

Letters to the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH



Oh, So Close... But There's Always Doug's Next Attempt

Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough climbs Mt. Everest and gets within 1,000 feet of the top of the world [cover story, April]. What an amazing story! It is all very intense and downright scary. But I can't wait to find out if he gets to the top next time he tries it.

– Gina Thompson, Rec and Parks

Hi Gina, we plan to provide coverage of Doug's next attempt at the summit of Mt. Everest. Stay tuned! – Ed.

Thank you *Alive!* for always finding cool things that City employees are doing. Everest? Really? That is just so amazing that one of our fellow City Employees made the attempt at summiting Everest. That truly is an inspiration to everyone. Thank you!

– Javier Salvador, Retired, Rec and Parks

Can Small Nuke Reactors Help Solve City's Fiscal, Power Crises?

About two years ago I wrote a letter to *Alive!* [that the City] consider the use of miniature nuclear powered reactors (actually nuclear powered batteries) that could be transported by truck or rail to Hyperion Treatment Plant and housed in "mothballed" buildings of C-8 and C-11 (each structure the size of a football field with basements and four stories above ground). Installing these units there would allow power to be fed back to the grid at the adjacent transformer yard to the north of these buildings on site as well. The company that builds these units, Hyperion Power Generation (now under a new name, Gen4Energy), would provide these on a lease with option to buy, so there would be no out of pocket expense by the City of Los Angeles to use them.

Existing facilities can be used to house these miniature reactors or on a self-propelled barge moored to a pier to provide \$400 million per month increased revenue to offset the fiscal crisis facing the City and earning a surplus within two years.

Recently, I read an article that these miniature reactors are to be used in South Carolina to provide energy. Maybe it is not too late for the City to consider a similar project to provide an additional source of safe, reliable, and dependable low-cost energy. The City Council Members should at least consider this lease with an option to buy as a viable option.

– Robert James Lavelle, Public Works

Behind-the-Scenes Staffer Gets Shout-Out for Job Well Done

To Leigh [Thompson, the Club's controller]: Thanks again for returning my call and for all the wonderful things you do for all of us.

God bless.

– G.W., Club Member

Angel's Trip to Fillmore Was A Look Back to SoCal's Past

I really enjoyed Angel's "Be Alive!" column in the April edition. The sleepy town of Fillmore is such a throwback to the way Southern California was in the old days. Citrus was a big business. I think there is still a citrus packing company there that works with Sunkist.

I love the train as well! You almost expect it to be held up by bandits in the train car.

– Terry Jones, General Services

Club Sports Bowling League Is Right Down Tom's Alley

Whoa! Bowling? The Club now has bowling? I remember it was about 20 or 25 years ago that Jack Matthews did something like this for City Employees. I am glad that the Sports Dude has brought this back! Here's another suggestion – Club golf!

– Tom Samson, Retired

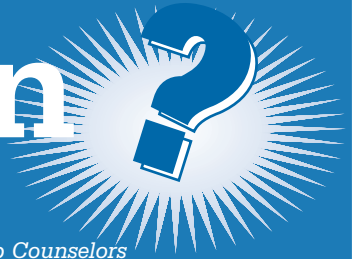
Club's Auto Insurance Plan Saves This Member a Bundle

Could you please pass a message to Jeff Gelineau, the President of the Club's auto insurance program, please. I just switched from AAA auto insurance to the Club's, and I save about \$600 a year. Frankly, I think that is just amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

– Joe Silverstone, General Services

Hi Joe, glad to hear that using the Club's auto insurance program has paid off for you. Your message has been passed along to Jeff. – Ed.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE Question OF THE MONTH



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

? Who's your favorite TV mom? ?



From left:

"Donna Reed, from *The Donna Reed Show*."

– Mike Gregerson, Sr. Inspector,
12 years of City service, Club Member

"Evelyn Braxton, *The Braxtons*."

– Dee Gordon, Sr. Clerk Typist,
31 years, Club Member

"Shirley Jones, *The Partridge Family*."

– Arlene Pombar, Clerk Typist,
13 years, Club Member

"Patricia Heaton, *The Middle*."

– David Whitehurst, Principal Housing Inspector,
12 years, Club Member

"Felicia Rashad, *The Cosby Show*."

– Willie Andrews, Sr. Inspector,
20 years, Club Member



"Ms. E, *The Braxtons*."

– Bridget Young



"Ella Payne, *House of Payne*."

– Latonqua Franklin,
DWP, 24 years

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

May 3 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Xavier Rodriguez

May 10 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Patty Pulido

May 17 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Rosa Calderon

May 24 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Xavier Rodriguez

May 31 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Patty Pulido

Note: The Club Store will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.



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