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Upcoming Events

September 20-21, 2013

Harvard Football Comes to San Diego (Reception, Pre-game Tailgate and Game)

Location: University of San Diego (San Diego)
Cost: \$20 per person (Tailgate); \$5 (Game tickets)
Contact: George Newhouse AB '76,
gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com

September 14-15, 2013

A Discussion w/Gurcharan Das AB '63, MBA '65

Locations: 2 events, Orange County and Los Angeles
(to be sent upon registration)
Cost: No charge
Contact: Bhawna Chawla, bhawna.chawla@aif.org

Saturday, September 28, 2013 @ 4PM

Harvard vs. Brown Football Game Telecast

Location: Amalfi Italian Tavern (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$15 per person \$20 at the door
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brookedamm@gmail.com

Thursday, October 17, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

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Location: Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)
Cost: Cash only for food & drinks
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

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A Day of Service with Yale Alumni

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Cost: No Charge, RSVP Required
Contact: Madeleine Mejia,
Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu

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Hammer Forums w/Harvard Alum Robert Thurman

Location: The Hammer Museum (Los Angeles)
Cost: No Charge, RSVP Required
Contact: Madeleine Mejia,
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Sunday, November 10, 2013

New Science Pub Series - Mathematics: Biology's New Microscope? - Save the Date!

Location: TBA
Cost: TBA
Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com

Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.



Harvard College Admissions Update

The Harvard College Class of 2017 moved onto the Harvard campus the last week of August and included approximately 112 students from Southern California, just less than the 116 So Cal students who enrolled last year. A list of the matriculated students from our region may be found on page four.

A record 2,713 applicants applied to Harvard College from Southern California for the Class of 2017, and 155 applicants were admitted, 1 ahead of last year's record year for acceptances. According to Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, the Club's Vice Chair for Schools, our region's acceptance rate of 5.7% is approximately equal to Harvard's historic national acceptance rate.

Harvard College continues to attract and admit a diverse mix of students from throughout our region, and included traditional schools (Harvard-Westlake, Polytechnic, St. Margaret's Episcopal School, Troy High School), and also schools that have not sent many students to Harvard College in recent years (Cleveland High School, La Mirada High School, Long Beach Poly.) The high interest in Harvard College from Southland students means that the Club needs to recruit large numbers of local alumni interviewers. "Harvard is anticipating another record year for applications this year, and we expect Southern California to exceed last year's record level of interview requests," said Daniel A. Medina, AB '79, MBA '83, the Club's Vice President for Schools. "Admissions views the alumni interview as a critical component of a candidate's application, making it crucial for our area to have sufficient numbers of interviewers to meet the demands of the applicant pool," he said.

Alumni interested in serving as interviewers of candidates for admission to Harvard College should contact Dan Medina, the Club's Vice President for Schools, at dan@capknowledge.com. Both undergraduate and graduate alumni of Harvard University are welcome to serve as interviewers.



Class of 2017 Send Off

On Saturday, August 10, 2013, HCSC Board Member Dr. Sonia Molina graciously hosted approximately 35 incoming freshman. The event was a great send off to what undoubtedly will be an exciting few months ahead for these new Harvard students. A sincere sense of anticipation filled the air, as these students will be shipping off to Cambridge to attend pre-frosh orientation events. A special thanks to Daniel A. Medina, AB '79, MBA '83, past president and the Club's vice president for schools, and his wife Laura Martin, MBA '83 for organizing the event.



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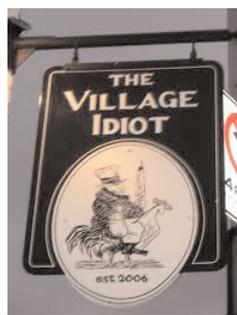
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This newsletter accepts items for publication. Materials must be submitted by the 12th of the prior month to appear in the following newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address with all submissions. Email submissions to: HarvardSoCal@gmail.com



Young Alumni Mixer- 7/25/2013

On July 25, 2013, approximately sixty current Harvard students and young alumni congregated at the Village Idiot in West Hollywood. This event marked the first summer edition of "Welcome to Your City," as this event traditionally takes place in the fall. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was fun to reconnect with old friends and to meet new friends from across the University. Please be on the look out for young alumni events in the coming months!



Volunteer in a School



Here's an opportunity to do your part for education and learn first-hand about Los Angeles public schools. 32nd St./USC Magnet School — a K-12 arts and math-sci magnet — welcomes volunteers for the coming school year. Please contact Priscilla Heim at priheim@verizon.net or at 310-478-4478 for further information.



Harvard Football Comes to San Diego - September 20-21, 2013

For the first time in almost 70 years, Harvard Football will travel to California to play the University of San Diego on Saturday, September 21, 2013 in a noon kickoff. Register to attend these events through the Harvard Varsity Club: <https://www.harvardvarsityclub.org/> or call 617-495-3535.

Friday, September 20, 2013 — Welcome Reception | Courtyard Marriott Old Town | 6-10pm

The Harvard Department of Athletics invites all Harvard alumni, friends, and football fans to attend a welcome reception on Friday night. Complimentary appetizers provided. Drinks will be available for purchase. Please join us in the Santa Barbara Ballroom and Patio to hear an update from Nichols Family Director of Athletics, Bob Scalise, and learn more about the weekend's co-hosts.

Saturday, September 21, 2013 — Pre-game Tailgate | USD Campus | 10am-12 noon

Reconnect with alumni and friends before the Crimson take on the USD Toreros. Kickoff is at 12 noon so join the tailgate starting from 10am near the field. Event co-sponsored by the Department of Athletics, the Friends of Harvard Football, the Harvard Alumni Association, and the Harvard Varsity Club. Registration price \$20.

Purchase Game Tickets through the Harvard Varsity Club Site at <https://www.harvardvarsityclub.org/>
Advance sale game tickets are \$5 and can either be collected at Will Call on game day or mailed in advance (please indicate preference when purchasing). Additional tickets will be available on game day at the USD ticket office for \$10. All tickets are general admission seating.

Transportation Information

USD has a shuttle that picks up three blocks from the Marriott and provides round-trip service to campus. Daily event parking is available at the Marriott for \$7. Parking will be available in the USD garage.

Contact

For more details, please contact George Newhouse AB '76, gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com

Dates: Friday-Saturday, September 20-21, 2013
Locations: Courtyard Marriott Old Town (reception)
USD Campus (tailgate and game)
Cost : \$20 tailgate; \$5 game tickets; No charge for reception
Contact: George Newhouse AB '76, gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com or 213-613-0500
Register: <https://www.harvardvarsityclub.org/> or call the Harvard Varsity Club at 617-495-3535

Southern California's Harvard Class of 2017

Central Los Angeles

- Valentino Gonzalez, Franklin High School
- Priscilla Lee, La Mirada High School
- Hsiu-Chi Lin, Alhambra High School
- Jazmin Salazar, Los Angeles Sr High School
- Marleen Sanchez, Elizabeth Learning Center
- Alexa Boghosian, Marlborough School
- Wenting Gao, John Marshall High School
- Vanessa Lam, Downey Sr High School
- Shelly Ngo, Franklin High School

West Los Angeles

- Benjamin Gaeta, Santa Monica High School
- Jaimal Icharam, Culver City High School
- Felix Ruano, Ambassador School for Global Leadership
- Demren Sinik, Harvard-Westlake School
- Madeleine Lear, Harvard-Westlake School
- Eloise Lynton, Windward School
- Max Masuda-Fakas, Brentwood School
- Yasmin Moreno, Harvard-Westlake School
- Michael Rothberg, Harvard-Westlake School
- Samuel Wolk, Harvard-Westlake School
- Rishi Bagrodia, Harvard-Westlake School
- Alec Bowman, Brentwood School
- Sophie Kimball, Archer School for Girls
- Sarah McGrath, Harvard-Westlake School
- Elizabeth O'Donnell, Archer School for Girls
- Aizhan Shorman, Beverly Hills High School
- Moria Blumenfeld, Santa Monica College

South Bay

- Shanelle Bobek, Palos Verdes High School
- Charissa Iluore, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School
- Nader Shayegh, Long Beach Polytechnic High School
- Itzel Vasquez-Rodriguez, Mayfair High School
- Camille Jacobson, Chadwick High School
- Corinne Bain, Mira Costa High School
- Anne Cheng, Torrance High School
- Im Da Young, California Academy of Math & Science
- Isaac Siegemund-Broka, Mira Costa High School
- Daniel Tatakovsky, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School
- Casey White, Mira Costa High School

San Bernardino/ Riverside

- Megan Bernhard, Great Oak High School
- Jahnavi Curlin, Claremont High School
- Roberto Gonzalez, Webb School
- Lien Le, Xavier Prep
- Uyen Le, Roosevelt High School
- Jade Miller, Great Oaks High School
- Jonathan Roberts, Citrus Valley High School
- Dominique Sanders, Norco Senior High School

San Gabriel Valley

- Lydia Deng, El Monte High School
- Avika Dua, Walnut High School
- Udodiri Okwandu, Diamond Bar High School
- Su Wang, Arcadia High School
- David Yoo, St. Francis High School
- Daniel del Valle, La Canada High School
- Electra Lang, Polytechnic School
- Richard Cho, Crescenta Valley High School
- Mireya Hernandez, Mayfield Senior School
- Caleb Lee, Polytechnic School
- Joseph Song, La Canada High School

San Fernando Valley

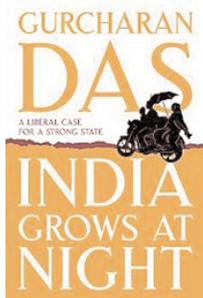
- Amanda Beattie, John Burroughs High School
- Blade Brady, Sierra Canyon High School
- Brian Chang, Westlake High School
- Ashley Collins, Hart High School
- Kimiloluwa Fafowora, Northridge Academy High School
- Andree Franco Vasquez, Sherman Oaks Enrichment High School
- Eric Lu, Newbury Park High School
- Hamidah Mahmud, Granada Hills High School
- Fernando Moreno, JH Francis Polytechnic High School
- Aaron Neuman, El Camino Real High School
- Ezinne Nwankwo, Cleveland High School
- Kayla Oakley, Burbank Senior High School
- Woojin Park, North Hollywood High School
- Maria Simeto, Campbell Hall School
- Madison Stine, Viewpoint High School
- Dale Tager, Sherman Oaks Enrichment High School
- Edward Vasquez, Desert High School
- Jane Chen, Westlake High School
- Alexa Feuerman, Viewpoint High School
- Haeun Jee, Cleveland High School
- Chiyong Kim, North Hollywood High School
- Sally Na, North Hollywood High School
- Michael Sacks, Sierra Canyon High School
- David Lim, West Ranch High School
- Yesenia Ortiz, Cleveland High School

North Orange County

- Andrew Fraga, Sonora High School
- Evan Sandhofer, Oxford Academy
- Layla Stahr, Troy High School
- Aubrey Stoddard, Canyon High School
- Noemi Urquiza, Hector Godinez Fundamental High School
- Akshay Verma, Brea Olinda High School
- Jade Warren, Troy High School

South Orange County

- Joanne Koong, Orange County High School of the Arts
- Cynthia Okamoto, Yorba Linda High School
- Samir Durrani, Sage Hill School
- Amy Huang, Beckman High School
- Chae Hwang, University High School
- Richard Nguyen, Fountain Valley High School
- Gwendolyn Thomas, Dana Hills High School
- Adam Wong, Laguna Hills High School
- Kevin Yang, Mission Viejo High School
- John Austin, Irvine High School
- Melissa Balding, Edison High School
- Taylor Carol, Dana Hills High School
- Joseph Colton, El Toro High School
- Alexis Del Toro, Laguna Beach High School
- Robert Deng, St. Margarets Episcopal School
- Emily Jaimerena, Dana Hills High School
- Christian Liu, Sage Hill School
- Andrew Ma, University High School
- Brandon Price, St. Margarets Episcopal School
- Jamasb Sayadi, Aliso Niguel High School
- Hunter Simmons, Tesoro High School
- Ryan Song, Aliso Niguel High School
- Daniel Stevens, Newport Harbor High School
- Emily Venable, St. Margarets Episcopal School



A Discussion with Gurcharan Das AB '63, MBA '65

Two dates, two sites: Orange County on 9/14 and Los Angeles County on 9/15.

Philosopher, business leader, and editorial writer Gurcharan Das AB '63, MBA '65 writes "India grows at night while the government sleeps. How could a nation become the world's second fastest growing economy despite a weak flailing state?"

For the OC Event on September 14th, please contact Luz Pacheco, luz.pacheco@aif.org for more details.

For the LA Event on September 15th, please contact Bhawna Chawla, bhawna.chawla@aif.org for more details.



Harvard-Brown Football Telecast

Join Harvard and Brown Alumni to watch the Harvard/Brown Football game. Registration fee includes all-you-can-eat pizza! Cash bar.

Arrive at 4:00 p.m. to join everyone for all you can eat pizza and, of course, for some socializing. Kick-off time will be at 4:30 p.m.

- Date:** Saturday, September 28, 2013
- Time:** 4:00 P.M
- Place:** Amalfi Italian Tavern, Los Angeles, CA
- Cost:** \$15 per person \$20 at the door (Plenty of street parking. Read signs.)
- Contact:** Brooke Dammkoehler, (310) 994-4472 or brookedamm@gmail.com



Happy Hour Networking Event in Pasadena

Join us for drinks and meet alums at the Trattoria Neapolis in Pasadena. We will have the entire upper level (Wine Room and Balcony) of the restaurant for our event.

- Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2013
- Time:** 7:00 P.M
- Place:** Trattoria Neapolis, Pasadena CA
- Cost:** Cash only for food & drinks
- RSVP:** Please RSVP at www.Harvard-LA.org
- Contact:** Kay Park at kayparkmd@yahoo.com



A Day of Service with Yale Alumni (Park Restoration)

We will be helping to restore and maintain one of the last coastal sage scrub communities in the area and will be planting native plants and weeding (tools will be provided).

Children with parental supervision welcome (release form to be sent to registered participants in advance or provided onsite). RSVP required. (limited to the first 20 volunteers).

- Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2013
- Time:** 10:00 A.M
- Place:** Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Culver City, CA
- Cost:** No charge
- Contact:** Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Hammer Forums with Harvard Alumnus Robert Thurman

Please join us for this FREE event at The Hammer Museum. The title of the talk will be "How to Break the Anger Habit and Be a Whole Lot Happier."

RSVP required. A group will meet before the talk at the café, Dutch treat

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2013
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Cost: No charge
Contact: Madeleine Mejia,
Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Register: www.Harvard-LA.org

Save the Date, November 10, 2013



New Science Pub Series- Mathematics: Biology's New Microscope?

This session will feature German Enciso, HMS Postdoctoral Fellow '07 to '09, an Assistant Professor in Mathematics and Cell & Developmental Biology at the University of California, Irvine. Professor Enciso studies cellular decision-making processes and collaborates with biologists in a range of subjects including signal transduction, cancer modeling, protein networks and neuroscience.

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2013
Time: TBA
Place: TBA
Cost: TBA
Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko,
etheledu@gmail.com



LA Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor

Join us for Gaetano Donizetti's darkly romantic tale of family honor, betrayal and madness with Russian coloratura soprano Albina Shagimuratova as Lucia. We have seats in a new section this year in the Orchestra Ring.

Deadline to register is February 5, 2014. There are a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Location: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
Cost: \$83 (new - Orch Ring section)
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



LA Phil: Colburn Celebrity Recitals

Two powerhouse performers, Yefin Bronfman (piano) and Pinchas Zukerman (violin/viola), join forces for a rich, all-Romantic program: Schubert's Sonatina in A Minor; Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 7 in C Minor and Brahms' Viola Sonata in F Minor.

Deadline is February 14, 2014. There are a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Friday, April 4, 2014
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Walt Disney Concert Hall
Cost: \$57 (Front Terrace seats)
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Q&A from 02138... Andrew Medina, '15

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)

Andrew Medina, '15, a concentrator in History and Science, was born in San Marino and graduated from Loyola High School where he ran both cross-country and the 800m in track and field. He was captain of both teams which each won the CIF championship. He was the treasurer of the school's environmental club, known as the "The Pro-Earth Club." He is a sophomore residing in Quincy House. His father is Daniel Medina, '79, HBS '83, who was recent past president of the Harvard Club of Southern California and is vice president of the Club's Schools Committee. His mother is Laura Martin MBA '83. He also has two uncles who graduated from the College and the Law School and five cousins who have attended or attend the College.

HCSC: *How did you spend spring semester of your sophomore year?*

AM: I worked for a company called MFV Mexico. The company arranges conventions in various places both in the United States and in Mexico. The company plans and puts on conventions for franchises looking to expand into new markets around the country and into Mexico and people looking to buy a franchise and become their own boss. It gave me a crash course in the industry and a lot of good experience in the business world and entrepreneurial sector. I had a great time away but I am ready to get back to Cambridge and make the best out of my remaining time at Harvard.

HCSC: *What surprised you about being a student at Harvard?*

AM: Apart from the sheer amazement that I had actually been accepted to the college I had wanted to attend since before I can remember, what surprised me most about Harvard were two things.

1. How normal and nice the people are. I think people have a very rarefied view of Harvard and its students, thinking them either elitist snobs or walking computers. From my first day in Hurlbut, it quickly became apparent to me that this was not the case. They were not super geniuses for the most and, if they were, they did not act like it. They were the nicest super geniuses I've ever encountered.

2. How many different ways there are to succeed at Harvard. There is no one way to go through the College. There are as many ways to succeed and be happy at Harvard as there are students.

HCSC: *When was the first time you visited Harvard and what were your impressions at that time?*

AM: I can't actually remember the first time I visited Harvard since it was before I can remember. So I'll tell you the first time I remember visiting. I was around five or six years old and taking a trip to Cambridge to see where my parents had gone to school. After a short tour of the Business School, my dad led us across the river and toward the College. He showed us Leverett house, where he had lived and Pinocchio's which he called "Noche's." But the memory that stuck with me the most was being in the Yard in front of the John Harvard statue. I looked up at the man on the chair with the book, with the great big Harvard flag flapping lazily in the wind over his head and I knew at that moment, this was where I wanted to be. And I remember my reasoning being that since my parents were the best parents in the world, then they must have been educated at the best schools, and if that were true and they came here, then this must be the best school.

HCSC: *What was your favorite class (or professor) and why?*

AM: I have had so many great professors and classes during my short time at the College that I think to single one out would be a disservice to the rest of them. If I had to pick a favorite class, it would probably be Culture and Belief 35: Classical Mythology with Professor Andreas Zanker. Although it was a class on mythology, I learned so much about the human condition and the class made me think about real life issues and problems that people, and myself, still deal with today. Both Professor Zanker and my teaching fellow, Calliope Dourou, made me want to learn more about the subject and want to do my best, not for a grade, but because I wanted to master the material and really understand what it was about, which resulted in the good grade. My favorite professor is Professor David Carrasco from Societies of the World 30: Montezuma's Mexico, or, as my roommate and me would affectionately call it, "Monty's Mexico." Professor Carrasco's impassioned lectures about Aztec sacrifice, axis mundi or Teotihuacan left us students wanting to learn even more about the ancient world he so passionately described. (Also, I want to mention my Russian TF Daniel Green for helping me learn an extraordinarily difficult language in such a way that it became my favorite class this past semester, despite being one of the hardest.)

HCSC: *If you were President of Harvard, what would change?*

AM: I would require all students to take a semester abroad at some point, either before they entered the College or during their time there. I have enjoyed my experience away from the College and think it would be interesting for others.

HCSC: *Your father is the Club's vice president for the Schools Committee, responsible for alumni interviews of high school candidates. What question would you ask a Harvard applicant?*

AM: "What would you do if you didn't get in?" I believe true character is revealed not in when we get what we want, but what we do when we don't get what we want.



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**HARVARD FOOTBALL GAME
 AND TAILGATE AT USD
 ~ SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 ~**

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www.harvard-la.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2.
 *All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

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Sep. 14, Saturday 5:00 P.M.	A Discussion with Gurcharan Das AB '63, MBA '65	Sent upon registration Orange County, CA	No charge	Bhawna Chawla, bhawna.chawla@aif.org
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Sep. 20-21, Fri-Sat 12:00 P.M.	Harvard Football Game, Tail-Gate and Reception	University of San Diego San Diego, CA	\$20.00/tailgate \$5/game tickets	George Newhouse, gnewhouse@brownwhitelaw.com
Sep. 28, Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Harvard vs. Brown Football Game Telecast	Amalfi Italian Tavern Los Angeles, CA	\$15 per person, \$20 at the door	Brooke Dammkoehler, brookedamm@gmail.com
Oct. 17, Thursday 7:00 P.M.	Happy Hour Networking Event in Pasadena	Trattoria Neapolis Pasadena, CA	No charge, cash bar/food	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
Oct. 26, Saturday 10:00 A.M.	A Day of Service with Yale Alumni	Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Culver City, CA	No charge, RSVP required	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Nov. 7, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Hammer Forums with Harvard Alumnus Robert Thurman	The Hammer Museum Los Angeles, CA	No charge, RSVP required	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Nov. 10, Sunday Time TBA	New Science Pub Series Save the Date!	Location TBA Los Angeles, CA	Cost TBA	Ethel Seminario Laczko, etheledu@gmail.com
Mar. 28, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	L.A. Opera: Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor	Dorothy Chandler Pavillion Los Angeles, CA	\$83 per person (orch ring section)	Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
Ongoing	Volunteer in a School	32nd Street/USC Magnet School Los Angeles, CA	N/A	Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net