



John Hawkins, Club CEO

John's Picture Perfect Contest

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Happy Snapping!



"The title of this is: 'Storm approaching over the Paraná River on the way to Devil's Throat (Paseo Garganta del Diablo).' This was taken on the Argentinean side of Iguazu Falls, in South America. The storm was an excellent precursor to the powerful and thunderous cataract of Devil's Throat that met us at the end of this pathway. Thank you!"

- Sheila Romero Lewis, Building and Safety

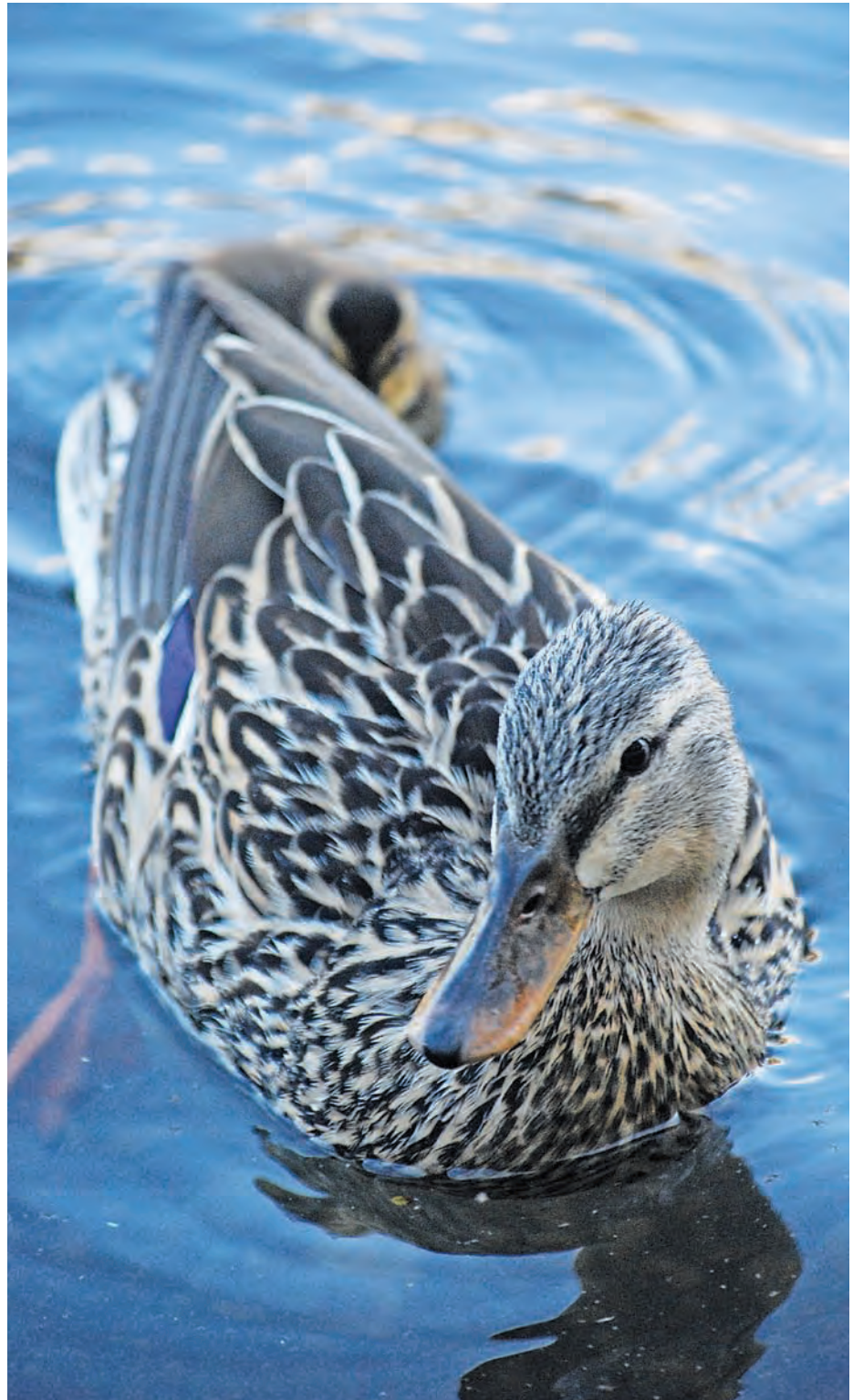
John's comments: Well, Sheila, I sure hope this newspaper reproduction does your photo justice, it's an awesome shot! Oh, and I really like your description; I could almost feel the impending storm as I read it. Nice work!



"I took these pics while on our anniversary trip to Wild Animal Park. I survived a head butt from a giraffe."

- Russell Harris

John's comments: Wow, to see the head of a giraffe so close had to be amazing, usually you have to see them from great distances. However, this might be a little too close for comfort. But hey, I'm glad you got the shot, it's a keeper! Thanks.



"Hi! I just saw this section for the first time last night. I just inherited a camera and have been having a lot of fun with it. I would love to share some of my favorite shots. Here's one: Ducks at the DWP. Thanks!"

- Marlon O. Santa Cruz, DWP

John's comments: Marlon, what made this photo so intriguing is the wonderfully lucid bokeh that you captured. What is bokeh, you ask? Good question! Wikipedia describes bokeh this way: "In photography, bokeh is the blur, or the aesthetic quality of the blur, in out-of-focus areas of an image, or 'the way the lens renders out-of-focus points of light.'" Oh, as for pronunciation, the "bo" is like bone and the "keh" is pronounced like Kenneth.

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 West 2nd 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.

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