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Talbot Visits Los Alamos

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NNSA Assistant Deputy Administrator Gerry Talbot was in Los Alamos Jun. 12th talking to Site Office folks about his views on what we need to pay attention to.

He told folks we need to keep better track of the money Congress appropriates to NNSA. "Did the money go to the things you wanted it to," Talbot asked. He said it is important to have an accounting strategy that tracks the flow down of dollars from Headquarters to the Sites.

He also talked about career paths for employees and making sure folks get the training they need to meet qualifications and perform their jobs effectively. He also mentioned succession planning and personnel development within NNSA. He noted how important it is to be able to manage people correctly and that there is no coherent individual development plan for people to develop in areas they want to.

While at the Site Office, Talbot received programmatic briefings from the LASO

Staff and toured a number of facilities at the Lab. "This place is about everything," Talbot said. "Los Alamos covers the entire gamut of what we do at NNSA."

Talbot is responsible for site operations, facilities management and nuclear and non-nuclear safety for the NNSA nuclear

weapons complex. Before assuming this position, he was the manager for the NNSA Nevada Site Office.

Talbot is particularly interested in safe operations at



NNSA facilities. Above, Talbot talks with LASO's Joe Vozella, Assistant Manager for Safety Operations. "We want to breed a culture that does things as safely as we can," Talbot said.

Acknowledgements



Friday Jun. 6th Brigadier General Jonathan D. George NNSA, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications, stopped by the Site Office to meet with principal staff members and talk to employees



On Jun. 16th, LASO celebrated its last hoo-rah in its old 1940's building.



Larry Kwei (above) was recognized for his 20 years of public service.



Manager, Don Winchell opened the event with a few words about our new building.

Caroline Crooks (right) and Ralph Garcia (below) were awarded a LASO Site Office Coin for their exceptional service and unique acts of service respectively



The "Last Bash Committee" put together an excellent pot luck with the theme of "Bob-the-Builder." A slide show of past and present parties, employees, and historical moments played in the background. Folks had plenty to eat and door prizes were given away.

Imelda Maez and Pam Valdez (right) enjoy the celebration along with Larry Kwei, Pat Moss and Anh Nguyen (below)





A Helping Hand



LASO's Sophia Calabaza caught some of the spotlight in the May issue of "Currents," a LANL Employee Monthly Magazine.

Calabaza was one of the parents who volunteered to help pueblo students learn firsthand about science, engineering, and math.

The LANL Tribal Relations team in the Government Affairs Office partners with the Laboratory Foundation

and Northern New Mexico College to sponsor the Pueblo Education Outreach program.

Kyle Benavidez, top right, uses a soldering gun to make a robot during a robotics workshop at San Ildefonso Pueblo.

LASO's Sophia Calabaza, bottom right, helps fourth-grade student Alix Luarkie attach his rocket to a makeshift launch pad dur-

ing a rocketry workshop. Students learn the basics of aerodynamics, weight and balance, propulsion, and basic geometry in the rocketry workshop.

Thanks!



Movin On Up!!!!



Everyone at LASO knows we are getting ready to move into our new offices across the bridge.

Frank White has been putting in a lot of hours working with contractors to get things ready. "We should be all moved in no later than the end of July,"



White said. "We will be making the move in phases beginning in mid July."

The first shipment of furniture is expected to arrive by Jul. 7th and the contractor will be working hard to get furniture installed to begin our move.

Folks will be getting moving boxes by Jun. 23rd. Remember, we are really trying to consolidate so use

the 4 moving boxes you get wisely to liberate your office of unnecessary and antiquated documents and "stuff".

Keep in mind, there are "by the book" methods of purging your files and documents. See Rudy Pino if you have questions.



Fourth of July — Celebrations



In the United States, **Independence Day** (commonly known as **the Fourth of July**) is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on Jul. 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. The major objection to being ruled by Britain was taxation without representation. The colonists had no say in the decisions of English



Parliament.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics baseball



other communities around the country. However, it wasn't until 1941 that Independence Day was declared a legal federal holiday.

public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States, but is often also viewed as simply a summer festival, apart from its patriotic overtones.

Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 4th, 1777. The custom of celebrating the Fourth of July gradually spread to



Possible Danger From Propane Tanks

BEFORE



They can explode and kill!

AFTER



Meth cooks are getting the propane tanks from the exchanges at Wal-Mart, Kroger, etc. and emptying them of the propane. Then, they are filling them with anhydrous ammonia. After they are finished with them, they return them to the store. They are then refilled with propane and sent back for you and me to buy. Anhydrous ammonia is very corrosive and weakens the structure of the tank.

It can be very dangerous

when mixed with propane and hooked up to our grills etc.

You should inspect the propane tank for any blue or greenish



residue around the valve areas. If it is present, refuse to purchase that one. It can be dangerous to move the cylinder due to the unknown integrity of the cylinder's service valve.



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If you come across a suspect tank let the business you are dealing with know or contact your Fire Department or the nearest office of the United States Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration.



Green, Gas Saving Secrets of Summer Vacation Driving



“Whether it’s spending time stuck in traffic or driving in circles looking for an attraction site in an unfamiliar location, there are plenty of opportunities to waste gas.”

Here are some tips from for smart vacation driving:

In Your Own Car - Have your car checked out before going on a long vaca-

tion road trip. Be sure tires are properly inflated, oil and oil and air filters are fresh, and the air-conditioning is working properly. Drive smoothly and considerately. Aggressive driving – fast starts, excessive speed, abrupt maneuvers and constant braking is dangerous and increases fuel consumption. “You’ll enjoy the ride more and spend less on gas if you just drive friendly,” Pinera says.

for your engine type. Regular fuel costs less and premium will not improve your fuel efficiency in anything but a high-performance engine.

Look for gas stations that offer pumps with vapor-recovery nozzles. They look like black plastic accordions attached to the nozzle. These curb emissions. Likewise, never try to “top off” your tank with these nozzles. They’re designed to shut off when the gas tank is at its optimum fullness. Continuing to pump could lead to overfilling and spilling.

Try to pack light and avoid putting anything on top of your vehicle.

Rooftop storage may increase the risk of rollover in some types of vehicles, and increases drag, which lowers fuel efficiency in all kinds of autos.

In a Rental Car - Whenever possible, choose a fuel-efficient model. The good news is that these are usually the least expensive to rent from any company. Consider renting a hybrid. Paying the extra fee for a navigation system can go a long way towards saving you time (and money) driving around lost. Navigation systems can help you find your way in unfamiliar territory, helping you reach your list of attractions with a minimum of time and gas lost.

Courtesy of ARAcontent



More and more millions of Americans will hit the roads during the warm weather months. Whether they’re on business or vacation, many drivers will likely share two concerns: how to reduce the impact their motoring has on the environment and on their wallets.

“Gas consumption – and prices – historically rise with the temperature as more people drive for work or pleasure during the warmer months,” says Sue Pinera, environmental programs director of the Hertz Corp.

Summer vacations often mean extra driving, either to your destination in your own vehicle or, if you fly, in a rental car once you’re there. “Of all summer driving, vacation driving can be the most costly and least green,” Pinera points out.



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Only use premium fuel if your car’s manufacturer specifically recommends it



