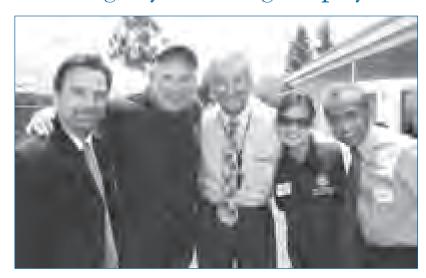
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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Councilmembers Should Follow LaBonge by Thanking Employees



At the July 17th City employee appreciation barbeque, from left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; Tom LaBonge, Councilman, District 4; Alan Willis, Transportation, 21 years of City service; Jeanne Min, Council District 4 Director of Finance; and Zaki Mustafa, Chief of Field Operations, Transportation.

I went to the event at Friendship Park that Tom LaBonge and his staff put together last month, and I really think that more of the City Council should do things like this for the community and the City Employees who work in each of the Council districts. It really lifts morale for everyone, and it makes us think that the top people who run the City really care about us. Now I'm thinking that Tom LaBonge is a leader for the people, and this is the kind of leadership we need in the City for years to come. Others should look to him as a perfect example.

— Reggie Knoll, Rec and Parks

New Animal Adoption Column's A Pet Project for Animal Lover

I really like the pet club column; it's right down my alley. I have three cats and three dogs already with the help of Animal Services. It is downright hard to turn the page after seeing these adorable cats and dogs. It makes me want to adopt more of these fury critters!

— Gina Thompson, General Services

We agree, Gina. Channel 35 took the lead with its very popular Home Shopping Petwork, and we sought a way to take that concept and translate it for the newspaper. But we were a little concerned that it takes a long time from when Animal Services submits the material, to when we publish. But Animal Services' great rep, Mikki Shaler, places holds on the animals featured in Alive! So get out there and take a look at these great, pre-screened pets. As you know, they can change your life. —Ed.

Why Not Sell Other City Gear, Like Ties, Backpacks and Undies?

The convenience is super with the Club Store just a block away from my office at Parker. Let me say that the Club Store is very classy as well. I think the store, along with its shirts, should offer more stuff like sweatshirts and pants, backpacks, shorts and even underwear.

Yes, I wrote it! Underwear!

Hmmm, and maybe some City of LA ties for the office types?

Last thing, I really like those comfy leather sofas – they're worth the short trip to the store by themselves.

- Billy Lawndale, LAPD

We're happy to pass along your suggestions to Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, and the Ticket Guy. We'll pass them along ... with the exception of the underwear. We'll leave that to you, next time you visit those nice comfy leather sofas! —Ed.





"My family and I were involved in power outages during the incredible heat waves."

James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD 18 years.

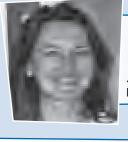


- Willie Owens. Senior Detention Officer, 15.5 years.



"The crazy lines at the airport when I got back from vacation overseas due to the terrorist activity in England." - Dorothy Keller,

Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 14 years.









"I got to see three separate car chases this summer."

 Tina Tsai. Management Analyst, General Services, 2 years.