

## **LAFN OUT LOUD**

This edition of LAFN OUT LOUD contains the details of our membership contest. As you may know, LAFN currently rewards our current users with a complimentary extra month of service for every referral referenced by a new user. The user who refers the most new users to LAFN during the month of October will receive their choice of a LAFN T-shirt or mug in addition to a complimentary month of service for each and every new referral.

The rules of the contest are as follows:

1. The contest is in effect for referrals between October 1 - 31.
2. When a referral is made, an e-mail must be sent to Donna Glick at [eartr@lafn.org](mailto:eartr@lafn.org) stating the name, and if possible, the id of the new user.
3. The new user must reference the current user when sending in payment for the service.
4. Payments must be postmarked by October 31, 2001 to qualify for the contest.
5. In the event of a tie, all users referring the most new users will receive their choice of prize.

Good luck to all our entrants.

## **HOME PAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

At the bottom of LAFN's Home Page [www.lafn.org](http://www.lafn.org) you will find a new "Google" search button. You can choose to search the contents of the LA Free-Net OR to search the entire World Wide Web.

You will soon find important special events highlighted in the "Interest Centers" area near the top of LAFN's Home Page . Look for this new feature to be introduced in the near future.

## **L.A. CITY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOPS**

All residents of Los Angeles City have the opportunity to bring state-of-the art cable communications to the city of Los Angeles, and your help is needed to make it happen.

Cable television systems can connect schools, libraries, government agencies, community groups, organizations and homes, and provide services such as distance learning and high-speed internet access.

All city residents are invited to participate in focus group planning workshops designed to elicit your ideas about future uses of modern cable systems.

Please call toll-free 1-888-430-4580 for additional information, including a complete list of workshop dates, times and locations. The schedule is also available on the City's web page at [www.lacity.org/ita/renewals](http://www.lacity.org/ita/renewals). You will soon find a link to this website in the LA Free-Net's Community Center.

### **ACCESS SPEED IMPROVEMENTS**

One of our LAFN users has discovered the following web site: [www.cnet.com](http://www.cnet.com) and found they have a number of utilities to improve modem connections and download speeds. LAFN has not evaluated any of these, but they may be helpful. Thanks to Eugene Brandon, bi476 for this information.

Until our next edition of the newsletter, we hope you will continue LAFN OUT LOUD.

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