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"Fireworks at Dodger Stadium after a big win! Happy Fourth of July!" - Carlos Aranda, DWP

John's comments: A Picture Perfect picture for a Los Angeles July! Thank you, Carlos.

"Life: First time breathing, crying, and feeling that cold metallic plate on one's chest. Yikes!" - Dominique Daito

John's comments: Dominique, you've done it again! You have captured an amazing moment at a unique vantage point. Well done!



"Echo Park lake, taken Memorial Day."

- Shaudi Pishvaie, LAPD

John's comments: Shaudi, I really like how you chose to take this photo from the end of the lake that most people rarely shoot from. And the facts that the water is so reflective and the sky so blue make this a truly magical photo. Thank you for sharing!



"This was taken this spring in Vatican Square. My family missed the chance to join the day tour, so we ended up going to the square that evening by ourselves. It turned out to be the best time to visit the place (at least for me): less people, much cooler and most of all, the setting and lighting were just perfect for night photography."

- Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD

John's comments: Not only do I like your photo but I love it! Night shots can be some of the most colorful and dramatic pictures, and you really captured the brilliance of the Vatican.

RUNNERS-UP: LINDA WILLIAMS, LAPD RETIRED; GARY SUNKIN, MAYOR'S OFFICE; ANTOINETTE BARRIOS, PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING; RENEE RAMIREZ, LAFD; AND SOPHIA PONCE DE LEON, LAPD.

RULES:

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- 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.



"You are being watched! I found this very cooperative night heron at the Living Desert in Palm Desert."

- Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: If looks could kill! Thanks, Mike. Nice work capturing this amazing stare-down!