

SUN REGION

Safe Rides for St. Patrick's Day

The Seal Beach Lions, will offer free rides (within 10 miles) from Main Street and Central Avenue in downtown Seal Beach bars and restaurants on Monday, St. Patrick's Day. The service, which will be offered from 4 p.m. to midnight, is co-sponsored by Straub Beer Distributors and approved by the Seal Beach Police Department. Donations will be accepted for Lions' charities.

LOS ALAMITOS

All-Star Cheer Tryouts

The Youth Center will hold tryouts for its award-winning Diamond Elite All Star Cheer teams for ages 5 to 18. The tryouts will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gymnastics Center located on the Joint Forces Training Base on Saturday, April 12, and again from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 27. For more information please

Volunteer helps Red Cross launch training program

Michael Logan and businesses like Boeing help expand national charity's efforts

By ALETA WALTHER GRAINGER

Seal Beach resident Michael Logan and employees from Grainger and Boeing were among more than 75 volunteers participating in the launch of a new Red Cross volunteer recruitment and training program recently at Cabrillo High School in Long Beach.

Hosted by the Greater Long Beach chapter of the American Red Cross, the new Ready When the Time Comes program recruits employees from local businesses to train as Red Cross volunteers, ready to assist before a disaster strikes

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Seal Beach resident Michael Logan (left) helped launch the Red Cross Ready When the Time Comes volunteer recruitment and training program in Long Beach recently. Logan was among more than 75 volunteers who participated in the launch and volunteer training activities, which included setting up cots and distributing bedding. From left are Logan, Heather Ott, Diana Briones and Michelle Razo

Volunteer

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Southern California.

Grainger is the national founding sponsor of Ready When the Time Comes, with Boeing participating as the local lead sponsor.

Logan is a sales specialist at Grainger's Commerce location.

Grainger, a local distributor of facilities maintenance supplies, has been serving Southern California businesses for more than 70 years.

The Ready When the Time Comes launch included a shelter simulation drill in which volunteers practiced providing emergency shelter to disaster victims, including distributing bedding, food preparation and delivery, and administration of physical and mental health services.

"I was looking for a way to

give back to the community when I heard Grainger was participating in the Ready When the Time Comes program," said Logan. "Through Grainger, the Red Cross and the Ready When the Time Comes program, I can now give back to my community, my friends and neighbors, to make a difference when disaster strikes."

The Orange County chapter of the American Red Cross launched its Ready When the Time Comes program last year with Standard Pacific Homes participating as the local lead sponsor.


In the event of a local, large-scale disaster, the Red Cross can count on Ready When the Time Comes corporate partners like Grainger, Standard Pacific Homes and Boeing to support local efforts. To learn how your company can participate in the Ready When the Time Comes program, call (714) 481-5300.




CHAMPS:

Los Alamitos Area 159 U10 Boys All-Stars won the Sectional Championships for the first time recently in San Marcos. The boys will continue on to the State Championships in Bakersfield on April 6 2008. Top Row: Steve Koteris, Jim Poyar, Commissioner Fred Freeman, Bob Poyar, and Joe Koteris. Second Row: Jacob Gasser, Neil French, Jonathan Van De Velde, Steven Markarian and Will Schmidt. Bottom Row: Scott Andersen, Cameron Fono, Shane Poyar, Hayden Smith, Anthony Mejia.


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