state parks. I look forward to seeing more like it in the future.

— Holly Rather, retired

Congrats to City Engineers (and Alive!) for Recent Award Story

I was looking around for a column about the awards that were presented by L.A. Council of Engineers and Scientists. It was nice to see that the *Alive!* was the place I could rely on to see the City Employees that were awarded.

Please thank Pamela Bond of Sanitation for the great photos she took of recipients. It helped me visualize the event as though I was there. Congratulations to the recipients, and it is amazing to know that the City of Los Angeles has such a group of intellectuals.

— Gerald Ferguson, General Services

Club's Offers Are Ticket for Fun, But Dodger Parking Is Killjoy

Lakers tickets, Clippers tickets, Dodger tickets and now they offer a private party at Magic Mountain? Wow! The Club is fantastic!

Please send my thanks to the Ticket Office for making my life as a City Employee feel like the life of a VIP. By the way, can you do something with the crazy parking prices at Dodger Stadium? Someone has to help.

— J. Lopez

Peanut Butter, Jelly Is Kid Stuff Next to Usual Chef Larios Fare

Come on, Chef Larios! You've got to give me something more than a gourmet peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Show me something yummy and delicious — not to say that peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are not. But I guess I was looking for a sautéed or oven-baked food that only Chef Larios loves to make.

— Henry Bautista, Retired

Can There Be Possibly Another City Newspaper as Good as Alive?

Congratulations to *Alive!* You did it again. Your story and pictures of the Port Police divers was fantastic. Sometimes I wonder how you do it. It's so nice to see the City Employees doing their best in all types of situations. Do other cities across the country have a newspaper for their employees like this?

— Samuel Ontogora

Thank you for the compliment, Samuel! And no, there isn't another city in the world that has a politics-free, employee-celebration-driven newspaper like *Alive!* So enjoy, and keep letting us know how we can do it even better. — Ed.



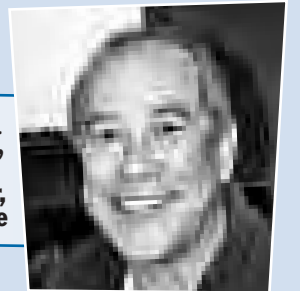
QUESTION of the Month

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!

What musical instrument would you have played if you had the chance?

"I know I still have a lot of time to start, but I wish I would have played the guitar a long time ago."

— Antonio Garcia, Sr. Inspector, Harbor, 15 years of service



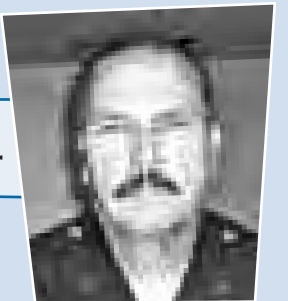
"The guitar."

— Fernando Franco, Sergeant, Airport Police



"Drums."

— Carl Sansbury, Airport Police, Club Member



"The saxophone."

— Arthur Brown III, LAX Warehouse Tool Room Worker, Club Member



"Piano."

— James Bradshaw, Airport Police, Club Member



"Flute."

— Lisa Lane, Airport Police, Club Member



"Violin."

— Charles Bezouska, LAX Warehouse Tool Room, Club Member



"It has to be the saxophone!"

— Raul Cobos, Truck Operator, Public Works, 3 years of service



"The flute is the instrument for me."

— Latory Garner, Housing, 9 years of service



"Every instrument ever made by mankind."

— Alex Escobar, DWP

