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Chief Anthony Batts



Anthony Batts is the Chief of Police for the Long Beach Police Department.

Anthony Batts began his career with the Long Beach Police Department over two decades ago. Prior to joining Long Beach, he was an Explorer Scout with the Los Angeles Police Department, a police cadet with the Santa Monica Police Department, and a reserve officer with the Hawthorne Police Department.

He was hired by the Long Beach Police Department as a Community Relations Assistant in 1982 before being accepted into the Po-

lice Academy as a recruit officer that same year. Chief Batts assumed the position of Chief of Police of California's fifth largest city on October 26, 2002. He is responsible for a staff of 1,500 employees and a budget of approximately \$170 million, with a customer base of 495,000 residents. Long Beach boasts one of the world's largest and busiest ports, two large marinas, a national airport, three college campuses and the home to the annual Toyota Grand Prix street race.

Chief Batts holds a Doctorate in Public Administration, a Master's Degree in Business Management, and a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Administration.

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John Fielder

John Fielder is president of Southern California Edison (SCE), one of the nation's largest electric utilities, serving a population of more than 13 million via 4.6 million customer accounts in a 50,000-square-mile service area within central, coastal and Southern California.

Prior to being named the utility's president on Oct. 20, 2005, Fielder was responsible for developing and implementing SCE's regulatory policies and managing proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission and other regulatory agencies. He was also responsible for the company's environmental, health, and safety organization.

His career at SCE began in 1970 and he advanced through various managerial positions to become vice president of information

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services in 1989. He assumed the role of vice president of regulatory policy and affairs in 1992, and was named senior vice president in 1998.

Fielder earned a law degree from Pepperdine University Law School, an M.B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He lives in Long Beach with his wife Donita.

John Fielder will be our guest on the show airing the weeks of September 11 & September 18. He will provide a recap of the Summer 2006 energy situation and discuss the need to establish a coherent state energy policy.



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Thought of the Month

If a problem causes too many meetings, the meetings eventually become more important than the problem.

Rich Brandt to Help Commemorate 9/11



Rich Brandt is the President of the Long Beach Firefighters, Local 372.

Captain Rich Brandt of the Long Beach Fire Department joins us to commemorate the fifth anniversary of 9/11. Rich, who is also the President of the Long Beach Firefighters, Local 372, was a former New York City Firefighter who lost 12 close friends in the attack.

Immediately following 9/11, Rich spent time in NYC at ground zero, and spent time visiting families and firehouses. He helped raise money for the families and returned back in November of 1991 with approximately 50 firefighters and their families to present money,

attend funerals and visit fire stations.

He returned again in March 2002 to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with his fellow Firefighter Brothers from all over the world. He has since kept in touch with the families of his fallen brothers and with brothers who continue to fight fires and save lives in New York.

Rich recently participated in the Oliver Stone movie "The World Trade Center", where he played a NYC Firefighter during the attacks. He felt this to be a special tribute to his friends who died on that horrific day.

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In addition, he is a graduate of the following executive programs: Harvard University's Executive Development Course, FBI's National Executive Institute, Police Executive Training Course, University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute, FBI's National Academy, Leadership Long Beach, Law Enforcement Command College, and International Association of Chiefs of Police S.W.A.T. Commander School. In addition, Chief Batts has attended numerous terrorism training courses around the world addressing ports, airports, entertainment venues and light rail transportation systems.

Chief Batts has received numerous awards and commendations for heroism, crime reduction, community activism, and innovative programs at the local, state, and national level.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the Boy Scouts of America and the Long Beach Children's Clinic. Chief Batts serves on the Peace

Officer Standards & Training (POST) Commission (current Chair), the Los Angeles County Chiefs Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

Chief Batts is the father of three children, one daughter and two sons. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, and attending jazz concerts and sporting events across the United States.

Chief Batts will be our guest on the Straight Talk show airing the weeks of September 25 and October 2. He will be interviewed about the need to increase police staffing and the problem of losing experienced officers to other communities.

ICT's Twentieth Century Runs Through October 1

International City Theatre presents the West Coast professional premiere of Ken Ludwig's new adaptation of *Twentieth Century*. This classic screwball comedy is set aboard a luxury train en route from Chicago to New York. Egomaniacal Broadway director Oscar Jaffe must convince Lily Garland, the chorus girl he has transformed into a now-famous and temperamental leading lady, to return for just one more show. The laughs are non-stop in this marvelous production of an American classic.

The show runs weekends through October 1 at the International City Theatre. For tickets or further information, call (562) 436-4610 or visit www.ictlongbeach.com.

Pictured to the right are Twentieth Century co-stars Libby West and Jeff Griggs.



Steve and Bryce Chesser Supporting MPS



Steve Chesser is a Board Member of the MPS Society and Bryce Chesser is an MPS patient.

Steve Chesser Bryce Chesser

Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) is a range of diseases where the patient does not manufacture certain enzymes. Normally, the body uses enzymes to break down and recycle materials in cells. In individuals with MPS, the missing or insufficient enzyme prevents the proper recycling process. As a result, cells do not perform properly and may cause progressive damage throughout the body. While the disease may not be apparent at birth, signs and symptoms develop with age.

Last month the FDA approved the first treatment for MPS-II, an artificial enzyme replacement therapy. Dr. Joseph Muenzer, the scientist who developed the treatment, will attend the "Friends Helping Friends" dinner.

Friends Helping Friends III

Wednesday, September 20, 6 pm
Smooth's Sports Grille

Supervisor Don Knabe, Auctioneer

Seats \$125 each or 10 for \$1,000

Underwriting opportunities available

All proceeds benefit MPS Research

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Diane E. Ripley, (562) 883-3001

Steve and Bryce Chesser will be our guests on the show airing the weeks of September 11 and September 18.

Nien-Ling Wacker



Nien-Ling Wacker is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Laserfiche

A native of Shanghai, China, Nien-Ling Wacker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and a Master of Science degree in

chemical physics from the University of Southern California. Ms. Wacker began her career in the computer industry as a systems analyst and programmer, and subsequently joined the USC computer science department as an instructor.

Ms. Wacker founded Compulink Management Center, Inc., in 1974 to develop custom software solutions. Ms. Wacker released Laserfiche for DOS in 1987, the same year that marked the founding of

Laserfiche, a division of Compulink Management Center, Inc.

She has served on the board of the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM), and continues to serve on the board of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Education Foundation.

Ms. Wacker was one of the recipients of the First Annual Women's Leadership Awards by the Long Beach Business Journal at the Women's Leadership Exchange Southern California Conference held on August 8, 2006.

She will be our guest on the Straight Talk show airing the weeks of September 25 and October 2.

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