February

Turns Focus

On Cultures

Well it's very hard to believe that it's already

February 2007. Time goes by so quickly that it's

sometimes a bit overwhelming. Speaking of

time, you've had a month to keep up with your

New Year's resolutions. How's it going?

Whatever your answer is, I wish you the best of

luck in sticking to them. And most importantly,

I hope you're having a good time doing it. If not, well, you can always find a good time at

First off, it's February, and that brings

Chinese New Year. For those not familiar with

the Chinese New Year phrase, it's gung hay, fat choy, which essentially wishes someone pros-

perity. This is the year of the pig (boar), so, for

those born in 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, and

1995, this is your year. There are several events

celebrating Chinese New Year, which you can

find throughout Los Angeles. Last year I

attended the event in Downtown Los

Angeles/Chinatown, and it was pretty cool. It

was a bit loud due to the firecrackers, but the

parade was pretty neat to see. If you can make

Another cool celebration to attend this

month is Mardi Gras. There is one event occur-

ring at Olvera Street and another one at the

Queen Mary. The one at Olvera Street is free,

whereas the other one is a bit pricey, but I'm

Lastly, in honor of Black History Month, the

Pan African Film and Arts Festival takes place

this month. This event showcases a lot of great

talent from the African-American community,

so if you're interested, please visit its Website

the time to read Events 411, and I wish you

Well, that's it from me. I thank you for taking

If you know of any events occurring in the

Los Angeles or have any opinions or sugges-

tions on the events listed, please send them in:

around Los Angeles, visit these websites:

michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

For more information about events

www.culturela.org

www.laparks.org

www.laweekly.com

www.experiencela.com

www.olvera-street.com

http://beaches.co.la.ca.us

for more information as well as film listings.

Welcome back to Events 411!

one of these great events!

it, I suggest you do.

sure it's worth every penny.

luck on your resolutions!



February

13, a New Musical at the Mark Taper Forum

'In a middle school in Appleton, Indiana 13-year-olds leap from childhood into a whole new fantastic and frightening era: their teens. Like kids everywhere, they suddenly are trying to survive classes, navigate cliques and be in with the right crowd and 'cool'. In 100 song-filled minutes, 13 is their provoking, engaging story, told with contagious energy and humor with all-teen performers and a teen band." (Website)

Through Feb. 18 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Sundays) Site: 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.

www.taperahmanson.com

Pan African Film and Arts Festival

Enjoy one of "America's largest fine art shows, featuring prominent and emerging black artists and fine craftspeople. (Official Website) More than 100 quality films will be shown from all over the world.

Feb. 8 - 19 Vary, please call or visit Website Magic Johnson Theatre Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza 4020 Marlton Ave., Los Angeles Cost: \$8.50 - \$9.50 (213) 896-8221, 323-295-1706 or www.paff.org



Makishi: Mask Characters of Zambia

"In the Fowler in Focus gallery inside Intersections: World Ar Local Lives, see 24 of these fascinating masks drawn from the Fowler Museum's collections, and explore the drama and complexity of the remarkable masquerade traditions of the Chokwe, Mbunda, Lunda, Luvale/Lwena and Luchazi peoples who live in the Three Corners region of northwestern Zambia, northeastern Angola, and southwestern Democratic Republic of the Congo." (Experiencela.com)

Noon - 5 p.m. (Wed. - Sun.), Noon - 8 p.m. (Thurs.) Fowler Museum at UCI A Site:

Through April 29

(310) 825-4361 or www.fowler.ucla.edu

Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Queen Mary

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show Midnight Insanity brings their long running performance of Rocky Horror Picture show to the Queen Mary in Long Beach. The performance includes a presentation of the film by 20th Century Fox, as well as a live performance by the resident cast. It is possible you might see women in lingerie. You might see men in lingerie." (Website)

Date(s): Saturdays Midnight Queen Mary

Date(s):

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach Cost: \$8, Under 17 must be accompanied w/ an adult More Info: (562) 499-1650 or www.queenmary.com

San Gabriel Valley Lunar New Year Parade

Come and celebrate the Year of the Boar with a month-long Art Exhibit at the Alhambra City Hall and a day filled with a parade, live entertainment, and more.

Art Exhibit: Feb. 1-28 Date(s): Parade/festival: Feb. 24 Parade: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Street Festival: 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Time Art Exhibit: Alhambra City Hall Site: On Valley Boulevard between Garfield and Parade

Almansor, Alhambra Cost: (626) 284-1234 or www.lunarnewyearparade.com More info:

Second Annual Gold Coast Chocolate Festival

happening

Do you love chocolate? Do you want to help out children in need? If so this fundraising event is for you! Come and enjoy a weekend filled with "lots of booths selling chocolate, competitions, musical entertainment and everything else chocolate!" (Website) Date(s): Feb. 10 - 11

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Time: Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. \$4/kids, \$7/general, free/kids 3 and under Site: Cost: More info: www.vcchocolatefestival.org

*Events subject to change. Please call to confirm date and time information. *Please note some events run through March.

Festival de San Valentin "Valentine's Day"

the Move

"Attendants will enjoy arts and crafts; traditional foods and beverages; commercial products; health booths; carnival rides and games; musical groups, services and products provided by community and small business; lots of gifts; marketing and promotions from various corporations. This free multi cultural event develops great expectation among the entire 90002 community every year." (Website)

Noon - 10 p.m. Ted Watkins Park, Century Boulevard and Central Avenue, 90002

Feb. 10 - 11

Date(s):

Cost: More info: www.hispaniceventsmarketing.com



World City Music Festival -Nukariik and Vinok Worldance

"Nukariik is a duo of two sisters who work together to preserve and share Inuit culture from Canada, performing native throat singing, drum dancing, ajaja songs and authentic Inuit games. The dynamic world music and dance troupe Vinok Worldance will perform traditional dances and music highlighting French-Canadian folk culture from their native Canada." (Website)

Date(s): Feb. 10 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Walt Disney Concert Hall Site: 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles CA

Cost: More info (213) 972-7211 or

www.musiccenter.org/education/worldcitv.html

Riverside County Fair National Date Festival

"For over 60 years, the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival has attracted families and people of all ages that enjoy the camel and ostrich races, the Nightly Musical Pageant and the history of dates as well as the many attractions and interesting exhibits unique to the Fair. We will be bringing you top headliner entertainment, fun daily events and entertainment, terrific exhibits, and a carnival you won't want to miss." (Website

Date(s):

Feb. 16 - 25 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (weekdays) Time: 10 a.m. - Midnight (weekends) Cost: Free/kids under 5, \$6/youths 5 - 12, \$8/adults Site: 46-350 Arabia St. More info: www.datefest.org

Queen Mary Scottish Festival and Games

"Come help us celebrate the Scottish Heritage of the Queen Mary. This unique ship exemplifies the fine craftsmanship of Scotland" (Official Website). Enjoy the celebration with Scottish culture with dances, music, and much more!

Feb. 17 - 18 Date(s): Queen Marv Site:

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach (562) 499-1650 or www.gueenmary.com More info:

click on Special Events

Lunar New Year Celebration at the L.A. Zoo

"To celebrate the Year of the Pig, the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens will spotlight the swine in our collection—Visayan warty pigs, red river hogs, Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, and babirusas. Whether you enjoy watching colorful dance performances or prefer getting in on the action at a martial arts demonstration, sampling foods from across Asia or learning new fun craft ideas, there's something to oink about at the Los Angeles Zoo's Lunar New Year Celebration." (Website)

Feb. 17 - 18 Date(s): 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Time: \$7/adults, \$4/kids (4-12) - Club Prices Los Angeles Zon Site: 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles More info:



Monterey Park Lantern Festival

"For thousands of years, the tradition of the Floral Street Fair has ushered in the Chinese New Year and heralded the beginning of spring with elaborate and beautiful flower arrangements, lively entertainment, and of course great food."

Date(s): Time: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. (Sat.), 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Sun.) Site: Garvey Ave., between Alhambra and Garfield Cost

More info: www.floralstreetfair.org

Ragga Muffins/Bob Marley Festival at the Long Beach Arena

"This two-day party is always a sellout and draws the world's top Reggae groups (and often a Marley son or two) and those eager to hear the best of Jamaica's music. Plenty of food booths and vendors round out the experience." (Website)

Date(s): Feb. 17 - 18 Doors open at noon Cost 300 E. Ocean Blvd. www.raggamuffinsfestival.com

Mardi Gras Celebration at Olvera Street

"The day program from 9 a.m. to noon includes children's workshops, the crowning of the Little King and Queen, a parade and piñata. Evening festivities continue with samba dancers, stilt walkers, a colorful parade, the crowning of the King and Queen and the traditional Mal Humor burning." (Website)

Date(s): Feb. 20 9 a m - noon 5 – 10 n m Time: Olvera Street, Los Angeles Site:

(213) 625-7074 or www.olvera-street.com More info



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108th Annual Chinese New Year Festival and Parade in Chinatown Another celebration for Year of the Boar filled with a weekend

full of fun: a parade, car show, live entertainment and more Feb. 24 - 25 Date(s):

10 a.m. – 8 p.m Parade: 2 - 5 p.m. (Feb. 24) Car show: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Feb. 25) Site: Chinatown, Los Angeles Cost: More info: (213) 617-0396 or

www.lagoldendragonparade.com, www.chinatownla.com

Brazilian Carnaval 2007

Bring your friends along and celebrate Mardi Gras with the largest "Carnaval Party in Southern California." Enjoy a night of dancing, costumes, food, entertainment and more! Date(s): Feb. 24

Begins at 8 p.m. Queen Mary

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach \$38/general admission (\$48 at the door) Cost: More info: (818) 566-1111 or www.braziliannites.com

Pillow Theatre at the Walt Disney Concert Hall – Diane Ferlatte: Knick, Knack Paddywack

"...a series of four Saturday morning shows designed especially for families with children ages 3 through 6. Imaginative artists in music, theatre, and dance engage children in lively shows that encourage creative thinking. Pillow Theatre is fun for children, parents, grandparents and friends." (Website)

Date(s): Feb. 24 Time: Fri.: 10:30 a.m. Site: 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles (213) 250-ARTS or www.musiccenter.org More info:

The Great Air Raid of 1942 at the Fort Macarthur Museum

Come and enjoy the reenactment of one of the most controversial events in L.A. history. Also enjoy live music, dance

Date(s): Feb. 24 6 - 10 p.m Time:

Site: 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro Cost: (310) 548-2631 or http://ftmac.org More info:

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at:

MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me at (800) 464-0452.

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Race for the Cure - Susan G. Komen **Breast Cancer Foundation**

Run/Walk to help fight breast cancer by signing up for Race for the Cure. Event includes health and fitness expo, run/walk/Jazzerize, and more.

Date(s): Feb. 25

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7 a.m. registration opens Site: Rose Bowl Parking Lot H, Pasadena Cost:

(626) 577-2700 or www.komenlacounty.org

March

Dana Point Festival of Whales

"The Dana Point Festival of Whales is one of Southern California's largest seafaring celebrations and reaches out to whale admirers around the world...Festival highlights include parades, street fairs, art exhibits, concerts, environmental activities, educational opportunities, crafts, and of course, whale watching excursions" (Website)

March 3 - 4, 10 - 11 Date(s): Vary 10 a.m. (3/10): Parade

Dana Point Harbor Cost:

(888) 440-4309 or www.dpfestivalofwhales.com

Sixth Annual Lantern Festival at Olvera Street

"Come with your friends and family and enjoy a day filled with exciting live dance, musical and acrobatic performances Admission is free. Afterwards, visit Southern California's newest cultural landmark, the Chinese American Museum, and enjoy a special free admission rate that day.

Date(s): March 3 Noon - 7 p.m.Time:

425 N. Los Angeles St., Downtown Cost:

More info:

(213) 485-8484 or www.camla.org

World City Music Festival -Gaelic Gathering

"Celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day at World City with A Gaelic Gathering, an original new production featuring noted dancer/choreographer Maire Clerkin, Riverdance star Tara Barry, all-Ireland and North American champion dance team Claddagh School, and musicians on the uilleann pipes, fiddle flute and bodhran as we take a cultural trek through Ireland

Date(s): March 3 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles CA

Cost: More info (213) 972-7211 or

www.musiccenter.org/education/worldcity.html



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22nd L.A. Marathon Do you like running? If not, how about cheering on runners? If you answered yes, then come down and experience the L.A. Marathon. This 26.2-mile journey will have many cheering, sweating and maybe even crying.

Date(s): March 4

TRA - Marathon Time: 5:50 a.m. - Acura L.A. Bike Tour 7:45 a.m. - Hand Crank Wheelchair race 7:30 a.m. - Emerald Nuts 5-K Run/Walk

7:50 a.m. - Wheelchair race Throughout Los Angeles, visit Website for map Site: Free to watch \$85-\$95 to enter Cost: (310) 444-5544 or www.lamarathon.com

Santa Anita Derby Day Family Fun Day

"Bring the whole family out for fun-filled activities in the Infield, including giant inflatables, pony rides, face painting, carnival games and the Seabiscuit exhibit featuring the horse that starred in the 2003 blockbuster movie, Seabiscuit (Website)

Date: March 4, 11, 18, 25 Noon - 4 p.m. Time:

285 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia Cost: Kids under 17/free, \$5/adults More info www.santaanita.com/track/familvfun.nhn Meet the Grunion (Open Season)

Come watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Don't forget to bring a bucket, flashlight and warm clothing. (Day is subject to change, please call or visit Website to

Date: March 7, 21

8 p.m. (aquarium opens) 9 p.m. (auditorium program begins) Time: 10:50 p.m.-12:50 a.m. (Grunion Run - March 7)

Site Cabrillo Marine Aquarium 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro Cost:

\$5/adults, \$1/seniors and children (fee for aquarium) Free (Grunion Run)

More info: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrilloaq.org Rec and Parks



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DWP Team Is Part of 'Race for Cure'

Race for the Cure

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confidence as fellow co-workers, family and friends support the efforts of this worthy cause.

"The purpose for the effort is in memory of a loved one who fought the great battles but ultimately, lost the war; to honor of a beloved dear one; to encourage a loved one in the midst of a battle or to support and remember a dear one in remission," Diana Salas said. "The cause is for those affected by breast cancer, mostly women mothers, sisters, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, friends and women that we may never know and sometimes, men. The goal of this team, the DWP Dream Makers, is to raise money and awareness for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure with the donations benefiting the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation."

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker in memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at 36. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events are dedicated to eradicating breast cancer as a lifethreatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. The foundation funds innovative breast cancer education, screening and treatment projects for the underserved and uninsured populations. Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds from the Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County Race for the Cure stay in Los Angeles County. The remainder of the proceeds goes to Komen national research programs.

The DWP Dream Makers' dream, aligned with the Susan G. Komen Foundation's goal, is working towards eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening illness. "As civil servants, this team is appealing to our colleagues in our sister organizations serving the great City of Los Angeles to lend their support in this effort," Salas continued. "The DWP Dream Makers team extends its invitation to participate with us in the Susan G. Komen Race for

the Cure Feb. 25. Other ways to lend your support are by donating online, mailing in a donation form with a check in support of the team or by purchasing a beautiful, crystal angel charm made exclusively for the DWP Dream Makers' team by JoDee Yamasaki. To purchase a charm, please contact Gayle Glauz at (213) 367-1244.

Please visit http://www.komenlacounty.org and look for the LADWP Dream Makers under Race for the Cure. Thank you in advance for your donations. Please know that it is the team's desire to make this is city team in the upcoming year.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

WHEN: Sunday, February 25

WHERE: Area H, Rose Bowl, **Pasadena**

SCHEDULE:

Health Expo opens 8 a.m. Opening ceremony9 a.m. Co-ed 5-K run begins9:30 a.m. Co-ed 5-K walk begins9:40 a.m. Jazzercise class begins ...9:50 a.m.

Noncompetitive

one-mile fun run begins 10 a.m. Runner awards10:30 a.m. Raffle11:30 a.m. Silent auction closes1 p.m.

Health Expo closes2 p.m.

