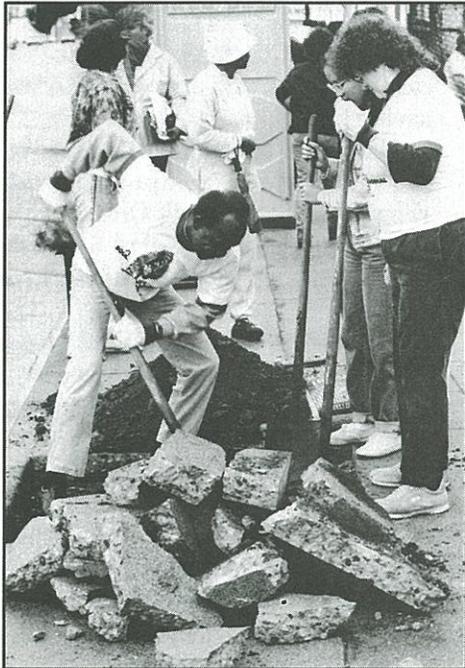


County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



NEW AGENCIES HELP KICKOFF COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

With hard times sweeping the nation, the Board of Supervisors has broadened the Community Support Campaign by adding four new fund distribution agencies. Thousands of needy residents from diverse backgrounds will benefit from the February 21 to April 17 campaign.

Since 1979, County employees have donated \$24.8 million to more than 500 nonprofit organizations. This year, under the watchful eye of the newly formed Community Support Advisory Board, six fund distribution agencies are available to employees, including:

programs, substance abuse centers, aged and disabled services and centers providing employment counseling, job training and placement.

BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE BLACK UNITED FUND, INC.: For almost 25 years, the Brotherhood has provided assistance to more than 1,000 multicultural health, education and social welfare programs in the area. Agencies addressing homelessness, child and drug abuse, gang violence, AIDS and teen pregnancy to name a few have received more than \$20 million.

ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA: Raises funds for 40 nonprofit environmental organizations, which, in the past year,

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More than 3,000 community members joined together January 13, 1990, to plant 400 trees in one day. Tree People, Inc., a nonprofit group which organized the event, is one of 40 groups receiving funds from the Environmental Federation of California.

ASIAN PACIFIC COMMUNITY FUND: Provides financial support to a wide range of organizations in the Asian Pacific communities, including child and health care groups, youth

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

DRAYTON:

A Lawyer's Best Friend

Most people know about man's best friend. But how about a lawyer's best friend? It just might be Eugene Drayton, January's Employee of the Month.

As a 13-year County veteran, Drayton is the law librarian for 180 County Counsel attorneys. In fact, before arriving on the scene in 1980, no County Counsel law library existed.

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Eugene Drayton and Supervisor Deane Dana.

GUNSHOT VICTIM RECOVERING

EMPLOYEES GIVE SUPPORT

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and members of his staff visited Martin Luther King, Jr./Charles Drew Medical Center on February 7 to extend birthday greetings to Cristal Anguiano, the 12-year-old girl who carried her baby brother to safety after she was shot in the heart by a stray bullet.

Cristal was released from King/Drew on February 12 and is

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Joining Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in the hospital room are, from left, Ed Renford, hospital administrator; Dr. Sheliah Clayton, who led the surgical team operating on Cristal; Dr. Arthur Fleming, chief of surgery; and Angel Flores, father.

Power Secretaries: A New County Breed

When Sarah Espinoza walked into work last month, she joined ranks with 24 other County employees who sported new titles: Power Secretaries.

Espinoza, a County Counsel employee, graduated from a 1991 Secretarial Council pilot program offering 117 hours of accelerated secretary and computer science training.

Classes included speed and business writing, verbal communications, image enhancement and computer training.

Promoting excellence in the workplace and enhanced productivity, Espinoza joined Paula Brown, a Treasurer and Tax Collector employee; Thao Do, Elba Carrillo and Dora Franco of the Chief Administrative Office; Jean Harms, a District Attorney employee; and County Counsel's Shirley Hall and Renee Mendoza in passing speed writing with top scores.

The groundwork started in 1990 when Chief Administrative Officer



District Attorney employee Jean Harms, second from left, receives congratulations from the Career Development Committee: Frances Lunetta, left, Jane Sawai and Cynthia Machen, right.

Richard Dixon approved the Council's request for a skill improvement program. Today, secretaries attain cutting-edge skills that increase their marketability within the County family.

This month, 60 other employees from nine departments started the "power" program. If your department is interested in sending employees, contact the Career Development committee: Frances Lunetta, (213) 974-1754; Jane Sawai, (213) 974-4121; or Cynthia Machen, (213) 974-4444. ●

Gunshot Victim Recovering

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now completing her recovery at home.

"I applaud the many outstanding doctors and nurses at King/Drew Hospital who work so hard to provide excellent health care to the people of Los Angeles County," Hahn said. "Cristal's amazing recovery is just one testament to the good work of these dedicated health care providers who are committed to saving lives."

Hahn also added that members of his staff and employees at King/Drew are flooding Cristal with Valentine's Day cards and \$1 "love gifts" to cheer her up during her recovery.

Employees wishing to send cards and donations are asked to send them to the Special Assistance Victims Emergency Program at the District Attorney's Office, 210 W. Temple St., Room 12-311, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Checks should be made payable to "SAVE for Cristal Flores Anguiano." ●

Eighth Annual Conference to Spotlight Women's Employment Issues

The Eighth Annual Minority Women's Conference, focusing on employment opportunities, sexual harassment, balancing personal demands and other issues, takes place March 27 at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Sponsored by the County Commission on Human Relations, the event features Assemblywoman Marguerite Archie Hudson addressing legislation affecting women and families. The event celebrates National Women's History Month. Contact Reva Trevino at (213) 974-7611. ●

Community Support Campaign Kicks Off

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added more than one million acres of open space and parklands in California, kept thousands of tons of waste out of landfills, cleaned up bays, rivers and lakes and planted thousands of trees in our cities. All groups work on improving the environment in Los Angeles and beyond.

LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S FOUNDATION: Is a community-based organization raising funds and providing management assistance to strengthen services for women and children. More than 100 nonprofit agencies have received funding to provide basic health care, gang and drug prevention education, job training, child-care subsidies, AIDS education and safety from violence. These agencies help women and children gain self-sufficiency and economic independence.

UNITED LATINO FUND: Assists nonprofit organizations who serve the Los Angeles Latino community. With a three-pronged approach, the Fund helps organizations with fund raising, staff development, board of directors training and program management. In addition, agencies must serve the Latino poor and provide services in economic development, health care, social services or education.

UNITED WAY: Is a volunteer-driven organization touching the lives of more than three million, translating to one in three people in the Los Angeles community.

It funds more than 300 health and human care agencies in greater Los Angeles, including 14 American Red Cross chapters and 13 affiliated partners addressing such problems as cancer, heart disease and AIDS.

This voluntary campaign is coordinated by County managers,

FIESTA FOR KIDS



Hosted by Supervisor Gloria Molina, left, the 11th Annual Fantasy Fiesta for Latino Children brought more than 144 prospective parents and 28 adoption-ready children together recently at Whittier Narrows Regional Park for a daylong family picnic. According to Children's Services Director Peter Digre, center, seven of the children have been placed in new homes with eight more adoptions in progress. Mary Robertson, right, of the philanthropic outreach group Operation: Children, helped cosponsor the event.

labor representatives and invited County campaign coordinators. For additional information, contact your department coordinator or the Community Support Advisory Board staff at (213) 974-1768. ●



Community Support Fund Distribution Team: (L to R, seated) Tony Espinoza, United Latino Fund; Jackie Hedlund, Environmental Federation of California; and Leo Gray, Brotherhood Crusade; (L to R, standing) Cristina Fuentes, Los Angeles Women's Foundation; Bill Watanabe, Asian Pacific Community Fund; and John Goessman, United Way.

Employee of the Month

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Whether keeping attorneys up-to-date with the latest publications or assisting with research, Drayton runs a "first class" library that increases productivity, according to County Counsel officials.

In addition, he developed satellite "mini-libraries" throughout the department for fast and frequent attorney references. He also issues periodic newsletters listing new services and publications. Drayton's work, however, doesn't stop with the County Counsel.

He helped the Children's Library in Van Nuys get off the ground, recommending books, shelving size and furniture.

After the workday, Drayton often ice-skates and works toward becoming a U.S. Figure Skating Association judge. ●

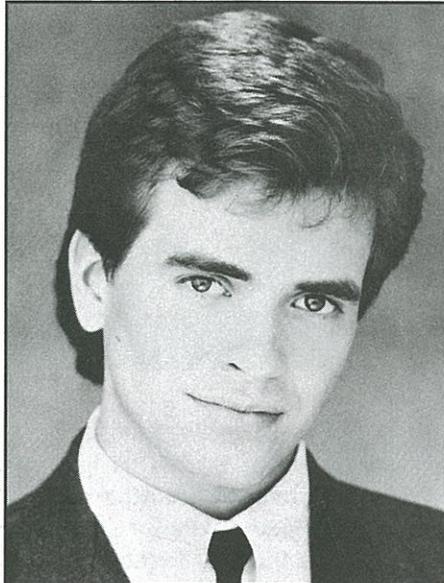
County Day at the Opera

"Albert Herring," a satirical yet gentle look at small-minded, small-town morality, will be presented by the Los Angeles Music Center Opera April 13 in a special preview for employees.

Sponsored by the Board of Supervisors, the Monday show starts at 7:30 p.m. and takes place at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. A free pre-performance talk to introduce the opera takes place at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person—a savings up to 90 percent off the regular ticket price—and parking is included in the admission price.

Written by Benjamin Britten, the comic opera centers on a shy young man who is chosen as his town's May King after none of the local girls are deemed morally suitable to be queen. But Herring surprises the town elders—and his overbearing mother—by taking his prize money and spending it on a drinking spree. The opera, which lasts 2½ hours and dates from 1947, takes place in a small English town at the turn of the Century.

ALBERT HERRING



Tenor Greg Fedderly, who attended USC and has sung with the L.A. Opera since 1988, is "Albert Herring."

A ticket form appears below. The deadline for ordering tickets is April 1. For more information, call the Office of Special Programs, (213) 974-1768. ●

TO OBTAIN TICKETS, PLEASE USE THIS FORM

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 Yes! Please send me _____ tickets to *Albert Herring* on Monday, April 13, 1992, at 7:30pm, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion @ \$8.00 per person. My check for \$ _____ and a self-addressed, stamped envelope are enclosed.

Name _____	County Department _____
Mailing Address _____	
City _____	Zip Code _____
Telephone (Day) _____	Telephone (Evening) _____

Please detach and return with payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope by April 1 to:

County Employee Preview, Los Angeles Music Center Opera
 P.O. Box 2237
 Los Angeles, California 90051

Make checks payable to: **LOS ANGELES MUSIC CENTER OPERA**
ORDER DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 1992

SEMINAR AND SALE Dress for Success on a Shoestring Budget

A free dress for success sale and seminar, aimed at career-driven women with limited clothing budgets, takes place March 28 at the County Women's Hospital auditorium, 1240 N. Mission Rd., Los Angeles.

Three County associations along with a wide range of fashion businesses are donating clothing, accessories and consultations for the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. event. Women can purchase clothes at below-market rates.

The event is sponsored by The Network, a County women's management group; the County's Secretarial Council; and C.A.R.E.S., a nonprofit corporation offering financial support and volunteer services to LAC+USC Medical Center. All proceeds go the C.A.R.E.S. Child and Family Center.

For more information, call Connie Diaz, (213) 226-3427. ●

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