

# Big Bird

■ **Airbus shows off its new A380 with its first West Coast landing.**

*Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Director*

**AIRPORTS** — City employees have been working for more than a year to get LAX ready for the world's largest passenger airplane, the Airbus A380, scheduled to begin serving the City later this year.

March 19, they got to see just what they were preparing for, as Airbus, in the middle of a long list of bad news headlines about the plane's delays and uncertain financial future, brought its super-jumbo to the airport. The arrival drew approximately 1,000 spectators, the airport estimates. A similar A380 arrived at New York's JFK Airport approximately 15 minutes ahead of the Los Angeles-bound craft, making the New York arrival the A380's first appearance in North America.



The airport has been working on major revisions to be able to more fully accept the A380, including widening the south runway and adding a two-level gate so that the plane's two decks can be loaded or unloaded simultaneously.

The plane is expected to carry approximately 550 passengers, although it could be certified for more than 800. Its nearest rival, the 35-year-old Boeing 747, typically carries no more than 450.

Qantas Airlines, which will take ownership of the plane that arrived at LAX, is expected to add the A380 to its LAX-Sydney routes.

The inaugural arrival at LAX carried no VIP passengers, just crew, some executives and testing equipment.



# Councilmembers Re-elected

■ **Seven councilmembers retain their seats after March 6 election.**



Jose Huizar



Tony Cardenas



Wendy Greuel



Tom LaBonge

**COUNCIL** — Seven members of the City Council retained their seats after the Citywide election March 6. At press time, results remained unofficial on the City Clerk's Website.

And former City Councilman and former state Sen. Richard Alarcon won his race to return to the City Council representing the Northeast San Fernando Valley. The seat was vacated by Alex Padilla, who was elected to the State Senate last year.

Term limits being extended to three terms helped usher in so many incumbents being up for reelection.

Returning to the Council are:

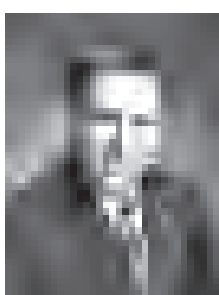
- Jose Huizar
- Tony Cardenas
- Wendy Greuel
- Tom LaBonge
- Bernard Parks
- Greig Smith and
- Herb Wesson

Voter turnout was estimated to be about 15 percent.

Alarcon served on the City Council from 1993 to 1999. He was elected to the state Senate last November, but at press time he was expected to resign that post to take the seat he won in the City Council.



Bernard Parks



Greig Smith



Herb Wesson



Sen. Richard Alarcon

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Arizona Diamondbacks	Sun 8/5 at 1:10pm	
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Houston Astros	Thur 8/16 at 7:10pm	\$20
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