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Greetings from Travel Town!

Happy Holidays from all of us at Travel Town! Can you believe another year has flown by?! 2005 has been a busy year for us at Travel Town. We've been through two major track rehabilitation

projects and the complete transformation of the former "restoration yard" into a beautifully landscaped public area.

A completely rebuilt main generator was installed in the historic Santa Fe motor car M-177, and the museum's busy volunteer train crew has been able to re-position a majority of the most fragile pieces of rolling stock into the protective environment of the Locomotive Pavilion.

Volunteer restorationists continue to make exciting progress inside the "Little Nugget" and Dining Car 369. Meanwhile, the Museum's track construction gang has begun laying new service tracks and "station lead" for the Museum's demonstration railroad.

With the addition of Travel Town Museum Foundation staff member Ginger Potter, our educational outreach program is blossoming and expanding. We are now providing interactive play and reading sessions in Holden's Corner for our younger visitors twice a month.

Monthly decent-led tours now include passenger cars, the dining car, cabooses and some locomotives. We are recruiting more volunteer docents to expand and enrich these programs in 2006.

We would also like to give a hearty welcome to Ms. Vicki Israel, who joins our extended Travel Town family in the newly created position of *Superintendent of Griffith Park*. Ms. Israel, a veteran of the Recreation and Parks department, will be overseeing facilities and operations throughout Griffith Park.

On behalf of our Travel Town team, I want to give my praise and thanks to the hardworking members of the Recreation and Parks staff,

the Museum's tireless volunteers and especially to you, our loyal foundation supporters, who work together to make all of this great work possible. We wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



Greg Gneier, President December, 2005

Thank You!

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Museum, especially in Holden's Corner. Wayne works for Boeing and is on our Board of Directors, and his nomination and support got us the grant. Thank you for helping make Travel Town a better museum!

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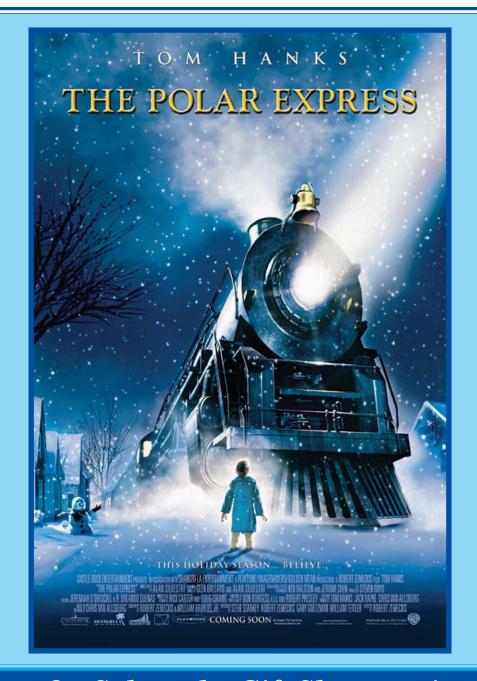
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On the Platform: Linda Barth

In this edition of *On the Platform* we would like to salute a young lady without whom there would literally be no "platform" at Travel Town – Recreation & Parks Department administrator, Linda Barth.



ing the significance of the Travel Town collection, the Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Commission adopted an exciting Master Plan for the Museum - and Mrs. Barth was appointed to the task of guiding the much-needed renaissance.

In the ensuing years, Mrs. Barth has administered the Department's ongoing efforts to revitalize and enhance the Museum facility, leading the charge of transforming Travel Town into the beautiful and functional family education and recreation facility you enjoy today. She and her staff organized artifacts, created an archive for the Museum, and shepherded the momentous efforts of the volunteer organizations in areas of restoration, track rehabilitation and railroad operations. Among the most notable Travel Town improvements made

during Mrs. Barth's 20-year tenure are the redesign of the Museum's Public Entrance, construction of the magnificent *Locomotive Pavilion*, creation of *Holden's Corner*, and acquisition of several additional major pieces of historic railroad equipment – including two working Diesel locomotives! Linda has worked tirelessly to help the Museum grow and prosper. Her professional dedication to both Griffith Park and historic preservation has translated into big rewards for Travel Town and the Los Angeles community.

Linda grew up in Santa Maria, California, and earned a degree in American History at the *University of Southern California*. She now resides in the San Fernando Valley with husband, Tom, and daughters Alyssa and Olivia. We're not sure where she finds any *spare time*... but when she does, Linda enjoys cooking and choral singing (although not necessarily at the same time). While Travel Town has been but one of a multitude of Linda's City administrative duties over the years, she has really taken her "railroad" assignment to heart – recognizing what a special and unique place Travel Town really is.

Some of Linda's other City duties have included administrative involvement with the park's Film Office, the *Hollywood Sign*, the *Griffith Observatory* and the *DWP Holiday Light Festival*. Although her current position in the Department's Administrative Resources Division now includes only limited official interaction with Travel Town, we know the Museum will always be able to count on Linda's friendship and support. We want to take this special opportunity to recognize her tremendous accomplishments and to thank her for her many years of exceptional work on Travel Town's behalf. THANKS LINDA!

All Aboard!

A warm welcome to the newest members and renewing supporters of the Travel Town Museum Foundation.

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Someone's In The Kitchen...



The Challenger trains were Union Pacific's answer to enconmy-minded travellers of the mid-20th Century. In the months following the end of World War II, you could have enjoyed a hearty dinner aboard the Challenger for only 75¢. War-time price ceilings were still in effect when this menu was issued in May of 1946. Travel Town's own Union Pacific Dining Car No. 3669 was likely assigned to Challenger service during this period. Hungry patrons could choose between Western Pot Roast of Beef and Macaroni and Cheese at the second dinner out, both eastbound and westbound. Here's what the U.P.R.R. Dining Car Cook Book has to say about those two entres . . .

Macaroni and Cheese DeLuxe (25 servings)

3/4 cup Butter

3/4 cup Flour

2 quarts Milk, hot

2 tablespoons Prepared Mustard

1-1/2 tablespoons Salt

2-1/2 cups Cooked Chopped Green Pepper

2/3 cup Chopped Pimiento

1-1/4 pounds American Cheese, shredded

1-1/4 teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce

2-1/2 pounds Macaroni

1 tablespoon Accent

Prepare a cream sauce with butter, flour and milk. Add the mustard, Worcestershire Sauce, salt, pepper, green pepper, pimiento and cheese, stiring until cheese is melted. Add the well-drained macaroni which has been cooked in salted boiling water until tender. Sprinkle with buttered soft bread crumbs and bake in a moderate oven, 375 degrees, 15 to 20 minutes or until browned.

Pot Roast of Beef

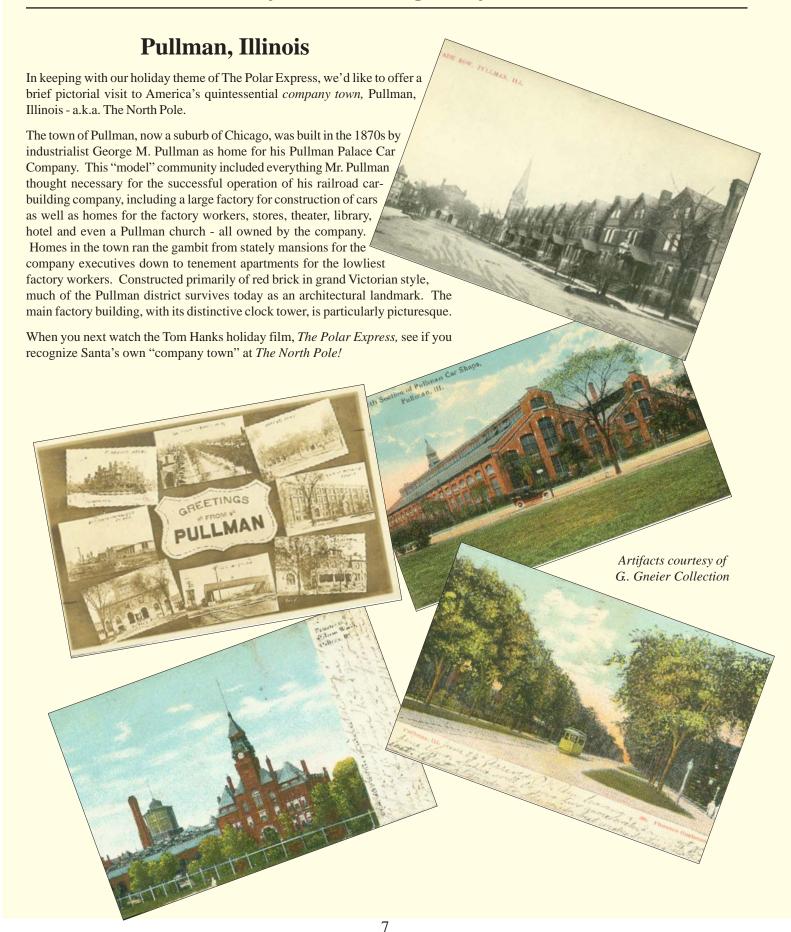
Use the less desirable portions of loin end, trimmings from loin, shoulder and blade of rib or meat furnished by Commissaries. Season with salt and pepper. Sear quickly in a heavy pot containing clear beef fat or lard, diced onion, celery and carrots. When well seared on all sides, stir in sufficient flour toabsorb fat. Simmer 5 minutes and add sufficient hot stock to cover the meat and one small can of tomatoes. Stir well to disolve roux. Cover the pot and allow to simmer until meat is tender. When done, remove the meat, season gravey with salt, pepper and a dash of Worcestershire sauce.

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purchased at the entrance to Travel Town. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and may be

available for \$4.00 each. Infants are free. Digital photographs with Santa are

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