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A Message From the CEO

Keeping a Delicate Balance

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

We knew this one was coming, and we thought a lot about how to handle it.

I'm referring to reporting on the brave men and women of the LAPD's Photography Unit, who see more horrible stuff in a week than most of us will see in a lifetime. Our hearts go out to **Mark Mynhier**, Club Member; **Oshin Nouvarian**; **L'keva Harris**, Club Member; and the rest of the proud unit for their great service to the City.



Club CEO John Hawkins (middle, right) with the LAPD Photo Unit's day watch.

This week's cover story is part of our ongoing series of looking at the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Unit – the Crime Lab. (We have only three more units left to cover in our series, I think.) Here was our dilemma: How can we adequately depict what these people do, in a family newspaper? Every month we love showing off the strong work done by City Employees, and this is no exception. But we couldn't show them at their best, because it would look, well, the worst. Here at *Alive!*, we have family readers to consider. Our thanks go to **Chuck Siegler** at the LAPD who worked with us to find presentable photos. I think the *Alive!* team did a good job putting this together for all readers, and I hope you do, too.

Brotherly Love

On a side note, while we were putting together our cover story, one of the subjects, **Andy Millett** of the LAPD's Photo Unit, pointed out a fun fact: His brother, **Zach Millett**, appeared on our cover last month.

This marks a first for *Alive!* – brothers appearing not just in consecutive months, but on consecutive covers! We had no idea this was going to happen, and in a hundred years we probably couldn't pull it off again. But there you go. Let's hear it for the Milletts!



Andy Millett,
LAPD Photo Unit



Zach Millett,
Rec and Parks Aquatic Unit

Club Scholarships

Once again this month, the Club presents the winners of our annual Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship program. Wow, we have some awesome young people related to Club Members! If you worry about the future of the world, read these profiles. They're an amazing bunch! Congratulations to all, and thanks to everyone who submitted. If you didn't make it this year, please know that you're all winners. Be yourself, and you'll be just fine.

Free Shipping!

And finally, I'm really jazzed about the Club's newest benefit, and it's awesome: *forever free standard shipping* on all Club tickets, merchandise, apparel and gear coming out of the Club Store. I just love this, and I give a shoutout to **Mariana Guevara** and everyone at the Club Store for the work they put into making it happen. It's another example of how the Club serves its Members better every day. We're working hard to make your lives as great as they can be ... affordably.

Speaking of the Club Store, make sure you pick up plenty of movie tickets (the cheapest in the state!) and tickets to other family attractions. Purchase movie tickets online, as Regal, AMC and Cinemark are all available as e-tickets, delivered right to your in-box. It's as easy and cheap as that! The kids are in school, but that doesn't mean you can't still have family fun. Enjoy, and I'll see you again in October.

-JOHN

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Alive! Behind the Scenes

The Club's Summy Lam (right) photographs the a.m. watch employees of the LAPD Photography unit, in the unit's production room.



Alive! Cover Picture

