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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**AIDS
WALK
LOS ANGELES**

Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Supervisor, Second District

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich cordially invites County employees to participate in the Sixth Official AIDS Walk Los Angeles on Sunday, October 21, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. on the "Sky Set" of Paramount Pictures in Hollywood.

In 1981, the first AIDS case was reported in the United States. Twenty years later, over 450,000 Americans have died of HIV/AIDS and nearly 1 million have been diagnosed. Join AIDS Project Los Angeles' 20th anniversary walk and help provide comprehensive support services to tens of thousands of men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS.

All County employees are encouraged to voluntarily support fundraisers, request sponsorship from friends and family. For more information, contact your Departmental AIDS Walk Team Leader or the CAO/Office of Workplace Programs at (213) 974-2466.



The Burke family at home with their pets.

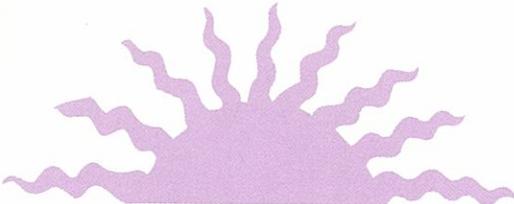
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On her way out of the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, immediately following the board meeting last July 17, Supervisor Burke made a point of stopping to chat with Supervisor Molina about Belmont High School, in Molina's district, which had been a subject of intense discussion towards the end of the meeting. "I remember Belmont well," laughed Supervisor Burke. "When I was a little girl, I used to go there with my mother when she was attending night school classes to get her real estate broker's license. I hated it. It meant I had to sit quietly for two or three hours in the back of the classroom."

The incident was exemplary of Supervisor Burke's style as a legislator, executive, and political leader. She is assertive without being aggressive, and her leadership style is feminine. Nevertheless, she makes decisions quickly and authoritatively, and is perfectly capable of defending them vigorously, when necessary. She also works very well with men. "When I first got into politics, it was a much more masculine world than it is now," Supervisor Burke says. "But, I found that once I proved what I could do, I was accepted fairly quickly."

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Calendar of Events

Top 10

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

Los Angeles County Fair
September 7 through September 23, 2001

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

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

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

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

AIDA: A New Musical Love Story
November 7, 2001 through January 5, 2002
Call for exact dates and times.

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

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

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

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

Tiniest Giants: Discovering Dinosaur Eggs
Through October 14, 2001

Of Myth and Memory: Paiute & Shoshone Baskets of Owens Valley, California
October 13, 2001 through April 14, 2002
Call for exact dates and times.

The Arboretum of Los Angeles County
(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.

Wellness Fair 2001
October 24, 2001
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lancaster K-6 Complex
Public Works
335A – Avenue K6
Lancaster, CA 93535

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
For information, call Patricia Senette-Holt at (213) 738-2947.

Los Angeles County Secretarial Council
(562) 623-2105 or (213) 974-7671

Annual Boss-Secretary Luncheon
October 18, 2001
11:00 a.m.
Millennium Biltmore Hotel (formerly Regal Biltmore Hotel)
Downtown Los Angeles

AIDS Walk Los Angeles
October 21, 2001
9:00 a.m.
Sky Set
Paramount Pictures, Hollywood
For more information, call (213) 974-2466.

LA Arts Open House
October 6, 2001
For more information, call (213) 972-3099 or visit www.lacountyarts.org.

For the ninth consecutive year, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has been named among the very best physical rehabilitation facilities in the country by physicians polled for *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Rancho Los Amigos is the only rehabilitation facility in California to make the survey's national Top 10 list, and one of only three in the Western United States.

The "Best Hospitals" rehabilitation category rates the quality of care delivered to people in the aftermath of stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and other severely disabling medical conditions. The highly regarded *U.S. News & World Report* research effort, designed and executed by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, assesses performance in 17 medical specialty areas at more than 6,000 hospitals nationwide.

Rankings in four of the specialty areas, including rehabilitation, are based on "reputational" data—in Rancho Los Amigos' case, how board-certified physiatrists (doctors who specialize in physical medicine) rate the quality of rehabilitative care that is consistently delivered by Rancho.

"Once again, we are the only rehabilitation hospital in California to make the *U.S. News & World Report* all-star team! It is the professionalism and commitment of our dedicated staff, and the incredible courage of our patients, which make this peer recognition possible year after year," said Conseulo Diaz, Rancho's chief executive officer. "We are honored by this continuing tribute to the advanced, highly-skilled, and always compassionate rehabilitative care for adults and children that's been Rancho Los Amigos' mission for more than 50 years," Diaz added.

"I am a first hand witness to the everyday miracles of Rancho Los Amigos," said Supervisor Knabe, in whose district the hospital is located. "We are extremely proud of Rancho Los Amigos, not just as an institution, but for the men and women who, day in and day out, are committed to being the very best in their profession."

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Unique Urban Village Dedicated

Supervisor Molina and the new tenants of the Park William Apartment Complex dedicated the first of its kind project model in California at a Harvest Fiesta on July 28, 2001. Tenants prepared foods using ingredients from their first harvest at the complex at 857 William Street in Pomona.

This unique 31-unit urban village is the first "tenant cultivation" housing development of its kind in the State. It features a large edible landscape with family garden plots for food; extensive energy conservation measures; a community center offering literacy, computer, and nutritional classes; a children's playground; and a menu of human services. The complex, once latent with gangs and drugs, is now a place of learning and growing.

Up to 15 percent of participating residents' diets come from food grown on-site reducing grocery bills significantly, and energy saving features reduce utility bills by more than 30 percent.

"Addressing the need for quality affordable housing through unique projects such as the Park William Apartment Complex project provides residents an opportunity to become investors in their communities. I am proud to dedicate this project in my district," said Supervisor Molina, whose district benefits from the "Industry Funds," a housing pool of money available for area redevelopment purposes, primarily to purchase sites within a 15 mile radius of the City of Industry. Industry Funds were used to purchase the project site.

Once suffering from dilapidated conditions, and a community nuisance, the revitalized apartment complex is now a place where tenants take great pride of ownership.

During a formal program at the Harvest Fiesta, Professor Paul Sommers and students from the Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies at Cal Poly Pomona presented findings of a study on the project's food and nutrition impact on residents. Children from the complex read poetry such as "My New Home" written especially for the Harvest occasion.

Through an innovative partnership of developers, investors, social service agencies, and Cal Poly Pomona, 30 families including 94 children and 60 adult tenants have become investors of their futures, in their own community. The successful project is possible through a partnership between:

- ONE Company (Opportunity for Neighborhood Empowerment), a women and minority-owned for-profit development group
- WORKS (Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services), a non-profit community development foundation providing affordable housing paired with meaningful supportive services and economic development opportunities
- Edison Capital Housing Investment
- County of LA Community Development Commission, Housing Authority
- City of Pomona and Pomona Police Department
- Cal Poly Pomona-Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies
- Computer Smarts, Volunteers Vital English, Pomona Access to Social Services
- Nikou Construction, ONE Company + ONE and Western National Property Management
- The \$4 million project financial investors include the "Industry Funds," a housing pool of money available for area redevelopment purposes, primarily to purchase sites; Bank of America; Downey Savings and Loan Association; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; Mercy Loan Fund; and the McAuley Institute.

Youth Housing Opened

Supervisor Burke joined actor Steve Guttenberg when an emancipated housing development named for the actor had its grand opening last June 13th. The project is part of a support program, started seven years ago, to help the 1,000 youths who annually "age out" of the County's foster care system face the difficult challenge of achieving self-sufficiency out in the world as adults. The program provides transitional homes for the youths, often referred to as emancipated, as they move out of foster homes to find their own place in the community.

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Scudder Library Center Dedicated



Chief Probation Officer Shumsky, Mayor Antonovich and community members attend the dedication of the Camp Kenyon J. Scudder Library Center.

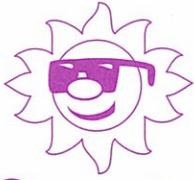
Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, Chief Probation Officer Richard N. Shumsky, Residential Treatment Services Bureau Chief Rick Saenz, former LA County Office of Education Superintendent Dr. Donald W. Ingwerson and others officially dedicated the opening of the Camp Kenyon J. Scudder Library Center on July 6, 2001.

The center is a community project that received assistance from Mayor Antonovich, Probation and the LA County Office of Education. It will be home to several on-site programs, including Operation Read and ABC Learn. In addition to housing fiction and nonfiction literature works, the center features six computer stations that can be utilized by the cadets during after-school hours.

Camp Kenyon J. Scudder Library Center is located at 28750 North Bouquet Canyon Road in Saugus.

Mailing Address Change

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



LA County Fair

The Los Angeles County Fair is coming to town and it's the one party you won't want to miss. Now in its 79th year, the largest county fair in the nation begins September 7 and ends September 23. The theme for the 17-day funfest is "Kinder. Simpler. Funner."

The Los Angeles County Fair has successfully combined the rich tradition of the Fair with education, art, horticulture, agriculture, livestock, and entertainment and wrapped it up in a package that provides something for the whole family. The cost of admission to experience so much is slightly more than a movie ticket. Group packages and special promotions are available.

Kids can visit the "Castle of Magical Discoveries," presented by AT&T Wireless and be amazed, delighted, entertained and educated all at once. Merlin's Laboratory with illusions like a Vortex Tunnel, Bottomless Pits, a Wall of Nails, and a large Plasma Crackle Tube will challenge the imagination. There are Enchanted Bubble Pools, a Bernoulli Levitator, Morphing Mirrors and amazing Dancing Waters. The Illusion Theatre will present the entertaining and educational Chemistry and Physics Show. The exhibit is located in Fairplex 7A.

The Los Angeles County Fair is the home of an art gallery that rivals private galleries in the quality and variety of artists and presentation. This year, the Millard Sheets Gallery will present an exhibit entitled "The Art of Illusion." The fascinating exhibit features a core of contemporary still life art works. The exhibit includes traditional replications (realistic and meticulously detailed) and lifelike depictions (trompe l'oeil) where clever handling of perspective, shadow and shading fool the eye into thinking things are real enough to touch on interpretive works, stretching the imagination in theme as well as technique. Artist demonstrations will take place daily throughout the Fair.

The beautiful Flower and Garden Pavilion will treat Fair guests to "The Fragrances of France." From street vendors to hat shops, a replica of the Eiffel Tower and the delightful Monet's Garden, guests will

experience the sights and smells of France without ever leaving North America.

America's Kids will also transport Fair guests to an island deep in the heart of the Caribbean. Kids can discover volcanoes, real animals, insects and fish and explore the history of pirates and sunken ships.

This family oriented, fun-filled, hands-on exhibit will provide hours of education and entertainment for kids of all ages.

Livestock and agriculture was once the core of the Inland Valley. Kids and adults can experience the bygone era by visiting FairView Farms featuring authentic farm equipment, a textile barn with sheep shearing, wool spinning and a look at the finished products, clothing. The history of citrus farming is highlighted with a special Education Center. There is an apple orchard and a new taco farm, designed to teach the relevance of agriculture in our daily lives.

The Creative Living Department created a new name to better describe the variety and scope of the exhibit. Now known as Creative Expressions, it is one of the few places where exhibitors can win a coveted blue ribbon for a homemade, handcrafted entry and share that success with family and friends. It is the largest exhibit of its kind in California. Preserved foods, baked goods, quilts, clothing, ceramics, needlework, china painting, woodcarving, spinning, weaving, lace making and more are displayed and demonstrated throughout the run of the Fair.

Live nighttime entertainment will have the audience rocking throughout the Fair at the Fairplex Park grandstand. Live thoroughbred horse racing provides the daytime excitement with 12 races daily beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Ray Cammack Shows Carnival has 72 tantalizing rides for the thrill seekers in the group. There are three kiddie carnivals for the younger set. RCS Carnival will return for its 17th year at the Los Angeles County Fair.

Looking for some unique gifts or want to get a jump on holiday shopping? The Los Angeles County Fair has the largest marketplace west of the Mississippi with more than 2,000 retail locations featuring a variety of merchandise, including diamonds and gems to in-ground swimming pools.

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August 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 the County of Los Angeles:

- DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Thomas F. Gessner, Anthony C. Zaldivar
- FIRE:** James W. Goodwin, John H. Humphrey, Jack L. Hunter II, John P. Laughlin, Terry A. Zimmer
- HEALTH SERVICES:** George G. Burns, Dorothy L. Ellis, Jeannetta Tyson, Celestine Wilburn, David J. Winger
- INTERNAL SERVICES:** Sam W. Johnson
- PARKS & RECREATION:** Michael Falcon, Jefferson B. Wheeler
- PROBATION:** Ila R. House, Patricia A. Rene, William Robinson Jr.
- PUBLIC DEFENDER:** George H. Meyerhoff
- PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Geneva M. Stoneham
- PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Cecil D. Miles, Vernel Williams
- PUBLIC WORKS:** Lee O. Fisher
- SHERIFF:** Gregory P. Collins, George H. Gomez, Pauline Morga, Curtis L. Spears Jr., Dennis D. Summers
- SUPERIOR COURT:** Gladys A. Hernandez

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:

- CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Mary J. Johnson
- FIRE:** John C. Gelfuso, Thomas W. Tibbett, Dennis L. Vlach
- HEALTH SERVICES:** Maria E. Flores, Dora R. Gonzalez, Lourdes S. Koutnik, Mary L. Uranga, Suzi Vogt
- INTERNAL SERVICES:** Floyd V. Gregory, Warren W. Hickman
- MENTAL HEALTH:** Richard E. Cabrera
- MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIR:** Venancia Lomibao
- PROBATION:** William A. Chandler, Mary J. McAdory
- PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Mattie B. Brown, Ebrahim Tarighi
- SHERIFF:** Zoe L. Grillas, Dale D. Olsen, Rogelio L. Casem

Burke

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During a political career that spans 35 years, she has served in every level of government. She was a California State Assemblywoman and a U.S. Congresswoman before being appointed to the Board of Supervisors by Governor Jerry Brown in 1979, for the Fourth District. In between the time she left County politics in 1980 until she ran for and won the late Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's Second District seat in 1992, she practiced law and was a law partner at the Jones Day law firm, served as Chairman of the L. A. Federal Reserve Bank, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Ford Foundation and the Education Testing Service, and was Vice Chairman of the 1984 U. S. Olympics Organizing Committee. She was also a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California.



She is liberal in her politics, with strong feelings about the need for social and environmental justice for residents in less well-to-do neighborhoods. Currently, she has major concerns about a proposed light rail line along the Exposition corridor. "Unfortunately, the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) budget proposal doesn't include any provision for grade separations and other safety features," she says, "despite the fact that a rail line would cross numerous major traffic arteries, as well as passing right behind or in front of several schools and numerous residential areas. In the interests of environmental justice, these issues must be addressed." In the meantime, she says, she'd like to see an Exposition light rail line start off with the extension of a rail spur from the Blue Line to Exposition Park. "This would open up this great park to more County residents," she says.



At home with Boo Boo, a cocker spaniel, and Choo Choo, one of two cats.

She was a founder of the Afro American Museum at Exposition Park, and has also actively promoted economic development in the Second District, championing the establishment of businesses in areas that have been underserved. She has also advanced the cause of disadvantaged children—especially foster children—by hosting numerous events every year, including a beach party at Mother's Beach, a Fishing In The City party at a County or state park (this year it was at Kenneth Hahn State Park), and several gift giving events during the holiday season.

A favorite charity is the Aquatics Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles, which she founded to assist children in using swimming pools in the Second District. Every year the Foundation hosts a star-studded Salute To Champions luncheon to raise funds. Former honorary chairs of the event include Muhammad Ali and Tommy Lasorda. This year it raised \$150,000.

Providing medical care for people who have no medical insurance continues to be an important issue for the Supervisor, as does expanding the availability of higher education for minority children. "I also believe that quality of life issues are really important. There's a great need for more parks in the Second District, and I continue to work towards establishing a great urban park in the Baldwin Hills area. In the meantime, Del Amo Park in Torrance will be the first park in 20 years that has been located in a reclaimed brownfield."

"Another concern I have is how LAX (Los Angeles International Airport) expansion will work out. So many residents in areas affected by takeoff and landing noise and exhausts are really at risk for health problems within the next decade or two. I'm very pleased that the public comment period for the LAX Master Plan and

Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Report has been extended until the close of the working day on Monday, September 24th." She says she will continue to promote a more regional approach to apportioning the burgeoning travel and cargo traffic into Southern California.

She also continues to actively promote educational and economic solutions to the problem of gang violence in the Second District, which has continued to escalate. "It's been shown that much youth-on-youth violence happens between 3:00 p.m., when school lets out, and 6:00 p.m., when parents and other caregivers start arriving home from work. I believe that more programs to educate youths, and keep them involved, will help alleviate this problem."

In addition to her community concerns, Supervisor Burke makes sure she allocates time at home for dinner with husband Bill Burke, a Los Angeles businessman, and for frequent outings with daughter, Autumn, and stepdaughter, Christine. She is a devoted pet lover, with her cocker spaniel, Boo Boo, and two cats running around her Marina del Rey home. And she looks forward to quiet time on the waters of the Pacific, fishing and allowing her mind to rest before once again tackling the challenges of governing the largest County in the United States.



Supervisor Burke, a native Angeleno, on a recent fishing jaunt in the Pacific. "I really love fishing," she says. "It's so relaxing. Quite often once I catch one, I'll return it to the ocean."





“Sharing a Commitment”

Service Excellence: The First Strategic Plan Goal

The first Strategic Plan goal, that of **Service Excellence**, will clearly require the leadership of all County employees. From life-saving to life-nurturing, from protective services to cultural services, we provide residents and businesses with support that enhances community growth, public access, and family stability. **Service Excellence**, then, is a working commitment to humanity in government.

To achieve **Service Excellence**, departments have been asked to “anchor” their efforts through three *Strategies*. Each strategy has a “work plan” composed of target activities called objectives.

Strategy #1, develop standards for user friendly service — the objectives are:

- ▶ **Develop one or two key service delivery standards, and standards for each relevant program.** As an example, Health Services implemented a program to accommodate certain patients who wish to receive aggressive medical therapy at home rather than at a hospital. The program provided therapy to 32 patients, with a 94 percent success rate. Service delivery standards support such creative programs.



- ▶ **Develop employee customer service orientation programs.**

Internal Services has a Comprehensive Customer Service Program for new employees and annual customer service training for existing employees and managers. Continual orientation is supported by a monthly customer service newsletter.



- ▶ **Identify primary and secondary clients, as well as partners necessary to effectively meet client needs.**

Public Works recently led a project of 56 jurisdictions to simplify the Building Code system. It began with the identification of clients ranging from developers, architects, engineers, and contractors, to do-it-yourself homeowners and neighborhood groups. Identifying clients and partners helps to focus the issues.

Strategy #2, design seamless “One County” service delivery systems — the objectives are:

- ▶ **Identify existing services delivered in a seamless fashion.** The Auditor-Controller, Assessor, Assessment Appeals Board and Treasurer and Tax Collector integrated their individual property tax telephone systems into one toll-free Call Center to ensure that public inquiries, which may come to the wrong agency or require responses from more than one department, are appropriately directed, and seamless service is provided.



► *Where appropriate, identify and prioritize services that should be delivered in a seamless fashion, and set implementation targets.* The

New Directions Task Force, Chaired by Public Social Services, outlined a Long-Term Family Self-Sufficiency Plan involving multiple departments and entities providing services to a similar population of clients.



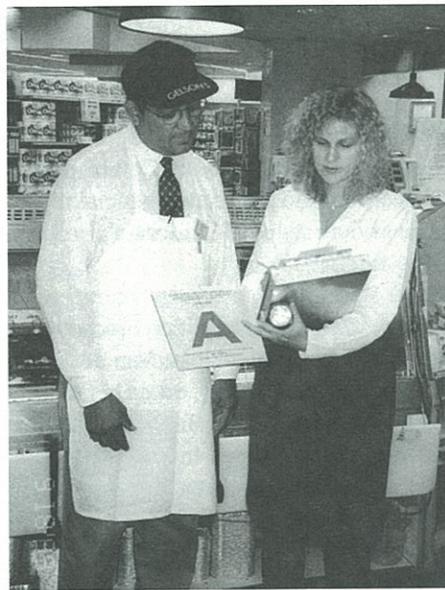
► *Develop programs to deliver services through the internet/intranet.* To re-unite lost or missing pets, Animal Care and Control developed its Animal Control Web Page. The Page, which features color photographs of all the shelter animals, has brought hundreds of pets and families back together.



The objectives for Strategy #3, evaluate services based on results, are:

► *Develop a countywide program for identifying and promoting best practices.* The Quality and Productivity Commission is developing a website that will be accessible to all departments and employees. Phase I should be up in early October.

► *Develop at least one outcome measure per program.* Health Services established the A, B, C grading system for restaurants. The measurable outcome, to bring more restaurants in the County closer to A compliance through awareness, has been highly successful.



As illustrated here, **Service Excellence** is implemented by committed County employees. You too can contribute to the team effort by:

- **Supporting departmental programs to provide positive outcomes.**
- **Being customer oriented, and using your expertise to assist co-workers and the public.**
- **Providing your professional skills and effort to ensure the job is well done.**
- **Looking for strategies that make service delivery more effective, or more accessible, or more economic.**

THANK YOU for your service to the County and our communities.

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

"Sharing a Commitment" is a collaborative series brought to you by Human Resources and the Quality and Productivity Commission with the Auditor-Controller, Chief Administrative Office, Chief Information Office, Executive Office, Internal Services, Public Works and Sheriff.

Barbara J. Moore

Employee of the Month

For 25 years, she has been responsible for processing the largest volume of extradition and detainer cases of any local agency in the United States. As the chief of the Extradition Services Section of the District Attorney's Office, Barbara J. Moore was awarded the July 2001 Employee of the Month. Moore directs the extradition program for the largest Prosecutor's office in the nation. She also oversees the extradition-related activities of all the law enforcement agencies in the County; develops and implements policies and procedures and coordinates them with all of the law enforcement agencies throughout the County, as well as all the District Attorney's branches, areas, central operations and special units.



Mayor Antonovich awards Barbara J. Moore as the July 2001 Employee of the Month.

After hearing the news, Moore was thrilled to be selected as Employee of the Month. District Attorney Steve Cooley called her late one afternoon. She expected that he was calling about an extradition matter, but instead it was about being chosen as Employee of the Month.

"Just to be recognized and nominated by District Attorney Steve Cooley was an honor. Being selected is something I never dreamed would ever happen to me. It is a wonderful feeling when one's hard work and dedication is acknowledged," she stated.

"Holding my current position and serving in this capacity, the only one of its kind in the nation's largest District Attorney's Office is quite an accomplishment since I was born and grew up in the Midwest," commented Moore.

Moore was born and raised in Taney County, Missouri, three miles outside of a town with a population of 69 people. Her nearest neighbor lived a half mile away. She did not have electricity until she was five years old and did not have running water or a telephone until after she left home. Moore started school in a one-room schoolhouse and walked a half-mile each way to catch the school bus.

Since 1976, Moore has been in charge of all of the extraditions for the County of Los Angeles, expanding the unit and streamlining the operation. She recommended a modification to the Complaint form to include a judicial finding of probable cause for extradition purposes. The effect of this change was the elimination of the need for producing bulky extradition documents that are costly to the County and local agencies and eliminated judicial review in the asylum states of California's probable cause finding.

Moore also wrote the reference manual, "Selected Extradition Procedures & Reference Material." John Van de Kamp, former District Attorney, asked her to write it since there was no reference source on extradition procedures that existed at the time. After she completed the manual and made the Attorney General's Office aware of it, Moore received requests for copies from all over the state.

Moore has lectured to law enforcement groups, prosecutors, and representatives from the Attorney General's offices and Governor's offices on a variety of extradition topics such as the fundamentals of extradition and the process required for seeking the extradition of an international fugitive at both statewide and nationwide conferences.

Recently, the National Association of Extradition Offices awarded Moore the Elvyn Holt Outstanding Achievement Award. This is a special recognition to an official whose outstanding skill, judgment, initiative, dedication and professionalism

have made an extraordinary contribution to the interstate rendition process. "I was overwhelmed with emotion to be recognized by such an important group," stated Moore.

Moore has been active in many fundraising events. She has donated and collected books, made homemade baked goods, promoted and held book and bake sales, and arranged chili cook-offs for office functions and charities. Several times, she assisted with the Special Olympics and the District Attorney investigators running team in the annual Baker to Vegas relay race. As an avid runner, completing 32 marathons, Moore has run numerous races including 5K, 8K, 10K, half marathon races and marathons for charities.

Moore enjoys nearly anything that takes her outdoors. She takes pleasure in gardening, running, and helping animals, as well as going to movies, reading and collecting law enforcement patches from all over the world.

"The County of Los Angeles Employee of the Month program is a terrific idea because we all know a number of County employees who are hard-working, dedicated, but, largely go unnoticed. Everyone needs positive strokes and likes to be praised. Through this program many of them will receive special recognition."



Events

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3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk & Health Expo for Girls At-Risk

September 29, 2001

8:30 a.m.

Rose Bowl, Pasadena

For more information, call (213) 974-0792 or (213) 974-1455.

Civic Center Charity Bazaar

September 26, 2001

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Mall

For more information, call (213) 974-2466.

Fire Station 124 Groundbreaking

Mayor Antonovich attended the Fire Station 124 groundbreaking festivities on June 4, 2001. "This new fire station is vitally important in the rapidly growing Santa Clarita Valley," said Mayor Antonovich. When Fire Station 124 opens next summer, it will consist of an 8,000 square foot facility, housing an engine company, a paramedic squad, and a dozer stand-by team.

Mayor Antonovich paid tribute to the firefighters who put their lives on the line everyday to protect our loved ones and property, and who serve as positive role models to the youth in our community. He also acknowledged Lennar Communities, the developers who donated the land for this station to be built and for their involvement in establishing this facility. Mayor Antonovich thanked the Stevenson Ranch Town Council and Civic Association, for their hard work and patience in helping to resolve the challenges of having this sta-



tion built and to Lorri Baldwin, vice president of the Stevenson Ranch Town Council, and her committee, for working with the Fire Department and the community, and for their suggestions and guidance on the design of Fire Station 124.

The station will be located in the unincorporated area of Stevenson Ranch in the Santa Clarita Valley.



Housing

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Joining Supervisor Burke is actor Steve Guttenberg in inspecting the interior of one of four Guttenberg Housing Units for County foster care emancipated youths. Guttenberg helped raise \$50,000 to upgrade interior finishing materials and amenities. He asked that they include built-in shelves and eating and study areas.

Located at the corner of 103rd Street and Van Ness in the Athens area, the Guttenberg units—a duplex with four beds—are the Emancipated Foster Youth Transitional Housing Program's seventh apartment complex. According to a study completed by the UCLA School of Social Welfare's Center for Child and Family Policy Studies, nearly half the young adults who "age out" of the foster care program at the age of 18 would likely end up homeless without a support program. The County's program has received several awards, including the prestigious California State Association of Counties Challenge Award in 1999, for its excellence.

Supervisor Burke commended Community Development Commission Director Carlos Jackson and his staff, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Weingart Foundation, and the United Friends of the Children and Family Services for the \$331,000 cost of constructing the Guttenberg units. She also thanked Steve Guttenberg for \$50,000 that he raised for interior design, in conjunction with the nonprofit Entertainment Industry Foundation.

The County now has a total number of 95 operational beds for emancipated youths, with plans for an additional 55 beds in the works. "We've come a long way," says Supervisor Burke, "but as you can see, with 1,000 youths reaching the age of emancipation every year, we still have a long way to go."

Fair

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Graze through the Fair and enjoy a plethora of food items from more than 250 food stands, some available just once a year at the Fair. Visit The Vineyard and savor the Fair's gold medal winning wines. The judging occurs in May and the winners are available for tasting for a nominal fee along with wine related items in the Crushed Grape wine shop.

Award winning olive oils are also displayed. Guests can participate in "You Be the Judge," "Guess Which Wine," and "Wine and Food Pairing," education classes which are both informative and fun.

The fair will recognize what's right in the community by honoring 18 surrounding cities and their community heroes. Each city's day includes a horse race named in honor of the city, a community parade featuring local heroes and their high school band and a special celebration in Festival Plaza.

Festival Plaza will be the site of Senior Health Fairs on September 11 and 18. Presented by Inter-Valley Health Plan and Pomona Valley Community Hospital Medical Center, some of the highlights include sample products, health screenings, information and consulting services for the Senior Era. Other special activities planned for Tuesdays include bingo, contests and entertainment. The African Festival will be

in Festival Plaza on the Fair's opening weekend with a rich cultural exchange, entertainment, services and products. Festival Plaza becomes a festive Asian Festival on the Fair's closing weekend with products, history, entertainment and food featured.

The eyes of racing buffs will light up upon entering Thunder Alley. The 1,000-foot long motorsports midway will feature virtually every type of racing car, an actual pit area as seen at an NHRA event and the drag race thrill ride, Speed Track.

On weekdays, classes attend the Los Angeles County Fair on field trips for a peek at World of Dairy, Kountry Kritters, California's Heritage Square, Historical Trains and Garden Railroad, Festival Plaza, Millard Sheets Gallery, Education Expo and Castle of Magical Discoveries. More than 400,000 Southern California school kids have experienced the field trips since the program's inception in 1997.

The Los Angeles County Fair has created memories since 1922. If you've never been, make plans to experience it this year. Admission for adults is \$12 on weekends and \$10 on weekdays; ages 6-12 are admitted for \$5 during the week and for \$6 on weekends; ages five and younger are admitted free each day of the Fair. Seniors 60 and older are admitted for \$9 on weekends and \$8 on weekdays—Senior Tuesdays admission is just \$4. Most attractions are included with Fair admission. From museums and wine tasting to agriculture and carnival to horse racing to world-class horse shows, it is the best family entertainment value in Southern California.



Health Fair and Senior Festival

Supervisor Knabe and the County Commission on Aging encourage the County's senior citizens and their families to attend "The Many Faces of Aging," the third annual County of Los Angeles Health Fair and Senior Festival on October 11, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at El Dorado Regional Park.

Thousands of seniors and their loved ones are expected to enjoy free health screenings, live multicultural entertainment, health lectures and food and refreshments. As many as 200 public service and vendor booths are anticipated; and, if available, flu

shots will be administered.

Admission to the event is free; however, there is a \$3 parking fee. The event coordinators are encouraging the senior centers to transport seniors to the fair by bus since there is no fee for buses.

Commissioners Gina Hayes and Patricia Bray will serve as co-chairpersons of the event.

El Dorado Regional Park is located at 7550 East Spring Street in Long Beach. For information, call AAA Senior Information and Assistance at (800) 510-2020.

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Mayor Michael D. Antonovich and the Board of Supervisors approved the County's 2001 Charitable Giving Campaign to begin on August 6, 2001 and continue through October 5, 2001. This year's campaign theme is "We Are Family."

Our Charitable Giving Campaign "family" has 6 Fund Distribution Agencies from which you can choose. They are the Asian Pacific Community Fund, Brotherhood Crusade, Earth Share of California, L.A. Women's Foundation, United Latino Fund and United Way of Greater L.A.

Investing \$5 a month in our Charitable Giving campaign will annually fund...

- Bus passes for 20 adults, or
- Transportation for 25 people attending parent education courses, or
- Community service projects for 40-70 high school students, or
- Quarterly issues of the Environmental Health Coalition newsletter to the public library, or
- Planting 40 trees in an inner-city neighborhood.

Join our community family with a new donation through payroll deduction or by purchasing campaign fundraiser items. Now available are the "We Are Family" chocolate candy bars, United Way Beanie Bears and 2001 Entertainment Books.

To sign-up for payroll deduction, purchase campaign items or for more information, contact your departmental coordinator or the CAO/Office of Workplace Programs at (213) 974-2466.

Please join us in making the County of Los Angeles a better place in which to live. "We are Family!"

Mont Calabasas Project Dedicated

Supervisor Yaroslavsky recently paid a visit to Morrison Ranch outside of Calabasas to mark the dedication by Shea Homes of 325 acres of prime open space as a part of Shea's development agreement for its Mont Calabasas project. The dedicated parcel land includes rolling ridgelines, deep ravines, walnut woodland, coastal sage habitat, stunning views and recreational trails that will link up to trails in the adjacent 4,475 acres of Cheseboro and Palo Comado Canyons.

Nearly a decade ago, at the insistence of then-Supervisor Ed Edelman, the initial project's proposed residential units were scaled back by about two-thirds; commercial development and grading were slashed by roughly 50%; a proposed extension of Thousand Oaks Boulevard was dropped and 325 acres was to be set aside as open space.

After Supervisor Yaroslavsky took office in 1994, his office persuaded Shea,

who had inherited the project from the previous developer, to dedicate that parcel to the National Park Service, which owns all the abutting parkland northwest of the site into Cheseboro Canyon.

Are You a Member?

As a marketing strategy, the new County Energy Savers Club was launched July 3, 2001 as part of the "How's YOUR Energy?" marketing campaign sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission. The Club encourages all County employees to complete a Pledge Form and select saving options they can complete for the next three months. The Commission seeks to "energize" all 95,000 County employees to manage power use at work and home.

The June issue of Commuter Connection carried the first Energy Savers Club article and Pledge Form. The following Pledge Form can be scanned, copied, faxed or e-mailed to co-workers for completion and inclusion in the weekly prize drawings. All Energy Savers Club Pledge Forms mailed to

the CAO, Marketing Office at 500 West Temple Street, Suite B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or faxed to (213) 633-4694 or e-mailed to pmannatt@cao.co.la.ca.us will receive a thank you message, an Energy Savers button and an "Energy Break" free pizza coupon courtesy of Shakey's Pizza. Club members are also eligible for weekly drawings for County merchandise, radio-flashlights and battery packs.

The Club's first winner was Alysa Serdengecti, Auditor-Controller, and the second week's winner was Beatriz Gonzales, Superior Court. Serdengecti won a battery operated printing calculator while Gonzales won a battery-operated lantern for camping. Both won County polo shirts and hats in addition to their energy saving prizes.

Baldwin Park Library Re-Opened

On July 3, 2001, Supervisor Molina announced the re-opening of the Baldwin Park Library just in time for the annual Summer Reading Program.

The library has been closed several months for the completion of the library's \$500,000 renovation and repair project.

Library customers will find a newly refurbished library complete with new carpeting and floor tile, energy efficient lighting, fresh paint, new drinking fountains and parking area improvements. The Department of Public Works completed building earthquake safety repairs; and the Friends of the Library added a colorful carpet for the children's area.

"The Baldwin Park Library renovation is one of a series of library refurbishment projects, and part of my commitment to enhance County facilities in the First Supervisorial District. I am positive the refurbishments will strengthen pride of ownership, not only of library staff, but patrons as well," said Supervisor Molina. Los Nietos, City Terrace, Pico Rivera, Rivera, El Monte, La Puente, Graham and Anthony Quinn libraries have also been renovated as part of the First District grant project.

In addition to the renovations, new best sellers, DVDs, and children's and Spanish language books have been added to the Baldwin Park Library collection. Library customers can also access the County Library system's 7 million-item collection through the online library catalog.

The Baldwin Park Library is a County community library, located at 4181 Baldwin Park Avenue in Baldwin Park. For any additional information, please call the library at (626) 962-6947.



County of Los Angeles Employees

ENERGY SAVERS CLUB

PLEDGE CARD

(And entry for weekly prizes)



I _____ pledge to conserve energy at my workplace from
(Please print first and last name) July to October 2001. I pledge to:

- Use battery or solar calculator.
- Turn off my computer when I am away from my desk.
- Close window drapes/shades/blinds when I leave at the end of the day to reduce the amount of air conditioning lost through windows, if appropriate.
- Encourage purchasing energy saving products and lights for the office.
- Turn off lights in unused conference rooms or offices.
- Wear comfortable business attire and dress for warmer temperatures inside buildings, if appropriate.
- Participate in flexible work hours if offered by supervisor (i.e. starting earlier or working a compressed work week).

Work Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Dept: _____

Fax to: (213) 633-4694 or mail to County of L.A., CAO, Workplace Programs
 500 W. Temple St., Suite B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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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.
For more information, call (323) 296-7576.

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

Fall Job Fair

California State University, Long Beach
October 10, 2001
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
For more information, call (562) 985-5553.

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.

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Founded in 1888, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, California averages more than 3,000 inpatient admissions and 54,000 outpatient clinic visits each year. The 200-acre campus is the largest federally designated rehabilitation services center in the nation.

The Center's staff consists of more than 1,500 physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists and physical, occupational, recreation, and speech therapists, plus support personnel.

Sara Berman Greenway

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky dedicated the "Sara Berman Greenway," a community project to landscape a portion of the Exposition Boulevard railroad right-of-way in memory of homeowner activist and civic leader Sara Berman. Berman was co-founder and president of the West of Westwood Homeowners Association, representing some 1,000 households concentrated mostly west of Westwood Boulevard between National and Pico Boulevards. The former Director of Adoptions for the County of Los Angeles, Berman died tragically in 1998 after being struck as a pedestrian at Los Angeles International Airport after returning from a work-related trip to Sacramento.



Joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky for the dedication are Assistant Chief Deputy Ginny Kruger; Sara's mother Lee; Sara's sister Barbara; and brother-in-law Mitch Orlik.

Among 20 distinctive Centers of Excellence operating on campus, Rancho's spinal chord injury, traumatic brain injury, and stroke programs have each earned national recognition for outstanding patient outcomes.



A view of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Jacquelin Perry Institute wing.



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