

** A Message From the CEO **

No Getting Past What You Leave Behind

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I guess I hadn't really thought much about how often I touch stuff, until I toured the LAPD's Latent Print Unit with **Melissa Popovic**. After that, I couldn't stop thinking about it. What have I touched? Turns out, a whole bunch of stuff.

Now, you might dismiss all those smudges. But **Denise Williams** and all the great people of the Latent Print Unit dedicate their professional lives to those smudges. And that dedication to the tiniest of details helps keep our streets safe.

I was fingerprinted during my stint in the Navy, and my kids were, too, over the past decade. But other than that, there hasn't been a lot of awareness of all the stuff that I touch every day. But there is now. To all the important people in my life, I make this promise: From now on, I'll try to be ... cleaner!



John Hawkins and Forensic Print Specialist Larklyn Watts in the LAPD Latent Print Unit's Chemical Processing Lab.

Open Enrollment: There's a great opportunity coming up for Club Members to take care of themselves, their families and others, by purchasing Long-Term Care Insurance during the Club's upcoming Open Enrollment Period. Have you thought about your long-term care should something catastrophic happen to you? That's why the Club is here, to think about such things. And to make sure you have the insurance you need to lead the kind of life you want to lead. You shouldn't be a burden on your loved ones as you get older. Long-Term Care insurance takes most of that burden away. And the Club's Open Enrollment coming up makes that so much easier. Read all about it on page 29. And thanks to **Arlene Herrero**, the Club's Products Manager, for putting everything in place. Take advantage! And make it easier on your loved ones. (DWP Club Members can apply during their special Open Enrollment next year.)

Finance Awards: We congratulate all the winners in the Office of Finance's Career Service Awards, and we thank Club Member and *Alive!* contributor **Yvonne Liu** for producing the story. During the recent budget crisis, due to tightening budgets, not all City awards programs have been sustained. But Finance's annual program has, and that's great to see. The City still has plenty of great stories to tell and terrific employees to recognize, and here at *Alive!*, we're happy to see the Service Awards continuing on strongly.

Club Sports: It's almost softball time again! By the time you read this, many of the players in the Club's Softball League might have begun their second season. (And we're just finishing our inaugural basketball league season.) It's hard to believe that it was a whole year ago when we first got the call to see if we were interested in sponsoring some City Employee teams. Were we ever, and now we've got two sports going, and we're heading into our second season of summer Club softball. **The Sports Dude** is keeping everything moving forward and expanding.

Finally, as we get into the heart of the summer months, I wish you all a very celebratory Fourth of July, as we are privileged to live in the greatest country in the world. And I suggest you get busy with any of the great summer activities Rec and Parks makes available, from pools to golf to hiking to camping to outdoor sports to ... well, check it out for yourself. It's an awesome time of year, so take advantage.

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