

A Message From the CEO

It's One Very Humbling Chair

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

I sat in the seat. *The* seat. And wow did it give me the chills! You can see in the photo exactly which seat I'm talking about. It's the Polygraph Chair, where, through a combination of technology and great interrogation skill, they get at the truth. In a very tiny room!

During our cool visit to the LAPD's Polygraph Unit, as part of our ongoing series on the Police Dept.'s Scientific Investigation Unit, **Leonard Salcedo** invited me to sit in the chair. (Leonard's the Officer in Charge of the Polygraph Unit.) How could I pass that up?

But there's another story here. They actually invited me to go through an actual polygraph interrogation. At first it sounded great, but the more our editorial team thought about it, the more we decided that this very serious tool was not to be used as entertainment. When we saw the list of cases that the LAPD Polygraph team had helped crack, we grew even more impressed – and more convinced that we should show the Unit as much respect as we could. So we turned down the generous offer. Thanks go to Leonard and to **Jesse Delgado**, **Cecelia Anderson** and all the good people in the Polygraph Unit who welcomed us back to the old Parker Center.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) and Officer in Charge Leonard Salcedo.

In other business... let's talk tickets! And prices! Did you know that the Club's ticket prices are the cheapest in the City? You'll see that we're promoting that in this issue. We sell a lot of movie tickets to our Club Members. It's one of our most popular benefits. So you already know you're getting a good deal. But did you know you're getting the best price possible? We take care of our Club Members by giving you the best deal in the City. We're working hard for you in these tight economic times!

This month, May, begins our second big Open Enrollment period for our fantastic Long-Term Care insurance product. If you don't have it, you should strongly consider it. Last year, our Open Enrollment was for all City Employees except the DWP. This year (now through June 30), we're offering it to our great DWP Club Members. We don't expect to offer another Open Enrollment for Long-Term Care insurance for a while (at least). It really is in your best interest to sign up now, and protect your family. That's really important.

Did I mention that we have the cheapest tickets in the City? Well, it's worth mentioning again!

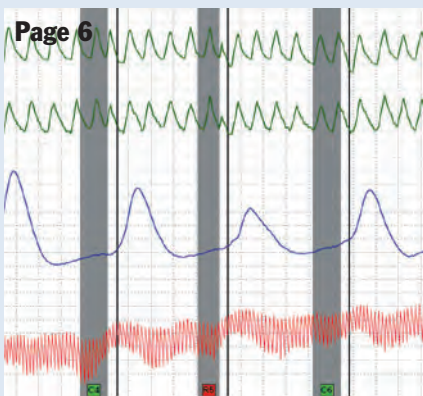
That just leaves the Z Awards... and the Club Cruise... and Mother's Day to mention in this issue. It's all good, it's all awesome. Enjoy our increasing daylight, and we'll see you in June.

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Club Photographer Tom Hawkins (left) checks the cover shot with *Alive!* Editor John Burnes (red Club shirt), while Polygraph Unit head Leonard Salcedo (center) and Polygraph Lead Examiner Jesse Delgado wait.



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