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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### WHAT'S GOING ON?

We at SLA want to thank each of you who responded to our first SLAM publication. We received some very helpful ideas, thoughts and encouragement. These will be incorporated as the issues continue. The input is appreciated and we hope that you will stay in touch.

One of our readers, Doug Bennett from the Southern Nevada Water Authority, asked that we mention the WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas on October 8-10, 2008. It is over a year away, but it is an event that will be important and beneficial for all of us in the design professions. The conference will be the largest urban efficiency conference in the world! This inaugural event is intended to broaden the knowledge of innovations in water efficiency. Visit the web site at [www.watersmartinnovations.com](http://www.watersmartinnovations.com) and sign up. I hope to see you all there.

The Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) held their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Progress for the Clark County School District's building program on August 7, 2007. Eleven new schools have opened up in the school district this year. SLA provided the landscape design on six of them – four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Wow, we have designed over 100 school facilities for the District!

Let us know if you have a special event that you would like covered in our next issue.

Many of you know Cassi Dawes already but did you know that she loves to play roller hockey, that she is an excellent baker or that she is part of a book club? She has quite the list of interests. Aside from these varied interests, she stays busy looking after her beautiful 7 month old daughter, Gabriella. Cassi says she keeps her on her toes but is tons of fun! Other tidbits about Cassi include that she was born in New York City and lived in upstate New York for a short time before she came to Vegas almost 32 years ago. While attending UNLV, she developed an interest in architecture after contemplating anthropology. Once she learned of landscape architecture she realized it was a much better fit for her to design outdoor spaces rather than indoor spaces or buildings.



Conceptual Rendering

### LORENZI PARK

As one of the oldest parks in Las Vegas, this park will be receiving a well deserved renovation. Occurring in three phases, the first phase consist of thirty acres. New improvements to the existing facility were designed to protect in place and preserve as many of the existing large trees as possible. The large trees and the lake frontage are the key defining elements of the park. Other key elements for the redesign include expanded parking areas, a dedicated special events area, four softball fields with lights, new concession/restroom building, ten tennis courts with lights, walking paths for park connectivity, two large group shade ramadas, eight small shade ramadas, a large adaptive tot lot, and security lighting. This phase of the project is presently at the building department awaiting approval. We expect construction to begin in early 2008.

### IESLV DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

In case you missed it, IES Las Vegas hosted their 3rd annual dodgeball tournament at the Las Vegas Roller Hockey Center on Friday, August 10th. With over a dozen sponsors and more than a dozen teams participating, this year's tournament was nothing less than fun and entertaining. The arena overflowed with energy fueled by an awesome soundtrack and an energetic crowd. Although nothing was intended to be taken seriously, once on the court, the players put their game faces on.

From the wild performances, to the lurid color scheme of the teams' jerseys, the tournament moved quickly with hardly a dull moment. The only danger some players faced was that they had never played dodgeball before. This was the case for most of the SLA Slammers who weren't exactly world-class athletes. Even so, both winners and losers demonstrated great sportsmanship and immense heart throughout the tournament, and although, the Slammers were eliminated in the second round the entire team had a ball!

SLA extends our gratitude to the IESLV and everyone who participated in making this year's tournament memorable especially for the rookies. Thanks for the great time and see you all next year!

### PICTURE OF THE MONTH

REMEMBER: GREEN SIDE UP!



The Cave  
Taken By David Bradley