

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Melody's in Love With Everett's Graceful Lines

Dear Everett Bennett:

I wanted to write you a letter telling you that I really enjoy your Car Club column. Your last story really brought back memories of my restoration days. I currently have a '71 Dodge Duster (Demon) and a '72 BMW 3.0 CSI Coupe, all beautifully restored. Looking forward to your next piece. All the best!

— Melody Cranson, DWP

Hi Melody: Well, of the two cars you own, I can say I owned close to one of them – and it wasn't the Bimmer! I used to drive a used 1971 Dodge



An early 1970s BMW 3.0 CSI Coupe "Alpina."

Dart Swinger, the family version of the Demon. It wouldn't go in reverse, but the air conditioner shot ice at me. Hey, at least it got me to college and back! Anyway, thanks for the trip down memory lane. We'll pass your note to Everett. —Ed.

Big Thanks for the Way Alive! Covers the City

I'm sure you hear this all the time but I just wanted to say thank you.

Thank you for always putting the City Employee first, thank you for taking the time to interview us, in great detail, about what we do and how we do it. No other publication in the City would ever do this. Thank you for showing us respect.

Keep up the great work, and never, never stop doing what you do.

— Vincent Canavan, Club Member

Hi Vincent: You're welcome, you're welcome. We love telling the good news of the City. —Ed.

His Own Badlands Adventures Mirrored Those of Hal, Evelyn

Hi *Alive!*, it feels great to be alive!

I just got back from the Badlands of South Dakota, and let me tell you that there's nothing bad about it – it's terrific just as described in the Adventures with Hal in the last newspaper.

When is the Crazy Horse Memorial getting fixed up? It's taking a century, it seems. That's crazy! Rapid City and Deadwood (the real city, not the one portrayed by HBO) are my favorite places to stop and get a bite to

eat. I even drove up to Devil's Tower. Not sure how I got there, but let say it took at least a half-day to get there from Rapid City. Once you're there, it's a real treat. Takes your breath away.

Anyway, I thought I'd share my travels up that way, just like your Hal did. See ya, wouldn't want to be ya!

— Rex Tierney, Retired

Photos of LAFD Heroes Really Show Their Drama

Those are amazing photos in the article about Everyday Heroes in Action. Juan Guerra was able to get right into the action. As the reader, I felt like I was really there.

The photos show the drama and stress that go on within a scene that the LAFD has to deal with. Thanks to *Alive!* for sharing with us what our colleagues in the Fire Department do for Los Angeles. We should all be thankful that Firefighters are willing to do what they do to save lives and protect our City.

— Jenny Gracen, Rec and Parks

Hi Jenny, we couldn't agree more; that's why we added this popular and dramatic new feature. Juan takes great photos, doesn't he? Speaking of, our photo this month, by Harry Garvin, courtesy the LAFD, is a stunner, right out of a movie set. Thanks for writing! —Ed.

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 was your favorite thing in your Easter basket when you were a kid?



"Candy."

— Cheryl Craig, Transportation, 22 years of City service.



"A hard-boiled egg."

— Gregory Zuniga, General Services, 20 years of service.



"Bunnies."

— Hubert Gomez, General Services, 1 year of service.



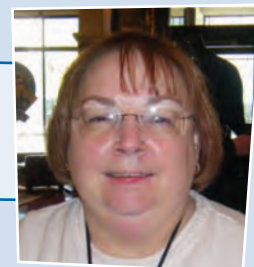
"Money."

— Joe Stevenson, Transportation, 16 years of service.



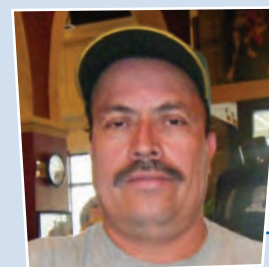
"A homemade Easter bunny, school supplies and coloring books."

— Maria Vasquez, Public Works, 20 years of service.



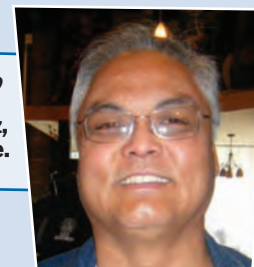
"Licorice jelly beans."

— Marianne Vila, Rec and Parks, 23 years of service.



"Peanut candy."

— Miguel Martinez, Rec and Parks, 5 years of service.



"A hard-boiled egg."

— Ron Sempelsz, DWP, 28 years of service.



"M&Ms."

— Socorro Gonzalez, Rec and Parks, 24 years of service.



"A See's Bordeaux Easter egg."

— Steve Paddio, General Services, 1 year of service

Correction

In the Special Achievements section of the March issue, we incorrectly listed the title of Anna Ruiz. She is a Senior Clerk Typist, LAPD. Sorry about that, Anna.