

## PUBLIC WORKS

# Hyperion's Employee of The Month

**Congrats to Larry Quanglam, who gets the honors.**



Story and photos by Tanya Edwards,  
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Larry (LY) Quanglam, an employee at Public Works/ Sanitation's Hyperion Treatment Plant in the Maintenance Dept., was named the plant's employee of the quarter. Good going, Larry!

The Club donated attendance prizes for the event, which was held Aug. 24 at the plant.

Special thanks go to Mihrain Sarkisian, Asst. Plant Manager, and Ollie Veasey, Wastewater Manager II, for their assistance.



Employee of the Month, Larry (LY) Quanglam with Ollie Veasey, Wastewater Manager II.



From left: John Van Der Gurten, Luis Figueroa, and John Newsome.



David Patron.



Ronald Breda.



Maintenance Dept. staff.



Marc Howard, winner of a Club-donated See's Candy gift certificate.



John Van Der Gurten shows off his famous Harley-Davidson tattoo. He and his tattoo were spotted in a Harley shop and ended up as a "Lead Rider" in ongoing Harley-Davidson commercials.



From left: Mihran Sarkisian, Asst. Plant Manager, and Ollie Veasey, Wastewater Manager II.

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# Beach Party!

**Hyperion Association hosts beach party to raise funds for Christmas event.**



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Party on the beach! One of the many perks of being a Hyperion Employee is that you get to take a break in the middle of the day to go to the beach. The Hyperion Employees Association presented its "Take It to the Bridge" fundraiser Aug. 24. The bridge refers to the bridge that connects the Hyperion Treatment Plant to the beach. This is one of the many fundraising events that the HEA puts on to fund its annual holiday party and other events. The Hyperion Employees Association committee is Nick Terrell, president; Eric Russell, vice president; Julie Jacobs, treasurer; and Meloni Nelson, secretary.



"Slapping those bones" (playing dominoes) were, from left, Lynetta Johnson, Rhonda Paul, Mark Caradine, and Meloni Nelson.



Beach volleyball.



Meloni Nelson, HEA representative.

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## Are You Ready For a Disaster?



This has been a terrible year for natural disasters across the country, and millions of Americans have been affected. Southern California has been fairly untouched so far, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be prepared.

This year has brought us tsunamis in Hawaii, hailstorms in Texas, tornadoes in Missouri and Hurricane Irene that flooded the East Coast. Along with these, we live with the constant concern about a major earthquake in Southern California.

The number one thing that you can do to get ready for any potential disasters is to develop a family emergency plan.

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance. You need to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together, and what you will do in different situations.

You can get helpful information about how to develop a family emergency plan at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

### Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify an out-of-town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separate family members.
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your

phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel sometimes will check your ICE listings to get hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts. (But you can't count on "ICE" alone, as emergency workers might not access your cell phone, for a number of reasons.)

- Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.

- Subscribe to alert services. Many communities now have systems that will send instant text alerts or e-mails to let you know about bad weather, road closings, local emergencies, etc. Sign up by visiting your local Office Emergency Management Website. The City of LA is at: [www.emergency.lacity.org](http://www.emergency.lacity.org)

Of course, another thing that you should do to prepare for an earthquake is to review your earthquake insurance. Next month's column will discuss the important things to consider in an earthquake policy.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about earthquake coverage, or would like to do a complete insurance review with us. Call us if you would like to get a quote for your home policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

**Be safe and have fun!**

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### Have a question?

Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at [jgelineau@unitedagencies.com](mailto:jgelineau@unitedagencies.com), and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.