

** A Message From the CEO **

From One City Icon to Another

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

Well, I hope you enjoyed last month's issue, which featured the "ever in motion" Councilman Tom LaBonge. It was a pleasure working with such a class act, which we so often get to do when writing stories for *Alive!*

This month we bring you news of another L.A. icon, Parker Center; the only difference is that this icon is going through a much-needed metamorphosis.

That's right: After more than 50 years, we're going to have a brand new Police Headquarters. By the way, do you know who designed the original Parker Center? It was Welton Becket, who's also famous for designing Hollywood's Capitol Records Building and Cinerama Dome as well as the Los Angeles Music Center and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The story of what we can expect starts on the front page. The new Parker Center should be a very nice addition to the area surrounding the Civic Center.

Also, it's very encouraging news to see the DWP at the forefront of the nation's solution to producing green energy with their Pine Tree project. Basically it's going to be one of the largest wind farms in the nation, and our fellow DWP employees are going to make it happen. The story starts on the front page. Make sure you give it a read and share the news with your co-workers.



Senior Construction Inspector (and Club Member) Jim Littleton (left) explains a detail of the new Parker Center to Club CEO John Hawkins.

And, it's that time of year again: St Patrick's Day! That means three things ... the St. Baldrick's fundraiser, the Los Angeles St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Pershing Square "after parade" party. The St. Baldrick's fundraiser is set for March 15 at Station 89; the parade is set for Monday March 17, so if you work anywhere downtown it's an easy walk. And of course, the "after parade" party is right after the parade and at Pershing Square. Get out, get some exercise and get a little green! Check for all the details on page 9.

In addition, Earth Day is just around the corner, too. One great way to celebrate it is to make a point of taking the family to the City's Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. There are going to be guided walks to the salt marsh and beach cleanups; the story is on page 8 with all the details.

There's so much more but I'll let you do the rest of the exploring. Enjoy yet another issue of the paper that truly *Celebrates the Lives of City Employees!*

Have an excellent March!

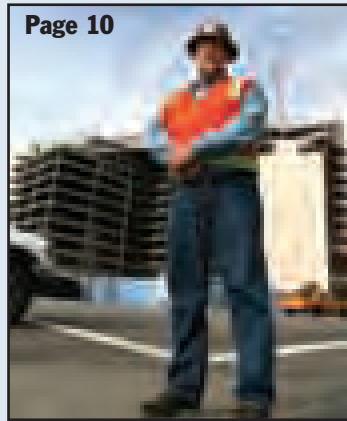
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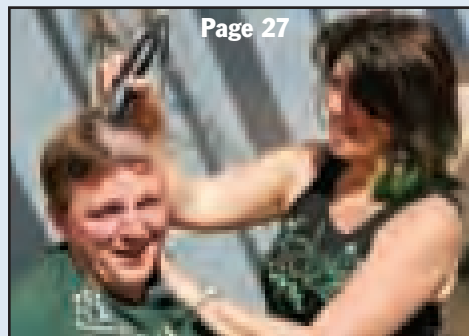
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