

Letters to the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Boathouse Story Creates Echoes Of Mary Rose's Yesterdays



L and o' Goshen, why I used to fish in that wonderful Echo Park Lake [cover story, November]. I used to ball up little pieces of Aunt Mary's fresh bread to use as bait... and then I'd tie a string to a stick from Uncle Joe's mulberry tree. Of course I always caught more fish than my older sister, Leone. Those were the days boys! Thank you for bringing back so many memories with your wonderful story of the Echo Park Boathouse renovation. And thank you to the City workers who are putting their heart and soul into this project. Until next time!

—Mary Rose Wilkens, Library, Retired

Assembly Is Okay, But Occupy LA Creates Whiff of Disgust

Well, thanks to the generous folks at "Occupy Los Angeles," my 11-year-old son got his first whiff of marijuana. As we were driving by City Hall, he sniffed the air through his open window and asked me what all those campers were cooking. So I was honest and told him that it wasn't barbecue he was smelling, it was drugs, and the only things cooking were brain cells. He had a disgusted look on his face, as did I.

Hey, I don't mind people taking to the streets, but when it becomes a Woodstock circus, I say enough is enough. Could someone pass this message on to the Mayor please, I'm sure he's just as disgusted as I am.

—Mario Sanchez, Club Member

The Club's Office Depot Discount Pays For Itself Over and Over

What can I say about the Office Depot discount? Is it legal? I mean, I went to Office Depot and spent \$177.81. When I gave the cashier my credit card, the new total became \$106.71. That is what I call a serious discount. The Club doesn't play around, and they are saving me money left and right. Thank you!

—Tim Horton, Rec and Parks

With This Turkey Recipe, Great Leftovers Are as Easy as Potpie

I tried the turkey leftover recipe with the potpie, and for someone like me who is as clumsy as

it gets in the kitchen, I made a darn good potpie. All thanks to Chef Larios! I will try it again the day after Thanksgiving because I know I will have tons of leftover turkey. I also look forward to reading the Food Quote that Chef Larios adds to the Cooking with the Club page. The last one was funny!

—Joan Thoreau, LAFD

Hi Joan, we couldn't agree more. Except in our case, we asked Chef Larios for a turkey enchilada recipe to take care of our leftovers the day after Thanksgiving. (Maybe Chef Larios will contribute that recipe next year.) As we write this, it's one week before Thanksgiving. And we're not sure what we're looking forward to more - the deep-fried turkey we're having on Turkey Day itself, or the turkey enchilada we're whipping up with the leftovers. Thanks, Chef Larios! - Ed.

Hal's Adventures Just One Part Of Reconnecting With Coworkers

It is terrific to reconnect with my former colleagues in the City now that I have retired through my Alive! newspaper. I recognize most of the people in the Best Years section. I especially like reading about Hal Danowitz and his adventures. He travels like a madman! I am jealous!

—Katherine Johnson, Retired

Hi Katherine, we love Hal and Evelyn as much as you do! And we know they are just returning from a monster excursion. We can't wait to read all about it the next few months here in Alive! - Ed.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

Question OF THE MONTH



— as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors

? What's your favorite holiday special on TV? ?



"The Night the Animals Talked, an old holiday show that I wish would be brought back."
— Jeanna Chavez, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service



"The Snowman and It's a Wonderful Life."
— Theresa Jimenez, Management Assistant, 4 years



"The Rose Parade."
— Diana Crowder, Public Works/Survey, 5 years



"A Christmas Story."
— Det. II Renee Medel, LAPD

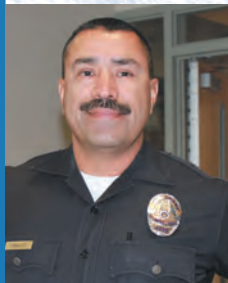


"Elf."
— Terry Price, Police Service Representative, 9 years, Club Member



"The Rose Parade."
— Chuck Williams, P3, 25 years

"Miracle on 34th Street."
— Martha Castaneda, Principal Clerk, LAPD, Club Member, 31 years



"A Charlie Brown Christmas."
— Sgt. Juan Franco, 17 years



"It's a Wonderful Life."
— Yolanda Alaniz, Sr. FT, 22 years, Club Member



"Miracle on 34th Street."
— Connie Lee, Management Analyst, 27 years



"It's a Wonderful Life."
— Leos Legita, Clerk, 21 years

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| Dec. 1 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido | Dec. 22 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido |
| Dec. 8 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Rosa Calderon | Dec. 29 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez |
| Dec. 15 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Xavier Rodriguez | Note: The Club Store will be closed Dec. 26 in honor of Christmas Day. | |