

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Gina Votes for a Repeat Event At Dodger Stadium Next Year

I heard about the Club and its big Dodger Game event on Oct. 4. Will you have another next year? Because there were more of us that wanted to go!

Are the rumors true that it was all you could hot dogs, drinks, nachos and peanuts? That sounds great! I also heard you had reserved seating for Mayor Villaraigosa? Did he show up and greet the 3,000 City Employees who attended the Dodger game? If he didn't, I hope he does next year - that's a lot of voters! Ha! Keep up the great work, Club!

— Gina Torres, Rec and Parks

Hi Gina, yes, the Club wants very much to repeat the success of this year's first special Club event at Dodger Stadium. Stay tuned! As for the all-you-can-eat, yes, that's also true. And much was eaten! Finally, about the mayor: No word about his attendance, although politicians move in and out of crowds very fast! Hang onto that vote for now. —Ed.



Emma Likes Being Kept Up to Date With City News

Being retired, I look forward to receiving a copy of *Alive!* to keep me connected with City employee events/news as well as with the Harbor Department. I would also like to personally thank you and your staff for making *Alive!* a huge success for us all to enjoy!

— Emma Gonzalez, Retired, Harbor

Our pleasure, Emma. Readers like you are the reason we publish *Alive!* every month. Don't hesitate if you have comments or questions, or ways we can do an even better job. —Ed.

Our Robert Larios Is a Man Of Very Many Personalities

Where does your "Sports Dude," Robert Larios, get all his energy? I saw him on last issue's cover, and I couldn't help but get all charged up for basketball! My buddies and I agree that taking over the Sports Program is one of the greatest things you've done - and we want you to know that we notice all of your staff's enthusiasm in printing the scores and taking pictures. You guys have taken it to a whole new level!

I'm a big fan of the "Sports Dude" and the Club.

— Jim Stopner, Public Works

Okay, enough already! First it's the cooking column, then a softball league and now a basketball league? Mr. Larios is sure a busy guy. When does he sleep? He does sleep, right?

Seriously speaking, it's great to see that there are people in the City who are still trying to make our lives positive, even when we have this economic challenge. I know it brings smiles to our faces.

I've spoken to a few players, and they've expressed great joy over the Club's commitment to City Employee sports. Thanks go to the Club and to the Sports Dude.

— Mark Hadden, General Services

Hi Jim and Mark, yes, we keep busy at the Club! Especially the Sports Dude, er, Chef Larios, er, Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations. He does it all in the name of great Club service. —Ed.

No Doubt the Club's Angel Will Get a Bang Out of This

Please let Angel Gomez of "Be Alive" know that I really like his articles on eclectic things to do in Southern California. And even though I'm pretty much a pacifist, I enjoyed his story on Jawbone, the place where you can go and shoot a gun with no one there to bug you. I've been hanging on to an old Luger that I'd love to test out; now I know where to go.

All the best.

— Marcia Witworth, Retired, Library

Hi Marcia, we'll let Angel know! As a former Marine, he has been well schooled and trained in the proper use of firearms, as he demonstrated in his installment of *Be Alive!* at Jawbone. He had a great time, and hopes that you do, too, with your Luger. As Angel would say, be safe! —Ed.

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!

Who would you invite for Thanksgiving dinner?



"Chuck Norris."

— George Tolar, Transportation, 1 year of City service



"Ronnie Lott."

— Jacobi Patterson, General Services, 7 years of City service



"Karl Malone."

— Arselia Sahagun, Rec and Parks, 5 years of City service



"Kobe Bryant."

— Brooks Provinchain, Transportation, 3 years of City service



"The Ugly Betty cast."

— Jacqueline Staten, Rec and Parks, 36 years of City service



"Brett Favre."

— Ceasar De La Torre, Rec and Parks, 15 years of City service



"Erik Estrada." (Hey, when is the 3rd season of CHIPS DVD going to be released?)

— Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, the Club



"Mark Harmon."

— Edward Millager, ITA, 21 years of City service



"Kobe Bryant."

— Rashad Westbrooks, General Services, 6 months of City service



"Bill Clinton, for the interesting conversations."

— Julio Ruelas, General Services, 8 years of City service

Something to  Think About

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

— Sir Winston Churchill

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