

Resident flush with praise for mayor

Ring doesn't let success go to his head

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For the past two year, Laguna Woods Mayor Bob Ring has entered the city of Laguna Woods Cookie Challenge, but failed to win the judge's eye. But Ring goes to the head of the class when it comes to assisting his constituents, in some unorthodox ways, at least for a mayor.

Just ask Leisure Worlder Mel Gormin.

Just before Thanksgiving Gormin's commode went on the fritz. A call to Leisure World Property Services elicited the response that a repair man wouldn't come out until after the holiday. There was no urgency because Gormin had a second bathroom.

But the Leisure Worlder had guests coming and panicked since he knew only one toilet wouldn't do.

In desperation, he called city hall and, as luck would have it, Mayor pro-tem and now mayor Bob Ring was within phone distance.

Gormin described his problem and Ring recognized it as



Mayor Bob Ring, left, proved his ability as a plumber for constituent Mel Gormin.

something that could be handled easily with \$3-\$10 part. He offered to fix it.

The two made arrangements for Ring to come to the manor. Ring bought the part and it took just moments to replace the bad part with the good.

Gormin offered to pay Ring for his trouble, but the mayor-to-be would only take \$3 reimbursement for the part.

The next day, however, a bouquet of white roses was delivered to city hall with a note of thanks for service above and beyond the call of duty.

Gormin says his kids got such a kick out of what happened that they planned to tell the local Texas paper about how their Dad was so important that the mayor even made a house call to fix his plumbing.