The law firm of TAUBMAN, SIMPSON, YOUNG AND SULENTOR is celebrating 126 years in Long Beach.

E.C. Denio became the first lawyer in Long Beach. In 1897, it was Denio who filed the incorporation papers for the City of Long Beach and served as one of the city’s early mayors. Denio was active in the early political history of the city and was instrumental in passage of the bond issue which made possible the first wooden pier at the foot of Pine Avenue. As attorney for Pacific Electric Railway Co., he often traveled on horseback to farmers’ homes to get rights of way for the Long Beach line. The firm became Denio and Hart when George A. Hart, Sr. joined in around 1900. Hart served as Long Beach City Attorney from 1905-1913. In 1927 George F. Taubman and Matthew Simpson joined the firm giving it the name of Denio, Hart, Taubman and Simpson. Roger Young joined the firm in 1952, and with William J. Sulentor’s addition to the firm in 1978, the firm name became Taubman, Simpson, Young and Sulentor and continues to this day. Managing attorney Maria M. Rohaidy is proud of the firm’s distinguished history and its deep connection to the downtown Long Beach community.

Kelly Williams Insurance Agency

(Editors’ note: The following is an excerpt from the 75th anniversary pamphlet of the Carle L. Williams Co., founded in 1895. The company is now Kelly Williams Insurance Agency.)

Since 1913, the Chas. F. Van de Water Company has been actively managed by Carle L. Williams so that it was natural upon the death of Chas. F. Van de Water, in 1920, he should assume entire control of the company’s affairs.

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Although this is the seventh change in name since 1895, the basic foundations of the business and the dominate ideals of its founders have remained unchanged.

Today those same ideals of strength, reliability, and service permeate each and every member of the organization which has grown from the two or three who were at first necessary to carry on its affairs, to over 25 people actively engaged in the Insurance and Real Estate Departments of Long Beach’s oldest established office.

And by no means, does the company intend to stop its expansion there. Rather does the future hold out an opportunity for growth so inviting and so optimistic that what is to be accomplished in the years ahead cannot be compared in any what to what has been done in the past.

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And we are proud of our Real Estate Department which is credited with not only doing a consistently large business, but has, within the last few months, acted in the capacity of financial agents for such undertakings as the half-million dollar St. Regis Apartment Homes on Ocean Avenue.

Because Long Beach is making greater headway than any city of its class in the United States, we take a pardonable amount of pride in the fact that its oldest established office, and probably its most representative, in a large degree, set the pace for its growth away back in 1895, 27 years ago.

That you may better understand how a service to the public increases in scope every year after its first inception, we invite you to become acquainted with the Carle L. Williams Co., founded in 1895.

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1929
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1930
Dion & Sons/Ambre Resources
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ambreresources.com
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2900 E. 29th St.
kustero.com

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1932
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Press-Telegram

The Press-Telegram has been around for a long time, like 120 years. We wrote about the beginnings of a new seaside community called Long Beach in 1897. We celebrated the opening of the new Poly High School in 1910. We were here when a devastating earthquake jolted the city in 1933. We joined in welcoming the Queen Mary here in 1967. We've reported on the hopes and dreams of thousands of people as Long Beach grew into one of the most diverse areas in the United States. We are writing about the city’s rebirth as it rebuilds from the Great Recession. And, just as the city is renewing itself, so, too, are we as we morph into many more different ways of delivering the news. The Press-Telegram’s current home – at the Bungalow Building at 727 Pine Ave. – sits just a block away from the newspaper’s historic roots in the landmark Press-Telegram building, now owned by Molina Healthcare at Sixth Street and Pine Avenue. With the combination of a print newspaper and multiple digital platforms, the Press-Telegram and presstelegram.com are reaching more readers than ever before as we enter our 120th year in serving Long Beach readers.

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Bragg Crane Service (BCS) was founded by Monroe James (Jim) Bragg, in the oil fields of Signal Hill, CA.

1955
Jim Bragg acquired Heavy Transport, Inc. (HT) and then moved the company from Signal Hill to Long Beach, CA.

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Bragg Crane Service acquired Western Crane & Rigging and established its Reno, NV location.

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Bragg Companies opens its 50th Anniversary.

1966
Bragg Companies celebrates its 50 Year Anniversary.

1988
Bragg Crane Service (BCS) was founded by Monroe James (Jim) Bragg, in the oil fields of Signal Hill, CA.

1992
Bragg expands its Long Beach facility with the acquisition of a second property across the street. Currently, operation headquarters to BCS, BCS, and HT.

2004
HT expands its territory out of California into Phoenix, AZ.

2009-2010
BCS expands to service in Las Vegas and Thousand Palms. Also, extends to Salt Lake City, UT and Odessa, TX.

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The former headquarters of the Press-Telegram at 6th Street & Pine Avenue.

Pictured in front of a wall of historic newspaper covers is the current leadership of the Press-Telegram, from left: Craig Hymovitz, Press-Telegram advertising manager; Leslie Lindemann, general manager/vice president of advertising for the Press-Telegram and Daily Breeze, Southern California News Group; Tom Bray, managing editor, Southern California News Group; Melissa Evans, Press-Telegram city editor; and Rich Archbold, Press-Telegram public editor. (Photograph by the Business Journal’s Larry Duncan)
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**From left: C.J. Walker sits at his roll top desk at the bank’s original location in Downtown Long Beach. An armored car is parked outside of the Farmers & Merchants Bank headquarters on Pine Avenue and 3rd Street, circa 1920s. Teller of work at Farmers & Merchants Bank, pre-1922. (F&M photos)**

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Long Beach Memorial Medical Center

My father, Stirling Pillsbury, an obstetrician, was in the delivery room at Seaside Hospital, the forerunner of Long Beach Memorial, and he was and about to deliver a baby. The father of the baby was in the room, and Dad noticed he was becoming a little peaked, so he asked him to sit down next to the wall. The father quickly started to look worse, so my Dad asked a nurse to escort him out. Only a few moments later an earthquake hit. The very wall that the father of the baby was sitting up against fell into the alley. The baby was delivered safely a few minutes later and everyone left the hospital with memories never to be forgotten.

This story took place March 10, 1933.

– Gainer Pillsbury, MD, Administrative Medical Director, Community Hospital Long Beach
Jones Bicycles

The original Jones Bicycles store in Long Beach was located on 6th & Long Beach Boulevard (originally called American Avenue). The 1930s owner, Frank S. Jones, moved his store to 16th & Long Beach Boulevard. In 1964, the Belmont Shore location opened on 2nd Street in the space now occupied by Pandor Bakery. The business outgrew the small location and in the early ’90s relocated across the street where it still operates today.

Jones Bicycles has survived a lot of hardship – two world wars, the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, the looting of the Long Beach Boulevard store during the 1992 Rodney King riots, and a total loss fire of the Belmont Shore location in 1997.

There’s no question that Jones Bicycles is a Long Beach landmark retailer with a great legacy. Many Hollywood stars, wishing to avoid the limelight in L.A., have purchased bicycles from the store. Accomplished bicycle racers have Jones technicians build their wheels and tune their bikes for competition. Well-known skateboard icons frequent the store to hang out in the skate shop that occupies the second level of the store.

Perhaps the most interesting customers have been the furry and feathered variety. It’s not uncommon to see a customer ride in with a bird perched on the handlebars or a dog sitting happily in a front basket. One customer had two ferrets – one snuggled inside a Baby Bjorn carrier and another tucked in his backpack. Of all of the animals, though, the most amusing was a bulldog that rode together with its owner on a skateboard.

Jones Bicycles on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore in 2017, and Jones as it looked when it first opened in 1910 at 6th Street and Long Beach Boulevard. (Current photograph by the Business Journal’s Larry Duncan, and historical photo provided by Jones Bicycles)
The company was founded by my grandfather Paul Phillips in 1915 and is currently managed by company executives including myself, Greg and Todd Phillips. The company operated as scrap metal recycling until the early 1970s when we added full service metal distribution, supply and fabrication. There have been a couple significant events including the 1933 Long Beach earthquake that flattened our grandparents’ home and most of the building warehouse. Preceded by the Great Depression from 1929-1939, it was the great earthquake that brought Long Beach out of the recession with all the building and construction jobs and building materials that were needed. This was followed by WWII, which allowed our company to provide much needed and surplus materials to government and related industries, as there were world-wide shortages of all materials. Our company was awarded classified and priority status, which allowed us to have access to fuels, tires and critical other materials to stay in business. Then in mid-1960 there was the fire that leveled one of our warehouse buildings that was not insured! One of grandpa’s favorite stories was when he hired a laborer in the middle of the Great Recession. He explained that he only had enough money to pay him for one day, but to show up tomorrow to see if we had work or money. That man retired after 45 years on the job, owning his home, raising his family and college educating each of his children. And the beat goes on and on... so many more stories and history.

– Daryl Phillips, Owner
Harbor Custom Canvas

Harbor Custom Canvas has been a leader in the marine canvas industry, serving the Long Beach and Los Angeles harbor area, for more than 100 years. Established in 1916, Harbor Custom Canvas was one of the first ship’s chandlery and sailmaking operations in the Los Angeles harbor. Today, the company designs and manufactures a full line of custom canvas products, including dodgers, enclosures, and covers, for all makes of yachts and marine vessels. Harbor Custom Canvas also serves a variety of other industries, providing them with a variety of fabric solutions as suits their needs.

Harbor Custom Canvas was originally a ship’s store and sail loft. Over the years H.C.C. has evolved and seen many changes. At various times we were: • Making sails for early sailing vessels • Making sails for the oil spill clean-up industry • Providing products for the oil field applications • Making anti-static mats for use in the service of our nation’s Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Program • Providing heavy-duty vinyl products for various oil field applications • Providing products for the oil spill clean-up industry

We have manufactured everything from giant slings used to transport whales and dolphins, to creating the world’s largest kite of its time (1979 Guinness Book of World Records).

According to the 1979 Guinness Book of World Records, pictured here is the world’s largest kite at the time, manufactured at Harbor Custom Canvas.

T.F. Merrick Co.

My grandfather was an appraiser in this part of town once he moved from the Seattle coast in 1923. Wanting to be of immediate service to the city, and making real estate a good investment, my grandfather surveyed and categorized vacant properties as part of the Long Beach Realtor Board committee. The company also did voluntary documentation for the purchase of portions of today’s El Dorado Park by the City of Long Beach during the depression era.

My father, like my grandfather, started off with the appraisal business, but also went into real estate brokerage. He had a simple technique to the sale of real estate. If he couldn’t sell the property, he would buy it. So it was that he came to own the famous Cinderella Ballroom at the Pike, buying it with Violet Bergen, co-owner and leader of the big band. It was a large draw for the sailors who flocked in from the Port. We sold day-old Helms donuts at half price to the dance patrons – after all they only paid 50 cents (or 75 cents after 8 pm) for admission.

Three generations of T.F. Merrick Co. presidents: current President Tom Merrick, Jr. pictured with his grandfather, founder Thomas F. Merrick, Sr. (front, left) and his father, Jack Merrick.

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Dignity Health St. Mary Medical Center

St. Mary Medical Center opened its doors as the first community hospital in Long Beach in 1923. Few people can claim to have a longer kinship with St. Mary than Rosemary Ashley. Just three years after St. Mary started serving the community, Rosemary was born there. “I actually found the hospital bill my parents received after I was born,” Rosemary recounted. “For the delivery and an 11-day stay afterward, the bill came to just over $62.”

After marrying her husband Don Ashley in 1946, Rosemary has resided within the same six blocks in Bisby Knolls. Rosemary and Don raised seven children, all born at St. Mary Medical Center.

Rosemary decided to begin volunteering at her beloved St. Mary Medical Center in 1969. During her 36 years as a volunteer at St. Mary, Rosemary worked in many areas of the hospital, including hospice, emergency room, and the Low Vision Center, professional staff perform today. During her 36 years as a volunteer at St. Mary, Rosemary worked in many areas of the hospital, including hospice, emergency room, and the Low Vision Center, where she tested the vision of local school children through its outreach program.

Rosemary’s youngest daughter, Maureen, and her six siblings feel so supportive of St. Mary of that they started a tradition that honors their mother in a unique and thoroughly modern way. “For Mom’s 90th birthday, I committed to sending a dollar to St. Mary for every ‘like’ posted to my page about her birthday. My siblings posted the same challenge to their Facebook pages for their 90th birthdays,” Rosemary said. “We collectively ended up sending a check this year to St. Mary for over $1,000 dollars and the tradition continues,” Maureen said.

-- Provided by Dignity Health St. Mary Medical Center

Jacobsen Pilot Service

My grandfather, Jacob A. Jacobsen, originally left his home in Norway as a teenager, with a mere $20, a bible, and a dream for a better life in America. He went on to work on fishing boats in Alaska, became a captain of whaling ships, and then joined the U.S. Navy during WWII. After the war, he sailed on cargo ships between Asia and the U.S. West Coast.

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Joe Jost's

Joe Jost’s was founded as a barbershop in 1924 by Joseph Jost. Joe emigrated from Hungary as an apprenticed barber in 1906 and spent the next 14 years traveling the U.S. and South Pacific with a stint in the U.S. Army fighting abroad during World War I. Barbering was fine with Joe, but after the repeal of Prohibition he saw an opportunity to expand his business, so he applied and received a license to serve beer. After a few years Joe received notice from the barbering commission that it was too dangerous for him to cut hair (razors and scissors back then) and serve beer at the same time, so he looked at his books and determined the future was in beer.

In 1926 Joe opened his barbershop with beer on the premises. In 1928, as he was making renovations, he ran into a contractor who was laying an air conditioning duct of sorts. Joe Jost was to cut the duct and put a new wall in place, which he did. As a result, he discovered a gun-shaped safe!

The safe had a key, so Joe and his wife Cathleen put a key on the safe. Joe’s son, Joe Jr., was a tiler and he, along with his father and founder, Joe Sr., looks after it.

Joe Jost’s is owned by me and wife Cathleen. Joe was my maternal grandfather.

— Ken Buck, Owner

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Today, Windes utilizes state-of-the-art security tools and procedures to ensure that firm and client data remain confidential and secure. The firm will continue employing the latest technology, such as cloud computing and virtualization, to deliver optimal solutions and experiences to their clients.

— Provided by Windes

Outer Limits Tattoo

After acquiring the space at 22 S. Chestnut Place, we brought several contractors down to see over the space to figure out how we were going to lay things out. The contractor was there one day, and we were measuring out the rooms trying to figure out where to put things. The square footage seemed to be off . . . . So I looked at this one wall which seemed oddly shaped – smaller than it should be. It was almost like the wall was way too thick, so I asked the contractor to pull the paneling down off the wall. He did, and behind it we realized it was actually a false wall. Behind this wall was a hidden safe! It was a large gun-style safe. We started laughing and thought about what could be inside – I mean it could be tons of money, could be nothing – who knows, could be a dead body! We had heard stories of paranormal activity at the shop. Could this somehow be related? Or was it just the place they stashed their money in the old days? That safe is still on display at the shop today, and we have never opened it. We hope to someday open that safe – possibly on the shop’s 100th anniversary in 2027!

We don’t know who the original owner was, but we know that Bert Grimm took over either 1954 or 1957 – we have two different years from different sources. No one can confirm one or the other for sure. Before Bert took it over the shop was called “The Professionals.” Outer Limits took over in 2016.

— Kari Barba, Owner

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Huff’s Family Restaurant
2333 Pacific Ave.

Eric R Hubbard, DPM
grandfandb.com

Don Temple U-Store & Lock
dontemplestorage.com

Commercial Radiator
commercialradiatorlongbeach.com

Circle Audi
circleaudi.com

Queen Beach Printers
Pontiac, Michigan 1944 – Having just returned from a visit to her sister’s new home in Redondo Beach CA, Mary Edwards would not let up.

“Aleck honey, we need to move to California; you won’t believe how beautiful it is out there,” she’d go on.

“Mary, we’re not moving; we have a very nice life and business right here in Pontiac.”

But after much pressure he agreed to list his Typesetting business for $2,000.00 . . . figuring it would never sell. The first person who saw the listing, the Typesetter at the Pontiac Daily Press never let the ad hit the paper, and purchased Aleck’s business via a three-minute phone call. Off to California the family of five drove, to settle in Long Beach, “the most growing, of the Southern California seaside towns . . . with much more opportunity for commerce and business.”

Queen Beach Press was originally founded by R.M. Bentley in 1927. Aleck and Mary Edwards purchased the small printing firm in 1944 from O.B. Peterson, beginning the family tenure of over 70 years to date. Today, Queen Beach Printers, Inc., is run by the third generation of Edwards, Bill Jr. The second generation Bill Sr. and Nicholas still love to contribute daily as well. Queen Beach today of course is completely modernized with high-speed Litho presses, as well as Digital print, Wide Format signage, banner and graphic design services.

--- Provided by Queen Beach Printers

The Varden, A Boutique Hotel

Originally built in 1929, The Varden Hotel has a rich and eccentric history, which makes it a true Downtown Long Beach landmark.

Named after a colorful and eccentric circus performer who “boarded” jewels, Dolly Varden lived in San Jose, but had a wealthy admirer who lived in Long Beach. He wanted her closer. So the legend states that Dolly Varden’s admirer bought the hotel for her and she lived on the top floors until she died in the 1950s.

Fast forward almost eight decades later, Charles Knowlton and Larry Black purchased the rundown relic. And set out to restore and refurbish “Dolly” to her glorious past! “We were convinced we would find jewels during the remodeling,” says Black. “We never found any, but found things almost as precious.”

What was uncovered was original wall paper behind old book cases signed and dated by the wallpaper hanger from January, 1929. In one of the rooms known as “The Bishop’s Room” (photograph below) the Queen Beach Printers employee family is pictured in front of one of the early machines in the 1950’s. Mother, Aleck and Mary Edwards, shortly after they purchased the printing company in 1944.

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Encore Awards/Jensen Rubber Stamps

Jensen Rubber Stamps was established in 1929 by the Jensen family. Our shop used Linotype machines to make rubber stamps, up to the early 1980s. Our machines contained a set of fonts with a certain font style called magazines, such as Gothic, and each magazine weighed about 80 lbs.

One day a gentleman walked into our shop at 4th Street, Downtown Long Beach, asked for a particular font style for his rubber stamps, in a hurry. With a rush fee, our staff Juan promised that he could have the rubber stamp ready the very next day. Unfortunately when Juan moved the machine to the machine top to replace it with the correct magazine, the entire tray fell down, and numerous metal letters in the tray were scattered all over the floor. Juan had to spent the rest of day to find all of the letters and put them together in the correct order. Next morning he came in early to press on the rubber, and completed the job barely on time.

Eventually we donated our Linotype machine for rubber stamps to Benjamin Franklin Museum. – Owner Mu Zhang

--- Provided by Queen Beach Printers

Nonprofit, Membership And Other Organizations

1884
Long Beach Young Men’s Christian Association – YMCA
ibymca.org

1891
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
lbcchamber.com

1905
WomenShelter of Long Beach
(founded as Young Women’s Christian Association – YWCA)
WomenShelterLB.org

1909
Long Beach Municipal Band
longbeachgov.org/parks/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/live-outdoor-bands

Virginia Country Club
vec1909.org/

1915
Long Beach Day Nursery
lbdn.org

1921
American Red Cross,
Greater Long Beach Chapter
redcross.org

1919
Rotary Club of Long Beach
circleaudi.com

1923
Boy Scouts of America,
Long Beach Area Council
longbeachbsa.org

1924
Kiwanis Club of Long Beach
longbeachkiwanis.org

1925
Downtown Long Beach Lions Club
downtownlb.com

1933
Campfire Long Beach
campfirelb.org

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YMCA of Greater Long Beach

Founded over 133 years ago, the YMCA of Greater Long Beach is one of the oldest organizations in the City of Long Beach. In fact, it even predates the incorporation of the City of Long Beach by four years. Supported by the movers and shakers of Long Beach such as the Bixby and Walker families, the Long Beach Y has grown and continues to serve more youths and families than ever before. The Young Men’s Christian Association was originally founded as a place for men and boys as a safe and wholesome social gathering place, and it wasn’t until the end of World War II that women were allowed to join. However, Long Beach, being a progressive city, was ahead of the times and gained its first female member in 1928. Dottie Frazier remembers spending many hours at the YMCA playing handball by herself while her single father played with friends in the court next door. She always wanted to go swimming but wasn’t allowed. Then on her 8th birthday, Robert Gossom, the President of the Y at that time, threw a special birthday party at the Y for Dottie and presented her with her very own membership.

Years passed, and she could finally go swimming for several more years, since the wool swim suits of the time would clog the pool filters, but was honored to be the first female member to join the YMCA of Greater Long Beach. Dottie celebrated her 94th birthday last June by zip lining at YMCA Camp Oaks. Today, the Y is still a safe and wholesome place, but is now proud to be that place for all members of the community.

-- Provided by the YMCA