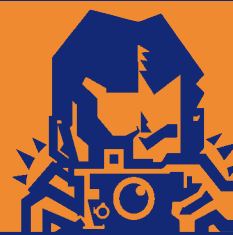




John's Picture Perfect Contest



"I call this shot, 'Moonrise over San O'. I may be getting old, but I still surf and hang out with my life-long friends at the beach. Life is good! I took this picture a few weeks ago at San Onofre State Beach after an evening surf session, and my buddies were trying to warm up around the camp fire. One of them said that I should have called it, 'Fellowship Under the Cross.'"

- Tom Garber, Public Works

John's comments: Thank you, Tom, for a visual reminder of the good old days! There's really nothing like sitting around a fire after a good day in the water. Life is good!



"Here's a photo for this month's contest. Hope you like it."

- Elbert Hughes, LAPD

John's comments: Ahhh, the tulip. Many associate the tulip with Holland, but did you know that both the flower and the name originated in the Persian Empire? Yep, that's right. And what a beautiful photo of this group of tulips. Thank you, Elbert!



"At Mt. Pinatubo, the Philippines. This crater formed during the 1991 eruption. Wow!"

- Mike Aubin

John's comments: Thanks, Mike, for this incredible photo. I remember when Mt. Pinatubo blew. My brother was in the Merchant Marines and was called out to help. And yes, "wow" is the best word to describe the hole that was left.



Here is a photo of the Calico Bank of 1881. On a recent trip to Las Vegas, I stopped at the Calico ghost town near Barstow, at around 5 p.m. The sun was beginning to set over the horizon and the light was behind the bank. The photo was converted to sepia tone with Paint Shop Pro Photo X2. I like how the sepia tones make this photo look like it was taken back in the days of the "Old West."

- Carlos Ojeda

John's comments: This brings back memories of our Calico story in "Angel's Be Alive!" column. What a neat place – and what a great photo! Thanks, Carlos.

Runners Up:
Ursula Villanueva, Controller;
Pamela Bond, Public Works;
Angie Kim, DWP; Erwin Gee, LAPD; Jennifer Smith; Lisa Edwards, Airports

"Here's my seven-year old son and his favorite blanket, concentrating on his favorite movie for the moment: *Kung Fu Panda*."

- Dominique Daito, PSR, LAPD

John's comments: I remember the days of my favorite blanket. Sometimes I wish I could still summon it for comfort; oh, well. Great picture, Dominique!



RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun! The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.