

# LETTERS To the Editor

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## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### They're Not From Space; They Work at McCullough

Hey, thanks a lot for coming by and dropping off the November edition with the McCullough story [DWP: Power to the People, November 2007]. We all think that was awfully nice of you to shine a light on our little forgotten corner of the world!

Please know you are welcome here any time.

I'm attaching a sort of funny photo that I hope you enjoy. It's a photo of Lance Hess and Gary Harries, ESM Mechanics at McCullough, wearing SF6 gas handling protective equipment.

— Crawford Leitch, Station Operator, McCullough Switching Station

Thanks for sending along this fun pic, Crawford. And thanks for your invitation to return! You never know when we may be out your way again. We love focusing on City Employees, wherever you might be. —Ed.



Lance Hees and Gary Harries, ESMs, McCullough Switching Station.

### ... But Alive Around World Could Have Been From Mars

You guys over there at the Club had me rolling on the floor in a state of extreme hysterics when I saw last month's *Alive! Around the World* entry from "Mars." I still find myself chuckling every time I think about it.

Thanks, Club, for always keeping me informed, educated and entertained. You guys are great!

—Mitch Battlinger, LAPD

### Story About DWP Power Really Lights Up Mary Rose

Hot dog! You boys really opened my eyes last month. In all my years working for the great City of Los Angeles, I never ever realized how much work and effort went into getting electricity to the City. I'm really proud of those DWP guys and girls.

Also, hearing that the man that runs the Power Division used to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority is pretty darned impressive. Thank you for the enlightenment!

—Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired — and avid *Alive!* reader

### He Says Thanks for Story On His Retirement Party

I want to thank you for the layout of my retirement in the November issue of *Alive!* It was much more than I expected, and my wife and I greatly appreciate your quick response and the follow up.

Thank your staff as well. It was very professional.

—Richard C. Sanchez, Retired, Building and Safety

Happy to do it, Richard. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. —Ed.

### He's Intrigued by Hynda's 2-Volume Book on LA History

I would love to buy Hynda Rudd's book on city government. Can you tell me who I need to talk to? Thank you.

—Rodney Scheffield, Public Works

*Sure, Rodney. Distribution of the book—titled The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000—is being handled through Loyola Marymount University. Contact:*

*Dr. Jennifer Magnabosco  
The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles*

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Book Request*

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### 1 Minute He Jams at ClubFest; The Next, He Stops Car Thieves

I saw Lt. Titus Smith being honored last month for his and others' efforts against car theft. Is that the same Titus Smith that played at ClubFest in the band Jamnesia? If so, please let him know that he is an inspiration for his fellow City Employees.

—Eduardo Laskin, Rec and Parks

*You just did!* —Ed.

### DOT's in Good Hands With Club Board Member Robinson

Congrats to Rita Robinson! The mayor couldn't have picked a better person to run the DOT!

—Samantha Waters, LAPD

*We agree, Samantha. Rita is one of the best.* —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 is your favorite holiday movie?

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles or Christmas Vacation."

— Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member



"Die Hard, the one that takes place at the airport."

— Shawn Olson, Labor Supervisor, 7 years of service, Club Member



"A Charlie Brown Christmas."

— Rebecca Sanchez, Clerk Typist, 7 months of service



"A Christmas Story."

— Rhonda Ketay, Principle Clerk, 7.5 years of service, Club Member



"Mr. Brooks."

— James H. Smith, Painter, 30 years of service, Club Member



"It's a Wonderful Life."

— Steve Richmond, Plumber, 1 year of service



"A Charlie Brown Christmas."

— Edward Santillan, Parking Attendant 1, 23 years of service, Club Member

