

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

'Be Alive' Is All the Push Jenny Needed to Take Hike

After reading your "Be Alive" article about Millard Canyon Falls, my boyfriend and I decided to trek out there for ourselves. It was a great experience! I'm no hiker by any means, but it actually wasn't so bad. There is plenty of shade, and the trail isn't too long. It took us about 30 minutes to walk from the parking lot to the waterfall with intermittent stops for pictures. I brought along my sandals, like you recommended, so I was able to soak my feet in that refreshing waterfall!

It is definitely a great hidden treasure. Only a few people were there when we went on a Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Thanks so much.

— Jenny Arzate, Rec and Parks



Chef Larios Doesn't Fish for Compliments, But Here's One

I have been meaning to write this for some time now. I just had to extend a hearty thank you to Robert Larios for his continued recipes! This past weekend I again made a batch of fish tacos, and they were great. His recipes are always easy to make (I always seem to have the ingredients on hand), fresh and great tasting. An associate raves about the chili recipe – I'll make that next.

Anyway, thanks, Robert, and *bon appetit!*

— Brett McReynolds, Contract Administration

Idea of 'Teensurance' Gives Assurance to Mom of Teenagers

The column "Rest Insured" on page 22 [August issue] was interesting to me because I have 17-year-old twin boys who ...well ... I accept all your condolences! Nonetheless, the idea of *teensurance* [insuring your teens – Ed.] really speaks to my concerns about my sons and their safety while on the road. Technology has stepped it up a notch, and in this case it's all for the better. Those national statistics are scary!

— Laura Midas, DWP

Harbor GM Interview, Photos Really Brought Out Personality

The article about Geraldine Knatz was very good! The photos are amazing, and I also liked the interview. *Alive!* does a really good job of painting an image into the personality as well as the usual reporting and interview techniques of the interviewee.

It looks like Geraldine was busy with the world of print media, since I also read the article in the last *Los Angeles Magazine* on her. All in all, she seems to be the right leader for the job down there at the Port.

— F. Kindrick, LAPD

Great work...

Alive! staff on your latest interview with Geraldine Knatz. I think it's your best interview yet!

— Mark Thompson, DWP

Picture Is Nearly Perfect for This Fan of Photo Contest

I really liked the photo Neil Rivas sent in for the "Picture Perfect" contest of the boat at the small island in Cambodia. There's something mysterious about it, as well as so much detail that it almost jumps out of the page.

By the way, I really like this contest. I always look for this page first.

— T. McGregory, General Services

Alive! Knows that Our Retired Members Are Anything But Retiring

Hello to the good folks of *Alive!*

First and foremost, please send my thanks to the entire newspaper staff for their continued interest in the retired City Employee community. You are the only publication that I know that spends a little effort to know what we are up to.

Although I can only speak for myself, more often than not, I feel a bit neglected by my former employer, to whom I dedicated over 30 years of my life working in City Hall. I also want to thank the Retired Los Angeles City Employees Association for their efforts in making our lives better. Although I missed the picnic at Grace Simons Lodge this year, many of my friends from the City who attended said it was a nice day and that it was well promoted thanks to partnership of the folks with *Alive!* and Phil Skarin of RLACEI.

— Henry Smith, Retired

Hard for Reggie to Leave the Limelight, Once He Was In It

Long live Reggie the Alligator!

— Roy Hathaway, Rec and Parks

Roy, we presume you're talking about the news story last month that Reggie the Alligator, who caused all sorts of drama down in San Pedro last year before being captured and deposited at the Zoo, escaped his quarters last month and created more drama while everyone was looking for it. We can tell you confidentially that we are trying to get him an application for Club Membership ... but he keeps slipping through our fingers. We'll let you know if there are any further developments. —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 go back in time and relive a day in your life, what would it be?

"Playing the piano from the time I was in elementary school."

— Gayle Whitehead, Club Member, Ontario Airport Police, 20 years of service.



"My daughter's birth!"

— Ean Hargrove, Instrument Mechanic, Bureau of Sanitation, 8 years of service.



"The day I got married!"

— Ameer Faquir, Sanitation Wastewater Manager II, Public Works, 22 years of service.



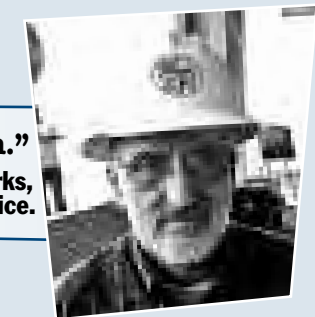
"The day I met my fiancé."

— Ollie Veasey, Club Member, Sanitation Manager, Public Works, 21 years of service.



"When my first child was born."

— Sean Kenney, Civil Engineer, Public Works, 18 years of service.



"When I turned 21 years old."

— Mike Elder, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works, 21 years of service.



"All the days of joy."

— Mahesh Pujari, Supervisor, Public Works, 16 years of service.



"The day I got married."

— Dale Patterson, Club Member, DMO 3, General Services, 7 years of service.



"My wedding day."

— Norma Andrade, Housing, 10 years of service.



"When I was a baby."

— Trentia Campbell, Club Member, LAPD, 9 years of service.

