

# Letters to the Editor

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## LETTERS OF THE MONTH

### Echo Park Lake Project Makes for a Great Day Out



After reading your article about Echo Park Lake, my family drove there on a Sunday morning to check it out. It was great! Joggers, a yoga class on the lawn, people in boats, others enjoying coffee at the café, and beautiful views of the downtown skyline... we enjoyed it so much that we walked around the entire park twice. We will definitely be back to enjoy this park. My congratulations to Julie Allen from Public Works on a fantastic job in restoring this wonderful City resource and for *Alive!* for bringing it to my attention.

– Patrick Tomcheck, Airports

### Robert Thanks *Alive!* for Helping Honor His Brother

In April, we lost my brother, William Martin Lavelle, and your printing of his memorial was deeply appreciated by his family and friends.

– Robert James Lavelle

### World-Class LAX Bradley Terminal Really Takes Flight

Has anyone seen the changes to at the Tom Bradley Terminal in LAX? It looks so modern, and the architecture is eye catching. Just like it was mentioned in *Alive!*, it is a world-class location. This will certainly help tourists and other visitors feel more welcomed in the great city. Well done to all who were involved in the project.

– Roger Ludley, Retired

### Club's Gedina Is Attuned to Needs of the Lineman's Rodeo

What was not reported in the last *Alive!* about the Lineman's Rodeo was that Gedina [Bergstrom] of the Club sang the National Anthem for the day of the event. She has a magnificent voice and very much added to the excitement of the day. Our thanks to the Club for letting DWP borrow her, and thanks to Gedina for taking the time to visit with us.

– Tim Jones, DWP

### Softball 'Commish' Lady Smith Brings Unity and Fun to League

I would like to thank Commissioner Lady Smith of the Club Softball League for the fine effort she has made in making the league more united and fun. She cares about every-

one and wants them to feel happy. Isn't that what it is all about? Next time I see the Sports Dude, I want to thank him too for keeping the sports program going. I hear there is bowling and basketball coming up soon, so I will be a cheering fan at those events as well.

– Wilma Trevor, Retired

### Angel Captures Harsh Beauty of The Streets With 'People' Feature

I must commend Angel [Gomez] for his fine work in the "People We See" column. The story about Luis Miranda is incredible. An immigrant who ends up on the streets, that is harsh. It sounds to me like this is more common than we know. I sure hope he reunites with his family.

– Maria Lopez, General Services

### Reader Lisa Stews About the Absence of 'Cooking With Club'

Hey! What happened to the "Cooking With the Club" column? That is the first page we read at our office, and it was a big shock not to see it in the last issue. Will it run again? And is Chef Larios still at the Club? His recipes are easy to make and entertaining to read. Not only that, but we think the Chef has a killer smile. We are concerned employees, and Club Members here at the Fire Department. Don't go, Chef!

– Lisa McCombs, LAFD

*Rest easy, Lisa! As you will see when you turn to page 41 (or already have turned, as it is the first page you seek!), Chef Larios makes a triumphant return this month. As for last month, sometimes Chef Larios must also pull extra duty as his alter ego, the Club's Vice President of Operations. Enjoy! – 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 football team?



"Redskins! Redskins! Redskins!"  
Michael Anderson, Club IT Manager



"The Rams, oh yeah!"  
– Erick Pineda, Airports, 13 years of City service



"Raiders."  
– Frank Ramirez, Airports, 13 years of City service



"The Pittsburgh Steelers."  
– Evelyn Dozier, City Attorney



"The Raiders."  
– Mike Neal, Public Works/Sanitation, 24 years of City service



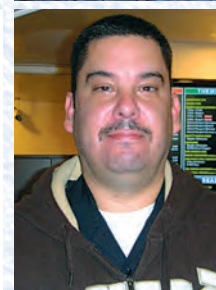
"New Orleans Saints all the way!"  
– Chris Bell, Public Works/Sanitation, 27 years of City service



"The Raiders, baby!"  
– Norris Eaton, Public Works/Sanitation, 27 years of City service



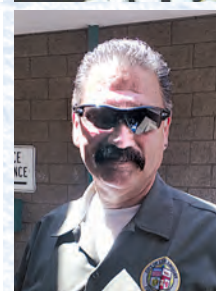
"The 49ers are the team to beat!"  
– Sparkle Penson, Airports, 4 years of City service



"The Seattle Seahawks are going all the way!"  
– Joseph Zappia, LAPD



"The Silver and White... the Raiders!"  
– Jerome Johnson, Public Works/Sanitation, 11 years of City service



"The Raiders and Raider Nation!"  
– Mike Zepeda, Public Works/Sanitation, 16 years of City service

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