

LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Sanitation's Paul LeBel Is A Man of Many Talents

Paul LeBel ["Man vs. Trash," *Alive!* cover story in October] has been employed by the City of Los Angeles for over 20 years. During that time he has worked in Bureau of Street Services operating heavy equipment, Department of General Services as a heavy-duty mechanic, and as an equipment operator in the Bureau of Sanitation. The amazing fact about Paul is that he is an expert in each of these fields. He has been known to diagnose equipment problems when journeyman mechanics have thrown up their arms in bewilderment; he is an expert heavy-duty truck-driving instructor as well as heavy equipment operator instructor. Paul loves all kinds of motorized equipment, and for fun he is an expert builder and tuner of racecars! Paul's aptitude is not limited to the mechanical and automotive areas. Once assigned to the transfer station, he quickly learned City, County, and State regulatory aspects of the job, so he is equally at home in the office, on the tipping floor, or in the garage area. He is a rare individual and a true asset to the Division.

— Paul Blount, Operations Manager, Public Works/Sanitation, Club Member

Hi Paul (Blount), thanks for this commentary about Paul LeBel, the subject of last month's cover story on the City of Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS). It's not often we get co-workers praising another, and we think it's a good idea. —Ed.

I really enjoyed reading the article, "Man vs. Trash" in the October issue of *Alive!* I never knew this kind of job existed. *Alive!* does a great job of showcasing City jobs that normally do not get much attention. Keep up the good work!

— Sophia Tevithick

You're welcome, Sophia. We love covering all of the stories of the City Employees. —Ed.



Club Special Events Are Just the Ticket to New Things

Thank you so very much for the special offer at Medieval Times! I have been enjoying your special offers from time to time on events I wouldn't otherwise have been able to get tickets for. In these difficult times it's nice to know we have a place to get affordable tickets for my family. You are really making a difference! I'm looking forward to seeing "King Robert Larios" (a.k.a. Chef Larios and the Sports Dude) and having a great time!

— Dolores Brown, City Employee

Hi Dolores, you're welcome! Club Special Events are really becoming a big-time hit with Club Members. They allow Club Members and their families to have a great time at an affordable price. We're happy you're taking advantage of them. —Ed.

I can't wait to go to the Medieval Times private party on Nov. 13! I had so much fun the first time, and I wasn't going to miss the second time, either. It is great to cheer for your knight with your own coworkers and their families. Nothing like it in my opinion! I'm also looking forward to seeing Chef Larios, I mean King Larios, in his king gear. Can I take a picture with him?

— Gina Brennen, DWP

Hi Gina, make sure to introduce yourself to King Larios at the event, and ask him. I'm sure it will be no problem — when it comes to the King, someday your prints will come! —Ed.

Finding Great Photos Monthly Is a Snap With Picture Perfect

Can the Picture Perfect photos get any better? Amazing! Mike Aubin's photo of the seals is something out of *National Geographic!* The other one that I'd like to mention is the one that Hector Cardenas took of the Grand Canyon. Without the sun shining onto the canyon, it looks very different, but I think it captures how huge it is there. I can't wait to see next month's photos!

— Norman Knotts, Rec and Parks

Bob Wilkinson, Former Member Of City Council, Will Be Missed

Sorry to hear that former Councilman Bob Wilkinson passed away recently. He was an honest and firm politician. It seems like it was yesterday that he was working on his campaign for election. Those were the days. You are missed, Bob!

— Henry Furguson, City Retiree

QUESTION



of the Month



— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

Rachael at the Club Store asks 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's your favorite Thanksgiving food?



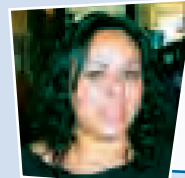
"Pumpkin pie with extra whipped cream."
— James Schuyler, LAPD, 7 years of City service



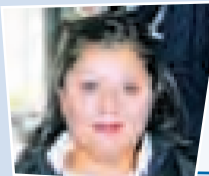
"Stuffing."
— Emmanuel Renteria, DWP, 3 years of City service



"Ham."
— Richard Garcia, Transportation, 25 years of City service



"Pan con chumpe [bread with turkey, Salvadoran]."
— Guadalupe Orellanas, LAPD, 10 years of City service



"Stuffing."
— Claudia Mejia, LAPD, 11 years of City service



"Pumpkin pie."
— Alvaro Reyes, Housing, 4 years of City service



"Honey-Baked Ham."
— Miguel Cornejo, Public Works, 3 years of City service



"Dressing."
— Glendra Perkins, LAPD, 23 years of City service



"Stuffing."
— Victoria Castillo-Garcia, Animal Services, 12 years of City service



"Pumpkin pie."
— Ed Lopez, DWP, 4 years of City service

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Representatives from Club partner, United Agencies will be at the Club Store:

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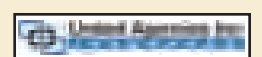
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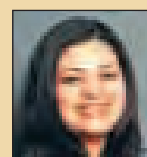
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