



At last year's Lobster Festival.

## Lobster Fest: Good Cracking Fun

■ Harbor's annual popular Lobster Festival, featuring seafood, music, fun and other kinds of food, too, is set for Sept. 14-16.

HARBOR — The Harbor Dept.'s annual Lobster Festival is set to crawl back onto the San Pedro waterfront Sept. 14-16.

Admission for the Festival, which the department says is the world's largest, features discount Maine lobster meals, live entertainment, tall sips, rides, pet parades, street performers, arts and crafts, and non-seafood meals from neighborhood eateries, is \$8. Kids 12 and under are free. A discount ticket is available online at [www.lobsterfest.com](http://www.lobsterfest.com). Admission does not include a lobster meal.



Ambrosia.

Information: [www.lobsterfest.com](http://www.lobsterfest.com)

At 7:30 a.m. Sept. 14, the Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival kicks off with a rumble on the waterfront at the third annual Lobster Breakfast. The 110-member "Cranberry Tarts of San Pedro" go up against Lomita's "Dames of Whinin' Roses" for the second time in a lobster hat throwdown to see whose hat will become the King of Crustaceans' Official Crown - and earn a donation for the winner's charity. The Cranberry Tarts will be defending their title this year. The 2006 Lobster Breakfast received television coverage in more than 17 states.

Bands include the Binges, Duress and the Valley Dolls on Friday; seven bands on Saturday, including Great Northern and Scissors for Lefty; and six bands on Sunday, including

## Remaking Palmdale

■ Airport workers united to get the Palmdale facility ready for flight services.

Story by Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Rep, LA Ontario; Photos courtesy Airports

AIRPORTS — Air service at LA/Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD) resumed June 7 with two daily flights to San Francisco International Airport. Employees at Los Angeles World Airports were instrumental in the startup.

After a department-wide effort, Palmdale reopened May 8 with an open house to showcase the facility to residents of the Antelope Valley. Employees worked on various aspects of business and aviation to assist in the renovation of the airport, for the open house events and the start of flight service on June 7.

"Los Angeles World Airports has shown its commitment to this air service startup by refurbishing the terminal, adding staff including an

airport manager, operations, construction and maintenance, police and community and public relations personnel," said Robert "Bob" Gluck, Airport Manager, LA/Palmdale. "These employees have worked tirelessly for the past few months to prepare Palmdale for flight operations."

Divisions contributing included: Airfield Operations, Airport Police, Community and Public Relations, Concessions, Construction and Maintenance, Information Technology, Engineering and Project Management Division, Project Planning and Development Division, and Property Division.

After a competitive interviewing process, department management hired Gluck as PMD's first airport manager.

To prepare Palmdale for passenger service, Gluck, a former Airport Maintenance Superintendent, led the department-wide effort by leading a crew of construction, maintenance and technicians to completely rework the terminal installing new asphalt, plaster, paint, electrical wiring and lighting, counters, signs, data lines and public address systems. Passengers entering the property now see a totally refurbished facility.



Carpenter Sergio Rojo prepares building materials in the terminal.



Communications Cable Worker Trien Nguyen of Information Technology, Airports, inspects a telephone connection that will allow passengers to call taxis, hotels and rental car companies from the terminal baggage claims area.



Painter Nester Mediano mixes a building compound for use while renovating the terminal.



Airport Information Specialist Sue Sokolowski (left) and Public Relations Director Maria Tesoro-Fermin discuss publicity plans and events with Deputy Executive Director Paul Haney, who managed the entire operation to restart air service at Palmdale.



Airports employees planning the Palmdale open house activities meet in the tarmac area. Representatives from Airport Management, Airport Operations, Construction and Maintenance, Information Technology and Community and Public Relations, give advice for a successful ceremony.



Air Conditioning Mechanic Supervisor Tyrone Jessamy talks to Palmdale workers preparing the terminal. Jessamy, who assisted LA Palmdale Airport Manager Bob Gluck while the terminal was being readied for passenger service, is now a manager for all maintenance employees at PMD.



Senior Painter Larry Hartnett prepares building materials in the terminal.



Electrician Rick Miles installs a conduit inside the terminal ticket counter area.



Palmdale Airport Manager Robert "Bob" Gluck (left) demonstrates the use of a drill to Carpenter Eugene Johnston while installing signs in the terminal.



Workers from the LA Ontario Construction and Maintenance Paint shop apply a fresh coat to the Palmdale Administration Building. From right are Brian Heah, Larry Hartnett, Nester Mediano and Ricardo Mediano.

### The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot, Claims Administrator

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— Mark Monez, May 2007

Cecilia is "one of the best. My family and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. You took the time to send us your deepest sympathy. That was a warm memory from you. What a beautiful story [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] from the beginning to the end. God bless all of you. Thank you."

— Betty Madison, May 2007

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Administrator Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time Alive! will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. —Ed.

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Far right: PSR II Miguel Estrada, Club Member, with his family.



Front, from left: With Snoopy and Charlie Brown is Austin, 4, son of Yolanda Bunn, and nephew, Derek, 6.



Welcome to Knott's Berry Farm Picnic Center.



Far right: Capt. Anita Ortega, Commanding Officer of LAPD Communications, and her family.



Welcome, LAPD Communications.



This is where the fun began.



From left: Breanna, 18 months; Jennifer Lindstrom, PSR III, Club Member, with her husband, Bentley, and daughter, Katelyn, 4; Matthew Farrell, 4, with Corey Farrell, Police Officer III, and Sarah Farrell, PSR III, Club Member.



How far can you toss the water balloon without bursting it?



From left: Robert Briseno, guest; and Maribel Madariaga, PSR III, Club Member, with her daughters, Alexa and Ruby.



# Communications Picnic

## ■ LAPD Communications hosts annual employee/family picnic.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Club photographer



Face painting was one of the activities on hand.



With balloon on her head, PSR II Lourdes Varas, Club Member, enjoys the picnic with her family.



Lt. Vic Dennis thanks everyone for coming.



Hold on to your hula hoops!



Congratulations to the LAPD Communications Picnic Committee for a job well done



Back: Sandra McDowell, PSR II, Club Member. Front, from left: niece, Timera, and daughters, Thailiya, 7, and Mica, 8.

**POLICE DEPT.** — LAPD Communications held its annual picnic Aug. 5 at Knott's Berry Farm.

There was lots of food, with the famous Knott's Berry Farm fried chicken and pie. Plenty of refreshments kept everyone hydrated. Snoopy and Charlie Brown made special appearances.

Congratulations to the picnic committee for a job well done: Yolanda Bunn, Lt. Vic Dennis, Barbara Marin, Iris Dawson, Steve McKeahan, Sgt. Benson Min, Mahdi Parnell, Maisha Parnell, Susana Reynoso and Naima Tobias.

Thanks to Lt. Stan Ludwig, Lt. Vic Dennis and Jean Sarfaty for their assistance.



Back, from left: Ira Williams, guest of Paulette Stanton; Tyler Allen, daughter of Leslie Allen; Shavontae Simpson, guest; Veronica Williams, daughter of Leslie Allen; and John Marshall, guest. Seated: Garry Allen, husband of Leslie Allen; Paulette Stanton, PSR III; and Leslie Allen, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Charlotte Williams, PSR II, Club Member; and Mercedes Fields, Clerk Typist, DWP.



From left: Naima Tobias, PSR II, Club Member; Yolanda Bunn, PSR III, Club Member; Suzanna Reynoso, PSR II, Club Member; and Steve McKeahan, PSR II.



From left: Dallas, 10, son of Berta Ugas; Maurice, guest; Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; daughter, Tiffany, 4, and Barbie, niece.



From left: Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member, and her husband, Ron.



From left: Sgt. Benson Min and his wife, Sharon. Benson holds his son Connor, 16 months. Front: Daughter Kathryn, 4.



Middle: Raul Recio, PSR II, with Taneshia Guillory, PSR II, Club Member, with their families.



Between Snoopy and Charlie Brown is Stephanie Burkhart, PSR III, Club Member, with her son, Joseph, 10 months.



Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member, with daughter, Bianca, and son, Carlos.



From left: Cathy Mears, niece of Cathy Sotos; Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member; Melissa Galario, niece of Deby Herdrich; and Marlos Galario, nephew of Deby Herdrich.