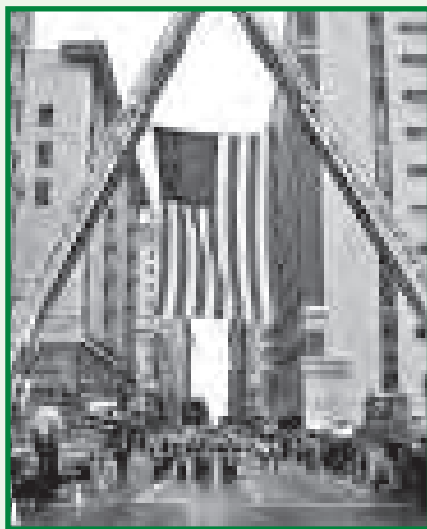




St. Patrick's Day in the City

Friday
March 16th

It's Parade Time



From last year: a giant American flag, courtesy the LAFD, framed the endline of the annual downtown St. Patrick's Day parade.

■ Annual St. Pat's Parade downtown set for Friday, March 16.

DOWNTOWN — City employees downtown are encouraged to spend their lunch hours enjoying the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown Friday, March 16.

The parade route is expected to follow last year's modified route, ending at Pershing Square and leading directly into Rec and Parks' Pershing Square St. Pat's party.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Check local papers a few days ahead of the event for exact parade route.

City groups are expected to take part in the parade, which will feature bagpipe bands, floats, politicians and celebrities.

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From last year: Pershing Square hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day party after the downtown parade March 17.

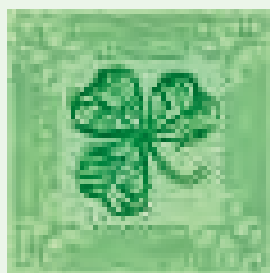
... And Onto Pershing Square

■ After the parade, party down in Pershing Square.

REC AND PARKS — At the conclusion of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the festivities continue at a noontime party sponsored by Rec and Parks.

- The Pershing Square party will feature food, drinks and a concert by Dublin 4.
- \$1 drafts of O'Doul's non-alcoholic brew will be available.
- Parking is available in the lot underneath Pershing Square. Pershing Square is at 532 Olive St. downtown.
- Information: (213) 847-1970 or www.laparks.org

Another Close Shave ... For Charity



■ LAFD, LAPD to take part in popular nationwide St. Baldrick's fundraiser to fight childhood cancer. Any City employee can take part.



From last year: Caden Smith, 2, might have been the youngest shave participant. His proud dad is Dale Smith, Fire Station 3.



FIRE, POLICE DEPTS. — On Friday, March 16, Los Angeles City Fire and Police personnel will take part in their fourth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, will be collecting pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Sgt. Greg Doyle at Valley Communications. If you would like to be a shavee, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org.



From last year: LAFD Capt. Waldie Brangham and LAPD Sgt. II Greg Doyle, event organizers.

- **Who:** LAPD and LAFD personnel (All City employees, family and friends welcome, too!)
- **What:** Fundraiser for childhood cancer research
- **When:** Friday, March 16, from 8 a.m. to noon
- **Where:** Mission Police Station, 11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills
- **Why:** To raise funds to fight childhood cancer
- **How:** Sign up or donate at www.stbaldricks.org



From last year: Brian Humphrey, dubbed the "Voice of LAFD," is shaved by Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.