

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Club Store Apparel Has a Much Longer History

In the late 1970s, I designed and sold watches with logos from the City of Los Angeles, L.A. County, and a few unions and associations. I also produced logo coffee mugs for the Bureau of Sanitation, belt buckles with the City logo, City logo hats and jackets.

In the past, I gave some LA logo hats to a paving crew in England and another in Fiji. Back in the day, I often got kidded by my supervisors, who wondered just what my job really was! I got the idea from an ad in a magazine when flying to Europe. I know that I was the very first to do this, and it is great to see how my idea has taken off. I still wear



my watch, which has served me for more than 20 years.

Since retiring in 1987, my wife and I have traveled in almost every state and 15 or 20 foreign countries, including one trip around the world and twice through the Panama Canal; New Zealand; and five times to Australia. And we have taken at least ten cruises.

Enclosed is a picture from our trip to Prague last year.

— Gary Whittington,
Public Works/Street
Maintenance,
Retired in 1989

Cool story, Gary! We hadn't heard that before, and we're grateful that you wrote in and told us about it. Thanks! — Ed.

Angel Said, 'Take a Hike,' So He Did ... and Loved It

My thanks to Angel Gomez for his article on and recommendation of Malibu Creek State Park ["Be Alive!"]

I've lived in LA for 24 years, and didn't know it existed. Thanks to his article, a friend and I went hiking a few weeks ago and really enjoyed it. It was a beautiful setting. I will say that I would classify half the hike as "medium" rather than "easy," but then I'm not as young as Angel is! I even ran into a former boss of mine from Transportation, who is now a docent at the park's visitor's center.

I can't wait to find out what Angel recommends next month. Many thanks!

— Pat Tomcheck, Club Member

Fantastic, Pat! We're delighted that our feature inspired you to inspired you to "Be Alive!" We know there are lots of others who are taking these hikes, too. Let us know! — Ed.



Photos of John Bogdanoff Bring Back Good Memories

It was wonderful to open *Alive!* and see a picture of John Bogdanoff on the cover and read that he is doing well [cover story, February]. My family and I know him from the boxing program at Lincoln Park. My father, Elias "Al" Munoz (Retired City Employee with more than 25 years of service), worked alongside Mr. Bogdanoff in the Boxing Program and other community groups.

The pictures of the young boxer and parent with Mr. Bogdanoff and Enrique Bolanos on pages 7 and 8 show my older brother, Tony Munoz, and my father. Tony was a boxing participant of the boxing program at Lincoln Park and the Old Jail. He gave up boxing as a young person and is an aeronautical Engineer living in Japan.

It is wonderful that *Alive!* pays tribute to great City Employees!

— Corinne (Munoz) Tiliano

Here's just a little FYI regarding the story of John Bogdanoff.

The picture of the kid with John is my

brother, Albert "Tony" Munoz. Another picture included with his story shows my brother, also, but to the far right – that gentleman is my father, Al Munoz, who had a long history with the boxing program at Lincoln Park, along with John and Eddie Rodriguez. My father was also involved with the Lincoln Park Youth Boxing Club. I remember those days when my brother use to box, and I remember many of the kids my father worked with. In fact, my cousin, "Mighty" Mike Anchando, boxed a little out of there, also.

I just wanted to share this information with you. It was a real surprise seeing those pictures.

— Molly Munoz, City Employee

The Way in San Jose Is Not as Good as *Alive!*

You fellows do a real quality job on *Alive!* It's very professional and very informative. Keep up the good work. I'm really impressed, as I came from San Jose, and they can't even compare to your publication.

— Laurence "Russ" Russell, Port Police

QUESTION of the Month

The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

What would you do if you found a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?



"Take all my friends on a party cruise."

— Rick Reinschmidt,
Rec and Parks, 8 years of service.

"Donate money to the Library."

— Dora Suarez,
Library, 13 years of service.



"Move to Hawaii."

— Enrique Barranco,
DWP, 2 years of service.

"Buy a new car."

— Jose Pena,
Housing, 3 months of service.



"Buy myself a house and take care of my family."

— Lorena De La Torre,
General Services, 15 years of service.

"Invest."

— Murriel Goosby,
Sanitation, 5 years of service.



"Buy some real estate."

— Phil Frierson,
ITA, 17 years of service.

"Take a trip around the world."

— Raquel Garcia,
Planning, 1.5 years of service.



"Retire."

— David Gutierrez,
DWP, 19 years of service.

"Give it away."

— Robert Aguirre,
DWP, 3 years of service.

