

County DIGEST



NOVEMBER 1999

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



Calendar of Events

Petersen Automotive Museum
(323) 930-CARS
www.petersen.org

Spindizzies: High Speed on a Small Scale
November 20, 1999 thru February 27, 2000

Saturday Story Hour with Diane Berkowitz
December 4 and 18, 1999
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Discovery Days: Car Snow Globes
December 18, 1999
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Arboretum of Los Angeles County
(626) 821-3222

Holiday Wreath Making
December 1, 1999
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

The Queen Anne Cottage Open House
December 11 and 12, 1999
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Joyce Dorsey

A Rare Representation of What We All Should Be



Dorsey beams with pride as she accepts the Employee of the Month recognition from Supervisor Don Knabe. In the foreground are her daughters.

Surrounded by family, friends and co-workers, Joyce Dorsey accepted a scroll from the Chairman of the Board on her selection as the October 1999 County Employee of the Month.

"I was so ecstatic," Dorsey said upon being notified. "It was unbelievable."

Dorsey, an Eligibility Worker II with the Norwalk CalWORKs District of the Department of Public Social Services, has been employed by the County for more than 35 years. She had supervised the General Relief (GR) Work Project in Norwalk for several years until the General Relief Opportunity to Work (GROW)

Program became effective earlier this year. Before the GROW Program took effect, she was instrumental in assisting General Relief participants find permanent employment.

As a matter of fact, she has committed herself to helping others turn their lives around. She counsels single mothers; works with Food Stamp participants in completing their project hours; and assists Information Workers by answering inquiries from disabled participants. She has designed procedures to ensure that all intake workers receive correctly filled packets for their interviews and that special assistance be provided to the disabled members of the public, especially those with severe limitations.

In addition, her counseling goes beyond the perimeters of the GAIN outline. She has developed a comprehensive on-the-job training plan aimed at instructing the participants on how to manage their personal and professional life.

While supervising the General Relief and GAIN Work Experience participants, Dorsey challenges them to seek high standards and perform to the best of their abilities. She aids them in the selection of a child care provider if necessary and assists them in handling family matters without disrupting their work schedule. Her influence has allowed participants to learn more, reach their goals and go beyond their own expectations.

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VETERANS DAY

Mailing Address Change

If you have changed your mailing address, please notify your Personnel Office immediately.



Retirees



Noontime Parenting Training Seminars

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Building, Conference Room 743

What To Do When You Have Only One Child
 November 24, 1999
 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

*Parent Resource Center**
 December 16, 1999
 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 *2nd floor lobby

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of Los Angeles County:

- CHILDREN'S SERVICES:** Diana L. Powell
- FIRE:** Stephen M. Borgogno, Gregory D. Bates, Michael H. Gregg, Robert P. Ramstead II, Donald F. Divin, Richard E. Emerson, John W. Everett, George Huisken, Michael F. Idol, Clete R. Knowlton, Lawrence S. Simcoe
- HEALTH SERVICES:** Margaret A. Garvey, Anthony Lawrence, Linda K. Matsuno, Elizabeth S. Monroy, Mary A. Pace, Bonnie J. Riley, Linda R. Solberg
- INTERNAL SERVICES:** Robert Morales, Kenneth S. Takabayashi
- PROBATION:** Manuel Alvarez, Randall E. Anderson, Hattie J. Anthony, Paul L. Dorsett, Jr., David R. Means
- PUBLIC WORKS:** Donald G. Eliason
- REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK:** John H. Wesley
- SHERIFF:** Hubert M. Bernat, James W. Chapple, Jr., Mary H. Francavilla, Harold G. Horsley, Roy O. Nesvold, Jr., Jack L. Danabacher, Ralph E. Wilson III, Rachel M. Burgess, Robert R. Wood
- TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:** Bennie Baker

Discipline For Young Children
 January 26, 2000
 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Sponsored by the Department of Human Resources Child Care Program. For more information, call (213) 893-0355.

Congratulations to the following employees who are retiring after serving the people of the County of Los Angeles for more than 25 years:

- CHILDREN'S SERVICES:** Patricia S. Rose, Cynthia R. Sherman
- COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:** Ollie Tate
- CORONER:** Gary L. Siglar
- FIRE:** Kenneth W. Roberts, Craig L. Tatro, Jerome R. Baloga
- HEALTH SERVICES:** Robert Barnot, Christine Cowell, Camilo Deiparine, Chang-Woo Lee, Barbara A. Mansfield, L. E. Smothers, Vincent Chan, William R. Floyd
- INTERNAL SERVICES:** Mary A. Dillon
- PROBATION:** Edward R. Carlson
- PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Pearlean Burrell, Joann Colacchio, Raymond E. Corder
- PUBLIC WORKS:** Michael R. Gleason
- SHERIFF:** Alfred J. Garces, David B. Hogan, Doris C. Caesar Hicks, Rosie L. Arce, John M. Bikle, Paul Bradley, Jr.



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A Perfect Gift for the Holiday Season

With the holiday season fast approaching, thoughts of perfect gifts are dancing in our heads. Think no more!

The County of Los Angeles has the perfect gift-giving solution either for you or your loved one...United States Savings Bonds. For as little as \$25, you can give the gift that keeps on giving with interest that is and never goes out of style.

So, this year, relieve yourself of some holiday stress and the mad rush at the malls. Enjoy the season by giving government-protected US Savings Bonds. After all, money is always the perfect gift.

To purchase your one-time only gift savings bonds, contact your departmental coordinator or call Craig Hirakawa, Countywide US Savings Bonds Program Manager, at (213) 974-2523.

Celebrating Veterans Day

A Cold War Recognition Certificate is now available to all members of the armed forces and federal government civilian personnel who faithfully served the United States during the Cold War dating from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991.

Individuals eligible for the certificate should send a letter with any official government or military document containing the recipient's name; Social Security, Military Service or Foreign Service Number; and date of service to Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Those requesting a certificate will certify that their character of service was honorable.

For more information, check out <http://coldwar.army.mil/>



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You

Dorsey

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"My most rewarding experience is giving back to others, the less fortunate," Dorsey said.

Aside from coordinating most of the charitable fundraising events in the District, she feeds the homeless at Skid Row and gives them clothing once a month. She also collects stuffed animals for distribution to convalescent homes, hospitals and centers for children with disabilities.

"I feel such a joy in seeing them smiling and knowing that someone cares for them."

During the holiday season, Dorsey heads a committee that puts together a luncheon for GR participants. The annual event, which has now been named the Dorsey-Redding GR Luncheon, includes a holiday gift box for each participant.

Joyce Dorsey is an active member of the Crenshaw Christian Center, enjoys world traveling and interior design and produces a show for Media One, a public access cable television channel. Most of all, she finds great pride in seeing her four children become professionals and assets in their communities.

A Concert with a Cause

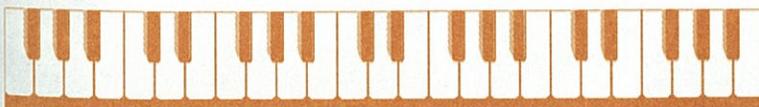
Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke joined singing stars Chaka Khan and Brenda Russell at a news conference on the front steps of the Hall of Administration to announce a fundraising concert benefitting women and children at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. The concert was sponsored by the AMASSI Center.

A non-profit organization in Inglewood, the AMASSI Center provides HIV/AIDS benefits to African Americans and Latinos. It has been in the forefront of action in the current HIV/AIDS State of Emergency called by the Board of Supervisors and spearheaded by Supervisor Burke.

The concert also showcased Brazil's newest jazz sensation Claudia Villela, internationally-renowned tango dancers Jorge and Monica Visconti and singers Brenda Marie Eager and Maxayn. The show was hosted by radio personality Dominique DiPrima of 92.3 The Beat.

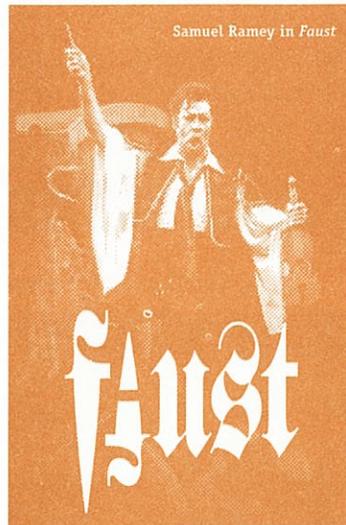


After a news conference supporting the HIV/AIDS State of Emergency in minority communities called by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Burke posed on the front steps of the Hall of Administration with Cleo Manago, founder & CEO of the AMASSI Center; Monica Visconti; Chaka Khan; Jorge Visconti; and Brenda Russell.





Public Employees Day at the Los Angeles Opera



Los Angeles County employees, as well as City employees, are invited to join the Los Angeles Public Employees Club and attend the dress rehearsal of *Faust* by Charles Francois Gounod at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2000, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center of Los Angeles County.

Gounod's *Faust*, starring the world-renowned bass Samuel Ramey as Mephistopheles, is a devilishly-exciting opera about a man who sells his soul for eternal youth and the love of a beautiful woman.

Public employees who apply for membership will also receive a discount to the Los Angeles Opera production of *Billy Budd* on June 6 and 14, 2000. In addition, all members will be eligible for discounts at the Spotlight Café and Otto's Grill and Beer Bar at the Music Center, Tower Records, as well as discounted admission to the Autry Museum of Western Heritage and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

To join, call (213) 972-7614 and ask for the Los Angeles Opera Public Employees Club or mail in the order form by January 5, 2000 to attend the dress rehearsal of *Faust* on January 16, 2000 and to receive a 20% discount coupon for *Billy Budd*.

Tickets are limited. Please return your order early!

Yes, I would like to purchase _____ individual memberships at \$15 each for a total of \$_____.

Please make checks payable to: Los Angeles Opera and mail to: Los Angeles Opera Public Employees Club at 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Name		Employer	Department
Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone (Day)		(Evening)	

Tickets for *Faust* will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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"All I Want for Christmas..."

December 15, 1999
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Music Center
of Los Angeles County
(213)972-3099
www.lacountyarts.org

Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration
December 24, 1999
3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Hansel and Gretel
December 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19 an

Faust
January 19, 22, 25, 28, 30 and February 2 and
5, 2000



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