

# County DIGEST



MARCH 2001

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## Mayor Antonovich Declares Ronald Reagan Day in Los Angeles

The Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich's motion declaring February 6, 2001, Ronald Reagan's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, as "Ronald Reagan Day in Los Angeles County."

"As President and Governor, Ronald Reagan brought hope, respect, dignity and principle to the state house and the White House. Through his leadership and with the efforts of Margaret Thatcher and Pope John Paul II, the Berlin Wall collapsed, we witnessed the end of Soviet Communism and the hammer and sickle join the swastika on the junk pile of history," Mayor Antonovich said. "All Americans

and all free people across the globe are the heirs of his precious legacy of freedom, dignity and respect."

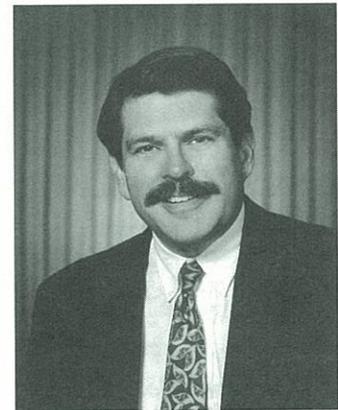
"Ronald Reagan was a graceful, humble, patriot during his successful days as an actor, president of the Screen Actors Guild, as governor and as the president who led us to prosperity and victory in the Cold War as well as in his final days when he acknowledged the illness that overcame him, he never lost his common touch," Mayor Antonovich said.

A special presentation was made to the former president's eldest son, Michael, at the Board's February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**Michael Reagan, former President Ronald Reagan's eldest son, accepts a scroll from Mayor Antonovich in honor of his father. Joining in the presentation are Mayor Antonovich's wife, Christine, and their two children, Michael Jr. and Mary Christine.**

## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Confirmed to State Board of Corrections



**Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**

The State Senate this week formally confirmed Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky as a member of the California Board of Corrections (BOC). Yaroslavsky has served on the Board since his appointment by Governor Gray Davis in March 2000.

California established the Board in 1944 to help develop and maintain standards to build and operate local jails and juvenile detention facilities, and to hire and train local corrections and probation personnel. The Board also inspects local detention facilities; awards training funds and administers grants for facility con-

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# Calendar of Events

Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
(323) 857-6000  
[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

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

*The Max Palevsky Collection of  
Japanese Woodblock Prints*  
February 8, 2001 through May 15, 2001

*Shifting Tides: Cuban Photography  
after the Revolution \**  
April 15, 2001 through July 1, 2001



*L'Esprit Nouveau:  
Purism in Paris, 1918-1925 \**  
April 29, 2001 through August 5, 2001

*The Road to Aztlan:  
Art from a Homeland \**  
May 13, 2001 through August 26, 2001

*Contemporary Projects 5 \**  
May 17, 2001 through July 29, 2001

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

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

\* Information is subject to change,  
call to confirm information

Los Angeles Opera  
(213) 972-8001  
[www.laopera.org](http://www.laopera.org)

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

## *Tosca*

June 6, 2001 through June 27, 2001  
Call for exact dates and times

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion  
(213) 202-2287  
[www.performingartscenterla.org](http://www.performingartscenterla.org)



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

Ahmanson Theatre  
(213) 628-2772  
[www.taperahmanson.com](http://www.taperahmanson.com)

*3hree*  
April 15, 2001 through June 10, 2001  
Call for exact dates and times

*Contact*  
June 29, 2001 through August 26, 2001  
Call for exact dates and times

Mark Taper Forum  
(213) 628-2772  
[www.taperahmanson.com](http://www.taperahmanson.com)

*QED*  
March 10, 2001 through May 13, 2001  
Call for exact dates and times

*The Body of Bourne*  
May 27, 2001 through July 15, 2001  
Call for exact dates and times

*In Real Life/Another American*  
July 12, 2001 through September 16, 2001  
Call for exact dates and times

Natural History Museum  
of Los Angeles County  
(213) 763-DINO  
[www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org)

*A T. Rex Named Sue*  
Through April 22, 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

*15<sup>th</sup> Annual Insect Fair*  
May 5 & 6, 2001

*Tiniest Giants:  
Discovering Dinosaur Eggs*  
May 19, 2001 through October 14, 2001

Autry Museum of Western Heritage  
(323) 667-2000 extension 329  
[www.autry-museum.org](http://www.autry-museum.org)

*HuupuK-anum Tupaat, Out of the Mist:  
Treasures of the Nuu-chah-nulh Chiefs*  
Through June 10, 2001

Skirball Cultural Center  
(310) 440-4500  
[www.skirball.org](http://www.skirball.org)

*Resolutions: A Stitch in Time*  
Through April 29, 2001

United Arts  
(323) 256-7828  
[performingarts@uarts.com](mailto:performingarts@uarts.com)

*A Noise Within Presents:  
The Comedy of Errors*  
May 4, 2001  
Call for exact time and place  
(310) 329-5345



13<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles County  
Chess Tournament

April 26 and every Thursday thereafter  
until May 31, 2001  
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Public Works Building, Alhambra  
For more information, call (626) 300-3388,  
(562) 406-7556 or (213) 974-4298  
Sponsored by the California Association  
of Professional Employees

2001 March of Dimes WalkAmerica

April 28, 2001  
For more information, call Craig Hirakawa,  
Countywide Team Leader,  
at (213) 974-1347 or your  
department's team captain

# Supervisor Molina Opens State-of-the-Art Family Center

In a continued effort to succeed in welfare reform, Supervisor Gloria Molina, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the City of El Monte, and Sonnenblick-Del Rio Real Estate Development Company celebrated the culmination of a private/public partnership. The partners dedicated a new state-of-the-art DPSS One-Stop Family Service Center building benefitting more than 60,000 welfare-to-work participants and 600 DPSS employees.

The DPSS Family Service Center will serve as a “one-stop” facility where participants can have one central location to apply for a vast array of services. It merges two existing El Monte and San Gabriel DPSS offices into one central location serving as home to welfare-to-work, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal, Food Stamps and General Relief programs.

“We are pleased to provide a decent place for our employees, and to help our clients in a positive transition to self-sufficiency,” said Supervisor Molina. “Welfare reform is everyone’s business. We are fortunate to count our employees, the City of El Monte and its business leaders, and the developers as partners in this venture.”



**Supervisor Molina dedicates the new San Gabriel Valley Service Center with City of El Monte Mayor Rachel Montes; City Councilmembers Bonnie Jimenez, Tony Fellows and Jack Thurston; DPSS Director Lynn Bayer; DPSS Commissioners Richard P. Fajardo and Carol Ojedo-Kimbrough; CAO Director of Real Estate Chuck West; other DPSS staff and Sonnenblick-Del Rio Real Estate developers.**

In addition to aid programs, DPSS clients will have access to a career center offering computer terminals, job skills training, child care, transportation, education, housing and employment resources all underneath one roof.

“Our real struggle has been job retention and advancement,” said Lynn W. Bayer, DPSS director. “By providing all these programs at one location, we hope to provide services that will help our participants not only get a job, but break the cycle of poverty by preparing for better paying jobs as well. Moving locations after almost seven years is a big change, and all steps have been taken to make the transition as seamless as possible for our participants,” said Bayer.

In keeping with being user-friendly, the new office is accessible by local buses, MTA, Metrolink, and freeway. The San Gabriel Valley Family Service Center is located at 3350 Aerojet Avenue and is approximately one-half mile from the former location at 3503-3505 Rio Hondo Avenue.

DPSS has been in El Monte since 1993. The new building is one of five facilities to open in the next 12 months.



**The new San Gabriel Valley Family Service Center**

# Formation of a New Hate Crimes Unit

On January 23, 2001, at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Museum of Tolerance, Sheriff Lee Baca announced the establishment of a centralized Hate Crimes Unit within the Department's Detective Division and unveiled a future vision of a Countywide hate crimes task force, involving all Los Angeles County police municipalities.

Sheriff Lee Baca was joined by Bill Lockyer, California State attorney general; members of the Board of Supervisors; Alejandro Mayorkas, United States attorney; Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center; Jim Desarno, assistant director in Charge, FBI Los Angeles; Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian, president of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association; Rabbi Dennis Brown, director of The Ness Center and other federal, state, and local officials.

"Hate crimes seriously threaten our democratic society, which is built upon the strength of its diversity," Sheriff Baca said. "Each year, hundreds of Los Angeles County citizens are victimized because of their skin color, ethnicity, religion, gender, disabilities or sexual orientation. Crimes motivated by hatred and the fear it engenders cripple our society, threaten personal freedom and fray the ties that are essential to safe and healthy communities."

"In 1999, there were 859 hate crimes reported in the County, a nearly 12% increase over the previous year," Sheriff Baca said. "The spike may simply indicate a growing awareness of hate crimes among victims and greater emphasis on training in the identification of hate crimes by law enforcement. Whatever the reason, it is apparent that these types of crimes will

continue to increase unless specific strategies are employed to attack the problem."

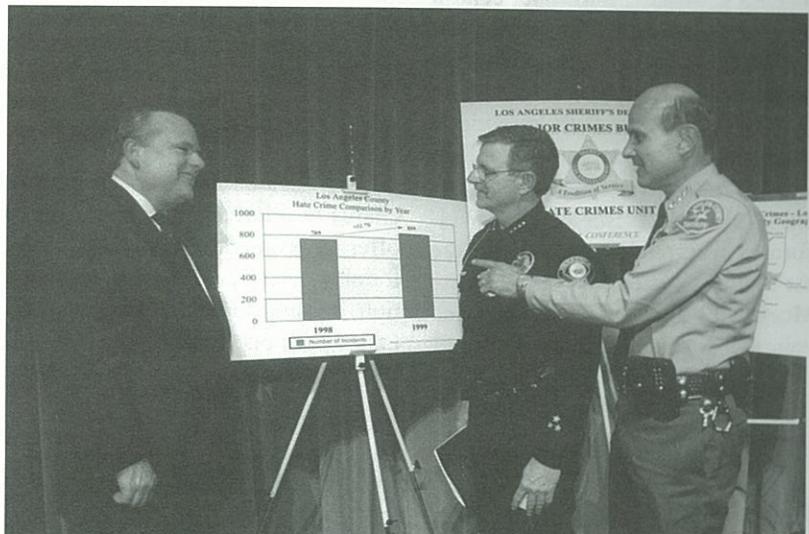
On November 28, 2000, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Supervisor Antonovich's motion funding a Hate Crimes Unit within the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Baca said, "The unit will be staffed with a Sergeant and six investigators centralizing the investigation of the Sheriff's Department hate crimes' caseload."

The Sheriff stated that his ultimate goal is the creation of a Countywide hate crimes task force. This proposed task force will become a central reporting point and investigative unit for hate crimes committed anywhere within the County. Its creation would be the first step in

enhancing the coordination of strategies among investigators, prosecutors, and communities in addressing and combating hate crimes.

"During the next several weeks, my staff and I will be meeting with all chiefs of police, representing the 46 municipalities throughout Los Angeles County, and their respective cities, to become actively involved in the formation of a Countywide hate crimes task force. I have also directed my staff to actively explore grant funds that may be available to assist with operational expenses," said Sheriff Baca.

More information can be obtained on the subject of hate crimes by calling the Major Crimes Bureau, Hate Crimes Unit, Sergeant Kathy Voyer, at (562) 946-7286.



Sheriff Lee Baca is joined by California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer and Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian.

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## Mailing Address Change



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

# Lou Rawls and Herbie Hancock Honored at the 2001 Living Legends Series

More than 800 people turned out in the early afternoon rain on Sunday, February 25, to see Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke present the 2001 Living Legends Awards to entertainer Lou Rawls and jazz great Herbie Hancock. It was Los Angeles County's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Living Legends Series, held at the A.C. Bilbrew Library in Willowbrook, and honoring outstanding African Americans during Black History Month. At the event, Supervisor Burke also recognized Brigadier General Celes King III, a former Tuskagee Airman; Edna Aliewine, a community activist; and D'Anne Morris, executive director of the Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce, with community service awards.

Wendy Romano, acting County Librarian, gave the official welcome. Actress Dawnn Lewis, star of television and stage, served as Mistress of Ceremonies and introduced Supervisor Burke. The Yvette Devereaux Quintet did a special salute to Herbie Hancock and Lou Rawls. When asked by Dawnn Lewis to perform together, Lou Rawls grabbed the microphone and Herbie Hancock took over the piano as Rawls began a rendition of "Stormy Monday." Both brought the audience to its feet with "Time Will Take Care of Everything." Other participants in the program included Rev. James McKnight of New Hope Baptist Church; saxophonist Mark Felton; vocalist Jessica Smith; Reginald Ingram, vice president of the United Negro College Fund; and Rev. Frederick Murph, Pastor of Brookins AME Church. Supervisor Burke noted that the program had made it well worth the audience's coming out in the rain.



**Actress Dawnn Lewis looks on as singer Lou Rawls and Supervisor Brathwaite Burke hold Rawls' award honoring him as one of the two Living Legends. To Supervisor Burke's right is jazz great Herbie Hancock, also a Living Legends awardee, and Wendy Romano, acting County Librarian.**

The Living Legends program is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Public Library. Past living legends during Supervisor Burke's administration include: Cecily Tyson, James Earl Jones, William "Smokey" Robinson, Le Var Burton, Nancy Wilson, Terri McMillan, Dorothy Donegan, Mel Carter, Dr. Mamie Clayton, and Dr. James Corner.

Lou Rawls started his career in Chicago, Illinois as a member of the Pilgrim Travelers Gospel Group, which also featured Sam Cooke. He has been recognized throughout the country for his work on behalf of the United Negro College Fund, for which over \$200 million have been

raised to help educate African American Youth. He is a three time Grammy winner.

Herbie Hancock, on the other hand, was a child piano prodigy who performed a Mozart piano concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the age of 11. Influenced by Oscar Petersen and Bill Evans, he majored in music, as well as electrical engineering, at Grinnell College. Hancock was discovered when he was 20 years old by Donald Byrd, who asked him to join his group. Hancock is both a Grammy and Academy Award winner.

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struction, programs concerning juvenile crime and delinquency, and mentally ill offenders; and conducts studies involving public safety.

Yaroslavsky said that his priorities this year for the Board include distributing AB 1913 (Cardenas) juvenile justice grants, and awarding state funding

to modernize and replace overcrowded juvenile justice facilities.

Yaroslavsky is one of 13 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation, and three of whom are designated in statute. Appointees are drawn from local criminal justice officials and the general public, while the

statutory members include the Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency, who chairs the BOC, and the directors of the Departments of Corrections and California Youth Authority.

The Board holds bimonthly public meetings in various locations around the state.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

# Anthony Lucia

Anthony Lucia, a 16-year County employee with the Sheriff's Department, was the recipient of the February 2001 County Employee of the Month. He is presently a Sergeant in the Detective Division of the Sheriff's Department. For the past four years, Lucia has been assigned to the Family Crimes Bureau as an investigator with the responsibility of investigating and resolving allegations of child abuse. His expertise brought successful conclusions to hundreds of allegations of child abuse including many cases wherein multiple victims were involved.

"To be recognized is an honor and would not have been attained without the support of my peers and supervisors. This award makes me happy that a member of the Family Crimes Bureau was recognized and acknowledges the importance of the work and dedication by all the Family Crimes Bureau detectives and support staff."

The Family Crimes Bureau is responsible for handling the physical and sexual abuse of children and domestic violence. The investigators and support staff investigate these cases and bring them to the District Attorney's Office for review. As an investigator, he had to review and investigate these cases. This involved interviewing children, witnesses and suspects, using the crime lab for the examination of evidence and preparing and



Anthony Lucia accompanied by his family and supervisor accepts a scroll from Mayor Antonovich.

bringing up these cases to the District Attorney's Office for review.

"Protecting children from sexual predators, having a lead role in working with the District Attorney's Office and helping prosecute these predators is my most rewarding experience."

Additionally, as an expert child abuse investigator, Lucia has trained other investigators, both within and outside the Sheriff's Department, in investigative skills, search warrant preparation, interview and interrogation techniques and the application of computer systems by sexual predators in exploiting unsuspecting children for illegal acts.

"My greatest accomplishment is learning how to teach and pass on the

knowledge and experience I have gained as a child abuse investigator."

Aside from investigating child abuse cases for the Family Crimes Bureau, Lucia was assigned to the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (S.A.F.E.). This team consisted of both federal and local law enforcement agencies to investigate the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet. S.A.F.E. dealt with crimes involving child pornography, abduction and the proactive arrest of sexual predators that would travel significant distances to meet child victims for the purposes of sexually assaulting them. Lucia's role was not

only to investigate these crimes but examine the computers that were seized from suspects.

When off from work, Lucia enjoys spending time with his family and working with computers.

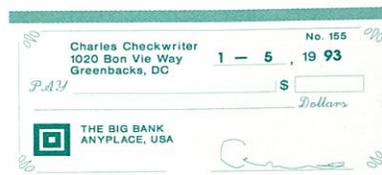
"I was honored to receive this award. However, this award belongs to all members of the Family Crimes Bureau. If it was not for their continued leadership and support, I would have never been honored with this award. Every Family Crimes Bureau member I have worked with has always put the protection of the children first. It has always been my belief that if we cannot protect our most valuable assets, our children, then we deprive them of the safety and freedoms we enjoy."

## Supervisor Knabe Announces New Online Access to Unclaimed County Checks

Supervisor Don Knabe (4<sup>th</sup> District) announced the launching of a new online resource for County residents – a website with a full inventory of uncashed County checks, most of which are property tax refunds.

"There are currently 55,000 uncashed checks listed on the website that are anywhere from one to four years old," Supervisor Knabe said. "This is truly my vision for the County's web presence:

streamlined access to important County services."



The web site also provides instructions on how to file a claim with the Auditor-Controller to have the check reissued.

The "Uncashed County Checks" website can be accessed by visiting [Knabe.com](http://Knabe.com) and clicking on the "Useful Links" button. It can also be accessed by visiting the County's homepage at [www.co.la.ca.us](http://www.co.la.ca.us) and clicking on "Uncashed Checks."

# Harlem Globetrotters Join Supervisor Knabe



Supervisor Knabe shows off his basketball skills as Orlando “The Hurricane” Antiqua and Wun “The Shot” Versher look on.

Members of the Harlem Globetrotters joined Fourth District County Supervisor Don Knabe and the entire Board on February 13 to celebrate the organization’s 75-year anniversary as basketball’s “Ambassadors of Goodwill.”

Wun “The Shot” Versher and Orlando “The Hurricane” Antiqua presented the Supervisor with an official Globetrotters’ jersey and treated the Board to a show of the team’s unique blend of humor and athleticism. Versher is a resident of Compton and Antiqua is the Globetrotters’ first-ever Latino player.

“The Globetrotters’ are truly the ‘World’s Greatest Basketball Show,’” Supervisor Knabe said. “As a child, I used to see them at least once every year with my dad. It’s truly a family experience, and I encourage all of our County residents to see them during one of their two Los Angeles appearances.”

From its humble beginnings as the “Savoy Big Five” to this, the organization’s latest milestone, the Harlem Globetrotters have entertained more than 120 million fans since their first game on January 7, 1927 in Hinckley, Illinois.

Supervisor Knabe saluted the Globetrotters while presenting a plaque from the County, noting the organization’s

significant contributions to the annals of African-American History. The team’s legacy constitutes a number of historic firsts, including sending the first African-American player to the NBA, Nathaniel “Sweetwater” Clifton, and having the first African-American owner of an international sports and entertainment organization, Mannie Jackson.



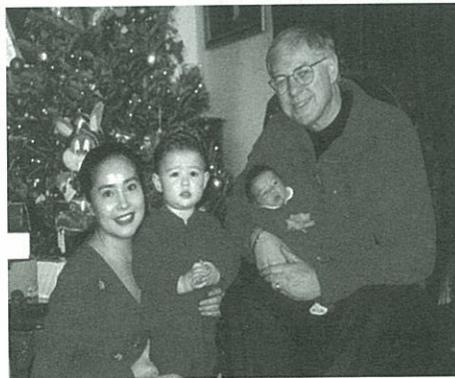
Wun “The Shot” Versher presents Supervisor Knabe with a jersey.

## March For Healthy Babies

Walking to help raise funds for “Healthy Babies” is what County employees will be doing on Saturday, April 28, as they participate in the March of Dimes 2001 WalkAmerica. With the support of our County coordinators, the County of Los Angeles has earned the title, “Number One County Team in the Nation!”

In 2000, County employees raised over \$230,000 for the fight against birth defects. This year, led by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, and honorary WalkAmerica Ambassador Michael Jr., the County plans on topping the quarter-million dollar mark!

For the first time in local history, the March of Dimes has consolidated their walks into one “Mega” Walk. That walksite will be in the Downtown Civic Center area. The Walk will begin in front of the Department of Water and Power (DWP)



Mayor Antonovich, Christine, Michael Jr. and Mary Christine ask you to support WalkAmerica 2001.

Building and running through Elysian Park and returning to DWP. County employees are encouraged to come out with their families and friends and help raise funds for healthy babies. After the Walk, everyone can enjoy live music, food and a kids area with face painters, moon bounce and game booths. So you see, it’s more than just a Walk. It’s going to be a great family day.

To join the County’s WalkAmerica team, please contact your departmental WalkAmerica Team Captain or Craig Hirakawa, Countywide WalkAmerica Team Leader, at (213) 974-1347. If you can’t participate, remember you can still do your part by sponsoring a walker or by purchasing WalkAmerica merchandise.

See you on April 28!

# Safety Members Elections



LACERA Elections will be held this year to elect the Fourth Member of the Board of Investments and the Seventh and

Alternate Members of the Board of Retirement for terms of office commencing January 1, 2002.

Safety Members interested in running for these offices need to obtain nomination packets from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 50 active county employees (as of March 1, 2001) who are Safety Members. Petitions must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County

Clerk, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk 90650, before 5:00 p.m. **Monday May 7, 2001.**

A special election will be held concurrently to fill the un-expired term of the Retired Member of the Board of Retirement.

This year, elections will be held **Tuesday, July 10, 2001.**

For more information, contact your departmental election coordinator.

## W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program Announces Summer Schedule

The Department of Beaches and Harbors' youth program, W.A.T.E.R. (Water Awareness, Training, Education and Recreation) has announced its summer schedule of week-long camps for youngsters, ages seven to 17, throughout the Los Angeles area. Camps including ocean sports, sailing, and surfing are held at the Los Angeles County beaches and Marina del Rey's Basin H and Marina Beach.

Youngsters can attend the camps for one or more sessions. All instructors are experienced Los Angeles County Ocean Lifeguards. The success and popularity of the classes are due in part to a low instructor-to-student ratio.



**A lifeguard teaches a small group of youths about cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).**

New participants must complete a pool swim test prior to registration. Swim tests are held on specific dates and time at

locations throughout Los Angeles County. Summer registration swim tests for 2001 will be held as follows:

- Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Santa Monica College Pool
- Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mira Costa High School Pool
- Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Malibu High School Pool
- Saturday, June 16, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mira Costa High School Pool

New participants must attend one of these dates. Returning students may mail in their applications, if applying for the same program or one with a comparable swim time standard.

Financial aid assistance, based on family income, is available for all programs. Vanpool transportation is available from non-beach locations for certain sessions.

The summer 2001 schedule of camps is as follows:

- Dolphin camp (ages 7-10) - seven sessions  
June 25, July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27
- Surf Camp (ages 11-17) - seven sessions  
June 18, 25, July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27
- Beginning Sailing (ages 11-17) - four sessions  
July 25, 16, August 6, 20
- Ocean Sports Camp (ages 9-14) - three sessions  
June 18, August 27, September 4



**Lifeguards teach children to surf at the W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program.**

The W.A.T.E.R. program was established by the Department of Beaches and Harbors in 1986 as an outreach to the inner city communities. Its mission is to educate Los Angeles County youth with increased awareness of ocean and beach safety through organized activities that provide skills, knowledge and positive personal experiences.

W.A.T.E.R. Program applications and further information can be obtained by calling the Program office at (310) 305-9587 or accessing the Beaches and Harbors website, <http://beaches@co.la.ca.us>.



# New Culver City (West) Office Opens

The new West District Office has opened at 6120 Bristol Parkway in the Fox Hills Business Park in Culver City (90230), combining services previously offered at the recently-closed Santa Monica and the old Culver City offices, Los Angeles County Assessor Rick Auerbach has announced.

The larger, more modern and computer-friendly West District Office is part of a consolidation plan developed by Auerbach when he was assistant assessor. He was elected Assessor last November in a contest with 15 challengers with him winning nearly 40 percent of the vote.

"This state-of-the-art facility is a continuation of our emphasis on serving the public while providing an effective and efficient one-stop operation," Auerbach said. "It provides property owners and our employees with the best environment possible."

The West Office, managed by Chief Appraiser Howard McGee, a 30-year veteran of the department, is over 30,000 square feet and can accommodate more than 150 employees who oversee a workload of 420,000 properties, approximately 18 percent of the more than 2 million pieces of property in Los Angeles County. The West District Office telephone number is (310) 665-5300 and is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Assessor's Offices are located at:

- SYLMAR: 13800 Balboa Blvd., (818)833-6000
- LANCASTER: 251 East Avenue K-6, (661)940-6700
- WEST COVINA: 2934 East Garvey Avenue South #290, (626) 859-6400
- LONG BEACH: 5898 Cherry Ave., (562)984-5111
- SOUTHEL MONTE: 1190 Durfee Ave., (626)579-8589



- SOUTHEL MONTE: 1441 Santa Anita Ave., (626) 350-4695
- NORWALK: 12440 Firestone Blvd. #2000, (562)406-7525
- LOMITA: 24330 Narbonne Ave., (310)534-6100
- VANNUYS SATELLITE: 14340 Sylvan St., (818)901-3455
- SANTA CLARITA SATELLITE: 25050 Peachland Ave. Rm. 210, (661)254-9550
- CULVER CITY: 6120 Bristol Parkway, (310)665-5300
- LOS ANGELES MAIN OFFICE: 500 West Temple St., Rm 225, (888)807-2111

## Communion of the Spirits

The exhibition and book *A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers and Their Stories* is the culmination of 25 years of field research by photographer, folklorist and author Roland L. Freeman. In the world of quilting, there has never been an exhibition like this.

Building on roots from his childhood, in which quilts were a magical touch of warmth, Freeman started this project more than two decades ago. In the mid-1970s, as director of the Mississippi Folklife Project, Freeman began documenting traditional crafts and practitioners for the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies. In 1979, he published *Something To Keep You Warm* (now out of print), the first book about quilts made by African-Americans, and also curated the related national touring exhibit, the first of its kind.

Inspired by the role that quilts played in the folklore of his family and the stories of the quilters he met while traveling throughout the U.S., Freeman became committed to displaying the "communion" of the quilts and illustrating their ability to pass along connections that are emotional, generational, professional, spiri-



A photo by Roland L. Freeman of members of the African-American Quilters of Los Angeles in December 1992

tual and historical. As his understanding of the world of African-American quilting grew, the project evolved and expanded. The quilt – often seen as "just something to keep you warm" – showed itself to be much more than that, and as Freeman viewed the impact of the quilts as they passed from generation to generation, *A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers, and Their Stories* took shape.

The exhibition initiated its five-year national tour in January 1997 at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. At each venue, Freeman customizes the exhibit to reflect regional influences. The exhibit has toured Memphis, TN; Detroit, MI; Atlanta, GA; Washington, DC; Hampton, VA; Columbus, Ohio; San Diego, CA; Buffalo, NY; and Charleston, SC. *A Communion of the Spirits: African-American Quilters, Preservers, and Their Stories* opens in Los Angeles at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County on March 16, 2001 and will run through September 3, 2001. For more information, the public can call (213) 463-3466 or visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org).

Freeman's work has been recognized internationally; he has received two Masters of Photography Visual Arts Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, was the first photographer to be awarded a Young Humanist Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities; and won the Living Legends Award for Distinguished Achievement in Photography from the National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta, Georgia.



# 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:**

Joseph W. Jamora

**ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL:**

Kathleen A. Cygan, Sandra L. Hill, Sharon Pecorelli

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

Michael L. Galindo

**ASSESSOR:** Neil J. Nielsen,

Mary L. Phillips

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Eleanor C. Aguilar, Rita M. Thomas

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:**

Mae Tenma

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:**

Florence Barak, Peggy J. Belcher-Dixo, Edith J. Bishop, Patricia R. Steinberg

**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:**

Stephanie Klopffleisch, Eric Sokolsky

**COUNTY COUNSEL:** Richard Cisneros

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

Thomas R. Fillmore, Eugene Hanks,

H. T. Holmes, Dirk L. Hudson,

Grace Kaulia, William P. Kelly

**FIRE:** Patrick J. Bradshaw,

Leland O. Brown, Anthony R. Cardullo,

Stanton L. Cleveringa, James L. Corbett,

Randolph G. Degregori,

William R. Glendinning, James W. Goodwin,

Norman Jones, Alfred L. Knight,

Harry N. La Rue, Robert Lee, Carl J. Price,

Donald E. Scott, James D. Sheppard,

Donald C. Souther, Terry A. Zimmer

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Saturnina Abao, Penrod N. Alexander, Marilyn E. Barajas, Selwyn M. Caesar, Raul Caro, Mary L. Elbersson, Mary L. Elliott, Claude W. Fields, Barbara J. Fletcher, Ecaterini Gaitanou, Charles E. Givens, Evon M. Graham, Josephine Guerrero, Dominica Hilario, Warren Hodrick, David M. Kinney, Drake F. Loeser, Karen R. Magana, Rosario Mc Auley, Jeweleen Mc Covery, Rosa L. Moore, Irene Ortega, C. J. Radford, Michael Spear, James A. Stephens, Pamela Stringer, Albert L. Villamar, Laurenzia Waddles, Janet M. Weber

**HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Willie R. Sherman

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** David E. Bowie,

John G. Lisser, Daniel J. Madden,

Raymond Martinez, Shirley M. Turney

**LIBRARY:** James W. Mentz

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Eliana Fluxa,

Phyllis M. Key, Peter Lindgren,

Charles Lovely, Manuel R. Mora,

Lawrence A. Wicker

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:**

James McLean, David P. Whistler

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Loren L. Brock,

Horace E. Hilliard, Charlette K. Larson,

Frank W. Massey, Leroy Pace Jr.,

Jimmy E. Preslar

**PROBATION:** Martin H. Berk, Irene Estrada,

James Mazalic, Henry M. Ramirez,

Annette Silver, Ronald S. Terzino,

Dennis A. Whistler, James A. Wright,

Abraham Y. Yamada

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

Mr. Edward M. Cook III, Arnold T. Lester,

James L. Racusin, Lawrence E. Rivetz

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Emmet Acterman, Lynn Bayer,

Joyce A. Bell, Bobby Brown, William Chow,

Barbara A. Corral, Luis Corral Jr.,

Joyce I. Dorsey, Angela M. Garcia Monte,

Betty W. Hudson, Lucille Lynch,

Juanita M. Meeks, Gwen Moore,

Lupe Ortega, Kathleen G. Scholl,

Jeanette Thomas, Linda L. Yates

**PUBLIC WORKS:** James P. Bradford,

Leroy Brimsey, Richard G. Davis,

Frederick F. Gharib, Donald L. Johnson,

Norman E. Krueger, Po Louie, Leo Norman,

James E. Petett, Larry P. Pikop,

John T. Reames, Ramiro R. Reyes,

James B. Roadhouse II, Saman J. Shahin,

George W. Woods Jr., Stephen Wright

**REGIONAL PLANNING:** William H. Miller,

Robert Solis

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY**

**CLERK:** Joyce M. Braden-Spike

**SHERIFF:** Jack T. Barnes, James W. Best,

Randell G. Brown, Marian E. Carter,

Henry L. Cass, Lee Czarnecki,

Frederica R. Davis, James M. Espinoza,

Lee R. Glass, Arthur E. Herrera,

Paul J. Hoffman, Edward F. Knutson,

Andrea J. McGruder, Charles E. Merritt,

Johann P. Miller, Gregory L. Moen,

Lula M. Lawrence, Alfred Reed Jr.,

Tony M. Rodriguez, William S. Salvesson,

Roger L. Sharp, Stacy L. Silva,

Robert Truby, Fredric R. Wilson Jr.,

Donald R. Zschoche

**SUPERIOR COURT:** Norma E. Gallegos,

Carole J. Richardson

**TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:**

David J. Collins, Raymond E. Lowe

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## Preparing For All Hazards: Tsunamis



A tsunami is a series of waves most commonly caused by an earthquake below the ocean floor. Ocean landslides offshore also can cause tsunamis. More than a dozen tsunamis with waves three feet or higher have struck California since 1812. Six of them caused damage.

Preparing for tsunamis isn't as difficult as it might seem. First, determine whether you live in a danger zone. If you live or work within two miles of the coast, identify a location at least 100 feet above sea

level to go if a tsunami strikes. Develop a family plan and assemble an emergency supply kit. If you feel a strong earthquake when you are on the coast or learn about a tsunami watch or warning, move inland or to higher ground immediately. Stay away from the coast. Waves may continue for several hours and travel several times faster than people can walk, run or drive.

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

# Palmdale Courthouse Opens

The North District of Los Angeles Superior Court opened the Palmdale Courthouse on February 5, 2001. The new courthouse is located at 38256 North Sierra Highway, adjacent to Palmdale City Hall.



**Public entrance to Commissioner Eugene Siegel's courtroom during the winter.**

The four courtrooms in the new courthouse will be dedicated to hearing civil, unlawful detainer, small claims, family law and probate matters. North District Supervising Judge Frank Y. Jackson presides over Department A11, hearing civil matters. Judge Randolph Rogers oversees Department A12, hearing civil and unlawful detainer matters. Referee Ross Amspoker sits in Department A13, hearing small claims, probate, and family law matters. Commissioner Eugene Siegel presides in Department A14, hearing family law matters.

The opening of the Palmdale Courthouse eliminates the need for litigators to go to downtown Los Angeles to have their civil, unlawful detainer, small claims, family law and probate matters heard.

The courthouse is housed in a building the city of Palmdale had built for the Court to help alleviate the overcrowded conditions at the Antelope Valley



**Public entrance to Department A11, Judge Frank Y. Jackson's courtroom.**

(Lancaster) Courthouse and to enable Palmdale residents to have their matters heard closer to home.

The new courthouse was dedicated last April in a ceremony sponsored by County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and the Los Angeles Superior Court.

## Parking Company of America - Fleet Services

Underneath the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Lower Parking Lot 18 is a hidden treasure. Parking Company of America, a contract vendor, has provided fleet services and retail automotive services to County employees for more than 12 years.

Jaime Arenas, supervisor of the fleet services section, currently manages nine employees. His primary responsibility is to maintain the vehicles used by the Board of Supervisors and department heads/directors. During the weekends, Arenas is on-call for the Board of Supervisors to service their vehicles in case of emergencies. Aside from maintaining the Board of Supervisors vehicles, Arenas assists County employees with their vehicle needs.

The fleet services section oversees more than 100 cars daily and loans County vehicles to employees who need transportation on county business. It also provides maintenance on County vehicles such as washing cars, detailing cars and checking the fuel levels on cars.



**Jaime Arenas and Ignacio Ynsfran inspect one of many cars.**

The retail automotive services section provides preventive maintenance and repairs such as oil changes, tune-ups and the replacement of brakes on County vehicles. The repair shop is Automobile Club of Southern California approved and the mechanics are Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certified Mechanics.

The services provided by both the fleet and retail automotive services are also available to County employees personal vehicle such as washing and detailing cars. Appointments, usually one day in advance, are requested for detailing services and prices vary according to the service.

"Employees believe this service is very convenient. They can leave their car and have it ready by the end of the work day," said Arenas.

The fleet and retail automotive services are located on Lower Parking Lot 18. It is open Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closed on weekends and Holidays. For appointments, County employees can call (213)974-9465.

# Retirees

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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:

**ASSESSOR:** Nicasio G. Cruz Jr.,  
John L. Meshack

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**  
Tanny C. Sabihon

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:**  
Manuel Gomez, Miriam A. Jackson,  
Carol R. Lovelace, June Su, Bonnie L. Welch

**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:**  
Charles E. Adams

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Harvey Giss

**FIRE:** Thomas R. Qualls,  
Russell E. Reynolds, Patrick J. Sullivan

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Nancy Aubry,  
Ellen Becton, Beverly J. Bennett,  
Iris E. Brown, Jannell N. Chappel,

Benjamin Guillermo, Alice M. Guy,  
Rachanee Hemarkom, Pacita Y. Ibanez,  
Joyce C. Le Coz, William Y. Lim,  
Fernando Martinez, Phyllis Nakamura,  
Bessie Nelson, Hector Ortiz, Lilia D. Poniado,  
John Porter, Romulo Salacup,  
Faulaloese Sevaaetasi, Merlinda C. Tandog,  
Shirley Thompson

**HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY:** Carlotta A. Hardey,  
Glenn P. Larson

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Elisea Alonzo,  
Irene Griego, Charles C. King

**LIBRARY:** Julie L. Fu, Linda K. Gahan,  
Charles C. King, Josephine T. Zoretich

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Jesse Olivas

**PROBATION:** Dennis E. Ortenburger,  
Salvador M. Prado, Thurman L. Scott,  
Dennis L. Spoolstra, Frederick W. Woerner Jr.

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:**  
Fe B. Baylon, Laudine Buckley,  
Talmadge W. Burt, Marjorie Bush,  
Doris Gentilman, Arizona Lee, Mary Mabry,  
Anita G. Paggao, Betty J. Pernot,  
Yvonne D. Stewart, Brenda Wellington

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Charles S. Berdiansky,  
Virginia C. Gabriel, Shiv K. Gaur,  
Joe Y. Ikari, Reginald D. Jernigan,  
Myint Swe

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY  
CLERK:** Wing S. Wong

**SHERIFF:** Zoe L. Grillas,  
Stephen J. Kearney, Arthur F. Magdaleno,  
Abelardo J. Marquez, Donald R. Matthews,  
Joseph K. McMackin, Joseph M. Reid,  
William C. Silva, Thomas F. Stephens  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Sherry Goldsmith,  
Rosemary Salgado

## ArtStart "Career Day"

In an effort to provide opportunities beyond the classroom that help to make successful connections between school and careers, Youth Opportunities United and The International House of Blues Foundation have developed the ArtStart. ArtStart is a full day program devised to enrich the lives of students, under the Department of Children and Family Services' supervision, by acquainting them with creative careers through hands on experiences. ArtStart is designed to introduce students to career options in the Arts and careers that support the entertainment industry.

The mission of ArtStart is to assist students in understanding that what they are learning in school today will affect their future tomorrow; to strengthen the community by assuming some responsibility for the education of its future work force and leaders; to reinforce in the student individual responsibility, self-esteem and self-management, and integrity; to provide students with an active, unique and enjoyable learning experience and to reinforce the positive effects of self-expression, both personally and professionally, through participation in creative fields.



ArtStart took place on Saturday, November 11, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program was designed for youth 14 to 18 years old and who were under the supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services. Participants were treated to a continental breakfast and a huge buffet style lunch. The House of Blues was besieged by more than 150 youth who seemed to have the run of the club for one day. Workshops were held on all levels of the club and included, mixing and recording music, cybercast technologies, acting and theater, performance and music, talent management, visual arts, digital website design, photo, and culinary arts.

Instructors for the day included actress Victoria Rowell, and managers from The Firm, Elektra Entertainment, Avatar Records, House of Blues, and We Are One.

A special THANK YOU to Youth Opportunities United and the International House of Blues Foundation. ArtStart proved to be a wonderful and enriching experience for all who participated in the day long program. Plans are currently underway for the 2001 ArtStart Program.



### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



#### Members of the Board

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Mayor  
Fifth District

**Gloria Molina**  
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**Yvonne Brathwaite Burke**  
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Third District

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Ombudsman/Community Liaison

Staff  
**John S. Mina**  
**Catherine B. Ylanan**