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#### 'LAX is Happening,' New Outreach Campaign

A new public outreach campaign has been launched to inspire and inform LAX travelers and nearby communities about the multiyear, multi-billion-dollar modernization program underway at the airport. Themed "LAX is Happening," the campaign features new resources, tools, and tips to help the public navigate anticipated traffic impacts and airport construction-related closures

over the next two years.

"Los Angeles is a worldclass city that deserves a first-class airport, and we want the world to know what we're









campaign features a new, one-stop website

and connect visitors to information. The

new site includes real-time LAX traffic and

road closure maps; "insider" traffic tips, and

shortcut videos; information on the planned

LAX upgrades, including new dining and

retail options; direct access to the airport's

- www.LAXisHappening.com - to help guide

@FlyLAXAirport Twitter feed updates; as well as links to project fact sheets and other easyto-access updates.

> Using responsivedesign technology, the site is

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doing to make that happen," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. Because of Los Angeles' importance as an international travel destination and economic hub, it's critical that we keep the public informed about LAX improvements and any inconveniences that might bring about."

"LAX is Happening' goes beyond the typical airport 'pardon our dust' campaign. While we'll be informing the public about potential impacts and providing them resources to plan ahead, we'll also be communicating our vision for LAX and getting the public excited about all that's happening with our modernization efforts," said Gina Marie **Lindsey**, executive director of Los Angeles World Airports.

Using visually memorable and colorful icons throughout, the personable, humorous

optimized for desktop, tablet and mobile usage to help on-the-go travelers stay connected and plan ahead from any device. Icons used throughout the site and campaign also translate universally for the millions of international travelers coming through LAX each year.

Smart and informative videos will be used to bring the campaign and its messages to life, and provide passengers visually helpful resources for navigating the airport.

All modernization enhancements are part of the ongoing multi-billion-dollar development program, which is funded by operating revenues, capital improvement program funds, fees from airlines, passenger facilities charges, and airport revenue bond proceeds. No money from the Los Angeles City General Fund will be used for modernization improvements.

#### Looking Back:

## Mike Lyman's Flight Deck Restaurant First to Be Located on Airport Property

It all began in December 1946 when the airlines started moving their operations from Burbank's Lockheed Air Terminal into the newly completed passenger terminal facilities at LAX. There was no restaurant until Mike Lyman's Flight Deck Restaurant on the second (and top) floor of the main terminal building opened several months later.

Before the present terminal was built, the old Los Angeles Municipal Airport ran along Century Boulevard near Aviation Boulevard. On the roof, or second deck, was Mike Lyman's Flight Deck Restaurant.

It was in the style of the day, one visitor recalled, a long, sweeping strip malllooking terminal. "We would climb the stairs, find a table in the fresh air and order something cheap like the French fries and (onion) rings, or if we had the bucks, a burger or two. I loved to hear them call the departure of a flight, then watch as the passengers wandered across the tarmac to the airplane and climbed the stairs, waving as they entered the plane. The triple-tailed Constellations of TWA were the real beauties of the day ... in the pre-jet era. What a fun place to eat and watch the world come and go."

The passenger terminals, which were to be housed in temporary, two-story wooden frame buildings on the north side of the field, east of Sepulveda Boulevard, were still under construction.

In addition to Mike Lyman's Flight Deck Restaurant and a flower and gift shop on the second floor, the building also contained the U.S. Weather Bureau, Federal Aviation Agency, Flight Service Station, a barbershop, offices for Los Angeles Police Department and Airport Security, Bank of America, a coffee shop, a Western Union office, flight announcements office, and the first-ever Travelers Aid office in the U.S. to be located on an airport.

The transition from Burbank was completed in 1947, launching the airport into an exciting new era of commercial aviation.

The scheduled air carriers at that time were American, Mexicana, Trans World, United and Western Airlines, Pan American World Airways, Los Angeles Airways and Southwest Airways.

Annual passenger count in 1947 was 1.2 million, and the air cargo volume that vear totaled only 13 7 million pounds.

In 2013, annual passenger count totaled 67 million and air cargo volume was more than 1.9 million tons.

With The Flight Deck the only restaurant at the airport in those days, it played host to many of the world's best-known personalities, such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Groucho Marx, Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Joan Crawford, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, and countless other sports, entertainment, political, and business world figures.

One of the most popular attractions at the Flight Deck was its outside observation deck that overlooked the airfield and the busy ramp area where air travelers embarked and disembarked from planes along the length of the crowded passenger concourses.

LAX inaugurated commercial jet service in 1959. The Flight Deck Restaurant closed its doors in March 1962 after all the airlines moved their operations west of Sepulveda Boulevard to the new Jet-Age terminal.

The old airline terminal buildings were razed one by one to make way for the new Cargo City facilities which soon surrounded the Flight Deck building. Remaining tenants found other quarters on or near the airport, and the building was razed in 1969.



CLOSING TIME—The glamour seems to have faded from Mike Lyman's Flight Deck Restaurant before it was razed in 1969.

#### ARRIVALS

Los Angeles World Airports welcomes the following new employees:

Jaime Acosta, Jr., Brian Aguilar,
Dominique Brown, Warren Haley,
Tommy Holliman, Leonardo Lopez,
Michael Montoya, Marco Munoz,
Yuridia Pelayo, Brett Porter, Jesse
Rodriguez, Irwin Salazar, Victor
Sanchez, Dorothy Tate, Zane
Williams and Tiana Williamson,
Security Officers, Police – Security
Officers.

**Ariel Alexander**, Student Worker, Business & Job Resources

**Neika Allen**, Senor Clerk Typist, Maintenance Services

*Melissa Altamirano*, Student Worker, Business & Job Resources

John Cavanagh, Construction Inspector, Construction Inspection

**Andrew Daar** and **Melissa Garcia**, Community Administrative Support Workers, Human Resources

**Kim Fletes**, Senior Management Analyst I, Landside Business Management

**Jess Hernandez**, Warehouse & Toolroom Worker II, Police – Civilian

**Yaritza Hernandez** and **Claudia Nufio**, Police Officers I, Police – Sworn

**Helen Lee**, Vocational Worker II, Human Resources

**Andrew Maclachlan**, Clerk Typist, Human Resources

**Craig Patterson**, Maintenance & Construction Helper, Maintenance Services

*Marjorie Phan*, Environmental Specialist, Environmental Services

**Hugo Valencia**, Construction & Maintenance Supervisor, Facilities Engineering

**Vyione Wells**, Accounting Clerk II, Accounting Operations

**Carol Wianecki**, Property Manager II, Leasing & Development

#### **Airport Police Hosts Annual Scott Memorial Run**

Los Angeles Airport Police hosted the Third Annual Tommy E. Scott 5K Memorial Run on April 30 at LAX. The 5K run was held in honor of Officer Scott, who was killed in the line of duty on April 29, 2005. All proceeds from the event go toward the Tommy E. Scott Scholarship Fund sponsored by the Association of Airport Employees.

Officer Scott was the first Airport Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty in the 68-year history of the force. He joined Los Angeles Airport Police in 2001 and was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Officer Scott was killed after stopping a suspicious man in a vehicle near the LAX's north perimeter fence. The suspect, William Sadowski, was convicted of carjacking and first-degree murder in November 2009, and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The route for the 5K memorial run began at the Airport Police Station at 6320 West 96th Street, crossed the 96th Street Bridge, turned north onto Sepulveda Boulevard, west onto Westchester Parkway, south onto a stretch of Lincoln Boulevard dedicated to Officer Scott and where a memorial

is located, and ended at the Airport Police Station.

There were no full road closures. However, momentary lane closures occurred when the runners and police vehicle



Officer Scott

escorts reached intersections along the route. Motorists were advised to use caution while runners were in the area.

Officer Scott's parents, Hubert and JoAnn Carter-Scott, attended the event. He is also survived by a brother, Hubert Scott, Jr.

"I am proud to be a part of an organization with a group of people who are dedicated to preserving the memory of a great man," Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon said. "We will never forget his service to the aviation community and will always remember his sacrifice."

The 5K run was open to all airport police personnel with no registration fee. However, donations may be made at any time to the Tommy E. Scott Scholarship Fund.



MEMORIAL RUN - Los Angeles Airport Police officers and supporters participate in annual Tommy E. Scott 5K Memorial Run.

#### **New Facility for Bikers**



BIKE ROOM - California Bike to Work Week kicked off at Los Angeles International Airport with a grand opening celebration and tour of its new Skyview Bike Room provided by Human Resources Director Paula Adams and Rideshare staff on May 12. The Skyview Bike Room features two loaner bicycles complete with baskets, locks, and helmets. It also has space for employees who bike to work to lock up their bikes and gear. Melissa Molina of the Skyview Rideshare Office is pictured in the bike room with one of the loaner bikes. To check out a loaner bicycle or to use the room to store your own bike, contact the Skyview Rideshare office at (424) 646-5452.

#### **Outstanding Service**

**EMPLOYEE** HONORED-Trade Education Programs (ITEP) recognized Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Allyson Lavalais, manager of the LAWA Gateways Program in the Business and Jobs Resources



Division for outstanding service to the ITEP Gardena Global Leadership Academy (GGLA). Lavalais serves on the board of directors for GGLA.

### **ONT Helps Raise Funds for Ontario USO**



REIGNING SUPREME—LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) sponsored the "Salute to Heroes" game at the Citizen's Business Bank Arena on April 6. ONT employees, Ontario USO volunteers, and military service members and their families cheered on the Ontario Reign as the Reign took on the Stockton Thunder. The game ceremonies began with the national anthem sung by Superintendent of Operations III Myron Saulpaugh's granddaughter Raven Saulpaugh. The Ontario Reign donated three autographed team jerseys that

were sold at a silent auction during the game. As a result, ONT presented the USO Ontario with a check for more than \$1,500 from the proceeds of the auction. Pictured from left among military service members visiting the USO facility are: Keith Snyder, Chief of Airport Operations/ONT; Kristen Ramirez USO Center Manager, Bob Kurkjian, USO executive director, USO volunteers John Corey, Deb Corey, Linda Ward, and Felicia Lopez. ONT, Ontario USO volunteers, and troops were publicly recognized throughout the game.

### **AEROGRAMME**

**Aerogramme** is published monthly by the Public Relations Division to cover developments at Los Angeles World Airports.

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#### **My Best Shot**



UNIQUE SCULPTURE-Phil Goodman, multimedia producer in IT-Support Services, took this photo of the "Karma" sculpture at the Besthoff Sculpture Garden in New Orleans' City Park. The art piece, by artist Do-Ho Suh, is made of stainless steel, stands 23-feet tall and features 98 cast figures. one on top of each other, with each subsequent figure descending in size. Each holds their hands over the eyes of the one below. The sculpture has been interpreted to mean the blindnesses of each lifetime follow us to the next.