

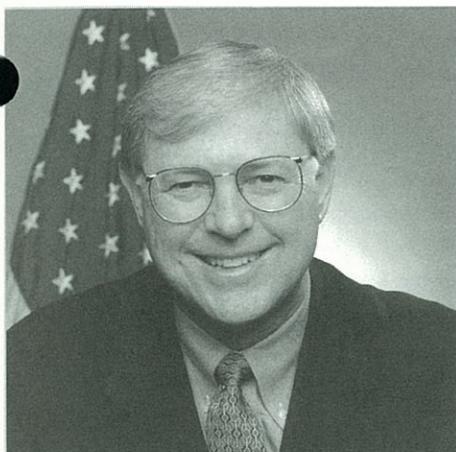
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SEPTEMBER 2000

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Supervisor Antonovich Hosts "Adoption Saturday"



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

On July 15, 2000, the Lancaster courthouse was the site of a very special event. Thirty-nine children had their adoptions finalized and were placed in permanent and loving homes.

This event was preceded by a news conference where Anita Bock, Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, Judge Chesley N. McKay and Referee Valerie Skeba joined Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich in welcoming the families who have waited months, if not years, to have their adoptions finalized.

Supervisor Molina Dedicates New Gym and Mural

Board of Supervisors Chair Gloria Molina, along with local residents, the arts community, and the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works, celebrated the blossoming of City Terrace Park. The once gang-ridden park is now a "first class" facility with \$4.5 million in improvements, including a new gym and the "Inner Resources" mural created by local artist and City Terrace resident Paul Botello.



Supervisor Gloria Molina thanks artist Paul Botello and community volunteers for helping to create the Inner Resources Mural at City Terrace Park.

The celebration was the culmination of several improvement phases that were initiated by Supervisor Molina in 1994. The improvements made were based on community input received at public workshops and were designed to meet the recreational needs of the surrounding community. The gym was built as part of the final phase of major improvements. The "Inner Resources" mural measures 36' by 82' and completes the park's enhancement project.

"We have come a long way since the days when the City Terrace community said they wanted their park back. Now, \$4.5 million later, I am proud

to say that in addition to the new gym, the community can now enjoy a first class recreational facility, adorned with a unique work of public art," said Supervisor Molina.

Artist Paul Botello was commissioned to create the mural for City Terrace Park through the Probation Department. Before designing and painting acrylic on one of the new gym's concrete exterior walls, he polled the community for their ideas and opinions.

"Their responses inspired and reaffirmed my own feelings for the theme of this mural. I have tried to

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Calendar of Events

Los Angeles County-Wide
Arts Open House
(213) 972-3099
www.lacountyarts.org

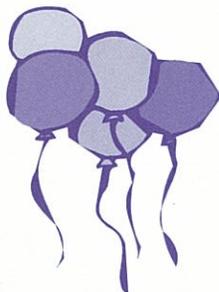
In celebration of
National Arts & Humanities Month
Various locations throughout the County
Over 100 performances, exhibitions, and
other cultural events free to the public
October 7, 2000

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer
Foundation Race for the Cure
(626) 577-2700
www.lackomenrace.org

Rose Bowl
October 15, 2000
9:30 a.m.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
(888) 778-5900
STRIDESLA@CANCER.ORG

A 5K walk around the Rose Bowl
October 29, 2000
9:00 a.m.



Los Angeles County Secretarial Council
(626) 821-4601 or (323) 267-2438

*Annual Boss-Secretary Luncheon**
October 12, 2000
11:30 a.m.

*Will be held at the Industry Hills
Sheraton, City of Industry

Los Angeles County
Transportation Program
(213) 974-1347

California Rideshare Week
October 2, 2000 through October 6, 2000

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

David Rogers' Big Bugs exhibit
Through November 30, 2000



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

Aida
Through September 28, 2000
Call for exact dates and times

Peter Grimes
October 18, 2000 through
November 4, 2000
Call for exact dates and times

La boheme
November 29, 2000 through
December 21, 2000
Call for exact dates and times

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

*Art Classes and Family Programs
for Children and Adults*
Call for exact dates and times

*Artists and Animals:
Photographs*
From the Permanent Collection
Through October 23, 2000

*"Made in California:
Art, Image, and Identity, 1900-2000"*
October 2000 through February 2001

*Sheila and Wally Weisman
Family Sundays*
Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
Call for exact themes

Family Gallery Tours
Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.
Call for exact dates

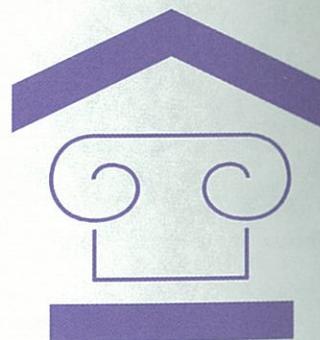
Autry Museum of Western Heritage
(323) 667-2000 extension 329
www.autry-museum.org

*On Gold Mountain:
A Chinese American Experience*
Through October 29, 2000

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

Savage Ancient Seas
Through October 9, 2000

Wildlife Photographer of the Year
Through November 5, 2000



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

*Revealing & Concealing:
Portraits & Identity*
Through December 31, 2000

*Jose Gurvich -
Drawings and Watercolors: 1947-1974*
September 26, 2000 through
December 31, 2000

Anita M. Bock, Director

Department of Children and Family Services

Anita M. Bock began her tenure as Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on November 1, 1999. DCFS is a complex agency with about 6,500 employees and an annual budget exceeding \$1 billion.

Bock joined DCFS at a time when the Department was experiencing a variety of challenges and was the focus of intense media scrutiny. She hit the ground running.

Even before completing a whirlwind tour of the Regional Offices, Command Post and other facilities around the County, Bock's presence began to be felt.

She is credited with a dramatic turnaround in employee morale and the implementation of a department-wide reorganization in structure and priorities.

Bock is determined to transform the agency into a nationally-recognized model for child protection programs, and expects the reorganization process to continue for some time.

"She brings to the job a number of qualities, including private and public sector experience," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. "I don't think that she will suffer bureaucratic waste and duplicity."

Bock recruited Robert Davis for the job of Chief Deputy Director for the department. Davis has the reputation of a no-nonsense manager and became the first Chief Deputy at DCFS.

"Bob is an experienced and capable administrator and I know that he will provide excellent leadership for our colleagues here at Children's Services," said Bock.

Bock received her master's degree in international business in 1983 and her law degree in 1988 from the University of Miami. She practiced law before becoming the Chief Executive Officer of a steel company. Before coming to the County, Bock served as



District Administrator of the Florida Department of Children and Families for seven years. In Miami, Bock was responsible for the management of the largest (Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties) social services district in Florida, with a staff of 4,200 and a budget of \$800 million.

The Florida Department, at various stages, managed all social services including mental health, substance abuse, foster care, child and adult protective investigations, juvenile delinquency programs, Medicaid programs, child welfare legal services and two large residential treatment facilities.

Bock also served as Interim Director of the Metatherapy Institute, Inc. and Metatherapy South Dade Housing for Homeless, Inc., a non-profit corporation under court receivership.

A passionate believer in teamwork, Bock has spent a good portion of time encouraging free expression and open, healthy discussions that she would like to be the hallmark of the Department. In a memorandum to all

staff upon her arrival, she wrote that "thinking, talking and acting together respectfully, we will begin immediately to improve our organizational structure, our management performance, and the quality of our work and working environment."

Bock is also determined to improve relationships with people and agencies outside the Department.

"We must work collaboratively if we are to serve our children well; the courts, other County departments and government agencies, the Children's Planning Council, the Commission for Children and Families, consumers of our services, providers with whom we contract for services and constituents who advocate with us for service excellence. I am committed to collaboration and I believe that open communication is a first critical step toward beginning a new era of heightened partnership among us."

Although she is aware that a great deal of change has taken place in a relatively short period of time, Anita Bock knows the job has just begun. She credits the support of the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Office for much of the progress that has been made, and is confident that with their continued assistance, the Department of Children and Family Services can look forward to a bright future. Bock is also quick to praise the employees of the Department whom she has come to know as talented, dedicated, hard working individuals committed to the care and welfare of children throughout the County. It is those children and their families, more than anyone, who place their trust and hopes in the new Director. Thus far, they have not been let down, and everyone associated with DCFS is enjoying a new optimism.

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The "Inner Resources" Mural

express the scope and fullness of the soul of our community, and to create a moving epic of our time and place. It's a work of art created by and for my community," said Botello. "Their wishes are conveyed through this mural, and many local residents gave their labor of love by painting alongside me. The

mural conveys the spirit, depth, and uniqueness of City Terrace, and it is fitting that this mural be a permanent fixture at this park," he said.

In addition to the new gym, a computer lab, and other existing amenities, the park received increased security lighting, a new parking lot and entrances, and colorful landscaping as part of the final improvements phase.

City Terrace Park was originally developed in 1933 by crews of the depression era and the Worker's Program Administration. It occupied 3 1/2 usable acres of terrace hacked from a rugged barren hill. Initial development reflected the poverty of the times: one restroom, recreation building, sandbox, and baseball field.

Today, the park is a 14-acre site with a community building, a gymnasium, two baseball diamonds, a dome, basketball courts, a swimming pool, picnic and barbecue areas, a computer lab, tennis courts, and a children's playground. The Department of Parks and Recreation plans to shape



Supervisor Gloria Molina and artist Paul Botello participate in the ribbon cutting.

the park into an arts learning center in the near future.

The dedication festivities included poetry by Maria Elena Fernandez, Olga Angelina Garcia Echevarria, and Richard Castaneros; music by Quetzal, ELA Sabor Music Factory, Therese Covarrubias and Rudy Medina; and dance by Azteca Dancers and the Esperanza Senior Club. Radio station 101.9 FM La Nueva was also on-site as part of the festivities.

For further information about park programs or future plans, contact City Terrace Park at (323) 260-2371.

New Public Works Division: A Fresh Look at the County's Water Basin

"The County has taken a whole new perspective on its approach to regional water issues," Supervisor Don Knabe recently announced.

From cleaning-up the deluge that courses through the County's flood control systems to containing the flood waters that often threaten public safety, the Watershed Management Division of the Department of Public Works will be the core of operations for the County's water resource management.

"Looking at Los Angeles County as a watershed [a single, integrated catchment area extending

from the mountains to the ocean], it's readily apparent that what happens upstream will have a measurable impact on the quality of water at the lower reaches of our County's rivers and channels," Supervisor Knabe explained. "We all learn about nature's water cycle in school. The County is just applying those principles in a comprehensive and ecologically responsible way."

Using that comprehensive approach, the Watershed Management



Watershed Management's administrative team joins Division Chief Rod Kubomoto (seated second from left).

Division will work with County residents, municipal bodies, community-based organizations and businesses to both educate stakeholders and identify innovative and long-range solutions to the County's water concerns.

County Pollworkers to the Rescue!

Would you like to be part of Democracy in Action this Election Day? County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny B. McCormack is once again seeking County employees to serve at polling places for the November 7, 2000 Presidential Election. Eligible County employees who volunteer to work at a polling location for approximately 14 hours on Election Day will receive their regular daily pay from their County Department and will be paid an additional stipend of \$55.

Experienced "County Pollworkers" can receive \$75 for serving as Inspector. Additionally, all volunteers who attend class will receive a \$25 training incentive.

One thousand one hundred (1,100) County employees from 39 Departments served in the March 7, 2000 Primary Election. County pollworkers serve as 11th hour recruits to fill in for pollworkers who drop out in the last days before the Election. The assigned location will, in

virtually all cases, be within ten miles of the employee's residence. Bilingual employees are in special demand and may be asked to serve at polls targeted for multilingual assistance required by the Voting Rights Act.

INTERESTED?

Call Betty Fletcher, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Polls Section at (562) 462-2511.

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HEALTH SCREENING



2nd ANNUAL
SENIOR
HEALTH FAIR



HEALTH SCREENING

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
2nd District

and

The Los Angeles County Commission
on Aging

present

The Los Angeles County-Wide Health Fair and Senior Festival

Thursday, October 19th, 2000
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

At the Museum of Natural History – Front Lawn
900 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90007

Mark your calendars for this **Special Day**
Especially for Senior Citizens, Ages 50 and over.

Enjoy the following activities *plus* even more surprises.

- Keynote Speakers • Public Service Booths • Vendors Booths
- Senior Entertainment and Talent Showcase
- Food & Refreshments • Free Health Screening

Further details about this exciting event will be mailed to you shortly –
in the meantime, reserve your bus and rally your Group Members.

Chairman Domingo Delgado – Co-chairman Phil Kent

For General Information, call **AAA* Senior Information & Assistance**
(213) 738-4004 or

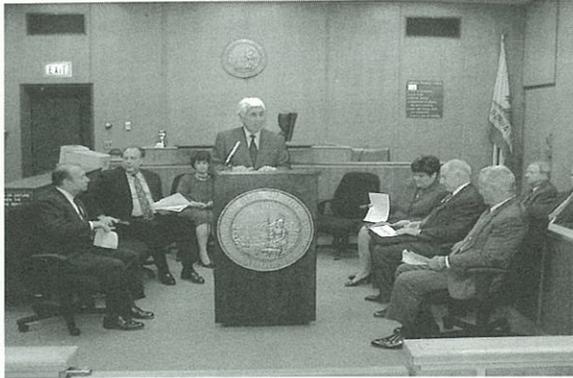
Call Pat Senett (213) 738-2947 with questions

Supervisor Burke Announces Opening of New Office

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke has announced the opening of her new LAX Field Office in the LAX Courthouse at 11701 La Cienega Boulevard, Room 103.

"I want people in the communities of Del Aire, El Camino Village, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lennox, Westchester and Wiseburn to know that this office is there especially to serve them," said Supervisor Burke. "Locating my new field office in the LAX courthouse building means that we'll be able to keep in closer touch with the people and affairs of this area."

Supervisor Burke has named Ta'Shara Murray as her field deputy in the LAX office. Murray may be contacted at (310) 727-6150, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Presiding Judge Victor E. Chavez (at podium) is joined by other dignitaries.

A new Family Law Information Center recently held its grand opening in Room 202 of the Norwalk Courthouse, located at 12720 Norwalk Boulevard.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Judge Victor E. Chavez.

Opening of Family Law Center at Norwalk Courthouse

Special guest speakers included California Chief Justice Ronald M. George, State Senator Martha M. Escutia, and Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Aviva K. Bobb and Dewey L. Falcone.

The Family Law Information Center provides family law information, referrals, legal forms and procedural guidance to the public. The failure to have access to legal resources prevents low-income litigants from fully understanding their rights and remedies in family law proceedings, thereby

restricting their access to justice.

Litigants are encouraged to visit the Center to determine their eligibility for various services. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed in the afternoon on Thursdays). For additional information, call (562) 807-7300.

This is the second Family Law Information Center to open in the County. The first opened in June 2000 at the County Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

Discover Marina del Rey 2000

Children and their parents will be treated to a cornucopia of games and other activities when the Department of Beaches and Harbors presents "Discover Marina del Rey 2000" on Sunday, October 15, 2000, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in beautiful Burton Chace Park.

Though most events can be enjoyed free, visitors wanting to use the popular inflatable games are asked to pay \$5 for a wrist-band. In addition to the inflatables, those with wrist-bands are entitled to cotton candy, popcorn, a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch (for the first 200 persons), and face painting. A wide array of food, soft drinks, and coffee will also be available for sale at the Park's food stand throughout the day.

Certain activities are scheduled at specific times:

- 10:30 a.m. - Crew races: UCLA, LMU, and local yacht clubs; crew boat ramp at Ballona Creek.
- 11:30 a.m. - The Venice HS choir.

- Noon - U.S. Coast Guard Helicopter Sea-Rescue demonstration.
- 12:30 p.m. - Outrigger canoe races, crew boat ramp at Ballona Creek.
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - the popular Erik Ekstrand swing band, Chace Park outdoor stage.
- 1 p.m. - the Dinghy Doo-Dah Parade: decorated dinghies will participate in a boat parade around the Marina, starting at Chace Park.

Events ongoing throughout the day include a dozen inflatable devices for young and old, demonstrations by Heal the Bay and other area environmentalist groups/organizations, magicians and clowns, as well as other youth activities coordinated by the Department's W.A.T.E.R. program, in conjunction with the Scout Base, Marina Library and Beach Arts. These activities will include story-time, face painting, a coloring contest, and crafts for young children.



"Discover Marina del Rey 1999"

In addition to the Marina Library, other County and State agencies will be present. The California Department of Fish and Game, the County Fire Department and its Lifeguard Service, and the Sheriff's Department will offer displays and demonstrations. The Department of Health Services will have booths with health exhibits. A blood mobile will be

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Guillermo Rivera

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Fred Rivera, Jessica Rivera (daughter), and Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Guillermo "Fred" Rivera has been a County employee for 14 years and is currently a Senior Electronic Audio Technician with the Communications System Support Division of the Internal Services Department. As lead technician for the Audio/Video and Security Maintenance Unit, he assigns and performs maintenance services on a variety of electronic devices including tele-video conferencing systems and satellite dishes. He frequently receives requests from departments and agencies to provide audio/video services at special events. As Rivera puts it, his position is "demanding, yet fulfilling."

"I have always thought that work performance was part of my job and was expected of me," noted Rivera. "This is in fact a great honor and probably a once in a lifetime opportunity for anybody to be commended as the Employee of the Month. I thank my Heavenly Father for the strength He provides."

He reviews engineering specifications with engineers and technicians, and ensures that his technicians have all essential supplies. He is a strong team player who makes the extra effort to support his co-workers with a happy and helpful attitude, e.g. once he completes his own audio set up, he assists other special events staff with their set up of chairs, stages, and stands.

The high standards Rivera sets for himself lead to a neat and precise work quality. He consistently demonstrates a high level of technical knowledge, is keenly familiar with all equipment locations, and sets a fine example for the technical staff.

"My greatest personal accomplishments have been marrying a great woman and being a father. My greatest professional accomplishments have been completing college and working with such an array of professionals in my field and other fields," commented Rivera. "My most rewarding personal experience has been being a father, not only to my biological children, but also to less fortunate children, one of whom we have adopted. Professionally, I would have to say keeping up with the changes in my career field and the joy of a job well done," stated Rivera.

He participates in Neighborhood Watch, is a Community Service Volunteer, and works with teens and young adults in the Drugs Outreach Program. His family cares for previously neglected, abused, and/or drug-addicted foster children, providing them with desperately needed love and affection. Rivera's volunteer work with his church consists of assisting the less fortunate and improving communities through graffiti removal, helping out in the town kitchen, working with drug abusers, and helping abused and neglected children.

"All I am, I owe to my Heavenly

Father and His son, Jesus Christ, and to Julie, my wonderful wife and companion for the last 25 years. I want to thank her for all her love and help, and to say 'I love you' to my children, William, Jessica and Geovanni," remarked Rivera. "To my fellow co-workers, [I want to say] I love and appreciate you, and [I want to thank] my bosses for their guidance and support. Finally, to all of our customers, I hope we have been able to take care of your needs in a timely manner."

Congratulations, Fred!



The Board of Supervisors has proclaimed Sunday, October 15, 2000, AIDS Walk Los Angeles Day in the County.

On this day, County employees, along with over 27,000 other walkers representing 700 corporate and public sector teams, will raise funds that will help provide comprehensive support services to more than 7,000 men, women and children living with HIV or AIDS. In 1999, the County raised over \$48,000 and was the number one government fundraising team in the nation.

In 2000, let's do it again! Join the County's AIDS Walk team on October 15, 2000 on the Sky Set of Paramount Pictures in Hollywood. The event, a ten kilometer (6.2 mile) walk, will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Erin Harkins, AIDS Walk Los Angeles, at (323) 466-9255 or contact your departmental coordinator.

The Sheriff's Department Resource Library

Recently, Sheriff Lee Baca participated in the formal dedication of the Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Resource Library. The resource library is a joint effort between the County Public Library and the Sheriff's Department to collect, archive and disseminate information electronically not only to members of law enforcement, but to the communities that have traditionally been void of computer and digital information resources.

The Law Enforcement Resource Library addresses the need for providing information resources for law enforcement personnel while meeting the informational needs of the community. Housed at the Sherman Block Sheriff's Headquarters Building in Monterey Park, the library will provide the ability to access the links, subscriptions and resource materials found within the Public Library.



Sheriff Lee Baca (far right); Wendy Romano, Acting County Librarian (second from right); and others prepare to cut the ribbon.

This project also includes the creation of satellite libraries within the public areas of local Sheriff's stations and custody facilities to provide much needed library services to the areas the Department serves. These satellite

computers will also have the capacity of accessing the Public Library data system, enabling the user to utilize the homework site and other areas of interest. As another step in the direction of Community Oriented Policing, it will provide an opportunity for the citizens of the County to empower themselves and become more self-educated and globally aware. In the safe and secure environment of local Sheriff's stations or custody facilities, members of the community can experience the benefits of the Public Library and develop a unique relationship with members of the Sheriff's Department on a positive level.

Supervisor Antonovich Chairs Adoption Summer Fest 2000

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On July 22, 2000, the Department of Children and Family Services held an Adoption Summer Fest at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sylmar. Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich served as the Chair of this successful, multi-cultural event. The goal of the event was to introduce foster children who need a permanent family to prospective adoptive parents in a child-sensitive environment.

Operation: Children, a volunteer women's group, was a co-sponsor of the event. Supervisor Antonovich gave a warm welcome to all in attendance and he presented a scroll to the group in appreciation of their support.

The Adoption Summer Fest

was attended by 67 children available for adoption and 69 hopeful families. The families attended by invitation and represent parents who have an approved adoption home study or are currently in an adoption preparation program with a licensed agency. This helps to ensure that the families are appropriate to participate and will be able to receive children into their home on a timely basis.

The children were entertained with a petting zoo, a train ride, arts and crafts, and games. A large group of volunteers from the Los Angeles Church of Christ assisted with the day's activities. A picnic-style lunch was served.

available for blood donors. The Department of Animal Care and Control will once again bring its popular Adopt-a-Pet program to the event, with adorable animals needing a home.

This is the third consecutive year that Beaches and Harbors has presented "Discover Marina del Rey Day," and it has become a very popular event with families. The Department would like to invite all County families to come out to Chace Park at the end of Mindanao Way on October 15, 2000 for a day of fun and sharing. There's something for everyone! Parking will be available in Lot 4 on Mindanao Way near the Park at a cost of \$2 for the day. For further information, call (310) 305-9545.

September 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:

BEACHES AND HARBORS:

Kenneth R. Johnson

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Caroline Rankin

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Kenneth M. Bell, Anthony W. Brunetti Jr., Marsh M. Goldstein

FIRE: Cody L. Ferguson, Charles L. Marshall Jr., Richard E. Partida, Gary F. Pierce, Michael R. Kidd

HEALTH SERVICES: Latelle J. Barton, Luella Craft, Peter A. Donman, Reynalda Guzman, Rosalinda Mediana, Angela A. Molina, Nancy Nagao, Clifford J. Stamper, Jean C. Taylor

HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY: Janice M. Cull, William A. McClure

INTERNAL SERVICES:

Alden R. Waldo

PARKS AND RECREATION: Joe T. Swoboda

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Sharon K. O'Brien, Laverne P. Powell, Hazel F. Sims, Judith A. Stephens

PUBLIC WORKS: John E. Engeman, George G. Jones Jr., Ricardo L. Murrieta

SHERIFF: Chad D. Carson, Louis C. Hooks, Leonard H. Kramer, Willie J. Witt, Hector A. Zabala

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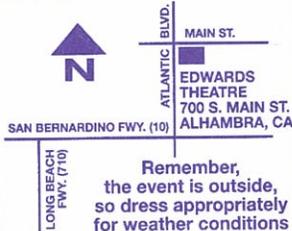
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: John A. Kincaid



You have a chance to make a difference by becoming a **Dream Maker** for the children of Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

Children and families often have needs that cannot be met through public funds; special medical needs, educational and self-esteem building experiences. Some of the children are in foster care and others reside in high-risk families.

One hundred percent of the profits from "All for the Love of Kids" benefits children and families.



Remember, the event is outside, so dress appropriately for weather conditions

You are cordially invited to attend
ALL FOR THE LOVE OF KIDS
"Making Dreams Come True"

Join Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich for dinner by Panda Express, entertainment and auction

Thursday, September 28, 2000

6:00P.M. to 9:00P.M.

EDWARDS THEATRE
700 West Main, Alhambra, CA 91801

To reserve your unforgettable evening use the enclosed ticket order/donation card

For information please call: 626-858-1366.

ASSESSOR: Felipe S. Flores, JoAnn A. Hunter

HEALTH SERVICES: Henry J. Astengo, Theresa Berthold, Nitaya Chitchakkol, Gloria Cole, Caroline B. Gonzales, Marie L. Hardwell, Bonita Kinum, Ollie V. Moore, Vicente Rochin, Jacinta A. Rosales, Henry L. Williams, Nieves C. Zabala

INTERNAL SERVICES: Louis Adams Jr., Peter H. Conrad
MUSEUM OF NATURAL

HISTORY: James D. Olson
PARKS AND RECREATION:

Elias Campos
PROBATION: Brian R. Blain, Otis L. Durham, Blanche L. Vazquez

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Stephanie M. Hampton

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Edythe Abblett, Aurora Alvarez, Yolanda Ramirez

SHERIFF: Michael L. Lee
SUPERIOR COURTS: Alfonso Perez

Do You Have a Toxic-Free Home?

Toxic.Free.Home.



County residents bring their household hazardous waste to a recent collection in Long Beach.

Do you have leftover old paint in your garage, dead batteries at the bottom of your kitchen drawer, solvents that you used once and don't know what to do with? Well, the Department of Public Works has the solution.

Public Works, together with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, conducts household hazardous waste collections serving all the communities in the County. Public Works' current TOXIC.FREE.HOME. campaign educates residents to make them smarter consumers when it comes to hazardous products.

The collection program has been in existence for more than ten years and has slowly grown from two collection events per year to an event almost every weekend. The collections are usually held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the locations rotate throughout the County.

The program is simple. Just find a convenient date and location using either the toll free hotline

(1-888-CLEAN-LA) or the Website (www.888cleanla.com). Pack your household hazardous waste into a sturdy box and drive over to the event. When you get there, you'll be directed right to the "hot zone" where friendly people in haz-mat suits will unload your vehicle. You don't even need to get out. That's it. You're on your way.

While Public Works' short term goal for the program is to ensure household hazardous waste is disposed of properly, the long term goal is to educate residents to be better consumers regarding household hazardous products. In the end, the program hopes to help residents reduce their need for collection events and at the same time help them reduce their negative impact on the environment.

The following are simple tips the program offers to help consumers make smarter choices:

- Check the label before you buy a product. Look for words such as caution, danger, flammable, or poisonous. Once you buy a product, you are legally responsible for its proper disposal.
- If a product is hazardous, look for safer, nontoxic alternatives. For example, choose water-based products over solvent-based products, **or** use a mixture of water, lemon juice and cornstarch to clean windows instead of a store-bought cleaner.
- Buy just what you need to do the job. Use up what you already have before you buy more. If you have leftovers, give them to a friend, neighbor, or charity that can use them.
- Be smart when you use hazardous products. Think of your safety, the

safety of children, and the potential impact on the environment. For example, if you are applying pesticides to your lawn, be careful of children that may play in the yard later. Be aware that rain or over-watering can cause pesticide-contaminated runoff to flow from your yard into the storm drain and into the ocean.

By purchasing fewer toxic products and making your own alternative cleaning products, you can have your own TOXIC.FREE.HOME.

Collection Dates and Locations

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

Lawndale - Lawndale Public Works Department

4722 Manhattan Beach Boulevard
September 30, 2000

Walnut - Mt. San Antonio College
Parking Lot B, 1100 N. Grand Avenue
October 7, 2000

Agoura - Calabasas Landfill
5300 Lost Hills Road
October 8, 2000

Acton - High Desert School*
3620 Antelope Woods Road
October 14, 2000

Palmdale - Lockheed Martin Skunkworks
1011 Lockheed Way
October 14, 2000

Inglewood - Hollywood Park
Gate 7A, West 90th Street
(east of Prairie Avenue)
October 21, 2000

Pasadena - Rose Bowl Parking Lot K
1001 Rose Bowl Boulevard
October 28, 2000

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DHS Report Identifies Health Determinants

A report assessing the health of County residents and outlining the factors that influence health was released by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The report, *The Health of Angelenos*, outlines the behavioral and social factors that influence health, highlights disparities in health outcomes between racial/ethnic and socioeconomic groups, and among vulnerable groups such as children, adolescents and seniors.



“This report provides a comprehensive assessment of our County’s health status that will be used by both public and private organizations to help define health-related priorities and formulate new or revised policies and programs,” said Mark Finucane, Director of DHS. “The findings in this report will help us meet our goal of improving the health of residents of Los Angeles County.”

The report describes health status, health risks, medical care access and the broader health determinants such as poverty and income disparities, social status and social support and environmental conditions.

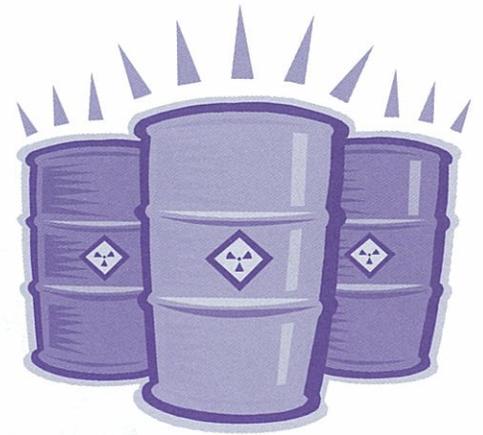
“Reducing and eliminating the significant health disparities between racial and ethnic groups in our County is among the department’s highest priorities,” said Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Public Health and County Health Officer. “This tool will engage community members, public and private organizations and government officials to recognize and find solutions for our common health problems.”

Data highlights include:

- Thirty percent of Latinos, 27 percent of Asian/Pacific Islanders, 18 percent of African Americans, and 12 percent of whites consider their health to be fair or poor.
- Half of all Angelenos are overweight.
- Eighteen percent of adults smoke cigarettes.
- Heart disease mortality for African Americans (213.1 per 100,000) in the County is nearly twice as high as that of whites (128.3) and three times that of Latinos (73.8).
- The County had over 162,000 live births in 1997, which was 31 percent of all live births in California that year. Medi-Cal paid for the prenatal care for the mothers of half of these births.
- Intentional injuries, e.g. homicide and suicide, account for 54 percent of all injury deaths; the other 46 percent of injury deaths are the result of unintentional injuries, e.g. motor vehicle crashes, poisonings and falls. This pattern is unlike other jurisdictions in the United States in that mortality from intentional injuries is higher than from unintentional injuries.
- The 1998 incidence of AIDS among African American men (101 per 100,000) was nearly three times that of Latino men (39) and white men (34).

“This report demonstrates the extent of the department’s commitment to assess and generate high-quality data,” said Paul Simon, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology. “This data will be a resource to planning effective strategies to improve health and will allow us to monitor changes in health status over time, as well as report our progress to residents.”

The report is being distributed to community-based organizations, public agencies, schools, social service providers, policy makers at the state and local level and academics.



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Bellflower - Simm’s Park
Clark Avenue and Oak Street
November 4, 2000

Monterey Park - East Los Angeles College Stadium Parking Lot
Bleakwood Avenue and Floral Drive
November 11, 2000

Covina - WalMart Overflow Parking Lot
1275 Azusa Avenue
(just south of Arrow Highway)
November 18, 2000

El Segundo - Raytheon Corporation Parking Lot G
Hughes Way off Sepulveda Boulevard
November 18, 2000

Malibu - Civic Center Parking Lot (Rear)
23519 West Civic Center Way
December 2, 2000

La Verne - Brackett Field
Fairplex Drive & West McKinley Ave.
December 9, 2000

Lomita - Lomita City Hall Parking Lot
24300 Narbonne Avenue
December 16, 2000

September 2000: Library Card Sign Up Month



(L to R) Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke; Wendy Romano, Acting County Librarian; and Roger Woelfel, Acting Assistant Director of Public Services, Public Library.

September 2000 has been proclaimed "Library Card Sign-Up Month" throughout the County by the Board of Supervisors. The County has joined the American Library Association campaign to encourage people of all ages to visit their local libraries and register for a library card. Children who register for a new library card between now and October 15, 2000 will receive a free gift (while supplies last).

Mailing Address Change



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Citrus and Newhall Courthouses

Open Domestic Violence Clinics

West Covina and Newhall residents are now provided with free assistance when applying for temporary restraining orders. Victims of domestic violence may obtain the necessary forms, receive assistance in filling them out, and apply for temporary restraining orders at their local courthouse.

The opening of the Citrus Clinic means West Covina residents will no longer have to travel to the Pomona Courthouse for this service, which is especially important in emergency situations. The Clinic is open every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is located in Room 111, across from the District Attorney's Office. All hearings are scheduled on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. before Judge Rolf Treu in Division 5 of the Citrus Courthouse, located at 1427 West Covina Parkway in West Covina.

With the opening of the Newhall Clinic, area residents are free

from traveling to the San Fernando Courthouse, which is especially important in emergency situations. The Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and hearings are scheduled Monday through Friday at 1:30 p.m. before Commissioner Thomas White in Division Four of the Newhall Courthouse, located at 23747 West Valencia Boulevard in Valencia. This is the second courthouse in the North Valley District with a Domestic Violence Clinic.

The Citrus and Newhall Courthouses are among the first former Municipal Courthouses to open Domestic Violence Clinics. There are currently Domestic Violence Clinics in all but one of the 12 Los Angeles Superior Court Districts. The North District, which is the only District without a Domestic Violence Clinic, has plans to implement one when space becomes available.



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