

LETTERS To the Editor

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City Did Good Job on N. Central Renovation

I'm not sure who to thank, but my family and I would like to extend our appreciation to the City for the beautiful renovation of the West Valley Animal Shelter.

Last week we began attending dog obedience classes there (Thursday nights, 6 to 7 p.m.) for our two golden retriever puppies. We were impressed with the new building, and we especially noted how the facilities took into account the specific needs of the various animals (i.e. air conditioning; access to outside; lots of room to roam, etc.).

Nicely done!

– Jack London, Club Member

Good job, Jack, on taking care of your pets. We'll use this opportunity to mention once again the new *Alive!* feature on pet adoptions, produced with the cooperation of Animal Services. They do a good job over there, but don't often get the recognition they deserve for doing such a challenging job. – Ed.

'People We See' Feature Is a Good Service for All

I really feel that you are doing a service to all of us by interviewing people who are living among us, with real experiences of a lifestyle different than ours. Sometimes we need to have empathy for those around us who have had hard breaks. Please continue these interviews because they are so meaningful, showing us each person in life is special. Thank you for the thoughtful gifts you give; and some ideas I would have would be to give bus tickets or a gift certificate to a store for things needed such as underwear or shoes.

What a healing story.

– Joseph Anthony, Retired City Employee

Hey guys and gals! I think your "People We See" column is a great way to realize that the homeless person you pass on the street has feelings and opinions just like the rest of us. Some people, with the correct medical treatment and a little help, can be a self-sustaining person once again. I think it's a shame that some people don't have a roof over their head, and even more shameful when they've served their country in the military, such as Samuel Mays.

Thanks for opening our eyes and giving these folks a chance to express themselves and a few gifts to perhaps make their day just a little brighter.

– Jean Sarfaty, LAPD, Club Rep

Club Store, 'People We See' Are Two Jobs Well Done

My wife and I had a chance to come in and see the new store recently. All I can say is, wow! It is a really beautiful store, and the location is very convenient. I would like to say to all the employees who put in the time and effort: a job well done!

Next, I would like to say thanks to the Club for your "People We See" in downtown Los Angeles. I think that it is wonderful that the Club tries to reach out to help those less fortunate. What I find even more amazing is that the Club is doing this with the small amount that we pay to belong to the club. To me, that is really money well spent.

Please keep up the good work. It is really appreciated.

– Brian Hollenbaugh, LAPD

Ill Relative of Club Member Needs Bone Marrow Donor

My sister-in-law Susan Kim, a longtime Airport Guide, has Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She has completed chemotherapy but requires a bone marrow transplant. She is on the waiting list for a suitable donor, but I wondered if something could be put in *Alive!* requesting a bone marrow donor. Best would be an Asian male, preferably Korean or Chinese.

– Stuart Susswain, Airports

Sure thing, Stuart. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. If there are any suitable donors, please contact the Club at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll put you in touch with Stuart. – Ed.

Hey, Bob Knox ... Call Your Old Buddy, Kyle. Loof Lirpa!

I saw a picture of Bob Knox in the June issue of *Alive!* on the retirees page. I met Bob 31.5 years ago when I started with the City in the Personnel Department.

I just wanted to let him know that I miss him – Loof Lirpa, Bob! Only he and I know what that means, and it brings a smile to my face every time I think of him. Bob, contact me at the Library when you get a chance so we can catch up!

– Kyle Millager, Library

Bob, contact the Club at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll be happy to pass along Kyle's contact info. Loof Lirpa! – Ed.

Correction

In last month's list of retirements in the "Life's Important Moments" section, we gave an incorrect number for Frank Navarro's years of service. Frank retired after 32 years of service, earning a Career Service Award. Congratulations, Frank, and we apologize for the error. – 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 have anything back from your childhood, what would it be?

"The mind set of child innocence."

– Chrissy Heard, Regional VP of LunchStop, the new cafeteria opening at the Port of Los Angeles to be called The Port Pantry



"My sanity."

– Port Police Officer Ken Hobbs, 25 years of City service, Club Member



"My childhood summers."

– Amy Arnold, Sr. Management Analyst II, Club Member



"My Fanner 50 cap gun."

– Port Police Lt. James Webb, Club Member



"My dad."

– Bill Klingemann, Plumber, Club Member



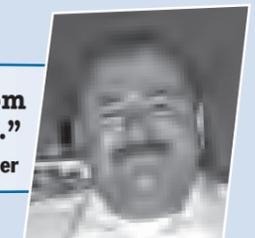
"Being a size 2."

– Mary Ramos, Clerk, Club Member



"The first red Huffy bike I put together from spare parts I got from my friends."

– Port Police Security Officer Tony Alvarado, Club Member



"My carefree and limitless opportunities that childhood presents."

– LAPD Sgt. Goddard



"My mother."

– LAPD Security Officer Tony Stillwell, Club Member



"My youth."

– LAPD Sgt. Zabel

