

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Club Store Welcomed By Club Member in His Bug



Driving around downtown on a Saturday, I saw your new building behind the new Parker Center. Welcome to the neighborhood! That's me in the orange VW.

— George Cormany, LAPD

Thanks, George. We're having a great time at the New Club store downtown! And thanks to Michael Cisneros for snapping the fun photo.
— Ed.

Seeing City Employees in Big, Bold Letters Made Them Proud

First off, I have to admit something. I feel bad about saying this, but for so many years of working for the City of Los Angeles, I never really felt proud of being a City Employee. There are so many stereotypes out there. But, when I drove down Second Street the other day and saw the Club Store sign in big, bold, beautiful letters on your building, I almost cried. To think that there is a store dedicated solely to City Employees makes feel like I can be proud again of working for the City.

So thank you, City Employees Club, for truly caring about City Employees. And most of all, thank you for showing the respect we've deserved for so many years.

— Margaret Astoria, Club Member for life

Wow, I was blown away when I visited your store downtown on Second Street. Nice work, guys!

— Maddox Sanchez, longtime Club Member

Jessica and Cynthia Enjoyed Reading About Griffith Rebirth

Thank you very, very much for printing the Griffith Park flower field guide ["Rebirth," *Alive!*, June 2008]. I went to Griffith Park with my dad, and I found six of the flowers. It was fun. Thank you so much.

— Jessica Whitmore, 8 years old, daughter of Toddy Whitmore

You're welcome, Jessica. Great to hear that you are enjoying the lovely Griffith Park. — Ed.

Thank you, *Alive!*, for publishing the great story about Griffith Park's comeback. I read the interview of Jorge Ochoa and Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres word for word. It was

great. Excellent photos, too! You guys do such a good job. It makes me proud to be a City Employee.

— Cynthia Hasper

Club Members Takes a Hike, Literally, Because of *Be Alive*

We really enjoy *Alive!*, especially the hiking section. We have done several of the suggested hikes and enjoy getting out to the local "wilderness."

Thanks!

— Mike Elling, LAPD

Hi Mike, that's exactly why Angel started going on his *Be Alive!* hikes – to spread the word about all the great ways to stay active and enjoy the great outdoors in our area. Thanks for writing. — Ed.

Hey *Alive!* I think you might have saved my life. I read Angel's *Be Alive!* column and decided to visit the Bodyworld exhibit over at the California Science Center. It was all about the heart. They showed healthy hearts and not-so-healthy hearts. They showed what blocked arteries look like, too. Needless to say, I've been eating right ever since. "*Be Alive!*" ... how appropriate!

— Tommy Jacuez

He Didn't Know That Snow Surveying Was Done by City

After all these years of hearing about the snow pack, I never realized that it was our very own DWP employees who actually took the readings ["*The Snow Surveyors,*" *Alive!*, May 2008]. What an amazing story too -- you guys really do a great job. Oh, and the pictures were outstanding. Thanks again for a job well done.

— Thomas Harding

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 was the *least* reliable car you've ever had?

"A Fiat Sportster."

— Alfred Sosa, DWP, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, 35 years of City service.



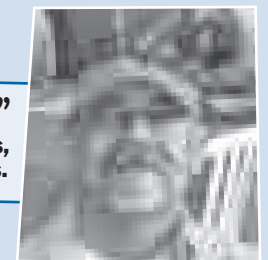
"A 1974 yellow Volkswagen."

— Bob Stukey, DWP, Fleet Operations Supervisor, 36 years.



"A '79 Chevy Nova."

— Jose Fuentes, DWP, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 23 years.



"A Saturn."

— Jack Simpson, DWP, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 24 years.



"A 1990 Hyundai Excel."

— Joe Bojorquez, DWP, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 10 years.



"An '06 Dodge Caravan."

— David Zeman, DWP, EDMT, 2 years.



"A 1980 Cutlass Supreme."

— Daniel Hardisty, DWP, EDMT, 3 months.



"A Chevy Vega! It was a gift."

— Lori Ledbetter, DWP, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years.



"A 1964 Ford Falcon Ranchero."

— Mike Rangel, General Services.



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— Howard Pompel, the Club's In-House Insurance Counselor.

