

** A Message From the CEO **

Settling Dust, Clearing the Air

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Standing in the middle of the dry Owens Lake bed and seeing the awesome southern Sierra Nevadas all around us, it was hard to imagine what this must have been like with dust blowing so much that visibility was almost gone.

But that's the job that the DWP is doing up there – taking care of an environmental problem. Long ago, when the City diverted water to quench the thirst of Angelenos, Owens Lake dried up. And now the City is working to make it right, by reducing the dust that was blowing everywhere.

I take my hats off to **David Neal** and his great crew, in new buildings on the edge of a lake that no longer exists, doing their thing. The City created a lot of this problem, and now the City is working to reduce it. Good story.



John Hawkins with the Owens Lake crew, from left: David Neal, Larry Patrich and J.D. Biros.

By the time you read this, most likely I will have already seen many of you at the Dodgers game Oct. 4. I'm really looking forward to it – darn near the entire right pavilion will be filled with Club Members and their families. Fantastic! That would be enough, of course, but throw in a few Dodger Dogs and nachos, and we've got the makings of a really cool day. Shoutouts to the **Ticket Guy** and **Robert Larios** for changing our direction a little bit and pulling off a great event.

I also want to congratulate **Martín Chavez** for his great efforts at helping the next generation to get their feet wet into the professional career world. His high school summer intern program, which he has run for several years now, is a big winner in my book. It's these kinds of efforts that make City Employees (and Club Members) special.

On a lighter note, more congratulations to **Dawn Graham**, DWP, who won the scooter in the Club's recent insurance promotion with United Agencies. I know Dawn is thinking about letting her kids use it, but c'mon, Dawn, reserve at least a little time on it yourself.



If this is the fall, it must be time for ... basketball! I know there are tons of you out there who love to lace 'em up and get out there on the wood (or playgrounds, as it may be). The **Club's Sports Dude**, **Robert Larios**, is organizing the new league, to start in November and run into next year. I have no doubt that you'll have as much fun as the Sports Dude did here, taking the photos!

That's it from me – see you at the Dodgers game, and enjoy your fall.

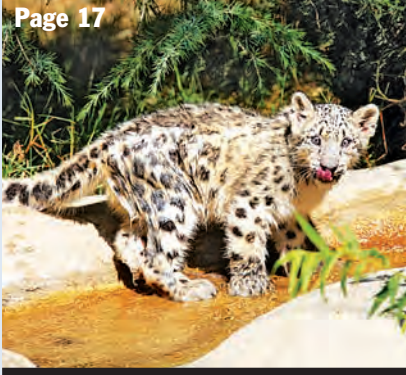
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