

Discovering the Fancy Houses of Angelino Heights

Adam Rubin of Angelino Heights lives in a Victorian house. It's a 15- to 20-minute walk from 826LA. He came to speak to the 826LA journalists about Angelino Heights, a neighborhood that is part of Echo Park. Rubin lives on the second floor of his house, where the TV show *Charmed* was filmed, but he can't touch anything on the bottom floor, because he might break something. This is what Rubin taught the 826LA journalists about Angelino Heights. 826LA

VICTORIAN HOUSES ARE BIG!

The houses are about 120 years old. Some houses are kept as museums, but some are more normal on the inside. A 106-year-old resident, Charles Pinney, who died in 1980 at age 66, told the people who moved in what colors Victorian houses were, because he was old and could remember. The houses are called Victorian because they were popular when Queen Victoria was in power. There used to be dirt roads in Angelino Heights, so people



Houses of Angelino Heights are called Victorian. They were named after Queen Victoria.

got dirty! When railroads got to Los Angeles, then the city got popular. Soon people started to move to Angelino Heights. The telephone lines are underground.

BY LAUREN

COLORFUL OLD-FASHIONED HOUSES

Angelino Heights has Victorian houses. They were named after Queen Victoria. Victorian

houses are blue, light brown, red and white. They put the power lines underground to keep the historical look of the neighborhood. Television shows are filmed there. Some shows are famous, like *Charmed*. The Victorian houses are old-fashioned because they were built over 120 years ago.

BY ALEX

PROFILE OF ADAM

Our speaker, Adam, is 24 years old. He lives in Angelino Heights. A long time ago, some people who lived here rode trolleys.

The houses used to have bright colors, but now the colors have faded. These houses are called Victorian, after Queen Victoria.

BY BIANCA

IMPORTANT HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

Angelino Heights is a half-mile or 15-minute walk from 826LA. Angelino Heights is historical because it is over 120 years old. Some houses cost \$6,000 to build back then. Some people moved to Angelino Heights

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Soccer player Gerson Mayen talks with 826LA Good Times

BY MIGUEL

A lot of people from Echo Park are Chivas USA fans. One of the 826LA journalists, Miguel, had a chance to interview Gerson Mayen, one of the Chivas players.



Mayen is one of the players on Chivas USA.

LOS ANGELES—

Gerson Mayen started playing soccer when he was 5 years old. He went to Manual Arts High School, which is on 42nd and Vermont.

He likes his new team members. They respect him as well as he respects them. Gerson Mayen is happy because Chivas USA gave him a chance to play with them on the team.

His favorite soccer player is Cristiano Ronaldo from Manchester United. His favorite teams are Arsenal and Real Madrid. He played against Colo Colo when he was on Chivas USA—Under 18. He also played against Atlas, Tecos, and Chivas de Guadalajara. The countries he has played in are Portugal, England, Mexico, Argentina, and El Salvador. His favorite country that he has visited is England.

Mayen likes to listen to music when he's not playing soccer, especially Latin, hip-hop, and R&B. He doesn't have a favorite Latin singer. One of his favorite hip-hop singers is R. Kelly, and one of his favorite R&B singers is Chris Brown. 826LA

Top 8 interesting facts about the LA Dodgers

BY ALEX AND ALANIS

1 FanFoto: The team will put your photos up on the Internet.

2 Autographs: If you go before the game, you can get your baseball signed.

3 Chavez Ravine: The team built the stadium there. The City of Los Angeles traded about 300 acres to Dodger owner Walter O'Malley for about 11 acres in South Central.

4 Manny Ramirez: He got suspended for steroids.

5 Brooklyn: The team used to be in Brooklyn, New York. They moved here in 1958.

6 Junior Dodgers: It is a free club for kids. You can join the club online.

7 Dodger Stadium: Construction for the stadium cost \$23 million. It was built in 1959–1962. The capacity is 56,000. It is the third-oldest ballpark in Major League Baseball.

8 Famous players: The Dodgers have had such famous players as Jackie Robinson and Fernando Valenzuela. 826LA



Why I like the LA Dodgers

BY BIANCA

The Dodgers are the coolest baseball team of all. Dodger Stadium is huge, and it has hot dogs and all kinds of junk food. It also sells foam fingers and T-shirts. The team colors are white and blue, and some girls wear pink. 826LA

La Opinión Reporter Tips Off Kids

BY JOSEPHINE

Brisa Lopez is a reporter for *La Opinión*, a newspaper in Spanish. She came to speak to 826LA about interviewing and journalism.

She has interviewed lots of bands, including My Bloody Valentine. Her favorite interview was with Portishead at the Coachella music festival. That sounded fun.

The thing I liked about Brisa is that she speaks Spanish, because I know Spanish. She looked nice, and she's from Mexico.

She gave us a packet on simple journalism techniques for interviews. When you interview someone, your personality has to be a little annoying because you want to get a lot of informa-

tion. If you are too annoying, then they'll just say "Stop!" We practiced by interviewing other kids at the workshop.

We had to find a location where we wanted to sit and that would be good for an interview, like a table not too close to the bathroom.

You shouldn't ask questions that will make the person feel bad or ask them about secrets that they don't want the whole city to know. You can bring a buddy, so if you miss something that person you are interviewing said, your buddy will tell you.

One tip is to keep on taking notes, even though the interview is over, because you might get some interesting facts.

At the end of the workshop, I felt tired. 826LA

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because they wanted to find gold in California. Some of the houses are historical monuments.

Angelino Heights is a place of historical pride. **BY CHAD**

ANGELINO HEIGHTS' VICTORIAN HOUSES

You can find Victorian houses in Angelino Heights. It is part of Echo Park, where the houses

are about 120 years old. They were built on hills and people used to take buggies and trolley cars to get there. They call them Victorian houses because of Queen Victoria from England. Adam Rubin, 24, lives on the top floor of one of the houses, and the bottom is a museum. He came to talk to 826LA. Victorian houses have gables on the top and are painted bright colors like red and blue. It's about a half mile away from 826LA and takes about 10 to 15 minutes to walk there. **BY OSCAR**

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ANGELINO HEIGHTS

There were carriages and dirt streets back then. There were Victorian houses, because of Queen Victoria. It cost \$6,000 to build a Victorian house back then. The houses had bright colors. Some of the houses were built on hills. Back then, they didn't ride buses; they rode trolleys downtown. The Victorian houses had decorations called gables. **BY ALANIS**

Echo Park Teen Center

BY BIANCA

The Echo Park Teen Center is open every day except Sunday. After school on Fridays and the weekends are when everyone goes on field trips.

Last Saturday, the Echo Park Teen Center founded a beach cleanup. It started at 7 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. There was a lot of trash on the beach. We found newspapers, cigarette butts, and dead fish. It smelled bad, and there were flies in the sand. After the beach was cleaned, everyone who helped felt clean too. The reward for the cleanup was getting to swim in the water.

On May 24, the Echo Park Teen Center went to a Dodger game. The team played against the Angels, who won, 10 to 7, but everyone had a good time anyway. There were loud fireworks after the game—happy-faced ones with a lot of different colors and ones that were yellow and spun in circles. After the game, we went down to the field and ran around. The best part was getting to meet Manny Ramirez.

Last Friday, the Center saw *The Uninvited*. It was a really twisted movie. The main character, Annie, tries to find out who killed her mom. It was a very scary movie, and some screamed, but it was fun. The Echo Park Teen Center is great, because it lets kids get out of the house, beats boredom and has fun things to do.

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ALANIS is 10 years old and grew up in Echo Park. She goes to Logan Street School, and she's in the fifth grade. Her favorite subject is math, and she wants to be an astronaut. She likes to play softball and watch soccer. She spends her time playing her PSP and DS. She likes listening to Coldplay and Kanye West on YouTube.

ALEX is 10 years old, was born in Los Angeles, and lives in Echo Park. He spends his time playing his blue PSP, especially *Medal of Honor*. He is in fifth grade at Micheltorena Elementary School. He really likes math and wants to be an astronomer. He plays soccer and rides his skateboard. He listens to Justin Timberlake and Eminem.

BIANCA is from Echo Park and has lived there for 11 years. She likes to kick it, shoot pool, cook, watch TV (*Sweet 16*, *Carlos Mencia*, *Yo Momma*, *Quiero Mi Quince*), listen to music, go to the park and El Centro Del Pueblo, watch the Lakers and the Dodgers, and text her friends.

CHAD is 9 years old and goes to St. Teresa of Avila School.

JOSEPHINE is 7 years old, in second grade at Charles H. Kim Elementary, and lives in Echo Park. She likes to play soccer, basketball, baseball, bowling, dodgeball, and handball.

LAUREN is 11 years old and very interested in nutritional food values. She loves to ride horses and swim, and she goes to Larchmont Charter School.

OSCAR is 10 years old. He likes to play soccer and video games. He also likes to watch TV. He likes tacos, hamburgers, pizza, and homemade food. He used to go to Logan Street School, but when he went to fifth grade, he went to Micheltorena Street School.

MIGUEL is 14 years old. He likes to play soccer and is a big fan of Chivas USA. He also likes to draw and likes finding graffiti characters on Google. He also likes the manga *Grim Tales from Down Below*.

Angelino Heights Word Search

N O T G N I S N E K A K E	Words to find (Look
A J S A W D L O D O S D F	forwards, backwards
B K J P O C B N G E P D K	and diagonally.)
M O D N G U R R E B F A E	1. Carroll
L L O R R A C G W U V O L	2. Gables
U O U X P T B W A R S M L	3. Douglas
B M G S A Z Q L R B H J A	4. Queen Victoria
T O L I K J J I E Z E D M	5. Kellam
L S A L C A X S P S O M G	6. Edgeware
F G S E L P Y D B W U P A	7. Kensington
Q U E E N V I C T O R I A	
I V Q Z W P W Y D W H D U	
L D L E O N O M A T S E Z	