

County DIGEST



MARCH 2000

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Linda Estrada

"This recognition has been an overwhelming experience."



Linda Estrada, the February 2000 County Employee of the Month, has been a County employee for 32 years and is presently a Contract Program Monitor for the Office of Administrative Services in the Sheriff's Department.

"This award is a great honor for me as well as my family and co-workers. Initially, my friends and co-workers were more excited than I was. It took a few days for everything to sink in, but February 18th turned out to be an amazing day for me. I was recognized as County Employee of the Month on the County's 150th birthday; that was awesome."

Estrada's current assignment is with Department-wide contract develop-

ment and administration. She is responsible for such tasks as solicitation, contract development and amendments, purchase order conversions to contracts, and contract administration. She seeks to improve departmental productivity with activities and insights that have Countywide impacts, e.g. she stepped into a project when a less experienced colleague ran into time constraint difficulties on a contract to manage the Custody Jail Store System. Her intervention prevented the Department from possible shut down of the inmate cash-less buying system, which could have resulted in inmate riots and serious Countywide consequences.

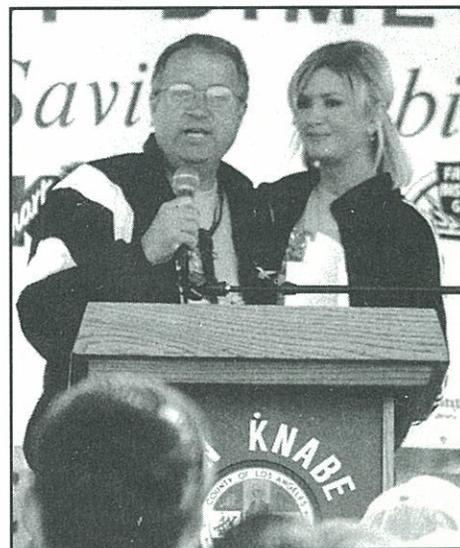
"The Sheriff's Department is currently embracing new technology at a rapid pace and the innovations we are working on will set an example for other law enforcement agencies throughout the world. The Contracts Unit works together as a team, and I consider myself very fortunate to work in such an energetic and dynamic department. As exciting as receiving this recognition was for me, the good wishes and support I received from the Sheriff's Department, my co-workers, and friends throughout the County, was a humbling experience. I consider myself very lucky to have the opportunity to work with these truly extraordinary people."

Estrada was one of the founding members of the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Coordinators Council, which was formed to implement a Board directive to determine ways to improve and increase opportunities for

WalkAmerica 2000!



March
of Dimes
Saving babies, together



Pictured are the 1999 County WalkAmerica Chair Supervisor Don Knabe and Nancy O'Dell of "Access Hollywood" as they kick-off the 1999 WalkAmerica in Marina Del Rey.

Los Angeles County is stepping into the 21st Century. That's right, the County is once again putting its best foot forward and participating in the March of Dimes annual WalkAmerica event. Celebrating its 30th year, WalkAmerica 2000 will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2000. This

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Calendar of Events

Free Property Tax Assessment Seminars
County of Los Angeles
(213)974-4240

Van Nuys - Bernardi Senior Center
11:00 a.m.
6514 Sylmar Avenue
March 29, 2000 - Wednesday

Noontime Parenting Training Seminars
(213)893-0355

Dealing With Your Teenager
March 22, 2000
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Room 743

Child Care Fair
April 19, 2000
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Civic Center Mall

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

Discovery Day: Car Sponges
April 1, 2000
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Natural History Museum
of Los Angeles County
(213)763-DINO
www.nhm.org

*The Bahia: World's Largest Cut
Gemstone Sculpture*
Through September 4, 2000



12th Annual Los Angeles County
Chess Tournament
(626)458-7188 or (213)738-2456
April 27, 2000 and every Thursday
thereafter until June 1, 2000

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Public Works Building, Alhambra

Performing Arts Center of
Los Angeles County
(213)250-ARTS

*pARTy!**
May 20, 2000
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*A free outdoors arts festival to celebrate
the 20th anniversary of the nationally-
acclaimed Education Division of the
Performing Arts Center.

Skirball Cultural Center
(310)440-4500
www.skirball.org

Sigmund Freud: Conflict and Culture
April 4, 2000 through July 25, 2000

Ahmanson Theatre
(213)628-2772

Martin Guerre
Through April 8, 2000

The Scarlet Pimpernel
April 25, 2000 through June 18, 2000

Page Museum
(323)934-PAGE
www.tarpits.org

Mammothfest
March 18 & 19, 2000
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Opera
(213)972-8001
www.laopera.org/

La Rondine
April 15, 2000 to May 5, 2000

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
(323)857-6512

Lectures at LACMA
Through May 21, 2000

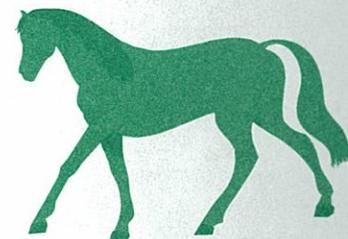
William S. Hart Museum
(661)254-4584
www.hartmuseum.org

Wyatt Earp
April 1, 2000 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Simon Wiesenthal Center
Museum of Tolerance
(310)475-5738
www.wiesenthal.com

*California State Forum:
A Preview of the Mayoral Campaign*
March 30, 2000
5:30 p.m.

Minority Images in Film & Television
April 6, 2000 - 6:30 p.m.



Estrada

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minority and women owned businesses to compete for County purchases and contracts. She played a critical and influential role in formulating the County's leadership position in the use of alternative fuels in County vehicles.

She routinely participates in the Contracting Connections Workshops, sponsored by each Supervisor's District, and speaks at numerous small business gatherings, e.g. at meetings for the Women Construction Owners and Executives, and the Greater Los Angeles Vendor Fair, which is co-sponsored by the City and County of Los Angeles and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Her efforts help support the Board's Small Business Program, and her activities have contributed toward the County's improved cost-benefit equation. She is also the Vice President of the Los Angeles County Contracting and Purchasing Council.

"My most rewarding experience on a personal level is my recent completion of a B.S. Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. It took 13 long and arduous years, but it will all be worthwhile when I attend my graduation ceremony this coming June."

Now that Estrada has completed her school work, she looks forward to spending time traveling, catching up on recreational reading, and taking classes for fun, e.g. creative writing. She plans to spend more time watching her two sons' respective high school baseball teams in action. Her favorite pastime is cooking for family and friends.

She will be donating her time to the collection of private funds for the National World War II Memorial.

"My father, Eloy Trujillo, was a veteran of World War II... I'm sorry that in my father's lifetime there was not a memorial commemorating the bravery and honor of World War II veterans. I hope that this will be rectified in my lifetime and I intend to contribute my time and energy to make this memorial a reality."

Congratulations, Linda!

Yaroslavsky Announces Wedding Ceremonies to be Available at Beverly Hills Registrar- Recorder's Office

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has announced that effective February 17, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Beverly Hills branch office will be performing marriage ceremonies. Since



August 5, 1997, the Beverly Hills office has been processing requests for marriage licenses. Adding marriage ceremonies will afford couples the convenience of scheduling an appointment for a civil ceremony following receipt of their marriage license. Yaroslavsky said a Deputy Commissioner of Marriage would perform the ceremonies by appointment on Thursdays only. The R-R/CC Beverly Hills office is located in the courthouse at 9355 Burton Way, First Floor. The office is open Tu-Thur, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For appointments, contact the branch office at (310) 288-1261. The fee is \$25.00.

Applicants must also obtain a license prior to scheduling an appointment; the license fee is either \$67.00 or \$69.00 depending on the type. Multilingual assistance is available by calling (800)481-8683.



WalkAmerica

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year, the County's primary walk-site will be at El Dorado Park in Long Beach. Employees are encouraged to walk in Long Beach with the County team but can participate at any of the other walk-sites as well.

Supervisor Don Knabe, County WalkAmerica Chair, will lead the Long Beach Walk event. An exciting event has been planned with entertainment and children's activities. It's going to be a great day for employees and their families and friends to have fun, get some exercise and most importantly, help the March of Dimes in their fight against birth defects.

If you would like to join the County's WalkAmerica team, please contact your departmental WalkAmerica Team Captain or Craig Hirakawa, Countywide WalkAmerica Coordinator, at (213) 974-2523. If you can't participate, you can still do your part by sponsoring a walker or by purchasing a WalkAmerica t-shirt or cap. See you on April 29!!!

Mailing Address Change

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

County Library Homework Center

The Los Angeles County Public Library Foundation has received a \$90,000 grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation to fund a Homework Center at the West Covina Library, a branch of the County of Los Angeles Public Library. The new center will be named the S. Mark Taper Homework Center. The County Library anticipates opening the center in the spring of 2000. Grant funds will provide four computers and related software, furniture for the center, and books and other study materials in the fields of math, science, social studies, and language arts. In addition, the grant will fund trained Homework Center staff for a three-year period.

A growing County Library ser-

vice, Homework Centers provide assistance to students and strengthen the library's support of the public education system. Resources combine print materials, CD products, and access to online information via the Internet. Staff help students understand homework assignments and locate materials for completing their work. The S. Mark Taper Homework Center at West Covina Library will bring the total number of County Library centers to 27.

The S. Mark Taper Foundation, founded in 1989, is a private family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of peoples' lives by supporting non-profit organizations and their work in our community. The Los Angeles County

Public Library Foundation is a major support unit for the County of Los Angeles Public Library. With a focus on literacy and the Homework Center program, the Library Foundation has developed ties with corporations and charitable foundations.

County Librarian Sandra Reuben stated, "Libraries have enormous potential for providing effective literacy and after-school programs. The County Library is very pleased to have the confidence and support of the S. Mark Taper Foundation in establishing a new Homework Center to assist students at the West Covina Library. We are grateful to both the S. Mark Taper Foundation and the County Library Foundation for working together to the benefit of the community."

Department of Health Services Health Advisory

Avoid contact with water near storm drains during and after rain!



Bacteria levels in ocean water close to storm drains generally increase during and after it rains. These levels can remain elevated up to 72 hours following a storm. The Department of Health Services

advises people to avoid water discharging from storm drains whether in the ocean or on the beach.

Storm drains carry runoff from cities and wilderness areas, so bacteria can come from a wide variety of sources. Sewage normally is NOT present in storm drain runoff, since the sewer system is separate from the storm drain system. Laboratory analyses of water samples taken from drain discharge points after storms usually show higher bacteria counts than acceptable by State standards. Water on either side of a drain also can register high bacteria counts, depending on such factors as amounts of discharge and ocean currents and tides. Contamination decreases with distance from the drain.

The Department of Health Services samples and analyzes ocean water on a weekly basis around the more active storm drains. When tests indicate a serious or unusual problem, the Department orders the affected area closed to swimmers. For additional information, call the County Beach Closures and Advisory Hotline: (800)525-5662.

The CalPERS Long Term Care Program

Most people have medical insurance, but they do not realize they are probably not insured for long-term care. Long-term care is expensive, and is something you should plan for before you need it. Here are some long-term care facts:

- Sixty percent of Americans over age 65 will need long-term care.
- One year in a nursing home can cost \$47,000 or more.
- Care at home can cost more than \$20,000 per year.
- Long-term care can be needed at any age.

CalPERS is concerned about the long-term care dilemma and offers all California public employees, retirees, their spouses, parents, and parents-in-law the CalPERS Long-Term Care Program. The next application period is April 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. Call CalPERS at (800) 266-1050 or visit their web site at www.calpers.ca.gov to request an application kit.

March Retirees

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:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Melvin A. Makos

ASSESSOR: Maxine Mitchell

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Rodney W. Ornellas, Alan T. Sasaki

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: John H. Clemons, Kenneth R. Miller

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Velma Aiken, Bruce H. Cowan, Georgeann T. Kirk, Judith Melton, Janice L. Sheldon, William C. Stephens, Renee E. Windsor

COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Mary F. Debacka

COUNTY COUNSEL: S. Robert Ambrose, Frederick R. Bennett, Barbara Chargauff, Edward G. Pozorski

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Thomas Alexander, Ruth A. Bullock, Richard J. Chrystie, Donald N. Eastman, Richard I. Frankenstein, Sir W. Harper Jr., Rose U. Himrod, Otis L. Hubbard, Thomas E. Miller, Leonard J. Shaffer, Timothy K. Tyson, Shelby A. Washington

FIRE: John A. Bailey, Robert B. Bell, Charles E. Bender, Roy E. Burleson, Michael L. Case, Lon L. Caskey, Lanny R. Cunningham, Steven J. Dahlmeier, John R. Dishaw, Joel K. Fletcher, Don I. Frantz, Elvin J. Hammer, Lloyd O. Helm, Kenneth E. Kelly, Marvin K. Kolstad, Frank J. Marasa, Larry H. Maynard, Morton M. Migita, David E. Moore, Larry L. Muell, Rodney W. Olney, Frederick Paulicano, John S. Robertson, Michael A. Rubick, Gerald W. Smith, Duane R. Swanson, Steven A. Wagner, James L. Williams, Janet Zauneker

HEALTH SERVICES: Victor Arkin, Brenda Ashkar, Spencer Barr, Vicki K. Carlson, Susan J. Carr, Wesley Chang, Suebretta Clay, Tessie S. Cleveland, Debora Eisert, Corazon P. Flores, Carol Fox, Annie C. Geer, Judith H. Hardy, Naomi Harris, Wentien Huang, Karen S. James, Nadine James, Mary L. Johnson, James R. Keane, Nancy J. Lane, Benjamin R. Margolis, David E.

McPhan, Harry T. Nishihara, Cynthia Richardson, Conchita G. Soriano, Zelma L. Staples, James A. Stephens

HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFETY POLICE: Edward Barrios, Jeffrey E. Samsom, Frank A. Work

INTERNAL SERVICES: Albert A. Baker Jr., Eddie L. Fluellen, Haskell E. Jackson, Edward E. McCabe II, Leroy J. Meyer, Cornelia G. Nicholson, Leonard S. Nicholson, Jimmie L. Thies, Ival V. West

MENTAL HEALTH: Melba Burks, Koong Y. Yang

MUNICIPAL COURTS: Betty J. Jennings, Carmen L. Lopez.

PARKS & RECREATION: Felix U. Cruz, Charles Disbrow Jr., George A. Ichiyama, Henry C. Olivas, Paul Palmerin

PROBATION: Roxana F. Alford, Marsha M. Dumontier, Joan E. Fujishiro, Floyd W. Gary, Bessie V. Jackson, Michael K. Kaye, Shirley J. Lamothe, Arburnor A. Lenox Jr., Shirley A. McLaughlin, Patricia Patrick, Billy W. Pugh, Samuel R. Racusin, Ralph Willis

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Edith Y. Goya, Keith S. Hart, Alan H. Simon, Raymond Vega

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Daniel A. Gourdeau, Roy V. Hanson

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Kay F. Allen, Richard A. Amescua, Dolores V. Bartlett, Lillian D. Black, Joyce Breslin, Gloria J. Carter, Jewell V. Duff, Richard R. Gonzalez, Carolyn Greenwood, Elizabeth Mines, Irma J. Reed, Janice T. Tassin, Gerald R. Webb

PUBLIC WORKS: Lucinda J. Allen, Jeffrey D. Balthis, Robert Desparicio, Robert J. Dochnahl, John B. Guffey, Richard Hearn, Dennis R. Helling, Rodolfo Hilario, Ronald L. Hobbs, Ronald K. Hofmann, Barry Kurtz, Frank H. Lott, Edmund D. Riddle, Larry Sanderson, Howard E. Spencer, John H. Trammell, Kenneth E. Weary, Richard Winters, Hipolito F. Ynfante

REGIONAL PLANNING: Francis X. Giannini, Rudy R. Lackner

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Gerald L. Jerome

SHERIFF: Edmund L. Adams, Raymond Arrington, John D. Arthur, Lawrence N. Balich, Eva R. Blackshire, Lamar Bleavins, Larry J. Brakebush, Wiley L. Burrow, Michael R. Dlugos, John A. Eras, Burnett

H. Gaston, Adolph J. Geoffrion, Ronald W. Gillespie, Michael E. Graham, Jeffrey E. Hauptman, James A. Hays, Dale F. Johnson, John R. Johnson, Sammy W. Johnson, Frank E. Jones, Paul N. Kayne, Bobbie J. Kelly, John J. Krino, John A. Krueger, Dora B. Landers, Stephen L. Mulcahy, Robert L. Nielsen, Michael J. O'Rourke, Michael I. Quinn, John M. Rahn, Vivian M. Rinehart, Jane Y. Sawai, Durward E. Schrick, William C. Sieber, Toni R. Terrell, Henry J. Villanueva, Michael E. Watner, James J. Wetzell, Stanley A. White, Terrance K. Wiese, Ronald L. Williams

SUPERIOR COURTS: Dennis D. Lewis, Luetta Watson

TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR: Lillian Beer Burgess

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

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Win T. Swe

ASSESSOR: Mercedes Diez, Katherine Golden, Marianito B. Tuano

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Leslie Kornmann

BEACHES & HARBORS: Marvin E. Avery

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: John L. Schimkola

COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Lolita B. Manzano

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Michael J. Henry Director of Personnel Department of Human Resources

Michael J. Henry has been the Director of Personnel, Department of Human Resources (DHR) since the Department's 1994 inception. Mike, who is married and the father of two sons and a daughter, attended Gompers Junior High and Locke High School in South Central Los Angeles and earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1975. His initial foray into the County was in 1976 under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program as an Administrative Analyst Aide with the Chief Administrative Office. There, he held each successive rank up to Senior Assistant Administrative Officer.

Mike is a past or present member of numerous commissions, task forces, committees, and boards: National Forum for Black Public Administrators, International Personnel Management Association, County Personnel Administrators' Association of California, County Emergency Preparedness Commission, and the South Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is previous Chair of Human Resources Task Force, Emergency Management Steering Committee, Courthouse Security Task Force, Sheriff/Marshal Merger Task Force, and Criminal Split Court Session (Night Court) Task Force. The Night Court project was one of the top 10 programs acknowledged by the Productivity Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

"It's my goal to continue to develop a Human Resources Department with a strong central agency responsibility that is pro active, attempts to solve problems, and provides leadership to help the County implement its strategic plan.

Another area we're active in is recruitment and retention; working with departments to help them fill vacancies and retain staff."

Mike hopes to meet the Board of Supervisors' directive to get the County on a five-year cycle for its numerous job classifications, and to continue modernizing its classification system. He feels one of the most important programs that DHR has created, with the full support of the Board of Supervisors, is a Training Academy for County employees. The Academy's training has been geared toward specific County needs.



"Our employees are a major and valuable asset to us. We need to invest in their training to help increase productivity and the quality of our service."

One significant challenge in the Training Academy's development has been in providing a Countywide training program to a vast County workforce of approximately 90,000. This program is in partnership with the California State Uni-

versity system, and allows employees access to training at local campuses. The joint effort between DHR and other departments extends to departmental management assisting with classroom instruction and employee training selection.

"It is my hope that the Academy, as it grows and expands, becomes part of our County culture, that it will be the engine to help drive the CAO's strategic planning process and that over time it will help to change the culture of County organization to make it more productive, more streamlined, and more customer service oriented.

It is my desire that once we get this fully up and going, every County employee sometime in their career at least once, maybe multiple times, will have some contact with the Academy."

This collaborative effort with the State University system is cost effective and improves participating employees' convenience by providing them with training facilities that are relatively close to their homes or work sites. Educators from the

universities used for training and other area campuses also serve as instructors.

Some of the other significant DHR projects that Mike has been involved with are the Human Services Academy, the Community Based Enterprise Education Program (CBEEP), and Community Based Job Fairs. The Human Services Academy provides selected high school juniors paid work experience in participating County departments, which helps facilitate self esteem and work-based learning. CBEEP furnishes junior, senior, and graduate students from six local universities with invaluable volunteer experience in County government while earning credit toward graduation in their fields of study. Community Based Job Fairs focus on presenting County employment opportunities to a broad spectrum of the public.

DHR recently reintroduced the first Countywide employee orientation



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Sheriff Baca Introduces In-Car Video System and "Cop-Cam"

Sheriff Lee Baca was joined by SEMCO Incorporated's top executives in discussing the in-car video system pilot program initiated at Temple Sheriff's Station.

"Our Department continues to move forward with new and useful technology to benefit Department members and the communities we serve," stated Sheriff Baca to reporters who witnessed the system in use.

Manufactured by SEMCO Incorporated, the in-car video system is actually a combination of two separate video systems that interact with each other. The first is the "Car-Cam" system, in which the video camera is mounted in the patrol

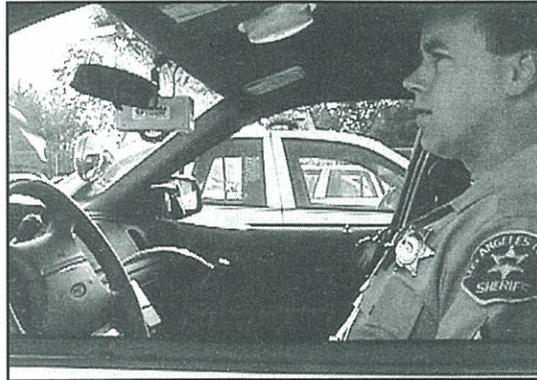
vehicle, taping the incident through the front windshield. The second is the "Cop-Cam" system, in which the video camera is mounted on the deputy's chest, videotaping the incident from the deputy's viewpoint. When activated, this system has the ability to tape incidents as they happen, regardless of where they occur in relation to the patrol car. The system also includes two audio microphones. One is mounted on the patrol car, while the second is worn on the deputy's uniform and is connected

to a transmitter worn on the belt. The "Car-Cam" and "Cop-Cam" systems record the incidents onto VHS tape, using a trunk-mounted VCR. Each tape is bar-coded for tracking purposes.

SEMCO Incorporated President William Tincup stated, "SEMCO is proud to be part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department team that intends to set the standard for future law enforcement."

Sheriff Baca added, "The purpose of these video systems is to document incidents as they occur. The

training and investigatory benefits gained by such systems are invaluable, and also assist in maintaining public trust."



Deputy Sheriff with the "Cop-Cam" on the front of his uniform. The In-Car Video System is on the front windshield.

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program in some 15 years. New employees from different departments went through a full day orientation that provided them with broad information about County government.

"In 1999 and earlier this year, we rolled out several training programs of significance; one is our Clerical Training Program, the other is a Division Chief Training Program. Later on in the year, we're going to roll out a HR Strategy Training Program and a HR Technical Training Program. These are multi-hour training programs that are aimed at elevating the knowledge of our employees to make them better managers and staff."

Many of the County's senior staff and managers have reached retirement age.

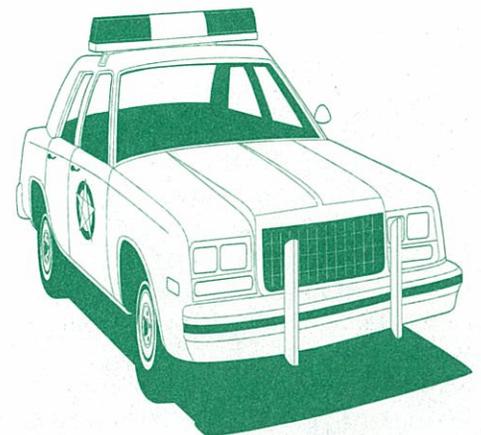
"This is creating opportunities for people in our County system currently and for those joining in the future. I think that

working for government is a very worthwhile experience and very fulfilling; it certainly has been for me."

Over the next few months, additional information about the Academy and different types of training opportunities will be included in the *County Digest*, on the Internet, and at department personnel offices.

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Retirees

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HUMAN RESOURCES/SAFETY POLICE: Alphonso McNair

INTERNAL SERVICES: Paul Gilbert, Albert R. Johnson, Robert E. Ruffin, Lewis E. Smith, Edward C. Tantraphol

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MENTAL HEALTH: Amelia Buenaventura, Mary J. Mahon, Guadalupe Tovar

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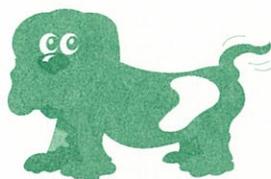
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SUPERIOR COURTS: Timothy D. Adams



Animal Adoption Reduced to \$27

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control has reduced the cost of animal adoptions in an effort to curtail the number of animals that end up in overcrowded County shelters. Under the new Save 2000 pet placement program, which is being funded by donations from private agencies, animal welfare foundations and some cities, adoptions that once cost up to \$100 or more are now available for the flat rate of \$27, including sterilization. The cost will be the same for a dog or cat, male or female, at a County animal shelter. The only additional charge is a \$10 to \$15 registration fee, required for all dogs over four months old. These adoption rates are significantly lower than those of other, privately operated adoption agencies in Southern California.

The Department is attempting to place more of their shelter animals in private homes, and promote spaying and neutering as a pet population control measure. They plan to keep adoption costs down as long as they can afford to do so. Those interested in supporting the Save 2000 campaign may send tax-deductible donations to the Animal Care Foundation, 11258 S. Garfield Avenue, Downey, CA 90254. For additional information on County pet adoptions, call (310) 523-9566.



Santa Monica Courts Move to New Airport Courthouse

The West District of Los Angeles Superior Court transferred some of its Santa Monica departments to the new courthouse located near LAX airport in February, 2000.

New phone numbers for the departments are as follows:

Criminal Clerk's Office -
(310) 727-6173 and (310) 727-6174
Department A - (310) 727-6106
Department C - (310) 727-6111
Department D - (310) 727-6114



Members of the Board

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Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
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Don Knabe
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Director of Personnel

Sandra A. Hoodye
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Mason Fong
Staff