

# LETTERS To the Editor

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## Robert Has More Ideas About Nuclear-Powered Speedy Rail

Thank you for printing the article in City Employees Club publication *Alive!* in June. When I re-read the article, I looked at the projected calculations for 200 units times \$2 million per month, and it should equal \$400 million per month revenue, not \$4 billion per month. I apologize for not catching my error earlier.

In the meantime, I have contacted Jim Jones, Vice President of Hyperion Power Generation Inc. that I submitted the article and that the California High Speed Rail Authority might benefit greatly by considering using nuclear power units along the 800-mile route as no power towers, access roads, etc. would be needed to provide electrical power for the trains. As an additional benefit, thermal energy could be used to heat and chill homes and buildings that the train passes through, greatly reducing monthly costs for energy and heat or chilling homes (especially in rural regions of California where no other utilities are available). This might help to win support for the project to pass through communities and cities impacted along the route.

I have to be more careful in my research, as elevated high-speed trains (MALVEVs) are not high-speed rail trains. High-speed rail trains use steel track and steel wheels. So I was corrected by Kris Deutsch, the Public Relations Representative for the California High Speed Rail Authority.

– Robert James Lavelle, Public Works

## Badge Holder Seems to Fit Most of Gerry's Big Needs

Hey Club Store! I really like that badge holder your guys have there. A buddy of mine bought one, and everyone in our office wanted to get one for themselves. It's sturdy, too. And you can't beat the price! It's like buying a drink at Starbucks, except you don't have to go every morning to get your fix! Thanks Ticket Guy and store staff.

– Gerry Gilroy, General Services

## The Office Depot Discount Is Still One of Club's Best Deals

I went to Office Depot and bought \$110.34 worth of stuff, but when the cashier ran my credit card that I linked my Club discount with, it came down to \$68.55! *Whoa!* That is some discount. I love it! And I love the way the Club is saving me moolah.

– Tina Harmon, Rec and Parks

*Hi Tina, you're right – the Club's Office Depot discount, despite being one of the oldest Club promotions, is still in effect, and still saving Club Members tons of money. Are you getting your Office Depot discount? Talk to your Club Rep, or inquire at the Club Store. —Ed.*

## The Rockets Red Glare Over San Diego Make a Great Sight

Hey! I have an answer to last month's Question of the Month about where the best place to watch fireworks is. It's the San Diego Bay. Anywhere around the harbor will get you great views. You should see New Year's Eve as well!

– Frank Moore, Retired

*Hi Frank, Rachael Brecher produces the Question of the Month at the Club Store. So make sure you stop by sometime soon and participate in this fun feature! —Ed.*

## Club's Sports Dude Has More In Store, If He Can Swing It

I really liked the story on the city's public golf courses. I had no idea that they were so affordable. Isn't the Sports Dude the same guy known as Chef Larios? Boy he gets around, huh? Does he sleep?

– Gina Marquez, DWP

*Hi Gina, yes you are correct – the Sports Dude is Chef Larios. Not that we were trying to hide it! Robert is a multitasking guy. —Ed.*

## History Feature on City Halls Sheds Light on Previous Buildings

That was a beautiful article on the different City Halls of LA. Little did I know there were several before the one we have now. Please thank Hynda Rudd for the education, because now I sound like an authority when talking to colleagues around town and in the office.

– Marie Lloyd, City Attorney

*Hi Marie, I think you just thanked Hynda yourself! She's a treasure. —Ed.*

## Corrections



In the story on the new DWP fallen employees memorial on page 50 of the July issue of *Alive!*, the two photos were inadvertently miscredited. The photos were taken by Art Mochizuki, photographer for the DWP. *Alive!* appreciates the photos that were supplied by the DWP and apologizes to Art for our oversight.



## QUESTION of the Month



– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

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 do you love about the summer?



“Spending time with family.”

– Velma Wade, Transportation, 22 years of City service (pictured with her family, of course)



“Beaches.”

– Hubert Gomez, General Services, 2 years of City service



“The City zoo and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.”

– Edwin Overbeek, General Services, 10 years of City service



“The long daylight hours, the weather, and beautiful sunsets.”

– Cheryl Evans, LAPD, 15 years of City service



“The sunshine.”

– Rosalina Ortiz, Rec and Parks, 9 years of City service



“Riding my motorcycle.”

– Milton Tate, DWP, 24 years of City service



“Jacuzzi weather, traveling, and spending time with family.”

– Debbie Kennedy, Public Works, 35 years of City service



“The beach.”

– Cindy Serrano, General Services, 13 years of City service



“The kids are out of school, so we can spend more time together.”

– Richard Musquiz, General Services, 5 years of City service



“Visiting family from Phoenix.”

– Olivia Moreno, Airports, 5 years of City service

Something to  Think About

“Commit yourself to quality from day one. It's better to do nothing at all than to do something badly.”

– Mark McCormack, sports marketer

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:  
*Always do your best!*