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## Annual Meeting

Please renew your membership now and show up to our annual meeting June 2nd to vote for your board of directors. We have eleven board members who serve two year terms. This year we have four board members whose terms have expired. Danny Amat, Annie Greenfeld-Wisner, Colleen McDonald, and Timothy Risch.

Tim has decided not to run for re-election this time around but Danny, Annie and Colleen have. Joining them on the ballot are Jennifer Beaver, Shoshanah Siegel, and Coleen Vandepas.

All members must renew to be able to vote. You will be able to vote for up to four candidates. Each candidate was asked eight questions about their candidacy, their responses are printed starting on page 5. They will each be given the chance to speak at the election as well so please listen closely and cast your vote wisely.

## Calendar Items

May 31. Taking back Pine Event

June 2. Wrigley Association Elections

June 3. Statewide Primary Election

June 7th Wrigley River Run 10/5K

June 19. Neighborhood Advisory Group Mtg

### Every:

Tues & Thurs 615p River Run Training

Saturday 9 & 10am Wrigley Walkers

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## SAVE PAPER!

(and postage for the association)

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May 31st is Taking Back Pine, which is an important event I hope you can show your support of our neighbors. Contact P.G. Herman for details at [amaugirl@hotmail.com](mailto:amaugirl@hotmail.com)

Time is running out for you to sign up for the upcoming Wrigley River Run 5/10k and Tadpole Trot on June 7th. For more info go to [www.wrigleyriverrun.com](http://www.wrigleyriverrun.com).

**Next Meeting: Annual Meeting and Board Elections June 2nd, 7pm**



## A Wrigley Education

Daniel Roy Deon Rankins (age 11)

My name is Daniel Roy Deon Rankins. I was born in Harbor City, CA on November 11, 1996. My first home was on Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach, right near Cherry Park. Just before I turned 2 years old my parents decided that while it was wonderful taking walks on the beach it would be better for me to have my own yard to play in and be closer to a school. We were very lucky and found a great home on Magnolia Street near 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Wrigley District. I loved our house and especially our great big back yard where I could eat all the oranges I wanted off our trees.

Now you know how I got to Wrigley so I can now tell you the real reason I am writing this article. I want to tell you about going to school in Wrigley. I have a lot of experience in this area since I have been going to school since I was 3 years old. Since my birthday is on November 11<sup>th</sup>, in 2000, when I was 3 years old (soon to be 4) my Mom enrolled me in Young Horizons preschool, on Pacific Avenue, just above PCH. It was really fun. When I first started they were still getting the school ready on Pacific in Wrigley and at first I went to another Young Horizons at a church, also on Pacific, but in downtown Long Beach. But soon we were at the school in Wrigley. It was very fun. I even learned to say the Pledge of Allegiance in both English and Spanish. We went on a really cool field trip to a farm and saw so many animals. One of the best things about going to school at Young Horizons was the walk home on warm, sunny days. We would walk up Pacific just about 3 shops above the school to the Paleteria (ice cream shop).

Mmmmmm, if you have never been there you just don't know what you are missing! They make the freshest most delicious ice cream ever! They use all the fresh fruit and you can get watermelon, lemon, lime, strawberry, piña colada, pecan, cantaloupe, chocolate, and many more. We still go buy some every once and awhile because there is just nothing quite as good! I learned many things at school too, but mostly I learned that school was really fun and I wanted to go to "big kids school".

By May of 2001 my Mom knew I would be ready for kindergarten in September so she took me to Lafayette Elementary School on Chestnut, just below Willow. When September came around I started kindergarten even though I was still only 4 years old. I was very shy and hardly spoke to anyone very much. My teacher, Mrs. Martineau, had to test me in the hallway where we were alone and I could whisper to her. For those of you who know me now that will probably make you laugh because I am a little bit of a chatterbox now.

Lafayette is a really great school. At Lafayette I was able to be part of a great program called Dual Immersion. I was in this program from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In this class your classes are taught 50% in English and 50% in Spanish. I really loved it so much! One of the most important things you learn is that learning involves taking risks and you are not afraid to be wrong because it is just the way that you learn. It made me feel much more confident and I was never afraid to get up and speak up. I made so many great friends and we did so many amazing things. Starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade we were encouraged to do a project for the science fair. I did not think I liked science but my best friend wanted me to do a project with him so I did. Boy, am I glad because I found out that I love science! Our project was even selected to represent our school at the District Science Fair. I did a project every year at Lafayette and always had my project displayed at the Science Fair.

Another really cool thing we did at Lafayette was our yearly Cultural Program. We would learn dances and songs from other places and put on performances for 2 nights because so many people came to see us. It was so much fun to learn and everyone loved our shows. I had the opportunity to learn Hawaiian dancing, Disco, and Salsa. Not just our parents came but there were lots of friends from Wrigley neighborhood groups, the City, and School District would come to be entertained.

We had a great music program at our school too and because of our good friend, Annie Greenfeld Wisner, we had enough violins for every third grader to be able to play during class. I played violin and was in the chorus. We put on programs every year and entertained our family and friends.

I also loved our Academic Achievement Programs. At the end of each trimester we would have a program where awards were presented to the students for Most Improved, Lafayette Honor Roll (all 3's & 4's), and Principal Honor Roll (perfect all 4's). From the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade I was on Principal Honor Roll in both Spanish and English.

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One of the really exciting things we did was last school year, when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. One of my teachers, Mr. Ramos, had all his students enter the Stock Market Game. In this game you are given accounts just like regular investors. The game is sponsored by SIFMA (Securities Industry and Financial Market Assoc. and WACHOVIA). Each group has "money" in your account and you buy, sell, and trade just like a real account. You watch your stocks and also have to watch how much movement you do in your account because just like in real life you have to pay fees for transactions. The best part is that much to our amazement my group (5 students) won the Los Angeles/Orange County Regional competition coming in 1st out of 69 teams in their age category. But more interesting is that our team not only won in our age category but topped the middle and high schools as well of which there were a total of 466 teams that they actually topped. Three other teams from our school also ranked in the top 10 Regionally. Our top group ranked 29th in the statewide portion of 1528 teams. What is really cool about this is that in the top 30 statewide there are only 2 elementary schools. Nationwide our team came in the top 1% out of 145,000 teams. We were honored at a lunch and fun day!

So yes, I loved Lafayette! I loved all of my teachers, our helpers, the great staff, and my Principal. Everyone was always so nice and helpful. Graduation was fun and exciting and sad at the same time. It is hard to say good bye to so many good friends. But I knew that I was prepared for middle school because I had such a great education. Councilman Dee Andrews came and spoke at our Graduation in August 2007. He also gave awards to all of the members of our Stock Market Game team from the City of Long Beach. He made us all feel very special. I was class valedictorian so I got to present an award to Mr. Andrews for being our hero and going above and beyond for our graduating class.

For the rest of my graduating class it was time to move out of the Wrigley area to continue their education but as for me, I stayed in Wrigley and am now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at a school that has only been in Wrigley for about 12 years. I am attending Jackie Robinson Academy. I guess when it comes to education, Long Beach, and Wrigley in particular just know what they are doing. JROB, as we call it, is so fabulous! It is a GATE school which means there are classes for gifted students. At JROB you can take Spanish, French, or Japanese. I am continuing Spanish but would like take French too so I do not forget what I have learned. There is also a terrific program called MESA (math engineering science achievement) which is really cool. All of my teachers are great and make learning fun and interesting. I have been sick lately but I have had a home tutor (my MESA teacher, Mr. Licano) who comes to my house to help me keep up. All my teachers communicate via email and even now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade I have maintained straight A's and am on Honor Roll.

Well, we do not live in Wrigley anymore but my heart is still there in many ways and I am glad that my parents agree that it is worth the trip from Rancho Dominguez back to Wrigley every day to get the best education possible. I learned so many things from school, working in my Wrigley Community, and also around the City of Long Beach. I still have my best friends, Ian and Sergio, that I see and they come to my house. Wrigley has so much to offer. So, when you drive through Wrigley and look at the pretty houses on the usually quiet streets don't be fooled by the hidden treasure behind the doors of the schools that may not appear to be as big or as nice as some in other parts of Long Beach. We have heart in Wrigley and we have some of the smartest students and the best teachers in all of Long Beach! Believe me, I KNOW!

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The Wrigley Association accepts submissions for print at [wrigleyvillage@att.net](mailto:wrigleyvillage@att.net). You will receive a response to your email to confirm it has been received. Submissions that are relevant to the mission of the Wrigley Association will be included in newsletters and bulletins as space allows. No editing will occur without prior approval of the author. Accepted submissions will generally be printed in the next newsletter that is printed following the submission. Newsletters generally, but not always, go to print on the third Tuesday of the month.

Newsletter editor Gavin Mc Kiernan may change the schedule of the printing of the newsletter for various reasons without notice.



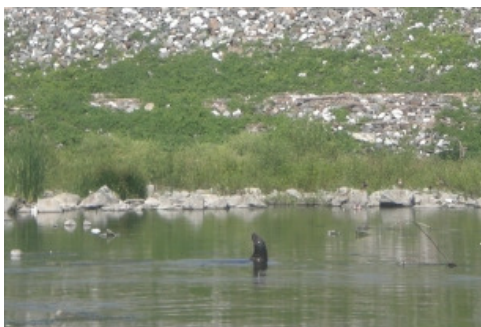
Lisa Wibroe

## Wrigley Is Going Green

Mauna Eichner



Friends of the Los Angeles River hosted another clean up on May 17<sup>th</sup> and many Wrigley Association members pitched in to help at the Willow Street location. It was an extremely hot day which made the job a bit more difficult, but we got a little unexpected entertainment, and I am not talking about the steel drum band. We were joined by a sea lion (pictured below) who popped his head up



from the middle of the river and gave us a show. This unexpected visitor revealed himself after Mayor Foster and Vice Mayor Lowenthal left the scene.

Another local spectacle to enjoy is all of the flowers and fauna at the Dominguez Gap near Los Cerritos Park. All Wrigley residents should take the time to enjoy this environmentally correct addition near our community!

Speaking of surrounding communities, please note the trees planted all along Pacific Coast Highway throughout Wilmington. Fir trees and bougainvillea were

even added in front of the refinery. This greenery will help mitigate the air pollution as well provide shade and shield the unsightly. It has been a long time goal of Wrigley is Going Green to tree up the major corridors that run through Long Beach that create the image many commuters hold of our city. Please help us achieve such goals by supporting Wrigley is Going Green with your volunteerism. You may always contact us at [Wrigleyisgoinggreen@hotmail.com](mailto:Wrigleyisgoinggreen@hotmail.com)

In early May we were notified by the homeowner of the large Camphor tree, in the 3100 Block of Eucalyptus, that the city had put up signs informing that sidewalk repair would begin the following week. We got in touch with Tim Patton in the 7th District Council office, Art Cox, and the Public Works Street Division. Everyone assured us that trees in all of Long Beach will no longer be severely root pruned. We even spoke with Mike Hitt, the supervisor in charge of Eucalyptus project, who told us that he felt all eyes were watching. We checked on

3100 Eucalyptus after the ramp over and cut out work was completed.



work Wrigley!

In the interest of being kind to our trees, please help us get the word out that posting a sign with staples and nails injures the tree, is littering the neighborhood, and is a city code violation. With your help, Wrigley is Going Green would like to put an end to this detrimental practice. Thank you!



Mayor Foster with Lisa, Mauna and Lee

### Wrigley River Run June 7th!

**Go to [www.wrigleyriverrun.com](http://www.wrigleyriverrun.com) for details and to sign up to participate today**

# Candidate Statements

Each candidate for the Board of Directors for the Wrigley Association was asked seven questions, incumbents had an eighth question. The following pages will include each of those questions followed by the various responses of the candidates. The order of their answers will change for each question to be fair to all candidates.

## 1. Give some general background information about yourself

### **Danny Amat -Incumbent:**



I am a self employed businessman. I have lived with my wife and two children in Wrigley for five years. I was elected by the board to serve as Vice President last year.

**Annie Greenfeld Wisner-Incumbent:** I have lived in Wrigley since 1999 and have been active in the community since then. I am one of the founding members of NAG (Neighborhood Advisory Group), a co-founder of Better Balance for Long Beach (BBLB), have served on the Board of Wrigley Association for 3 years, and have served on the Board of Central Project Area Committee (CPAC) for 3 years, currently serving as Vice Chair. I am also in my fourth year serving as a Commissioner on the Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC). I am on the Board of Neighborhoods First, a new group, and I am a graduate of the Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) in the Class of 2003.



### **Colleen Mcdonald-Incumbent:**



I have been a homeowner in South Wrigley since late 1984. Before that I have lived in other south bay cities as well as in Hilo, Hi. I have attended Harbor Junior College, the University of Hawaii, and Long Beach State. I was employed as a professional in the computer field from 1976 until my semi-retirement in 2001.

**Jennifer Beaver:** My name is Jennifer Beaver though many members also know me as Jenny Tolkoff. Our family moved to Wrigley in 1991; we fell in love with the Spanish architecture. I joined the association in 1992 after the riots, believing then, as I do now, that "all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing," to paraphrase Edmund Burke. In my opinion, pollution and crime are the top two evils. By trade, I'm a copywriter and communicator. I live with my husband and son, both of whom are active in the association.



**Shoshanah Siegel:**My name is Shoshanah Siegel. My husband and I have lived in Wrigley for the past 15 years. I am a woman of many talents and wear many hats. I am the owner of two businesses, a graphic design firm that I have had for over 18 years, and a color consulting firm, Your Color Diva, for the past 4 years. Many of you have seen my monthly column in the Wrigley Newsletter and also seen my presentation. I am the Senior Adult Program Director at the Jewish Community Center in Long Beach. I teach meditation classes there and I teach Reiki and perform Reiki treatments at LB Memorial Hospital and privately. I am also a fine artist and musician.



### **Coleen Vandepas:**



5 year Wrigley resident. Work in insurance compliance. World traveler and bon vivant.



## 2. What have you done to help the Wrigley neighborhood, or the Association, this year, or in the past?

**Annie-**As one of the founding members of NAG, we have been tirelessly working to improve the quality of life in Wrigley and on the revitalization of Pacific Ave. in Wrigley Village. As a member of CPAC and as the Pacific Ave. Task Force Chair, we have been able to have NAG chosen as the steering committee for this RDA project.

In the past years, I have worked closely with the City Prosecutor's Office and the LBPD to rid the neighborhood of the drug dealing, etc. in the 1900 Block of Henderson. This past year, the two problem properties, 1950 and 1960 Henderson were torn down making way for the Long Beach Development Company to buy the property and put single family homes there.

I have also worked with the LBPD and Nuisance Abatement to rid the neighborhood of the problems of drug dealing, prostitution, etc. at the Princess Inn in the 1800 Block of Magnolia. Last month, the City Council voted unanimously to revoke the business license of the Princess Inn and we are working very hard for an alternate use for this property.

**Colleen M-**I have been on the Wrigley Association board this past year and have served as its Secretary, but I guess my favorite activity was developing the Pet Costume Contest for the Halloween Fest by securing donations (the contest actually made the 10 o'clock news on Channel 11!). Additionally, I have been a member of NAG, the South Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group. I have worked to support the activities of both of these fine organizations in any way asked. Recently I've become rather fond of spending two or three hours a month helping Ken Gore maintain the marvelous Wrigley Landscape Project.

### **Jennifer-**

- Founding member of the Wrigley Tree Committee, whose tireless research and consistent outreach led to landmark citywide changes in the way our pollution-cutting, property-enhancing street trees are maintained.
- Spoke at city council meetings about various issues affecting the neighborhood, such as the 710 expansion
- Question screener at Wrigley debates. This demonstrates a knack for deciphering hard-to-read handwriting as well as a good grasp of the issues.
- Volunteer for area cleanups such as "Take Back Pine".
- Helped write Wrigley marketing brochure
- Copyeditor for Wrigley newsletter

**Shoshanah-**I was involved initially and continue to be involved with establishing a citywide tree policy. My particular concerns involve issues maintaining and planting new trees in Wrigley and promoting meandering sidewalks instead of root pruning. I have also participated in cleaning up Pine, and have been involved with the redevelopment of the Wrigley Village. I have also participated in the newly formed food co-op. I have also been involved in the issues regarding the LNG, the freeway expansion, and the port and pollution issues.

**Coleen V-**See response to number 4.

**Danny-** I co-founded the new non-profit, the Long Beach Neighborhood Foundation which is organizing Wrigley's first 5/10k event on June 7th. We hope to branch out to do events city wide within a few years. I have served as the Associations' Vice President for the past year and have helped with the planning and implementation of many Wrigley events over the past couple years including our renowned forums, Summer fest, our annual Christmas Party, Christmas Tree Lane, Tree Plantings and Taking Back Pine among others.

### 3. How do you see yourself helping the Wrigley neighborhood improve?

**Colleen M-**I would like to see a stronger commitment from the local businesses, especially those on Pacific Avenue, to creating a safer, nicer area commercial area. It is time for that to happen.

**Shoshanah-**As a business owner I bring to the board knowledge of working with committees as well as being a self-starter. I am articulate and a great listener. I love new challenges and finding ways to turn dreams into reality. Of course I bring my artistic and designing skills to the plate as well. I am deeply committed to whatever endeavor I pursue. As a fine artist I would like to help create an Art Association and Art Co-op.

**Jennifer-**By looking at big issues like pollution and crime and figuring out small, workable ways to minimize their impact on our neighborhood. I would like to research and report on how other neighborhoods with similar issues have handled them successfully.

**Coleen V-**See response to number 4.

**Danny-** As a parent and entrepreneur I represent two important groups of people who hold the future of not just our area but our entire society in their hands. I will continue to work for opportunities for the youth in our community while keeping an eye on the business climate that makes our economy go.

**Annie-**I will work hard doing the same as I have been doing for years with Code Enforcement, getting rid of problem properties and working to rid our neighborhood of nuisances.

### 4. How can the overall quality of life in Wrigley be further enhanced?

**Jennifer-** Adopt a zero-tolerance policy to such things as trash-can scavaging, graffiti, and vagrants. Let's make this easy for people to do so we can send a message that this is not acceptable here. In addition, I'm concerned that foreclosures/property abandonment will reduce property values and may also increase the number of homeless pets. The association could take the lead in sprucing up exteriors/landscapes and watching out for animals.

**Shoshanah-**My passion is to help create a healthier environment, a place where people can work, play and feel safe. I would love to continue making Wrigley a community that enriches people's lives. I think that empowering others to make their neighborhoods clean and safe is important. We also need to improve the overall look of our major business areas. I would like to help form a Wrigley Village Business Association. I would love to create a neighborhood that would encourage businesses to move into the area, such as restaurants, coffee houses, bookstores, and more.

**Coleen V-** I believe helping the Wrigley Association and the neighborhood are the same thing as helping the Wrigley neighborhood improve. Community involvement is the number one way quality of life may be improved. I don't think that means that everyone in the community needs to be out attending various meetings throughout the city and pushing political objectives. You can be involved in community and improve quality of life simply by caring about what is going in your neighborhood and setting an example. Michael Josephson of the Josephson Institute posted the following on his website:

The Parable of Brother Leo 567.2

An old legend tells of a French monastery that was well-known throughout Europe because of the extraordinary leadership of a man known only as Brother Leo.

Several monks began a pilgrimage to visit Brother Leo to learn from him. Almost immediately, the monks began to bicker as to who should do various chores. On the third day they met another monk who was also going to the monastery.

This monk never complained or shirked a duty. Whenever the others would fight over a chore, he would

gracefully volunteer to do it himself. By the last day, the other monks were following his example, and everyone worked together smoothly.

When they reached the monastery and asked to see Brother Leo, the man who greeted them laughed. "But our brother is among you!" pointing to the fellow who had joined them late in the trip.

Today, many people seek leadership positions not so much for what they can do for others, but for what the position can do for them: status, connections, perks, or future advantages. As a result, they do service primarily as an investment, a way to build an impressive résumé.

The parable about Brother Leo teaches another model of leadership, where leaders are more preoccupied with serving than being followed, with giving than getting, with doing than demanding. It's leadership based on example, not command. It's called servant leadership.

Can you imagine how much better things would be if more politicians, educators, and business executives saw themselves as servant leaders?

**Danny-**I hope we can focus further on business development and cooperation. A cohesive business community builds so many other good things for all of us. A better business community in Wrigley Village will increase job opportunities, improve public safety, increase our property values and improve our quality of life in many intangible ways.

**Annie-**The quality of life in Wrigley can be further enhanced by improving the water and air quality/pollution in the neighborhoods and to make sure that the Port does its job cleaning up the water and the air. The expansion of the 710 will be a big part of that also.

We need to make our neighborhoods clean and beautiful, planting more trees to enhance the streets of Wrigley and to help clean our resources, the air and the water.

**Colleen M-**Safety. Neighbor looking after neighbor. Creating a more supportive atmosphere for the wonderful kids who live here and come here for their education.

## 5. What do you think is the most important issue facing Wrigley today and or in the coming year.

**Shoshanah-**I think that one of the most important issues is making sure that with the expansion of the port we as a community make sure that we create and maintain a healthy environment. This includes planting of more trees, being actively involved in any port, freeway expansions or any other proposed actions taken by the city and other business groups.

**Coleen V-** On a small scale I think crime is the most important. Crime chips away at our neighborhood's sense of peace, prosperity and sense of community. On a larger scale, pollution from the 710, ports and rail yards will affect the livability of Wrigley and the life expectancy of Wrigley residents.

**Danny-**Continuing the positive momentum on many fronts in our area while finding a way to combat or contain the rampant foreclosures that are hitting our neighborhood harder than most.

**Annie-**The biggest issues facing Wrigley today are the water and air quality/pollution in the neighborhoods and making sure that the Port does its job cleaning up the water and the air. The expansion of the 710 is also going to be a contributing factor in air pollution.

**Colleen M-**Safety.

**Jennifer-** It's tough to say...either pollution or crime. Many area residents have been active regarding both but unfortunately these two issues are still very much with us. Two ideas: One, make the Wrigley Association the peoples' clearinghouse for air pollution issues. Two, harness the power of our neighborhood's at-home workers to watch and patrol designated areas on a daily basis.



## 6. Discuss something you think the Wrigley Association could do better and what you would do about that if you were elected to the board.

**Coleen V-**The Association needs to implement a records retention policy and procedure. All association business records should be housed in a central location that requires a dual control access to documents.

**Danny-** We waste too much time on petty and peripheral concerns. I hope to be part of an improved planning process so that we make the most of our time and not waste any of our considerable clout in the city and region.

**Annie-**I think we need to become more focused on what the real problems are in our neighborhood and focus on what concerns the membership has. Wrigley is a wonderful neighborhood with so much character. We need to all work together on improving Wrigley - not just talking about it.

**Colleen M-**The board needs to keep its eyes and its ears open to what is going on in the neighborhood. Perhaps surveying the membership at each meeting through Q&A forms would be helpful. I strongly feel more input more often from the members would make the Association and the Board more responsive.

**Jennifer-** I'd like to see more outreach to families with small children. I'm overjoyed to see so many new kids in Wrigley. They are the future of the neighborhood and we should make our meetings and events family-friendly. I would meet with the Wrigley Moms Group and others with small children to find out what we can do to make them feel welcomed and involved.

**Shoshanah-**It is always difficult to get volunteers and involvement from the community. By having more events, activities that include all ages and individuals, this would help create a community instead of an area of Long Beach.

## 7. Of the 12 Association meetings in the past year, have many have you missed (your best estimate).

**Shoshanah-**I have missed three or four meetings in the past year.

**Coleen V-**

**Danny-**Once

**Annie-**2 general meetings, I believe.

**Colleen M-**Well, I have missed two that I can remember—both were candidate forums where no General Association business took place.

**Jennifer-**Three

## 8. If you are running for re-election, how many board meetings have you missed in the past year.

**Danny-** I think I missed two for business travel.

**Annie-**1 or 2 board meetings, I think.

**Colleen M-**I missed one board meeting this year.



## Leftovers

Sasha Kanno

A few friends stopped by the other day to check out the garden and make a co-op trade. I was showing off all my little seedlings. The acorn squash is popping up nicely, the artichokes are making quite a show and then we have the leeks.

A few months ago I purchased some leeks from the market. The ends still had the roots attached so after I cut off the parts I was going to

use, I stuck the roots in the ground. The typical thing happened: it started to grow. I told my friends this and from their reaction I could tell that it had never occurred to them. So this month's topic is Leftovers.

Leeks are great to use as leftovers. This is my first attempt at growing leeks. I stuck the root



ball in the ground and watched as it grew more leaves. I chopped it off, left the roots in the ground and it's growing another stem. Not sure how long it will keep this up but not bad. I have read that some gardeners like to bank the soil around the leeks as they grow. This is supposed to increase the amount of the stem that is whitened. The result is a sweeter stem. Don't bury it any more than 3 or 4 inches or it will simply choke it out.

I also purchased some leek seeds from High Mowing Seeds. They were a splurge at \$3.00 a package. The directions said to simply toss them out, not to sew them into the soil. Nothing happened. I assume that something ate them or maybe they just blew away.

My entire green onion and scallion bed all came from the cut-



tings off bundles purchased at the farmers market. Use what you need and stick the root ball in the ground. The onions will multiply very quickly.

We even let a handful go to flower. The bees love them.

There are other goods at the market that have the roots still attached. I suppose that beets and radishes are not a good one to use as leftovers since the root is what's intended to be eaten.

If you have any other suggestions or experiences I would love to hear about it. Email [chalkboard-coop@mac.com](mailto:chalkboard-coop@mac.com) <http://chalkboardco-op.blogspot.com/>

Happy Growing!



## Artist of the Month: Deltha Thomas-Graeber

Lisa Wibroe

Deltha and her husband Chris have been Wrigley residents for 12 years and very involved with the Wrigley Association. Deltha graduated from USC with a double major in Fine Art and Art History. She has produced a broad spectrum of art pieces and has worked in the field of Art Therapy helping developmentally



disabled adults. But let's cut right to the chase...her art work. I am convinced that Deltha can do anything she sets her mind to. In reviewing her extensive portfolio, I saw lithographs, photo transfers, montages, gouache monoprints, acrylic paintings with ink and water color, ceramics, large scale black and white photography (circa 3' by 4'), paintings in the round, and hand knit clothing. Let me catch my breath!

Much of the subject matter deals with African American culture and issues steeped in both the past and present. Deltha is also diverse in her use of color as

well. Some pieces feel earthy with hints of subtle color while others are energized with saturated strong dynamic hues.

Upon entering her Wrigley home, a charming Spanish style, I was barraged with not only art but also quality antiques. It turns out that the antiques were inherited from Deltha's family. Deltha and Chris got rid of much of their own furniture to be-





## Your Color Diva: Color For your Every Mood—Blue

Shoshanah Siegel

In the last Wrigley Association newsletter, I explored orange--the hot color--and this month we'll look at its cool complement, the color blue. Color preferences are very personal. Find the ones that evoke memories and elevate your mood, and you'll find that decorating is much easier--and more fun.

**Eternal Blue:** Blue is America's favorite color and a universal favorite as well. Studies show that designers from all major countries select a shade of blue as their first choice. It is truly the world's color--blue sky, blue sea, blue jeans, and all other things dependable and consoling.

**Exterior Colors:** When we think of house colors with blue we often think of white colonial homes with blue shutters. There are historic and non-historic colors of blue. Use the lighter tones of Benjamin Moore's Yarmouth Blue, or Dunn Edward's Two Harbors. For the darker accent blue tones try Benjamin Moore's Newburyport Blue, or Dunn Edwards Stormy Seas.

**Children's Rooms:** Forget the stereotypical pink for girls and blue for boys, and think instead of the inherent message of the color. Blue is quiet and serene, perfect for everyone. If a total blue room isn't for you, consider using touches of blue in accessories or bed linens in order to achieve balance.

**Adult Bedrooms:** Blue has long been a favorite for bedrooms because of its relaxing feel. If your bedroom is where you unwind, blue is a good choice.

**Bathrooms:** Blue is a natural in an area where water is present. But the blue needs to be balanced with some warm colors. Robin's-egg blue is pretty with pink, chambray is balanced with buttercup, and maroon enriches navy. Let's not forget blue with hues of orange; it is the complementary color, opposite on the color wheel. Using a shade of these colors together will enhance the other.

**The Family Room:** This is an ideal place to use blue. Choose a blue that leans a bit to periwinkle as that shade has a warmer undertone. The same is true for greenish blue; it is more hospitable than solid blue.

**Dens and Libraries:** These are the rooms that are perfect for deeper blues, as they encourage meditative thinking and contemplation. If dark colors seem depressing to you, remember that a complementary warm tone, as well as good lighting, will add brightness.

**Kitchens and Dining Areas:** Blue china is a special favorite in everything from traditional Willowware to Pottery Barn blue.

Who are those who chose blue? Blue people are trusting and need to be trusted. They are sensitive to the needs of others and form strong attachments. They are generally even tempered, and reliable.

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come caretakers of the family heirlooms. Deltha lost her parents within three months of each other; then a year later, lost a son. The other son is currently serving in Iraq which is a bit nerve racking. All of this was topped off with an accident Deltha suffered when a shelf in a store fell on her leaving her with a knee injury that can't be fixed. Despite a string of tragedies, this vibrant woman is still motivated to be creative.

Hopefully, I will be successful in putting together an exhibit of Wrigley artists so the community can see what treasures are hidden within. Deltha's work definitely qualifies as one of those treasures.

## **6th District Council Office**

Our district has plenty of good news to inform you about, from events, and accomplishments, to the opening of businesses in our area.

There are currently lane closures on Walnut Ave, between 10th St & Pacific Coast Highway. The project estimated completion date is July 2008.

The Teen Center, at McBride Park, 1950 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, is now open Monday – Friday, from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm, with activities, sports, and field trips.

**Sixth District Town Hall Meeting**, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 27, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, main auditorium, located at 1950 Lemon Avenue. Lite refreshments will be served.

**Youth Sports T-Ball Season** starts Monday, May 12, 2008, at the following parks: Veterans, King, McBride, and MacArthur.

I wish the Mother's of the Sixth District a very Happy Mother's Day!

To those of you that came out to the last City Council meeting in support of revoking the business license of the Princess Inn Motel.

For more information about upcoming events contact the Office of Councilman Dee Andrews, 333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor, Long Beach, California, 90802, (562) 570-6816 or log on to [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov)



## **Long Beach Businesses:**

There are many businesses that generously support the Wrigley Association and its events, Below is our listing of businesses that are members of the Wrigley Association who have signed up at various levels of support. Contact [wrigleyvillage@att.net](mailto:wrigleyvillage@att.net) about business memberships.

Altus Realty Solutions  
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# West Division Police Blotter



Commander Robert Luman and Staff would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the West Division Community Leadership Forum.

Furthermore, he would like to remind parents to always keep an eye on their children when coming and going from school. This is in light of a recent attempted Kidnapping, which occurred in South Division; A 12 yr old Female Black was walking to Hill Middle School when a yellow Chevy pick-up truck pulled up next to her. A Male White reached out, grabbed her and said, "Come here little girl". The girl struggled and got away. She ran home and called the police. The Suspect is outstanding.

The West Division Commander would also like to remind everyone that residential burglaries are still one of the crimes affecting your community. Although several arrest have been made, please rest assured that we continue to devote our resources in an attempt to apprehend these criminals. In the mean time, you are encouraged to keep an eye on your neighbor's homes and report any suspicious activity in the area.

Last but not least, there has been a rash of thefts of manhole covers. If you see anyone tampering with these covers, that do not look like they are on official business, please call the police. When in doubt, please call 911, and

**Please make sure to program the Police non-emergency number on your cell phone. (562) 435-6711.**

- On 04/18/2008, a Male Black used intimidation to take a skateboard from a Male Hispanic Juvenile. The victim ran to the Juvenile Police facility on Pacific, and notified the Police. The suspect was caught a short time after.
- On 04/22/2008, a burglary occurred at the 2900 block of Chestnut Avenue. A Male Hispanic was arrested.
- On 04/21/2008, a burglary occurred in the 2000 block of Eucalyptus Ave. Suspect is outstanding.
- On 04/21/2008, a burglary occurred in the 2300 block of Eucalyptus Ave. No suspect info at this time.
- A garage burglary occurred on 04/28/2008 on the 1800 Block of Cedar. A suspect was arrested for this incident.
- On 05/05/2008, a knife that was used in a homicide in a different location was found in the 2000 block of Cedar Avenue.
- On 05/05/2008, a Female/White 16 year old was walking home, in the area of 32<sup>nd</sup>/Magnolia. She was approached by a Male/White or Male/Hispanic in an older white Chevy pickup truck, opened door and told her to get inside. An Atlantic Express bus driver intervened by waiting for female to go inside the residence. Suspect then fled in an unknown vehicle, in an unknown, direction.
- On 05/13/2008, Officers responded to a burglar alarm and found the back door pried open to a business in the 400 block of West Willow. Further investigation revealed a burglary had occurred and a witness was located. The witness described 3 male blacks as suspects last seen running from the location.



## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Ask your neighbor to join, there is strength in numbers!

**The Wrigley Association will not sell, loan or give membership information to anyone, under any circumstances, unless compelled by law.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

As a member, I/We agree to abide by the Association By-Laws

Membership Year is June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

**Annual Membership Fee: \$15.00**, Make Check payable to Wrigley Association

**Optional Contributions:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ For Wrigley Landscape Project

\$\_\_\_\_\_ For Wrigley is Going Green

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation

**\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment**

Type of Membership: Resident\_\_\_\_ Business\_\_\_\_ Associate\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are interested in volunteering for Association Activities\_\_\_\_



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