

County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Summer Beach Bus Service

Ride the waves, relax on the sand or just enjoy the view!

Financed through funds provided by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles City Council member Cindy Miscikowski, and the City of La Canada Flintridge, a summer beach bus is available through September 3, 2001.

Children boarding the bus under the age of 12 must pay the base fare and must be accompanied by a fare paying parent or guardian. The base fare is \$2. Senior citizens (62+) with proper identification and persons with disabilities pay \$1.

The service is available from Altadena, Antelope Valley, Charter Oak and La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge to Santa Monica and from Topanga Canyon to Topanga State Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Santa Monica Beach.

For more information and special assistance, call (888) 769-1122.

Gloria Molina Supervisor, First District



Gloria Molina

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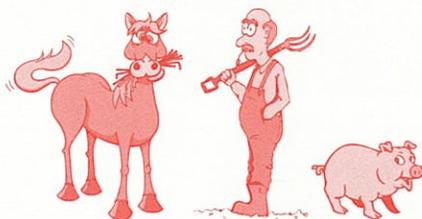
On February 19, 1991, Gloria Molina became the first Latina ever elected to the County of Los Angeles' Board of Supervisors. She was inspired by her father's enduring philosophy, "Con un sueño, trabajo, y ganas, todo se puede lograr," which means "With a dream, hard work, and a desire to succeed, anything can be achieved." To many observers both at home and across the country, Supervisor Molina's election to the Board represented both the growing formidability of the Latino electorate and the determination of voters of all backgrounds to elect a leader to office who understood their needs.

A proud daughter of a Mexican mother and a Mexican-American father, Supervisor Molina grew up in the Pico Rivera area and is the eldest of 10 children. Accustomed to hard work since childhood, Supervisor Molina understood from a young age that many people do not have advantages and that eliminating unfair barriers are the best way to ensure equal opportunity.

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Calendar of Events

Fairplex
(909) 623-3111
www.fairplex.com



Los Angeles County Fair
September 7, 2001
through September 23, 2001

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

**The Road to Aztlan:
Art from a Mystic Homeland**
Through August 26, 2001

**Winslow Homer and the Critics:
Forging a National Art in the 1870s**
Through September 9, 2001

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

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

Contact
Through August 26, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

The Car Man
September 6, 2001
through October 28, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

**AIDA:
A New Musical Love Story**
November 7, 2001 through January 5, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

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

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

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

"Pavilion of Wings" Butterfly House
Through September 3, 2001

**Tiniest Giants:
Discovering Dinosaur Eggs**
Through October 14, 2001

**Of Myth and Memory:
Paiute and Shoshone Baskets of
Owens Valley, California**
October 13, 2001
through April 14, 2002

Los Angeles Opera
(213) 972-7219
www.laopera.org



The Queen of Spades
September 4, 2001
through September 22, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

Lohengrin
September 12, 2001
through September 30, 2001
Call for exact dates and times

The Arboretum of Los Angeles
(626) 821-3222
www.arboretum.org

Tai Chi in the Garden
Every Tuesday & Friday
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Call (626) 821-4623 for information



Fern and Exotic Plant Show and Sale
September 1 & 2, 2001
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
For information, call (626) 335-4600

Superior Court
Southeast District (Long Beach)

Wellness Fair 2001
August 29, 2001
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Southeast District (Long Beach)
Superior Court
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802



**The 3rd Annual
County of Los Angeles
Health Fair and Senior Festival**
October 11, 2001
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
El Dorado Regional Park
7550 East Spring Street, Long Beach

Sponsored by:
Supervisor Don Knabe (4th District)
County of Los Angeles
Commission on Aging
For information, call Patricia Senette-Holt
at (213) 738-2947

Pediatric Equipment and Resource Fair
August 22, 2001
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Perez Special Education Center
4540 Michigan Avenue, Los Angeles
For information, call (323) 869-8136

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Dept. of Human Resources
500 W. Temple Street, Room 375
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 893-2481
(213) 613-4789 FAX

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<http://hr.co.la.ca.us>

Mayor Antonovich Declares Antelope Valley Environmental Pride Week A Success

Mayor Antonovich, City of Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts, and City of Palmdale Mayor James C. Ledford held a press conference to thank volunteers and members of the Antelope Valley Illegal Dumping Task Force for participating and organizing the phenomenally successful inaugural Antelope Valley Environmental Pride Week held April 14-21, 2001. The Task Force consisted of representatives from Mayor Antonovich's Office, Department of Health Services, Department of Public Works, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Waste Management, Inc., various town councils and the general public.

Environmental Pride Week featured many events that raised environmental awareness, instilled good stewardship of our natural environment and encouraged pride in the Antelope Valley.

As witnessed by the high participation rates at all events, Environmental Pride Week has been judged by all to be a great success. This was in large part due to the Task Force's planning and coordination efforts, and the volunteers' support and participation.



Mayor Antonovich declares the Antelope Valley Environmental Pride Week a success.

Court Expands Traffic-Citation Processing by Phone to Six County Communities

Processing traffic citations, requesting traffic school or simply getting information on traffic matters is now easier—meaning lines are shorter—for thousands of additional County of Los Angeles residents.

Effective immediately, the Los Angeles Superior Court's Traffic Call Center is accepting telephone transactions for the 220,000 traffic citations annually processed in Beverly Hills, Culver City, East Los Angeles, Malibu, Santa Clarita or Santa Monica Courthouses.

Residents whose citations have been assigned to one of these courthouses may call (213) 742-6648 and obtain an exten-

sion, pay traffic fines, request a Trial by Declaration, arrange court appearances or receive assistance from an operator. Personal operator assistance (in Spanish and English) is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Automated traffic-citation processing is available in English and Spanish from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"The Superior Court is pleased to offer this convenience as a major customer-service expansion," said Bernadette Duncan, administrator of Metropolitan Superior Court, where the call center is housed.

Customers for the courts listed above may also access citation information and process citations via the Court's web site, www.lasuperiorcourt.org.





Heat Precautions



Although County of Los Angeles residents have been experiencing above-normal temperatures recently, June 21, 2001 marked the official start of summer. While many parts of the County rarely experience temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, inland regions do contend with periods of extreme heat. Extreme heat occurs when the combination of temperature and humidity exceeds 100 degrees. Officials from the Department of Health Services are urging residents to take precautions in this difficult weather.

“Extreme heat can be very dangerous for seniors, children and others whose immune and respiratory systems are not working properly,” said Jonathan E. Fielding, M.P.H., Director of Public Health and County Health Officer. “When the temperature and humidity increase, the body must work much harder to stay cool. If circumstances force the body’s temperature to rise, there is an increased risk of heat cramps, exhaustion and strokes.”

Heat exhaustion is caused by insufficient water intake, insufficient salt intake and a deficiency in the production of sweat. Sweat evaporation is what helps keep the body cool. Symptoms include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, skin that is pale and clammy; rapid and weak pulse, fast and shallow breathing, muscle cramps, and intense thirst. Individuals with these symptoms should be moved to a cooler, shaded place and given fluids such as sport drinks.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency caused by overexposure to extreme heat and a breakdown in the body’s heat-regulating mechanisms. The body becomes overheated to a dangerous degree. Heat stroke is often preceded by heat exhaustion. Symptoms of heat stroke are: hot, dry and flushed skin, no sweating, high body temperature, rapid heartbeat, confusion, and a loss of consciousness. Someone experiencing these symptoms must be cooled immediately in a cold-water bath or wet sheets. As heat stroke can be fatal, call 9-1-1 for assistance.

Even if you are not at risk for heat stroke or heat exhaustion, you can take steps to remain more comfortable and safe during extreme heat.

- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing.
- Drink water often; do not wait until you are thirsty. If urine output decreases, increase your water intake.
- If you become overheated, improve your ventilation. Open a window, use a fan or air conditioner. This promotes evaporation of sweat, which cools the skin.
- During peak heat hours, stay in an air-conditioned area. If you do not have access to air conditioning in your home, visit public facilities such as shopping malls, parks, beaches and libraries to stay cool.
- Avoid unnecessary exertion if you are outside or in a non-air-conditioned building.
- Avoid unnecessary sun exposure.
- When you are in the sun, try to avoid direct sunlight. Wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim.
- If you take medications, ask your physician if you need to modify their use when you are exposed to high temperatures.
- If you know seniors or people whose immune and respiratory systems are not working properly or who live alone, check on them regularly to make sure they are staying cool.
- Never leave infants, children, elderly people or pets unattended in closed cars or other vehicles.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is committed to protecting and improving the health of the nearly 10 million residents of the County of Los Angeles. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, DHS oversees environmental health, disease control and community and family health.

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

ASSESSOR: Norman J. Greitzer
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Nettie Gordon, Clara Meels, Evelyn Syverstsen
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Herb Oberman
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Robert W. Dawson
FIRE: Charles W. Hahne, Thomas W. Harp, Wayne L. Hiland, Walter P. Meagher Jr.
HEALTH SERVICES: John B. Bouquet, Joseph O. Evans, Frances J. Williams
INTERNAL SERVICES: Grant D. Busta, Eddie L. Fluellen, John I. Sims, George K. Stafford
MENTAL HEALTH: Kenneth Ikemoto
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Rozell B. Jones, Norman W. Nielsen, Alfredo Rodriguez
PUBLIC WORKS: Ruben Cruz
SHERIFF: Ernest F. Blanchard, Mariene P. Bogdanovich, John S. Bryan III, Sylvia O. Fort, Dennis J. Miller, Rodney C. Shanks, Paul F. Snow
SUPERIOR COURT: Judy A. Plauster, Lorraine A. Ransom
TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR: Richard H. Ballard

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

CORONER: Robert Arteaga
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Dennis P. Stults
FIRE: Ritchie S. Cooper
HEALTH SERVICES: Mildred J. Bobo, Virginia De Avila, Manuel De La Torre, Clara L. Frigola, Benjamin Guillermo, Rachel Richards
INTERNAL SERVICES: Leon B. Brooks, Myrna F. Pascua
PARKS & RECREATION: Willie Taylor
PROBATION: Yvonne J. Davies
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Myriam Perez Carril
SHERIFF: David C. Gaede
SUPERIOR COURT: Setsuko M. Guillen, Alice Jones

Supervisor Burke Calls Summer Youth Job Fair A Success

More than 300 youths, ages 16 to 20, attended Supervisor Burke's Summer Youth Job Fair at Ted Watkins Memorial Park, located at Central Avenue and 103rd Street in Los Angeles, on June 16, 2001. The event, which lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., featured booths with representatives and job information from more than 40 private companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies.

"Our purpose today was to help inner-city youths gain knowledge about the job market, as well as to find summer jobs," said Supervisor Burke. "We know that a number of youths have already been offered jobs, although we don't have exact numbers at this time. We also know that a number of workshops with information on how to complete a job application, how to conduct oneself in a job interview and how to dress for success, were well attended. These show the fair has been a really meaningful experience for the youths, and a success on which we can build."



Supervisor Burke and volunteers from the Friends of the County of Los Angeles Library turned out at Supervisor Burke's first annual Summer Youth Job Fair to help more than 300 youths find summer jobs and learn more about succeeding in the employment market.



At Supervisor Burke's first annual Summer Youth Job Fair, Supervisor Burke (left) and a volunteer posed at the County of Los Angeles Library booth as a young job seeker helped herself to information on summer employment openings.

Four workshops were offered to students at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Youths who attended the workshops received gift bags containing calculators and a package called "It's Your Career!" with an audio cassette, CD and a learning guide, along with a "Re-Employment Preparation Handbook" in English and Spanish, put out by the County of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board.

Youths also visited the Community College Foundation and Wells Fargo Bank's E-bus, a large vehicle containing 16 computer stations. The vehicle also had instructors on board to teach youths how to search information via the Internet.

Shuttle services ran between Ted Watkins Memorial Park and five different locations: Jefferson and Locke High Schools, Ujima Village housing development, the corner of Century Boulevard and Wilton Place, and the corner of 92nd and Bandera Streets at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Community Development Commission and Supervisor Burke's office provided the buses and vans.

Various donors made food, provided bottled water and supplied other goods available to the event. They included the Oldtimers Foundation, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Dr. Lee Nelson of the Hubert Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center. The Friends of the Los Angeles County Library provided 50 volunteers for the event.

Supervisor Burke said, "This was an excellent opportunity for the youths who attended to learn in a few hours what it might otherwise take years to learn about how to be successful in the job market." Supervisor Burke thanked the vendors who staffed the exhibits, telling them "It is not much to say that you're making an important contribution to the development of a knowledgeable and successful workforce that will help form the backbone of a stable and productive community."

She also thanked the organizers of the event, including the Department of Human Resources, Community and Senior Services and her staff.



Sharing A Commitment

County's Strategic Plan Efforts Move Forward

by David E. Janssen

We have been moving forward on several fronts to make our Strategic Plan a reality since the November 9, 2000 implementation workshop.

The County Vision appears on the official County website, and department heads have posted it in lobby areas and in reception/conference rooms.

Recent issues of the County Digest have provided informative updates on our progress, and you will see more articles on the Strategic Plan in subsequent issues.

The Department of Human Resources has coordinated implementation of

the "On The Spot Recognition Program," which is discussed at length elsewhere in this publication.

In addition, County department heads have been asked by the end of July to identify primary and secondary clients, as well as their partners who help them to effectively meet client needs.

The clients are those who are directly receiving services and the secondary clients are those who are affected by those services. Partners may include other agencies or entities in the private sector.

While some County department heads have completed their lists, there are

others who may want to re-examine what they have compiled to ensure its accuracy and to make any last-minute changes.

Finally, the re-examination process provides the department heads with an opportunity to reassess earlier decisions and offer more clarity to workers on the Strategic Plan objectives.

In some instances, we will be looking at service delivery standards, developing customer service training efforts, examining our options for using the Internet/Intranet to deliver services and enhancing public-private partnerships.

Upcoming County Strategic Plan highlights in *Sharing A Commitment*:

August:	Goal No. 1: Service Excellence
September:	Goal No. 2: Workforce Excellence
October:	Goal No. 3: Organizational Effectiveness
November:	Goal No. 4: Fiscal Responsibility
December:	Goal No. 5: Children and Families' Well-Being
January:	County Strategic Plan and the link with the new County Unincorporated Area Strategic Plan
February:	Overview and Status Report

Strategic Plan Website: up and running.

⇒ Learn more about Plan implementation and within your department.

⇒ See the action plans underway to reach the five Plan goals and County Vision.

⇒ Check out questions, with answers, most often asked.

⇒ Find contacts who can provide more information or answer your questions.

Go to <http://web.co.la.ca.us> - which is the County Home Page - and click on the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan icon.

"On the Spot" Recognition Forms Distributed

Employee recognition is an effective tool to boost morale among workers and to foster a cohesive working relationship within a department or agency. All employees want to be recognized for a job well done. Personnel and human resource experts agree that when an employee feels good about his or her performance there is a noticeable increase in the rate of productivity.

During its regular meetings the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors present the "Employee of the Month" award, and various County departments commend their employees on a regular basis. However, there was a need for members of the public to have an opportunity

to say "thanks" to a County employee. As a result, the press deputies of the Board of Supervisors, the staff of the Department of Human Resources and the Quality and Productivity Commission designed the "On the Spot" recognition form to recognize County employees "on the spot" who provide excellent service to the public.

This form is an additional tool to use as the County continues to implement the communication goals in the Countywide Strategic Plan. The use of the "On the Spot" recognition form will help bring about awareness of the County Vision and enhance the quality of service we provide to the more than nine million residents of the County.

The "On the Spot" recognition forms promote goodwill and give the community a real opportunity to voice their opinions about the work we do. The forms will be placed in all County offices and facilities, easily accessible to members of the public. This new level of community involvement will help us to better serve the people of the County of Los Angeles.

As public servants, one of our primary missions is to devise and implement policies and programs that will lead to an improved quality of life for the people of this great County.

Look for the "On The Spot" recognition forms, which are now available.

Dr. David K. Mayeda

Employee of the Month

Currently working for the Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center (LBCHC), Dr. David K. Mayeda was honored as the June 2001 Employee of the Month. Dr. Mayeda is a role model for customer service in the facility and the pharmacy. He provides drug information to the providers quickly and counsels patients on their medications with sensitivity to their literacy level, gender, age and cultural differences. Since joining LBCHC in 1996, he has served on several committees such as Community Outreach (including Health Fairs), Infection Control and Pharmacy and Therapeutics.

"It is an honor to be recognized for a service that I enjoy providing everyday I go to work," Dr. Mayeda stated. "I was very excited and surprised to be chosen. I could not believe I was the one person selected out of the entire County. It was a pleasant surprise!"

As a pharmacist at LBCHC, Dr. Mayeda provides medications in an ambulatory care setting, offers patient assessments and monitors the effects of drug therapy. By evaluating clinical symptoms and laboratory data, as well as interviewing patients regarding drug histories and medication compliance, Dr. Mayeda helps patients manage their disease. In addition to filling prescriptions, he provides drug information to staff concerning medication use.

Dr. Mayeda speaks at churches and schools, by way of the Community Outreach program at LBCHC, to bring attention to the facility and to express its commitment to serving the surrounding neighborhood's residents with the health care they need. The pinnacle of the program is the yearly health fair which brings the facility together with the public to promote LBCHC.

The Infection Control and the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees are working groups that discuss topics of safety and efficacy in the health care industry. Dr. Mayeda provides pharmaceutical input in discussing rational drug therapy to the LBCHC patients.

Dr. Mayeda volunteers at the Harbor/UCLA Department of Family Medicine program of the Church of the Brethren in Torrance to help the homeless and indigent. As with typical outreach programs, the phy-



Mayor Antonovich awards Dr. David K. Mayeda a scroll.

sicians of the department wanted to go out into the community to provide free basic health care to the community and consequently, Dr. Mayeda offered his services as a pharmacist to give out the medications and to explain the directions and precautions to each patient. "It is an endeavor that I truly enjoy," Dr. Mayeda remarked.

He was also part of a panel of professionals at the Biological Sciences Career Fair at the University of California, Irvine promoting the pharmacy profession. At the fair, Dr. Mayeda discussed the reasons why he went into pharmacy and the enjoyment he has working for the County of Los Angeles.

Dr. Mayeda's greatest accomplishment has been to work in the health care industry and to provide a service that benefits the underserved of the County of Los Angeles. He has always wanted to work in the medical field. Working for the County's health care system allows him to provide education and to give support to those in need. This accomplishment could never have been attained, however, if it was not with the support of his family.

Besides helping patients manage their diseases and volunteering his time to help the homeless, Dr. Mayeda enjoys fishing and growing orchids.

"Once again, it is an honor to receive this award and I will continue to provide the best service the County of Los Angeles expects."

Molina

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To this end, Supervisor Molina is committed to fighting for working families. In the past year alone, Supervisor Molina made it possible for 222 youngsters to receive daycare via her Infant Care Expansion Grant. In the past decade, 1,090 new affordable housing units have been constructed in her District, which includes East Los Angeles, the third most crowded area in the nation. Supervisor Molina has brought additional parks and open space to the inner city during her tenure, such as the Los Angeles River Center, El Bosque de Rio Hondo, the North East Trees project, the Los Angeles Bikeway Plan, and Mayberry Park, which includes a skating rink and a Tiny Tots Adventure Zone.

Supervisor Molina herself came from a working family. As a child, she witnessed her father arrive home each day exhausted from his job as a laborer. So, when she became an elected official, Supervisor Molina understood that the public treasury originates from working people's hard-earned paychecks.

Accordingly, Supervisor Molina advocates fiscal responsibility and "good government" values. She ended the County



Supervisor Molina and actor/activist Rob Reiner chat with children at a day care center after announcing a \$165 million allotment to the County of Los Angeles via Proposition 10, which provides funding for child care and parenting programs.

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Supervisor Molina celebrates the County's 150th birthday at the Pomona Fairplex, along with the County's Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen and Pomona Fairplex CEO Jim Henwood.

practice of pension spiking, saving taxpayers nearly \$100 million. She also effectively reined in medical malpractice liability costs, and she eliminated numerous perks, bonuses, and transportation allowances for highly paid bureaucrats.

Since her political beginnings during the 1970s Chicano movement as a women's health advocate, Supervisor Molina recognized that just because you hold a job does not mean you have access to health care, and that the mere cost of medicine prevents many people from being healthy. Supervisor Molina realized that working adults are not the only ones who suffer from this injustice. Children suffer, too.

Consequently, Supervisor Molina started the "Nurse Mentoring Program" in partnership with local community colleges to help alleviate the County's nursing shortage, as well as to provide an opportunity for hundreds of individuals to become skilled employees. She worked with the private sector so that hundreds of school children could receive eyeglasses that they otherwise could not afford through the "Gift of Sight" project. Supervisor Molina was instrumental in acquiring a \$1 billion federal commitment from President Clinton in 1995 to rescue the County's health care system, upon which millions of people depend.

Supervisor Molina spent her early days providing job training for at-risk youth

in the unincorporated areas of East Los Angeles, so she understands the government's obligation to provide a safe, healthy environment in which to raise a family. As Supervisor of the District with the largest population living in unincorporated areas, Supervisor Molina made quality-of-life issues a central point of her agenda. She aggressively closed down massage parlors acting as fronts for prostitution, cracked down on illegal pharmacies selling dangerous over-the-counter drugs without a prescription, and worked to remove unsightly graffiti and illegal billboards. Supervisor Molina instituted landmark legislation that restricts the proliferation of adult businesses in the unincorporated areas. She also created the County's Nuisance and Bar Abatement Team, resulting in liquor license revocations and the subsequent closures of 14 problematic bars, nightclubs and markets.

Whether functioning on a local or national level, Supervisor Molina always maintained her reputation as a fighter and groundbreaker. In the 1970s, Supervisor Molina served in the Carter White House and the San Francisco Department of Health and Human Services. She was elected to the California State Assembly in 1982 and the Los Angeles City Council in 1987. Her victorious leadership against the construc-

tion of a prison in East Los Angeles is legendary. Named as one of the Democratic Party's "10 Rising Stars" by TIME magazine in 1996, Supervisor Molina is one of four Vice Chairs of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). During the 2000 Presidential Election, Supervisor Molina was one of 15 top women leaders nationwide to be named as a possible Vice-Presidential candidate by the White House Project, a non-profit and nonpartisan group dedicated to raising awareness of women's leadership in American politics.

In addition, Supervisor Molina continues to remain active in community issues through her board membership with numerous civil rights organizations. These include the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project (SVREP), and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), where she currently serves as chair.

Supervisor Molina resides in the Mount Washington area with her husband, businessman Ron Martinez, and their teenage daughter, Valentina. She divides her time between her family, her position as County Supervisor, and her love for quilting for which she has received recognition for original pieces she created.



Supervisor Molina celebrates National Library Week with school children at the reopening of the Anthony Quinn Library in East Los Angeles. Quinn's childhood home was once located where the library now stands.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky Announces Opening of the New San Fernando Library



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Supervisor Yaroslavsky and other officials dedicated the new San Fernando Library, the product of a unique private/public partnership to benefit the residents of San Fernando. The new library is a key element in the newly constructed Library Plaza mall and was formally opened on June 20, 2001 with a day of celebration.

“This outstanding new library is a great example of a beneficial relationship between the private and public sectors,” Supervisor Yaroslavsky said. “Despite limited resources, we’ve found a way to forge a partnership that will enhance our service to the public.”

Festivities began at 10:00 a.m. with an opening ceremony led by Supervisor Yaroslavsky who was joined by San Fernando Mayor Cindy Montanez, County



A view of the children's book collection.

Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd, developer Severyn Aszkenazy of Pueblo Contracting Services, Inc., Friends of the Library President Steve Veres and John Donner, a Pacific Bell Vice President and Vice Chairman of the Library Foundation. Highlights of the day included a mariachi group in the morning, children's programs in the afternoon and an Aztec dance troop that performed at 3:30 p.m.

Local businessman Severyn Aszkenazy developed the innovative concept of Library Plaza, which places the public library as an anchor unit in a complex of retail stores. Small libraries are often located in buildings that are part of larger commercial centers, but in Library Plaza, Aszkenazy specifically designed and constructed the library building as a full service public library. The combination of specialty stores and a public library surrounding a landscaped plaza will be both enjoyable and convenient for residents.

The new San Fernando Library is 2,000 square feet larger than its predecessor located on Library Street. The bright, airy new building makes good use of natural light. State-of-the-art wiring supports advances in information technology. A children's area houses an improved collection of children's books.

The library has a new revitalized Literacy Center funded by Pacific Bell, which

will provide literacy tutoring and material for adults. Pacific Bell worked with the Library Foundation to establish support for the Literacy Center. The library also features a Homework Center at the library, serving students who need guidance with their homework research.

In addition, the library houses a new Employment Information kiosk sponsored by the County's Community and Senior Services. The kiosk is a free touch-screen service using the Internet to link to job opportunities and helpful information to assist the public with resume writing, interviewing and other job-searching skills.

“This is a community that appreciates and uses its library,” said County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd. “Families will be pleased with the way in which the new library is able to serve children and assist students.”

Library Plaza is a private/public partnership developed by Library Plaza Partners in collaboration with the City of San Fernando and the County of Los Angeles Public Library, with the assistance and support of Supervisor Yaroslavsky. The Friends of the San Fernando Library and Library Commissioner Alma Martinez actively supported the project and worked for its implementation. The library is leased and operated by the County of Los Angeles Public Library.



Standing next to the touch-screen Employment Information kiosk housed in the new library are Anthony McColy, Internal Services Department; Supervisor Yaroslavsky; Maria Mata and Jackie Sakane, Community and Senior Services; and Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian.

Supervisor Knabe Celebrates Opening of the Greater Long Beach Child Guidance Center



Joining Supervisor Knabe (second from the right) are Tracy Hensley, Development Director; Graciela Zisman, Hinchman House Clinic Manager; Jason Hinchman, son; Reverend Paul Lance, President of Board of Directors; Betty Hinchman, widow; and David K. Slay, Executive Director.

Supervisor Knabe joined the Open House celebration of the newly opened Hinchman House Outpatient Services and relocation of the Greater Long Beach Child Guidance Center (GLBCGC) Administration Office located at 3711 Long Beach Boulevard held on May 30, 2001.

Supervisor Knabe participated in the Dedication Ceremony and assisted with the ribbon cutting provided by the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Supervisor Knabe has been a strong supporter of the agency, especially the Center's Club MORE (Mentoring Offers Rewarding Experiences) Program.

"Nationwide, one out of 10 young people suffer from mental health issues that are serious enough to warrant treatment," Supervisor Knabe said. "The Greater Long

Beach Child Guidance Center has been stalwart in its efforts to reach those young people on a local level, and that is a true testament to the vision and commitment of its late director, Dr. Madison 'Skip' Hinchman."

Hinchman House is the Center's latest outpatient service location and was named in honor of Dr. Madison "Skip" Hinchman, the Center's former executive director, who died unexpectedly last November. Dr. Hinchman was a strong and dedicated advocate for emotionally disturbed children, adolescents, and their families in Southern California. He became executive director of the Center in 1995, and oversaw the growth of the Center from a single clinic to a prominent community mental health center with multiple locations.

Hinchman House provides a variety of outpatient mental health services to youth, adolescents, and their families in the Greater Long Beach area. Under the direction of Clinic Manager Graciela Zisman, LCSW, Hinchman House has a staff of over 40 therapists, social workers, interns, and staff. Some of the services and programs provided include dual diagnosis, play therapy and juvenile justice.

The Administration Office of the Greater Long Beach Child Guidance Center, Inc., under the leadership of Executive Director David K. Slay, Ph.D., is located on the 5th Floor at 3711 Long Beach Boulevard and was open for viewing as part of the festivities. In addition, this floor houses meeting rooms that are used by community groups, the Center's Board of Directors and The Friends of the Greater Long Beach Child Guidance Center Auxiliary. The Friends Auxiliary, in existence since 1979, is a volunteer group dedicated to raising funds and creating local awareness for the Center.

As a private, nonprofit organization, the Greater Long Beach Child Guidance Center has served the greater Long Beach area since 1946 to provide diagnosis and early treatment of psychological problems in children and adolescents. With the addition of Hinchman House, the Center now has six locations and a total staff of over 150 social workers, psychologists, family and child counselors, psychiatrists and interns. The agency currently provides more than 8,000 hours of outpatient, day treatment, in-home and school-based services each month to primarily low-income families in the southeast corner of the County of Los Angeles, including the communities of Long Beach, Compton, San Pedro, Wilmington, and Avalon on the island of Catalina.

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Career Fairs

First District

Career/Job Fair 2001

California State University, Los Angeles
October 11, 2001
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call (323) 343-3287

Career Fair Productions

Los Angeles Convention Center
October 23, 2001
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
For more information, call (310) 566-7464

Second District

J.O.B.S. Career Faire 2001

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall
September 27 & 28, 2001
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Fall Career Fair

University of Southern California
October 4, 2001
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For more information, call (213) 740-9112

Third District

Annual Halloween Career Fair

Santa Monica College
October 31, 2001
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
For more information, call (310) 434-4606

Fourth District

Career Fair Productions

Long Beach Convention Center
August 28, 2001
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
For more information, call (310) 566-7464

Fifth District

4th Annual Veterans Fair "Remembering Our Veterans and their Families"

Arcadia Park
November 11, 2001
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For more information, call (909) 394-2264

Supervisor Knabe Announces Parking Meter Pilot Program

Supervisor Knabe has announced approval of a pilot program providing short-term beach parking for visitors to Dockweiler State Beach. Currently, beach-goers must pay the full-day rate, no matter how long they wish to stay.

The pilot program, which commenced during the first week of July, designates five metered stalls each for two Dockweiler Beach parking lots and full metered parking for a third lot. The use of meters will allow beach-goers to pay only for the time they actually use the beach, instead of paying for a full day.

The program will end in September, at which time the Department of Beaches and Harbors will weigh the merits of the program.

"Dockweiler Beach had been sorely underutilized in the past," Supervisor Knabe said, "but with the many improvements we have made within the past year—new volleyball courts, concessions and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility—I believe the public is going to be pleasantly surprised. The addition of metered parking stalls should allow beach-goers to enjoy Dockweiler with even greater flexibility."

According to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, South Bay residents have often asked for short-term parking at Dockweiler to accommodate short visits to the beach or to enjoy its restaurants and shops.

The five parking spaces designated at each of two lots—Grand Avenue in El Segundo and Hyperion in Playa del Rey—will cost \$0.25 for every 15 minutes. The spaces will be available for up to 90 minutes. The 62nd Street parking lot, a small, underutilized parking lot with 51 spaces, will be converted to full-metered parking. Rates will also be set at \$0.25 for every 15 minutes, but there will be no time limit.

The current price for all-day parking in these lots is \$6 at the Grand Avenue Parking lot and \$6.75 at Hyperion. Dockweiler State Beach's hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



The parking meter pilot program is part of an overall improvement plan developed by the Department of Beaches and Harbors to increase access and efficiency of beach parking. The program also includes parking lot repairs and a stronger enforcement policy for parking violators.



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