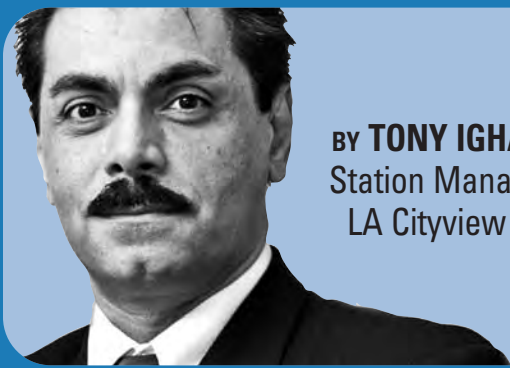


CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Budget Requires New Thinking

As many of you may have followed the City's Budget and Finance Committee's review process of the proposed 2009-10 budget, which was broadcast live and gavel-to-gavel on *LA CityView 35*, you know that the City is facing unprecedented fiscal challenges in the upcoming year. All City departments across the board have had to think of new and more efficient ways to conduct business and deliver their services. *LA CityView 35* was no exception. In fact, we were one of the divisions within ITA with the deepest levels of cutbacks proposed both in operational funds and staffing. Fortunately, the City was able to restore most of our staff positions and restore a small portion of our operating funds. Still, we are left with many uncertainties for the upcoming year.

We believe this is a unique opportunity to take a fresh look at ways in which our content can be produced and delivered. We're looking toward more public/private partnerships, sponsorship of programming, and grant underwriting to pay for production costs. These and many other ideas being reviewed are our attempt to ensure that quality programming of Citywide importance with community relevance continue to be brought to our loyal viewers.

Programming Highlights in June:

Aging in L.A.

Paul Petersen, host of *Aging in L.A.*, understands the value of educating seniors and caregivers on many issues that impact their lives. Tune in and watch as he introduces two informative new topics this month:

"Combating Cancer" – In this episode, we will meet leading oncologist, Dr. Eric McGary, and discuss exciting research and treatment developments, which are giving hope to cancer patients and their families.

"A Day in the Life of Angelus Plaza" – We visit with residents and staff at the largest affordable senior housing complex in the United States, in the heart of downtown L.A.

Airs: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

At Your Library

The current economic climate leads host Andrew Tarr to take a closer look at the wonders of the Central Library on his "stay-cation," and he steals a rare peek behind the scenes. The Central Library features more than 538,000 square feet, eight floors, beautiful art and architecture, and nearly 89 miles of shelving!

This episode will also show how the Library honored legendary author Ray Bradbury, a longtime friend and loyal supporter of books and libraries, and it will highlight details on the Library's new podcasts, featuring children's book authors.

Airs: Mondays, June 8 and 22, at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Charles Mingus Musical Caravan Jazz Concert

Charles Mingus had a passion for teaching young people and preserving the heritage of jazz. Cultural Affairs brought students together over several months as part of the Music LA program. The young artists were given free music lessons and were able to jam with some of today's jazz

masters. Channel 35's cameras captured a Labor Day performance at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center.

Airs: Saturdays, June 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.; Mondays, June 15 and 29, at 10 a.m.

Inside the LAPD

This month features an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the LAPD's newest facility, Topanga Area. The community-funded facility opened its doors in January and serves the communities of Canoga Park, Winnetka, West Hills and Woodland Hills.

Airs: Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.

L.A. Business Today

Co-hosts Bob and Sharon Jimenez take viewers on a computer-generated journey inside the stunning new J.W. Marriot Hotel downtown, the most ambitious new construction project in contemporary downtown L.A.

Also, Bob Jimenez interviews Mark Salter, a managing partner of New Century Capital Partners. Salter says companies are trying to stay the course and not fall prey to fear.

Airs: Monday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m., and Tuesday, June 30, at 7 p.m.

Office of Public Safety

General Services/Public Safety (OPS) is responsible for providing law enforcement and security and surveillance services to the City's 400 parks, 75 libraries, the Zoo, the Convention Center, and the Public Works/Sanitation plants.

This half-hour feature will examine the various functions of the Office of Public Safety, highlighting its officers' diverse responsibilities and the multiple Citywide locations that they are tasked with protecting.

Airs: Monday, June 15 at 10 p.m., and Thursday, June 18, at 11 a.m.

We Are L.A.!

Four new episodes of *We Are L.A.!* debut this month. The series is produced in partnership with the Human Relations Commission (HRC).

"Married... Gay... with Children" – When same-sex marriage became legal in early 2008, 18,000 same-sex couples married; the status of those marriages is unknown at press time, as we await a ruling from the State Supreme Court on Prop. B. What about the children in these families? We'll hear from the children and find out what they think and feel about their family situations.

"The Impact of Middle-East Tensions on Relations in Los Angeles" – Los Angeles has one of the largest immigrant populations in the United States, so when conflicts arise anywhere in the world they are instantly reflected here. Such is the case with Israeli/Palestinian differences, originating halfway around the globe but having a huge effect right here in Southern California.

"The Homeless Throughout Los Angeles" – More than 73,000 people live on the streets every night in Los Angeles County, about half of them in the City. Is the homeless problem being "swept under the rug" because people don't want to admit that it exists in their own communities? What can be done to help get homeless people off the streets and into decent housing?

"Black/Brown Relations in Los Angeles" – African Americans and Latinos make up some of the largest ethnic groups here in Southern California, and over the years, the relationship between the two has ebbed and flowed from good to poor. This program explores efforts being made to better that relationship.

Airs: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

For airing schedule of the above programs,
and for more program listings and information, www.lacityview.org.



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Shakespeare Returns to the Sea

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea program returns to Pt. Fermin Park in June.

Two Shakespeare comedies will headline the 2009 season of Shakespeare in the Park.

The plays – *As You Like It*, and *Love's Labor's Lost* – open at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in June. Shakespeare by the Sea is partially sponsored by Cultural Affairs.

The City portion of the program's schedule is:

As You Like It

What starts out wrong, love will turn right in this wicked and wild tale of love conquering all.

■ Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.
(7:30 p.m. pre-show)

■ June 11-13, 25-27; July 3, 9, 11; Aug. 8

Love's Labor's Lost

It's love versus reason and all bets are off in this bold and bawdy romp.

■ Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.
(7:30 p.m. pre-show)

■ June 18-20; 26; July 2, 10; Aug. 7

You are invited to bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic comedies. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets.

Point Fermin Park is at 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.

www.shakespearebythesea.org/

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Is All Ears

Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz and employee daughter spread the word on recycling on Radio Disney.

May 8, Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz and 10-year-old Nikki David, daughter of Jackie David, Public Information Director, Public Works, went on Radio Disney's Public Affairs Show, "Community Playground," to tape an interview to promote recycling, environmental awareness and Public Works/Sanitation's open houses.

The 30-minute interview aired on Radio Disney/1110 AM on Mother's Day. During the interview, Nikki David said that we should all remember that Mother's Day is also for Mother Earth.



In the Radio Disney studio May 8 were Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz (right); Nikki David, 10, daughter of Jackie David, Public Information Director, Public Works (center); and Radio Disney host LaFern Watkins Cusak.