

AIRPORTS

Seeing How It's Done

LAX hosts 62 students at annual Job Shadow Day.

Story courtesy Harold Johnson, Airports, Club Member; Photos by Jay Berkowitz and Harold Johnson

On Feb. 23, LAX hosted its annual Job Shadow Day to give young people real-life "job shadowing" experiences in aviation at a major airport.

Job shadowing provides students the opportunity to "work" side-by-side with a workplace mentor as they go through a normal day on the job. It provides an up-close look at how the skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace.

Students from Orville Wright Aerospace Magnet Middle School and the Albert Monroe Middle School Honor Society attended with students from Westchester High School. Orville Wright and Westchester offer aviation and

aerospace magnet curriculums and are part of the airport's Adopt-a-School program.

This year, students participated in job shadow experiences in the fields of airfield operations, aviation services, cargo aviation, aviation law enforcement, accounting and business administration, engineering, environmental management, and information technology.

In addition, students also experienced flight simulator training; demonstrations and Q&A sessions with airport operations personnel, Firefighters, Police K-9 patrols and motorcycle officers and Information Technology professionals.

United Airlines, Landmark Aviation, AeroUnion Cargo, and the LAFD also participated in the event.



Firefighter Adrian Nieves (right) and Engineer Ted Mayeda of the LAFD show a Job Shadow student from the Albert Monroe Middle School Honor Society some of the equipment they use on the job.



Christopher Moody (right), a Superintendent of Operations, LAX Airport Operations Division, gives the students information about the airport before they leave for job shadowing.



Peggy Nguyen (right), an Environmental Specialist in the Airports Environmental Services Division, shows two Job Shadow students how she spends part of her workday.

REC AND PARKS

Wetlands Park Opens

Rec and Parks opens new nature area in South LA.

Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

After three years of planning, the South Los Angeles Wetland Park celebrated its grand opening Feb. 9. Located on an old MTA bus yard, this beautifully landscaped park provides walking paths, native plants, two viewing bridges and pools filled with storm water.

At the event, City Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, recognized everyone who made this dream a reality. Children from a local first-grade class were there to see it first-hand. The Jefferson High School Band added to the festivities during the ribbon cutting. This new park is a wonderful addition to the community!

Special thanks to Public Works for making the park a reality.



The opening of South Los Angeles' Wetlands Park.



The official ribbon cutting – the park is now open!



New Park Rangers are introduced.



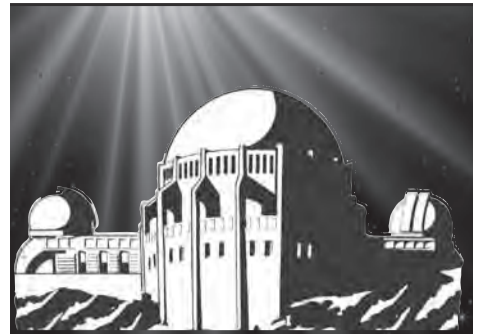
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, and Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, share some park highlights with the kids.



The Jefferson High School Band adds to the celebration.



The water basin, walking path and surrounding vegetation.



THIS MONTH AT THE

Griffith Observatory

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