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MONTH  
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# Griffith Observatory

Feb. 16:

## Public Star Party

Free public star parties are held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

Lines for each telescope and all viewing must be completed by 9:45 p.m.

**2 PM – 9:45 PM  
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## AIRPORTS

# A Floating Terminal

LAX showcased its under-construction Tom Bradley Terminal on a Tournament of Roses Parade float.



Cadet volunteers construct the Rose Parade float.

Story and photo courtesy Airports

More than 7,000 fragrant roses and nearly 5,000 carnations adorned a float created by LA Tourism and the City's Airports Dept. to replicate the \$1.5-billion new Tom Bradley International Terminal opening this year. The

parade float was for this year's Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 1.

Entitled "Making Connections," the floral extravaganza was based on the tournament's Dr. Seuss theme, "Oh, the Places You'll Go," and was expected to be viewed by more than 130 million people in 220 countries and territories worldwide. The float was the 115th consecutive annual entry for the City of Los Angeles, making the City the longest running parade float participant. No taxpayer funds were used for the float.

"The float represents iconic images that passengers encounter throughout their LAX experience," said Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports, in a statement. "The centerpiece of the float features the new Tom Bradley International Terminal, a state-of-the-art transportation facility that will have gates capable of handling larger, new-generation aircraft, and 150,000 square feet

of premium retail, dining and luxury lounges. 'Oh, the Places You'll Go' is truly a sentiment for passengers who will use this new gateway to the world."

Designed by Pasadena-based Phoenix Decorating Co., the float builders used artistic interpretation to showcase the gateway entrance to the airport with its prominent multi-colored LAX Pylons surrounded by swaying palm trees to signify L.A.'s sun and fun; the iconic Theme Building, which has been home to the Encounter Restaurant since 1997; and a street sign that contains all 25 of L.A.'s Sister Cities. A focal point of the float was the new Tom Bradley International Terminal with a replica of a Boeing 767 jet that soars almost 17 feet high, and representatives from six Sister Cities, including: Auckland, New Zealand; Guangzhou, China; Mexico City, Mexico; Nagoya, Japan; Berlin, Germany; and Salvador, Brazil.



A rendering of Airports' Rose Parade float.



The Airports cadets and crew that helped build the Rose Parade float.

## AIRPORTS

# 20 New Cadets



Airport Police cadets with Deputy Executive Director Arif Alikhan, Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon and Assistant Chief Brian Walker, pictured at the department's recent holiday party.

Story by Officer Alicia Hernandez, Airport Police;  
Photos courtesy Airport Police

Twenty Airport Police cadets, ranging in ages 13 to 19, graduated from the LAPD Cadet Academy Program and were sworn in during a ceremony Dec. 16 at the University of Southern California's Galen Center.

The cadets will be assigned to LAX, where they will rotate among various unit assign-

ments within the Airport Police Division and throughout the airport. These assignments will provide the cadets with the opportunity to learn many aspects of airport policing, as well as to develop leadership skills. Among the assignments, cadets will experience dealing with different law-enforcement situations, assisting with traffic control during periods of congestion or at accident scenes, assisting

## Police graduates 20 in cadet program.

with security details, and providing information and directions to the general public.

"It is an honor to introduce our new team of cadets who will become a part of the Airport Police family and to have this platform to mentor tomorrow's leaders," said Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon. The cadets graduating from the LAPD Cadet Program attend a variety of elementary, middle and high schools throughout California, and have aspirations ranging from being law-enforcement officers and doctors to engineers and biochemists.

The Airport Police Cadet Program is open to youths between the ages of 13 and 20. The goal of the program is to help instill the values of leadership, academic excellence, life skills and discipline into participants. The program also seeks to empower students with the skills to maximize personal, scholastic and life potential as well as provide insights into law-enforcement careers.

Selected cadets attend an 18-week program at the LAPD Ahmanson Recruit Training Center in Los Angeles. Through academics, physical training and drills, cadets develop teamwork, learn leadership skills and a variety of basic law-enforcement skills they can apply as cadets, as well as in their everyday lives.



The new Airport Police cadets with Command Staff.