

# EVENTS

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## September, CONTINUED

### California Kidsfaire 2005 – America's Family Expo - Los Angeles



"An amazing weekend full of nonstop entertainment, interactive pavilions and unbelievable attractions. Enjoy Trapeze Acts and High Flying Stunt Shows. More than 25 of your children's most beloved television and storybook characters come to life before your eyes... Ride a camel, plan your next vacation at Vacation Village, discover the ultimate in home improvement, and find great resources for your home and your family." (Website)

Date(s): Sept. 24 – 25  
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Site: Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton  
Cost: \$8/adults, \$4/kids (ages 2-12)  
More info: (866) 283-8600 or www.thekidsfaire.com

### 8th Annual Chocolate Lobster Dive

If you want to check your diving equipment for lobster season and are in the mood for milk chocolate lobster, then this event is for you! This year's Chocolate Lobster Dive will be a Dive-a-Thon, where participants will be asked to raise money for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Prizes will be awarded. Sponsorship is not required. Pre-register by Sept. 19 to receive a free T-shirt.

Date(s): Sept. 24  
Time: Check-in time: 7 – 9 a.m.  
Site: Cabrillo Beach  
3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro  
Cost: \$100/Buddy Membership  
\$60/Non-Member  
\$35/Aquarium Member  
More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.chocolatelobster.com

## October

\* See September for dates for ongoing events

### Firefighter Festival of Hollywood

Want to help out the LAFD in its mission to create an LAFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial? If so, come and show your support by attending this event. There will be a parade, music provided by LAFD bands, a silent auction and more.

Date(s): Oct. 1  
Time: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Site: LAFD Museum  
1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd.  
3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro  
Cost: TBA  
More info: (323) 464-2727 or www.lafdhs.com



### Grand Avenue Festival and Taste of Downtown L.A.

"Downtown Los Angeles' highly acclaimed restaurants, theatres, concert halls, museums and other organizations along Grand Avenue present a premier day in entertainment at the second annual Grand Avenue Festival and Taste of Downtown L.A." (Website) There will be several events, one of which is DRUM downtown, where a bunch of people come together to make some music.

Date(s): Oct. 8  
Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Site: Grand Ave., Between Temple & Second Street, Los Angeles  
Cost: Free  
More info: (213) 624-2146 or www.downtownla.com

### California Kidsfaire 2005 – America's Family Expo – Orange County

See Sept. 24.  
Date(s): Oct. 8 – 9  
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Site: Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa  
Cost: \$8/adults, \$4/kids (ages 2-12)  
More info: (866) 283-8600 or www.thekidsfaire.com

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## JOB INTERVIEW CLASSES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

The Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale is offering one-hour classes to help City employees prepare for job interviews.

The classes, conducted by former Task Force member and retired Senior Personnel Analyst Bob Cutler, also help to boost employee morale and improve career advancement.

The purpose of the job interview – whether a part of an employee's Civil Service Exam, for certification to a vacant position, or for a pay grade advancement or transfer – is to give the employee an opportunity to describe his/her ability to do the job. How well employees prepare for these opportunities and then present himself/herself to the interviewers will help determine their success.

If you would like to attend or help set up one of these classes, please contact a representative of your personnel office or human resources division, or contact Bob Cutler at (310) 937-5678, or e-mail him at BC510@aol.com.



Richard Humphrey stands in front of one of his chalkboard creations.

# Chalk It Up to Talent

## Sanitation chalkboard sketcher Richard Humphrey draws Alive! interest.

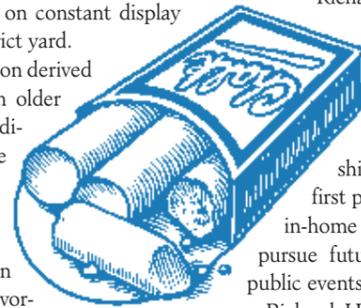
Many of you saw – and wanted to know more about – Richard Humphrey, the Sanitation employee who drew the cool sketch of an old Refuse Collection Truck on a chalkboard during a recent Sanitation Yard Open House. Alive! printed one photo of Richard's work on page 48 of the August issue. (Yes, that really is a chalkboard he drew on!) So here's some more information on Richard, and more photos of his work. —Ed.



Detail of one of Richard Humphrey's chalkboard sketches.

Richard Humphrey offered his talent to the City's Bureau of Sanitation when he applied to the conference room chalkboard realistic images of big green trash trucks in the act of collecting trash containers. His talent so impressed his co-workers that they insisted he continue to provide them with more of this vividly detailed imagery. Today, his impressive artwork is on constant display around the Western District yard.

Richard's early inspiration derived from growing up with an older brother, who, though handicapped and limited in the use of his hands, developed into a skilled and talented artist. Richard's continued motivation comes from the hugely favorable response he enjoys from his



ever growing, captive audience.

Richard's brilliant work was shared with the public at Western District's first Open House event, where he received much admiration from friends and visitors alike. He garnered "Best Design" award for a T-shirt he designed at Western District's first picnic, and he has since built a small in-home studio to enhance his talents and pursue future opportunities in recycling and public events.

Richard Humphrey currently paints portraits for private parties. He will soon be adding air-

brushing and screen printing to his repertoire. For his next venture, Richard has already planned to paint a huge mural at Western District. He will again depict a City sanitation truck collecting a trash container and will use for his canvas one of the buildings on the yard. This should be an awesome project, once completed.



Richard Humphrey drew a vintage Sanitation truck for a recent open house.