

County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

San Dimas Canyon Nature Center Dedicated

On a clear and balmy December day, while others scurried around completing holiday preparations, more than 200 people gathered at the San Dimas Canyon Park to celebrate the grand opening of a brand new nature center building. County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich welcomed visitors to the opening which was enhanced with authentic Native-American performances and ended with a complimentary barbecue buffet.

Rodney E. Cooper, the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, congratulated audience members on having made the creation of the new facility possible through their support of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Acts (Proposition A). The measures provided the nearly \$1.2 million in funding that was required for the project which consists of a 2,600 square-foot nature center building replacing, yet matching in design, the former facility. However, rather than demolish the nearly 50-year-old rustic cabin-like structure which had housed nature center operations previously, it will now be utilized for offices, storage and animal food preparation.

Included in the new building are a multipurpose room with informative interpretive displays, office space, gift shop, kitchen and an outdoor classroom area. Other improvements extend to the installation of irrigation and sewer systems, a fire pump and widening of the access road leading up to the nature center.

Although the department provides staffing for the park, all of the interesting and educational nature programs offered would not be possible without the assistance of the many

volunteers who come through organizations associated with the nature center. Nature Center Associates raise funds through special events and operation of the nature center gift shop, the proceeds of which are used in the provision of animal care and enclosures for resident birds and animals. They also lead the public on tours of the nature center facilities. Members of Wild Wings of California handle the rescue and rehabilitation of injured or sick indigenous birds and the raising and releasing of abandoned young birds. This organization is one of the few groups licensed to give this type of care. The Junior Rangers Program prepares young docents (naturalists) who are educated to conduct tours of the facility and participate in outreach programs at schools and special events in the community. Over the past five years, more than 100 youths have completed this program.



Mayor Michael D. Antonovich (third from right) cuts the ribbon officially opening the new San Dimas Canyon Nature Center building.

Visitors to the nature center will find an animal sanctuary for injured indigenous animals and birds, enjoy guided tours and animal shows and view exhibits of mammals, birds, insects, rocks, live reptiles and amphibians. Interpretive displays explain answers to such questions as "What's under the bark on a tree?" through actual examples found beneath liftable panels.

The park also offers hikers an interesting, one-mile nature trail which loops around the nature center, beginning within an oak woodland and extending into the chaparral of the nearby foothills.

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Calendar of Events

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

*Women and Modernity: In and Around
German Expressionism*
Through April 8, 2001

Century in Fashion: 1900-2000
Through January 5, 2003

"Made in California: Now"
Through September 9, 2001

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

Guilio Cesare
February 23, 2001 through
March 10, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

Don Pasquale
April 11, 2001 through
April 29, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
(213) 202-2287
www.performingartscenterla.org

The Family Series
February 3, 2001 through
June 16, 2001
Call for exact dates and times



*Alvin Ailey
American Dance Theater*
March 14, 2001 through
March 18, 2001

Mark Taper Forum
(213) 628-2772
www.taperahmanson.com

Glimmer, Glimmer and Shine
Through March 4, 2001

Ahmanson Theatre
(213) 628-2772
www.taperahmanson.com

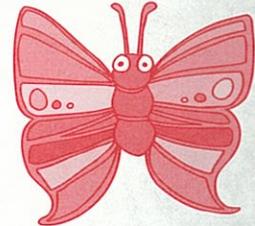
Romeo & Juliet
Through March 18, 2001

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

A T. Rex Named Sue
Through April 22, 2001

*Synthia Saint James:
Recent Picture Books*
Through March 25, 2001

*A Communion of the Spirits:
African-American Quilters, Preservers,
and Their Stories*
March 16, 2001 through
September 3, 2001



*"Pavilion of Wings"
Butterfly House*
April 28, 2001 through
September 3, 2001

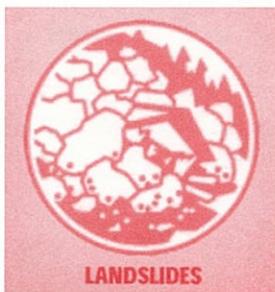
Autry Museum of Western Heritage
(323) 667-2000 extension 329
www.autry-museum.org

*Out of the Mist: Native People of the
Pacific Northwest*
February 24, 2001 through
June 10, 2001

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

Resolutions: A Stitch in Time
Through April 29, 2001

Preparing For All Hazards: Landslides



Burn areas, canyons, hillsides, mountains and other steep areas are vulnerable to landslides and mud slides. You can reduce the potential impacts of land movement by taking steps to remove yourself from harms way.

Develop a family plan that includes out-of-state contacts and evacuation routes, store emergency supplies and an evacuation kit that include important documents and irreplaceable items such as photographs or other family mementos.

Monitor the amount of rain during intense storms (more than 3 or 4 inches per day can trigger mud slides.) Look for geological changes near your home such as new springs, tilted trees or new holes on hillsides. Remember: make your health and safety and that of your loved ones your top priority.

For more information on the Earthquake Survival Program (ESP), contact your local Office of Emergency Services.

February 2001 Los Angeles County Employee Voter Registration Month

On January 30, 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved the motion by Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke to proclaim the month of February 2001 as "Los Angeles County Employee Voter Registration Month." Underscoring the formation of a unique partnership between management and labor, representatives from SEIU were on hand to accept the resolution on behalf of all County Labor Organizations.

Supervisor Burke noted that registering to vote is one of the most basic rights and obligations of a U.S. citizen and only by participating in our electoral process can we ensure that the richness of our communities' voices are heard. It is

estimated that thousands of County employees are not registered to vote.

Any citizen 18 years or older should be registered. Those who have moved with the county or changed their last name must re-register to vote using the new information. Supervisor Burke also stated that voter registration forms could be picked up from County human resources offices, libraries, designated Public Social Services offices or from union representa-

tives. As a government institution, it is incumbent upon us to do everything in our power to encourage our employees to register to vote.



MUSIC·CENTER

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Music Center will be the official name of the downtown Los Angeles performing arts complex that comprises the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Mark Taper Forum, Ahmanson Theatre and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, which is currently under construction. The change, which was made with the agreement of the Performing Arts Center Board of Directors and the resident companies, became effective January 1, 2001.

The Music Center name will be accompanied in all graphics material and signage with the descriptive tagline, Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County.

The Music Center changed its name to the Performing Arts Center of Los

Angeles County in the fall of 1999 when The Music Center, Inc. and The Music Center Operating Company merged. It was felt the Performing Arts Center name better reflected the full range of performances and arts education offered at the Center.

Music Center President Joanne Kozberg explained that an extensive marketing campaign would be required before the public became aware of the change in the Center's name.

"Our market research this year told us that we have a great deal of equity in the Music Center name," Kozberg noted. "We had 35 years of positive community familiarity. To change the existing Music Center brand would demand considerable resources which we feel will be better used on other priorities."

The decision to return to the name The Music Center was also motivated by the fact that so many arts organizations use the Performing Arts Center name.

"By trying to change our name," Kozberg said, "we had created an identity void. 'The Music Center' has an enviable community recognition that we value."

Opened in 1964, The Music Center is a public/private partnership with the County of Los Angeles. Each year, The Music Center welcomes more than 1.6 million people to performances by its acclaimed Resident Companies and, in addition, provides the finest in arts education to more than 1.3 million students and teachers each year in schools and community centers throughout the region.

Relief Efforts for Victims of the El Salvador and India Earthquakes

County employees can make a big difference to victims of catastrophic disasters. As you know, the devastating earthquakes in El Salvador and India caused great loss of life and disruption to many families. The best way for people to help the victims of these disasters is by making a financial donation to the American Red Cross. Donations may be made by calling 1-800-HELPNOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish language). Individuals wishing to

help can also send a check made out to the International Response Fund to their local Red Cross Chapter. In Los Angeles checks may be sent to the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles and mailed to 2700 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90057. Checks may be earmarked for El Salvador or India earthquake relief.

The Red Cross cannot accept donations of goods because of the

difficulty of storing them and moving them to the disaster areas. Cash donations allow the Red Cross to make an immediate impact on the affected areas, stimulate the local economy, and buy what is necessary to help those in need.

Below is a partial list of organizations that accept donations to provide relief. A longer list is on the internet at www.interaction.org.

Catholic Relief Services
1-800-736-3467
www.catholicrelief.org

Operation USA
1-800-678-7255
www.opusa.org

United Way International
1-800-892-2757 Ext. 595
www.uwint.org

Salvation Army World Services
1-800-SALARMY
www.tsaworldservices.com/

Doctors Without Borders
1-888-392-0392
www.doctorswithoutborders.org



American Red Cross International
Response Fund
1-800-HELPNOW or
1-800-257-7575 (Spanish)
www.redcross.org

Church World Service
1-800-297-1516
www.churchworldservice.org

World Vision
1-888-56-CHILD
www.worldvision.org

Jewish World Service
1-800-889-7146
www.ajws.org

CARE
1-800-521-2273
www.care.org



Alvin Ailey Discount Tickets



The Music Center is pleased to offer a special discount to County Employees for performances of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater under the Artistic director of Judith Jamison and Associate Artistic director Masazumi Chaya. There will be a 10% discount available to County Employees.

| | | | Reg. Price | 10% Disc |
|-----------|--------|---------------------|------------|----------|
| 3/14/2001 | 8:00pm | Founders/Orch VIP | \$75.00 | \$67.50 |
| 3/15/2001 | 8:00pm | Orchestra Center | \$65.00 | \$58.50 |
| 3/16/2001 | 8:00pm | Orchestra Side/Rear | \$55.00 | \$49.50 |
| 3/17/2001 | 2:00pm | Loge | \$45.00 | \$40.50 |

The number of discounted tickets available is limited and offered only while supply lasts.

To purchase discounted tickets, County Employees may come to the box office at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion with their current identification cards or go to the Center's Ailey Website at www.performingartscenterla.org/ailey/, print the order form and fax it to the box office with a copy of their ID. Box office fax number is (213) 972-7670.

This discount is not available on Ticketmaster or at Ticketmaster outlets.

Supervisors Rename County Library in Honor of the Late Julian Dixon

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to rename one of the County's largest public libraries in honor of the late Congressman Julian Dixon.

"Congressman Dixon worked closely with many of the educational institutions, libraries, and other entities that positively impact the lives of thousands of children," said Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. "This library is one of the County's largest and busiest, and it's

also located in Julian's 32nd Congressional District. I think it's a very fitting tribute to rename this library in his memory."

Culver City Library is designated a "Super 8" library by the County, which means it is one of the main resource collection libraries in the County system, with one of the larger book collections. The library houses the Sony Pictures Homework Center, considered a showpiece for an

effective and successful homework center. Located at 4975 Overland Avenue in Culver City, the library has nearly 190,000 books and draws more than 280,000 walk-in visits every year.

Congressman Dixon passed away December 8, 2000. He was known as one of Los Angeles' most effective advocates for federal funding for education, culture and public transportation.

Supervisor Knabe Donates Blood



Supervisor Don Knabe successfully donated blood.

Supervisor Don Knabe (4th District) rolled up his sleeve on January 29, 2001 in a partnership with the American Red Cross, calling attention to one of the most critical blood supply shortages in our region's history.

Heavy winter storms and a post-holiday dip in blood donations nationwide have seriously threatened the country's blood supply, impacted trauma patient care and postponed surgeries in hospitals throughout the Southland. Following the announcement of a major County blood drive initiative, Supervisor Knabe donated blood along with 100 Sheriff's Deputy recruits from class 318.

Senior Citizen Parking



Senior citizens are advised that they may park free in all parking lots at County beaches operated by the Department of Beaches and Harbors. Seniors must be over the age of 62 and have a driver's license to obtain a free permit from Five Star Parking, the Department's parking lot contractor.

The permit is honored at all County lots monitored by an attendant, Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Interested seniors should contact Five Star Parking at (310) 821-1081 to make an office appointment to secure a permit or receive information on how to apply by mail. Seniors may also walk into the Five Star office on Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The office is located at 14110 Palawan Way in Marina del Rey.



February 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:** Philip T. Livesey

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:

Ann M. Ach, Shirley Haverly,
Janice L. Sheldon

COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:

D. M. Fisher, Susan K. Jones

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Patrick S. Byrne, Gilbert I. Garcetti,
James R. Martinez, Michael Pargament,
Flora D. Payne

FIRE: Terry L. Deschamps,

Don D. Doppenberg, Charles R. Garvey,
Jerry D. Greenelsh, Larry W. Horne,
Matt Kearns, John S. Laur,
Richard L. Moore, Paul R. Neil,

Ronnie B. Patterson, Joseph D. Steed

HEALTH SERVICES: A. D. Adams,
Barbara C. Eastman, Mason H. Johnson,
Gailya Mayfield, Jewellean Mc Covern,
Dong S. Paik, Sandra E. Phillips,
Elvira Pruitt

INTERNAL SERVICES:

Maureen C. Dickson, Arthur D. Eng,
Anne M. Tomek

LIBRARY: Leon Brown

MENTAL HEALTH: Cheryl Morris,
Priscilla Ridgeway

PARKS & RECREATION:

James Noon

PROBATION: Barney G. Bartelle,
Dennis A. Dumontier, Alan P. Ortolani

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Kenneth Green, Norman Koplof

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

Velma T. Harris, Anna C. Henderson,
Thomas W. Marnon, Annie L. Marshall,
Brenda D. Rosenfeld, Catherine Troutman,
Judith A. Wheeler

PUBLIC WORKS: Donald S. Carpenter,
Jean A. Granucci, David J. Mings

REGIONAL PLANNING:

William H. Miller

REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY

CLERK: Dianne J. Barnard

SHERIFF: John J. Anthony,

Dennis L. Beene, Ennie V. Byrd,
Douglas G. Estona, Harold J. Hladky,
Gerald W. Lunceford, Benny E. Nottingham,
Augustine C. Ramirez, Eileen Rhodes,
Freddie L. Sherman, Robert J. Spierer,
Genevieve L. Stevens, Estella M. Thomas

SUPERIOR COURT:

Lee E. Anderson, Ellen G. Caldwell,
Kenneth T. Naito, Aretta J. Rosenbaum

TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:

Rita Mc Clintock

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of Los Angeles County:

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:

Herma Ochoco

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Menardo Asuncion, Henry S. Moraga,
Frank E. Sundstedt Jr.

FIRE: Patrick E. Garvey,

Carl I. Underdahl, Dennis L. Vlach

HEALTH SERVICES:

Koolya Kampanth, Annie D. Sharpe,
Sallie M. Slater

HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ernest Moszckley

INTERNAL SERVICES:

Alfredo V. Bulaon, Hip S. Lui

LIBRARY: Clairene A. Almond

MENTAL HEALTH: Sherry F. Dotson

PARKS & RECREATION:

Steven F. Stroud

PROBATION: Thomas W. Aiken,

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

Victoria Akiike, Richard J. Bawek,
Terry Tubbs

PUBLIC WORKS: Paulina G. Gonda

SHERIFF: Lawrence Arviso,

Bill E. Chaney, Michael D. Cole,
Gary Hiraiwa, Robert J. Mitchell,

Vincent Polito Jr., Eric D. Spence,

Velma Perdomo, Doreen M. Thigpen,

Blanche Wilson-Payne

SUPERIOR COURT:

Margarita M. Cancel, Alfonso Perez

TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:

Ella L. Carodine

Energy Crisis Reminder



The Department of Public Works is issuing a safety reminder to motorists on what to do if they encounter non-working traffic signals at intersections that could be affected because of the current energy crisis.

“Any dark intersection should be treated as an all-way stop sign,” according to Harry W. Stone, director of Public Works. The California Vehicle Code requires drivers approaching an intersection with a non-working signal to stop.

They may proceed with caution when it is safe to do so. When two vehicles enter the intersection at the same time from different roads, the driver on the left must yield the right of way to the driver on his/her right.

“This is just a precautionary reminder,” added Stone. “Every driver has come across this before and they know what to do, but a timely reminder of these rules will help keep everyone safe and traffic moving.”

Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health Center Dedicated

Seven years to the day after the Northridge Earthquake, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, joined by Los Angeles County Director of Health Services Mark Finucane and other officials, dedicated the brand new Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health Center, a 52,200-sq. ft. state-of-the-art clinic which will serve the San Fernando Valley with a variety of primary health care services.

The new Health Center will replace the County's original facility on the same site at 7515 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, which was severely damaged in the January 17, 1994 earthquake and subsequently condemned and demolished. The new Mid-Valley Health Center was rebuilt at a construction cost of \$7.5 million by H.A. Lewis, Inc., and a total cost of \$11 million including design work. Funding for the project came from the County's insurance settlement and FEMA/OES (Federal Emergency Management Agency/Office of Emergency Services) reimbursements.

"This is great day for health care in the San Fernando Valley," Yaroslavsky declared. "We've been calling it the 'hub,' but Mid-Valley is really the heart of our Valley Care program, which has never been complete without a fully functional Mid-Valley Comprehensive Center."



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky cuts the ribbon officially opening the Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health Center.

Valley Care is the County's network of public facilities and private clinic partners serving the San Fernando Valley community.

Yaroslavsky noted that since the Northridge earthquake, despite losing its building, Mid-Valley maintained its efforts to serve the San Fernando Valley community, initially from tables in the parking lot, then from tents, later from trailers, and finally from leased space in a nearby office

building until the new facility was completed. Despite it all, no patient appointments were canceled, with pediatrics, adult, women's services (prenatal, family planning, gynecology), walk-in/triage and immunizations continuously available.

Today, Yaroslavsky said, the new Mid-Valley clinic - the largest County outpatient in the San Fernando Valley - would restore services to pre-earthquake service levels of more than 90,000 outpatient visits annually. Nearly half a million uninsured residents live in the San Fernando Valley, including 122,000 uninsured children, fully 25% of the juvenile population.

Services to be offered include walk-in care, a pharmacy and radiology/ultrasound; specialty care including endocrinology/diabetology, neurology, and cardiology; dental care, podiatry, pediatrics/immunizations, prenatal and gynecology services; and opening this spring, an optometry clinic.

The clinic's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Serving the low-income uninsured population, the clinic's modest fees are based on a sliding scale according to the client's ability to pay.



Supervisor Yaroslavsky unveils the plaque commemorating the Mid-Valley Comprehensive Health's opening.

A Glimpse Of Local History On-Line

The story of a community is told through both public and personal records. Letters, diaries, scrapbooks, birth certificates, deed registrations, press reports, and a myriad of other documents forge the links of local history.

The County Public Library has worked to identify and preserve the materials in our County communities that open the doors to the past. The Library is making some of those materials available to the public via the County Library Web site. Digitized images of community landmarks, events and historic documents are displayed on the local history Web sites for 15 of the communities served by the County Library. The Web sites also provide information on the histories of each of the communities. The represented communities are Antelope Valley/Lancaster, East Los Angeles, Carson, Catalina Island/Avalon, Claremont, Gardena, La Puente

Valley/Hacienda Heights, Las Virgenes/Agoura Hills, Pico Rivera, Lakewood, San Fernando, San Gabriel, South Gate, and Willowbrook.



The Community History Web sites can be found by entering the County Library Web site at www.colapublib.org and clicking on the "Community History" button.

Dr. Gabrielle Carey, a consultant from History Associates Incorporated, has organized and administered the Local History project, working in conjunction with the Library's Collection Development

Coordinator Phyllis Young. Dr. Carey has collected data from the areas served by the 84 County community libraries and 4 bookmobiles. Some of these materials will be developed into local history Web sites for other County communities in the future. In addition to the on-line materials, Dr. Carey developed a printed guide to the various local history collections housed in the County community libraries. This guide makes the materials more accessible to the public.

"Local history items are significant to each community," noted Dr. Carey. "These materials have been placed in the care of the community libraries. Preservation of these often fragile materials is an important focus of this project. One role of the library is to preserve our past."

The Local History project was funded by a federal grant awarded by the State Library.

Third Annual Multicultural Conference

Several County departments are sponsoring the Third Annual Multicultural Countywide Conference on diversity issues on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12, 2001, at the Wilshire Grand Hotel and Centre, located at 930 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles.



The theme of the Conference is "Accessibility and Accountability: Multiculturalism, Seeing the Unseen, Hearing the Unheard." The program will feature dynamic speakers and workshops that will provide an opportunity to learn about

solutions to conflict, crime and violence in our schools, the workplace and our lives. The cost is \$100 per person and enrollment is limited to 550 participants. For registration information, call (213) 738-2883.

The conference is sponsored by the Office of Affirmative Action, Alternate Public Defender, Department of Beaches and Harbors, Department of Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Community Development Commission/Housing Authority, Consumer Affairs, County Counsel, District Attorney, Fire Department, Department of Health Services, Internal Services Department, Department of Mental Health, Military and Veterans Affairs, Museum of Natural History, Office of Education, Probation Department, Public Defender, Public Library, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Public Works, and Superior Court.

Mailing Address Change



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

County DIGEST

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Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 893-2257
(213) 613-4789 FAX

The DIGEST is available online at
<http://hr.co.la.ca.us>

Window Security Bars and Fire Safety Tips

The Sheriff's Department would like to make everyone aware of the danger in installing window security bars. It is understandable and important that extra precautions be used to protect ones homes and valuables without compromising safety.

"We also need to stop and realize that security bars on windows prevent us from escaping a fire and inhibits firefighters from rescuing victims," said Sheriff Baca.

Here are a few tips:

- When purchasing window security bars, look for a quick release handle that allows you to exit from inside the structure.

- We strongly urge anyone with window security bars without a quick release mechanism, to replace them. It is now illegal to install window security bars without a quick release mechanism.

- Teach every household member to open the window security bars in total darkness; it may be necessary to do so in a fire or other disaster.

- Perform monthly maintenance of the window security bar's release mechanism.

- Do not paint over the window frame or nail shut any windows which may keep you from opening the window.

- Do not place any heavy items or furniture directly in front of a window.

- Install fire alarm detectors in every room of your house.

- Organize an escape plan in case of a fire and perform monthly drills.

"Keeping these tips in mind will make each person less likely to be trapped inside a burning structure," said Sheriff Baca. "People should be aware of their surroundings, constantly thinking about safety and security."

County Library Offers Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Do you know a teenager who is looking for experience as a community leader? If so, send them to a County Library.

The County Public Library has launched a curriculum-based community service volunteer program for teenagers. The program incorporates specific skills to prepare students for the workforce and/or future academic success. At this time, volunteer experiences will help students increase self-esteem and gain a sense of community. Initial program implementation includes 15 County community libraries.



The Family Series

The Music Center Education Division launched The Family Series, including two low-cost Saturday morning performance programs for families, made possible by a generous grant from The Annenberg Foundation.

Both offer spellbinding storytellers, whimsical puppets, marvelous musicians, amazing acting troupes and dazzling dancers that make learning fun for children, parents, grandparents and friends!

The *Pillow Theatre* series is for families with children ages three through six and includes three Saturday morning performances, March 17, April 28 and May 19, presented amid colorful pillows in the Grand Hall of The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 North Grand, downtown Los Angeles. The cost is \$18 per person for the entire series.

The *Young Arts* series is for families with older children, ages seven through 12. It takes place on four Saturdays, February 3, March 10, April 7 and June 16, at Zipper Concert Hall at the Colburn School of Performing Arts, 200 South Grand Avenue, downtown Los Angeles. The cost is \$24 per person for all four performances.

Tickets are on sale at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Box Office. Call (213) 202-2287 for information on ordering by mail or print the order form from: www.performingartscenterla.org.

Library staff report that the number of high school students requesting community service opportunities is increasing. Some are following a family pattern of volunteerism. Others seek to augment their resumes for college applications. A growing number work to meet school-based community service requirements aimed at broadening students' knowledge and perspective through volunteer activities. The Library's teen volunteer program responds to this need.

The County Library program was designed by noted UCLA educators Dr. Virginia Walters and Dr. Natalie Furner. The program is funded by a \$90,000 federal Library Services and Technology Act grant awarded to the County Library through the California State Library. For additional information on the Library's teen volunteer program, please call Library Youth Services at (562) 940-8522.



Michelle Guymon

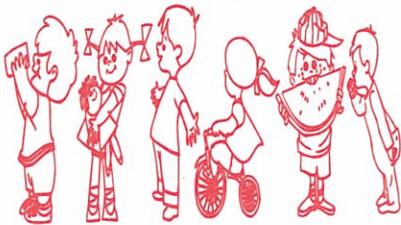
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Michelle Guymon has worked for the County for 11 years and is presently a Deputy Probation Officer II for the Probation Department. She is currently assigned to the Central Placement Unit as a Mental Health Consultant and sits on the Mental Health Screening Committee at Metropolitan State Hospital. She also is a Probation Consultant to the Metropolitan State Hospital, Harbor View Group Home, Mid-Valley Youth Center, Boys to Men Group Home, and Sherman Group Homes. Guymon earned both her B.A. and Master of Social Work from California State University, San Bernardino.



Michelle Guymon accepts the January 2001 Employee of the Month scroll from Mayor Antonovich.

mental health treatment for minors needing this type of placement. Other responsibilities include group home monitoring which evaluates the home and ensures compliance with State requirements, and provide and investigate the safety of all minors placed in out-of-home placement.



"I was very excited when I received the phone call from my past director, Deborah Lares. I felt very honored to have been chosen out of all the qualified staff who were also very deserving of this type of recognition," commented Guymon. "The Probation Department has numerous outstanding Probation employees, many of whom I have worked with, and those I have only heard about. Therefore, to have been nominated by the Department really meant a lot to me."

Since joining the Probation Department in 1989, Guymon has developed numerous groups and programs for the children under her care in an effort to provide them with the necessary guidance and tools to live a positive lifestyle.

Guymon, along with Dong Long, director at Camp Mendenhall, developed a 10-session Service Component curriculum and created the manuals for staff and workbooks for minors to be used throughout the camp system.

Currently, she is involved in the development and implementation of a

Suitable Placement Unit at Central Juvenile Hall. This unit is intended to provide a variety of services for "hard to place" minors while awaiting placement back into the community.

"...the contact with the minors, who I have had the privilege to work with, have taught me so much. They have been willing to share with me, in order to help me grow and become the Deputy Probation Officer that I am today. They have been and continue to be my **heroes!**"



As a Mental Health Consultant, Guymon sits on the Mental Health Screening Committee which screen cases for possible placement at Metropolitan State Hospital, Harbor View Group Home or other placement facilities that provide

As a Deputy Probation Officer with the Office of Prevention Services, Guymon provided intensive services to young people in primarily Middle/Junior High Schools. "At Dorothy Kirby Center, I was able to see many changes in the lives of the young people and their families and the power of working on issues together as a family. It was so inspiring to me to see so many young people, as well as their parent(s) with so much pain have the courage to walk through their pain, deal with the issues head on, and then ultimately let go of the past, in order to move on to the future." Prevention included working with not only the young people, but with their families in hopes of building strong family relationships which ultimately played a big part in keeping the young people from entering the delinquency system.

Guymon credits her family and friends as the motivation to succeed.

"Throughout my life I have been shown by my family and friends unconditional love, support, and the value of 'sticking' with people. I believe this is the single most valued gift I have been given and it is the foundation by which I try and model to all those I come in contact with personally and professionally."

Congratulations, Michelle!

Hollywood Bowl Shuttle Renewed

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the continuation of the program for park-and-ride and shuttle service to the Hollywood Bowl from 15 area parking lots throughout the County for the 2001 summer season.

"I invite all concert goers to take full advantage of the public transportation available for these performances, so we can ease traffic congestion near the Bowl, conserve energy and cut down air pollution," Yaroslavsky said.

Yaroslavsky noted that the Board-approved program to ease traffic congestion and provide low-cost transportation for residents of the County to the Hollywood Bowl was launched 27 summers ago.

Riders will be charged \$2.50 each way from remote lots and \$3.00 round trip from nearby parking lots, while parking at the lots is free. Last year, Yaroslavsky said, almost 30 percent of the people attending Bowl programs used the shuttle service.

Each park-and-ride and shuttle lot will be protected by a uniformed Los Angeles Philharmonic guard. The program is funded in part by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and by shuttle fares. Program costs over and above this funding, estimated to be approximately \$520,000, will come from the County Department of Public Works.



Hollywood Bowl

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Three shuttle lots have been selected:

•LOS ANGELES ZOO: 5333 Zoo Drive, Section C (new)

•HOLLYWOOD/LA BREA AVENUE: On La Brea Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Sunset Boulevard

•STUDIO CITY/VENTURA BOULEVARD: On Ventura Boulevard between Vineland Avenue and Lankershim Boulevard

There are currently three identified park-and-ride sites in the Third Supervisorial District:

•SANTA MONICA: Rand Corporation, 1700 Main Street, south parking lot

•SHERMAN OAKS: Sunkist Building, 14130 Riverside Drive in Sherman Oaks

•WESTWOOD: At the Federal Building, 11000 Wilshire Boulevard in Westwood, off Veteran Avenue.

Further information may be obtained by calling (323) 850-2000.



What is an Ombudsman?

The Department of Ombudsman assists individuals who have filed complaints against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department or the Office of Public Safety personnel and are dissatisfied with the results of the subsequent investigation. Should an individual be notified that a

complaint was not sustained or unfounded and he or she believes the investigation was incomplete, or relevant facts were not considered, the person may contact the Ombudsman.

Upon receiving an inquiry, regardless of the source, the Ombudsman will review the matter to determine what action or referral may be appropriate. If the case meets the criteria set forth in Los Angeles County Ordinance 2.37.010, the Ombudsman may select a judge from a panel of retired judges to conduct a review. The Ombudsman or reviewing judge will then

determine whether the investigation is sufficient or deficient. After the investigation is completed and a final disposition is made, the complainant will be notified in writing by the investigating agency.

The Department of Ombudsman also assists individuals to determine the status of their complaints. All inquiries, including requests for information or referrals, to the Department of Ombudsman are acknowledged and are held in the strictest confidence. Please contact the Department of Ombudsman at (800) 801-0030.

OPS Headquarters Rededicated

On December 8, 2000, Supervisor Don Knabe and actor/comedian Garrett Morris joined the Office of Public Safety (OPS)/County Police in rededicating the OPS headquarters in Downey and kicking off the L.A.C.O.P.S. Pursuit of Kids Holiday Toy Drive. Morris, one of the original cast members of Saturday Night Live is currently a star of the WB Comedy the Jamie Fox Show, served as the official chairman of the toy drive.

The Office of Public Safety worked closely with the Department of Parks and Recreation in identifying needy families who utilize County parks. County police officers collected, packaged, and delivered toys to the parents and guardians for them to present to their children in time for the holidays.



OPS Personnel Officer Peggy Taylor, OPS Chief Bayan Lewis, Supervisor Knabe, Director of Personnel Michael J. Henry and Comedian Garrett Morris at the rededication of the OPS Headquarters

As a result of the Countywide effort including the generous participation of several County departments, more than 2,000 toys were collected and distributed to more than 1,000 children including those extra toys donated to the Community

Development Commission for their out-reach efforts and the Union Rescue Mission in Downtown Los Angeles.

Nature

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Mayor Antonovich views one of many information exhibits in the new NatureCenter.

Special arrangements can be made at the facility for "Birthday Parties in Nature," featuring a two-hour program which includes an animal show and a hike with interpretive field study. Scheduled tours for organizations and families can

also be arranged. Please call the telephone number listed below to learn more about charges and scheduling for your event.

The San Dimas Canyon Park and Nature Center is located at 1628 North Sycamore Canyon Road in San Dimas. For directions to the facility, contact the park office at (909) 599-7512.



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