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Employee of the Month: Probation's Gregory McCovey

When asked how he feels about being January's Employee of the Month, "humbled" is the word that comes to mind for the Probation Department's Gregory McCovey.

A senior deputy probation officer with more than 10 years of County service, McCovey is responsible for organizing character-building programs for at-risk youth in the Hawthorne area. In this arena, McCovey has excelled, imparting innovation, encouragement, and even his own life experiences to troubled young people. He also serves as a community outreach agent to high-crime neighborhoods and actively recruits young candidates for the

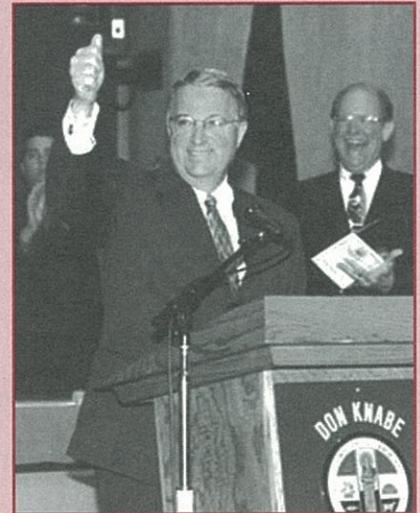
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Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe

When a small passenger plane hit a commercial jetliner over the skies of Cerritos in 1986, it was the city's mayor, Don Knabe, who marshaled emergency efforts and shepherded his community through its difficult healing process. Little did he know that 16 years later, on September 11, 2001, he would be in route to LAX himself for a flight to Washington, D.C. on the morning of one of our most stirring national tragedies.

"The issues we face as a County and as a nation after the tragic events of last fall have only strengthened my belief in our core mission and that the County truly is the safety net," Knabe said. "We face greater challenges today in healthcare, transportation and public safety than almost anywhere in the nation, so it is important for us to be vigilant and to plan, now, for what awaits us tomorrow as well as the future."

As Supervisor of the County's Fourth District, Knabe represents a uniquely diverse district that



Supervisor Don Knabe, shown here just after being sworn-in for his second term, was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 1996.

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Award-winning Author Joins Living Legends



Walter Mosley, the highly accomplished author of "Devil in a Blue Dress" and "Fearless Jones," was the guest of honor February 23, at the standing-room-only 23rd Annual "Living Legends" Series at A.C. Bilbrew Library.

Among his numerous works of science fiction, Mosley is the author of the best-selling "Easy Rawlins" series of mysteries, the novel "R.L.'s Dream," and the story collection "Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned" for which he received the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award.

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EVENT CALENDAR

INTO THE WOODS

Through March 24
Ahmanson Theatre
(213) 628-2772
www.TaperAhmanson.com

THE MOLIÈRE COMEDIES: *The School for Husbands and the Imaginary Cuckold*

Through April 7
Mark Taper Forum
(213) 628-2772
www.TaperAhmanson.com

THE MAGIC FLUTE

March 24 through April 14
Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
(213) 365-3500
www.losangelesopera.com

VIKINGS: *The North Atlantic Saga*

Through March 17
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
(213) 763-DINO
www.nhm.org

OF MYTH AND MEMORY: *Paiute and Shoshone Baskets of Owens Valley, California*

Through April 14
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
(213) 763-DINO
www.nhm.org

THE KINDNESS OF FRIENDS: *A Selection of Gifts of Drawings and Prints*

Through April 7
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

TRANSFORMING LACMA: *Museum at the Crossroads Exhibition*

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



Gateway to Hollywood

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (center) joined Los Angeles City Councilmembers Eric Garcetti (left) and Tom LaBonge (right) recently to break ground for the new "Gateway to Hollywood" neighborhood beautification project in Hollywood's historic core.

The Gateway to Hollywood is designed to be the northern gateway into Hollywood and has been lauded already as what will surely become a landmark in Hollywood, joining other landmark sites in the entertainment capital of the world.

Slated for completion by summer 2002, the project is situated at the intersection of Cahuenga Boulevard and Franklin Avenue. Amenities will include a 30-foot triangular tower with a fiber-optic light display and waterfall, landscaping and new bus stop benches. ■

Antonovich Economic Summit Receives High Marks

On November 1, 2001, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), initiated a summit meeting of community and business leaders to alleviate the post-Sept. 11 downturn in the manufacturing and business communities countywide.

The Economic Action Summit (EAS) devised strategies and a list of action items to directly address problem areas in the County's business climate.

"The success of this summit's public-private partnership has cut bureaucratic red tape and brought economic projects on line," said Supervisor Antonovich.

"This has created jobs and is helping the County of Los Angeles get back on its feet."

One success story of note was the groundbreaking of the 8,235-acre Fox Field Industrial Corridor, a vital, \$8 million construction project in Lancaster.

Tracking of the EAS programs will continue next month and will provide an overall summary of successes. ■



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (far right) with City of Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn (left) and Lee Harrington of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation.

For a copy of the 60-Day Report Card, log on to: <http://laedc.orgeconomicstrategysummit.html>.

Family Saturdays at the Music Center

The Music Center's "Family Saturdays" continues through June with *PILLOW THEATRE* for children 3-6 and *YOUNG ARTS* for children 5-9.

A single ticket is just \$7. Choose either the *PILLOW THEATRE* or *YOUNG ARTS* series of four performances and **save \$8!**

PILLOW THEATRE: For families with children aged 3-6, performed in the Grand Hall of the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Sit on one of our colorful pillows or bring your own!

YOUNG ARTS: For families with children aged 5-9 presented in Zipper Hall at the Colburn School of Performing Arts and at the Music Center's Mark Taper Forum.

TO ORDER TICKETS: Tickets can be purchased Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. from the Opera's box office at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at 135 N. Grand Avenue or by credit card by calling (213) 365-3500. To order online go to: www.ticketmaster.com. ■



The *Agua Luna Dance Company* will be featured on March 16, at 11 a.m. Dates and times for all "Family Saturdays" performances can be found at www.musiccenter.org

February 2002 Retirees

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after at least 25 years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles.

30 years or more of County Service

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Marjorie Smith
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Awatef Saad
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Janie J. Carr, Janet M. Weber, Sharon Winters-Ball
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Bearnette Douglas
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Norma J. Nordstrom
COUNTY COUNSEL: Sharon M. Watts
CORONER: C. S. Carrier
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Gary S. Helton, Michael A. Hall, Fredrick J. Kubik
FIRE: Joseph F. Almazan, Dale P. Burke, Robert H. Dobratz, Steven C. Fraser, Scott Linkletter, Stephen C. Sherrill
HEALTH SERVICES: Amada S. Anderson, Herman Balanzategui, Elizabeth Bargas, Virgia Broussard, Patsy A. Brown, Jane Earley, Thelma C. Edison, Millicent I. Edwards, Laura J. Fiechter, Irene Franklin, Tempie Green, Melvin Grussing, Anne S. Holley, Edward L. James, Angel M. Merritt, Janice L. Mitchell, Doris Miyamae, Sally Negrete, Esther Quiroz, Maria E. Sanchez, James M. Smith, Mary L. Starr, Edna M. Styles, Patricia A. Sweet, Joanne R. Tower, Sylvia Villanueva
HUMAN RESOURCES/ PUBLIC SAFETY: Alfred Craig, Thomas H. Dawes, Wilma Kaufman
INTERNAL SERVICES: Brenda J. Gamble, Elvira T. Jenkins, Marie E. Journey, Helen L. Morris, Henry Villasenor
MENTAL HEALTH: Cece Palaski, Carla Vlick
PROBATION: Janice Aven, Barney G. Bartelle, Mose E. Burke, Patrick A. Dickinson, Brenda B. Harris, Melvin Schweitzer
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Theodore Fasteau, Roger L. Stanton, Bitner R. Winckler
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Jean E. Alexander, Mary K. Barksdale
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Donna C. Brown, Rene J. Camou, Cathryn J. Cooper, Etheline Ealy, Vilma Garcia, Linda Quiroz, Rita E. Schumacher, Frances K. Somerville
PUBLIC WORKS: Thomas F. Burnett, Sharon L. Jordan, Robert N. Kumagai, Gloria A. Livingston, Vipin R. Shah
REGIONAL PLANNING: Gar K. Yee
SHERIFF: Issac Aguilar, Randall P. Albrecht, Richard L. Condiff, Barbara Critchlow, Steven A. Day, Courtney M. Falconer, John F. Hall, William J. Jackson, Gordon L. Johnson, Rodney L. Lyons, Richard A. McClellan, Joe R. Montoya, James K. Mulvihill, Denis O. Parish, Coy I. Payne, Edward E. Pechy, Barry F. Perrou, James T. Platis, Dennis K. Quinn, David J. Rathbun, William A. Rivera,

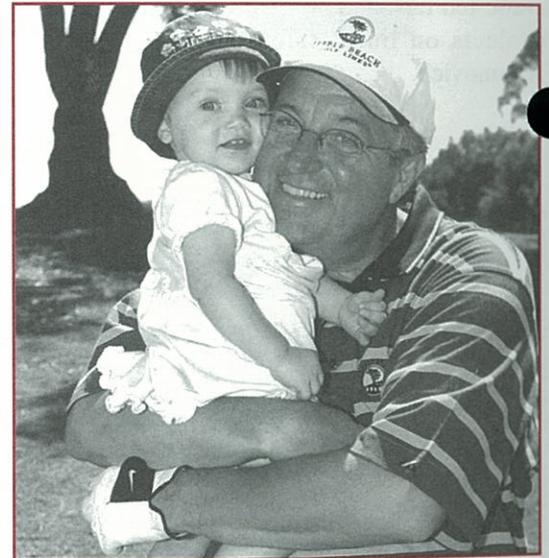
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includes the world's third busiest container port complex, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach collectively, and the third busiest airport in the world, LAX. He was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in November of 1996 and was re-elected on March 7, 2000, running unopposed. Since his election, Knabe has worked hard to implement his Five Point Plan: Taking Back Our Streets; Streamlining County Government; Jobs; Protecting the Safety Net; and Improving Our Quality of Life.

A community leader for more than 30 years, Knabe is noted for his attention to detail and ability to see the overall big picture. The strength of his grassroots support and considerable experience in local government have made him a highly regarded voice, not only at home in the Fourth District, but in Sacramento and Washington D.C.



Supervisor Don Knabe with two-year-old granddaughter, Kaitlyn Christy Knabe.

Knabe serves as Vice President of the Coliseum Commission, is Chairman of the Urban County Caucus of the California State Association of Counties, is an executive board member of the California State Association of Counties, and sits on the Board of Governors for L.A. Care. In addition, he is the Vice Chairman of the Health Sub-Committee for the National Association of Counties.

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Board Salutes 60th Birthday of Boxing Legend, Muhammad Ali

Surrounded by a crush of media cameramen and reporters, Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke presented a five-signature scroll to boxing-legend Muhammad Ali during the January 8 Board of Supervisors meeting, proclaiming his 60th birthday, January 17, as “Muhammad Ali Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles.

“Ali has touched the lives of thousands of County residents, chairing at least two fundraising drives that made it possible to keep Victoria Park swimming pool open year round and County swimming pools free for needy children,” Burke said during the opening moments of the presentation. Ali, in a playful mood, told the Supervisor “You paid me to do it.” To which she responded, “We didn’t pay you, we gave you a meal. That’s it.”

Supervisor Burke went on to note that Ali is a “true philanthropist – most of the time anonymously. He has helped individuals and organizations without consideration for race or religion, including Jewish old-age homes and Catholic churches, as well as numerous colleges.”

In response to the presentation, Ali told Board members “Thank you so much for having an Ali day.” Then he joked, “It’s only a day. It should be Ali month or Ali year. I worked hard for 30 years, won the heavyweight

title three times, beat everybody, and you only give me a day?”

“So my comeback is here. You all go spread the news that Ali is still crazy.”

He said he was thinking about making a comeback.

“Just think, if I came back at 60 years old. Sixty, sixty,” he mused. “So my comeback is here. You all go spread the news that Ali is still crazy.”

Joining in the presentation were Ali’s wife of 15 years, Lonnie; best friend and award-winning photographer, Howard Bingham; and Michael Mann, the film’s director. Bernadette Stannis, who played the teen-aged daughter in the television series “Good Times,” was also in attendance.

After the presentation, Ali greeted fans in the hearing room corridor and outside the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration and was interviewed by a television crew as he made his way to his vehicle on



There was laughter, applause, and cries of “You’re the greatest!” as Muhammad Ali posed with Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and her fellow Board members in front of a nearly life-size painting of himself in the ring. Ali presented each Supervisor with an autographed copy of a book based on the film “Ali.”

Temple Street. Just before climbing into his car, he brought his entire entourage to a halt for a couple of minutes to chat with a star struck little boy and his father.

Before the presentation, Ali spent nearly an hour taking photos with County employees and signing autographs for them. As he laughed and exchanged quips with fans his eyes often twinkled with mischief, and it was clear that the Parkinson’s syndrome that, even now, makes it difficult for him to walk and, sometimes, to speak, has not affected his mental acuity.

After the event, Supervisor Burke said she appreciated the respect and consideration that Ali fans showed during the event. ■

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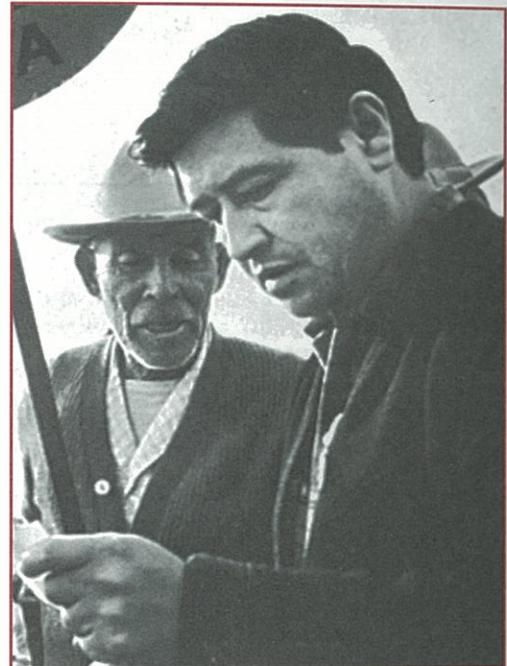
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County Celebrates Life of César Chávez with Week-long Activities and Volunteer Opportunities

In celebration of the life of César Chávez and his core values of hard work, justice, education and service to others, County employees are encouraged to volunteer one day of community service to families in need during César Chávez Community Service Week, March 25-29.

County employees, in partnership with the County's Charitable Giving Campaign partner agencies, are asked to complete the volunteer application included in this Digest issue and forward the form to the CAO, Office of Workplace Programs by March 8. Employees will be matched with community projects hosted by over 65 non-profit agencies. Employee volunteers will receive a César Chávez Community Service T-shirt and button.

Sponsoring a November 27, 2001 Board motion, Supervisor Gloria Molina stated, "Performing a community service to families in need is a fitting way for County employees to honor the life of César Chávez and his service to others." A full week of activities has been scheduled for employee involvement in this historic week of celebrations and service to others:



- March 21-31: César Chávez Photo Exhibit at the Museum of Natural History
- March 25-29: Community Service Volunteer Opportunities
- March 25-29: César Chávez Food Drive at Various County Locations
- March 25-31: Cultural Events at Public Libraries and Parks
- March 26: Board Ceremony: Tribute to Chávez Family
- March 30: Museum of Natural History - Open FREE to the Public

In addition, employees are asked to search their photo albums for photos taken with César Chávez. A special César Chávez-County Employee Photo exhibit will be showcased on the second floor lobby area of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration during the celebration of César Chávez Community Service Week. With your help, we may find a photographic treasure of "special moments with César Chávez." Please forward your photos to the Chief Administrative Office, Marketing at 500 W. Temple St., Suite B-1 or scan them and e-mail them to: msavina@cao.co.la.ca.us

For additional information, please contact the Chief Administrative Office, Workplace Programs at (213) 974-2619 or (213) 763-3466. ■

County of Los Angeles
César Chávez Celebration 2002 Community Service
Volunteer Application

Thank you for participating in the Cesar Chavez Community Service Project. Your volunteer service will help provide health and human care services to families in need, through a partnership with local charitable non-profit agencies and participating libraries, parks, community centers and museums. Please provide the following information:

Your Name: _____
Department: _____
Work Address: _____
City: _____
Telephone: Work () _____ Fax () _____
Other () _____

Please indicate your date preference and volunteer activity (March 25 - 29):

1st Choice Date: _____ 2nd Choice Date: _____ 3rd Choice Date: _____

Assignment: () Library Project () Community Service Agency () Food Drive Coordinator
() Other

List any work restrictions: _____

What skills do you have? () computer () artistic abilities () language () Other _____
Employee Agreement:

With my department (representative) approval, I agree to voluntarily assist in providing health and human care services to families in need and I understand that volunteering for this activity should not adversely impact the delivery of County service to County clients.

Please retain my name in the County Volunteer Registry for future volunteer community service opportunities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Volunteer)

Department Approval: _____ Date: _____
Department Head or representative

Please return to: **CAO, Office of Workplace Programs**
Volunteer Programs
500 W. Temple Street, Suite B-1
Los Angeles, California 90012
or Fax: (213) 633-4694

Extended Deadline: March 8, 2002

Molina's Neighborhood Project Wins National Award

Supervisor Gloria Molina's MarBrisa Walk affordable housing development and neighborhood improvement project received the prestigious U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary's 18th Annual Best in American Living Award (BALA) on February 7. The Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, which helped Molina successfully develop the \$9 million project, received the award in Atlanta, Georgia at the National Association of Home Builders' annual convention.

"This is indeed a special award because the residents helped initiate the changes..."

"I am pleased that a project aimed at giving working families in the Los Angeles area an opportunity to carve out their slice of the American Dream has been recognized as an award-winning endeavor," Molina said. "This is indeed a special award because the residents helped initiate the changes that led to this project and helped plan this new addition to their community."

The MarBrisa Walk development received the Gold Award in the "HUD Secretary's Excellence" category. The BALA competition is co-sponsored by the NAHB, Professional Builder magazine and HUD. According to HUD Secretary Mel Martinez, "A panel of dis-

tinguished judges from a broad range of disciplines and expertise—architects, builders, interior designers, planners and federal government officials—reviewed, evaluated and ranked the entries."

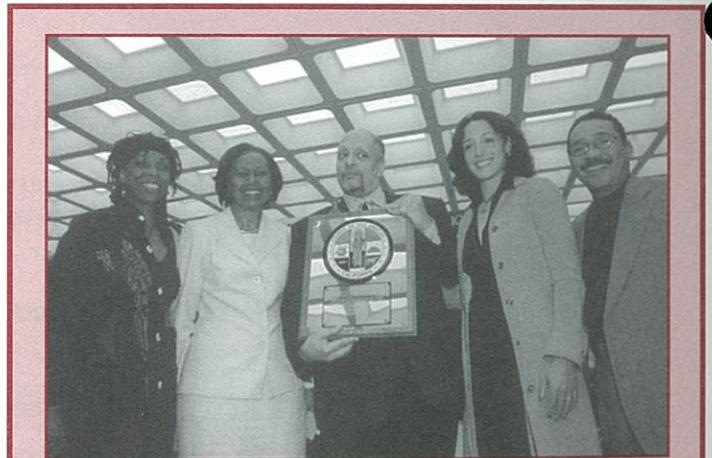
MarBrisa Walk—which transformed a piece of the Walnut Park area in Molina's district from a blighted and grimy heavy industrial district, back to its former 1930s-40s roots as a quaint residential enclave—is the first new housing development in more than two decades within a two-mile radius of the site. It is a federally designated "empowerment zone," an economically depressed area eligible for federal revitalization programs.

Local residents, The Olson Company, and the County's departments of Public Works and Regional Planning worked alongside Molina and the CDC to re-zone and revitalize the entire neighborhood, replacing dangerous glass-manufacturing facilities that once blighted the area. Molina and local residents officially dedicated the new project last year by welcoming new homeowners and the new enhancement to the Walnut Park community.

"I thank the many individuals throughout the CDC agency for performing their important roles," said CDC Executive Director Carlos Jackson. "This award is a great reinforcement for the Community Development Commission staff's creativity and teamwork. MarBrisa Walk helps create another new neighborhood for a new century." ■



Supervisor Gloria Molina and members of her staff gathered for this photo outside the sales office of the MarBrisa Walk affordable housing community on January 27, 2001 during the project's dedication.



Special guest Jennifer Beals (second from right), known for her breakout 1983 film "Flash Dance" and later for her title role performance in a screen adaptation of Mosley's "Devil in a Blue Dress," joined Supervisor Burke (second from right) in introducing the author. Joining Mosley and Supervisor Burke were California Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson and Special Service Awardee Lula Washington.

Mosley was born in Los Angeles and has been at various times during his lifetime a potter, a computer programmer and a poet. His books have been translated into 20 languages. He now lives in New York. ■

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He is the immediate past Chairman and member of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority, a board member for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority and serves on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

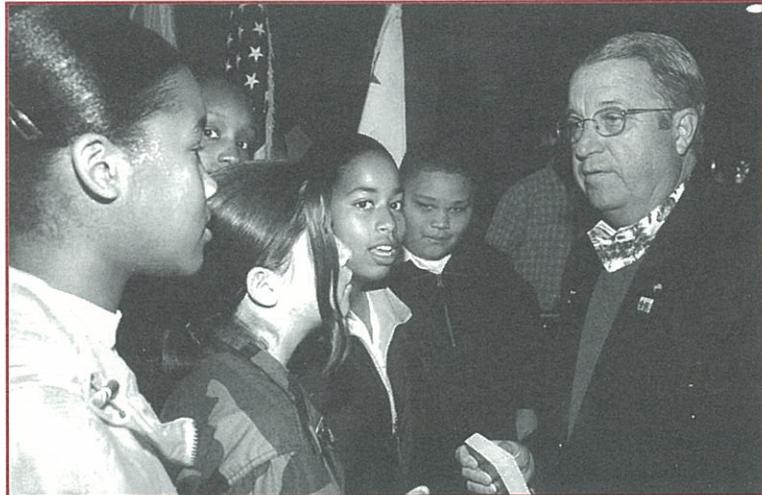
Knabe has a true passion for the Arts and attributes much of his own personal success to an early involvement with music. His early enthusiasm for the Arts has resulted in the creation of several innovative youth programs and his own arts program which provides grants to schools and community based organizations in the Fourth District.

Before joining the United States Navy, Knabe earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Knabe was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 1980 and served as a councilman for eight years, including two terms as mayor. He was a leader in the development and implementation of Cerritos' General Plan during a time of unprecedented economic growth.

As Chief of Staff to former Fourth District Supervisor, Deane Dana, Knabe gained invaluable insight into crucial State and local issues and the needs of the Fourth District's two million constituents.

Knabe and his wife, Julie, have been married for 34 years and are active members of New Life Community Church, in the city of Artesia. Julie, a Long Beach native, is a past president of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce and operates her own customer relations firm, J.D. Knabe & Associates. Their sons, Curt and Matt, are both graduates of Pepperdine University and were born and raised within the Fourth District. Matt and his wife, Wendy,



Supervisor Don Knabe discusses the Operation Read program with school-aged youth prior to a screening of the movie *Lord of the Rings*. Nearly 1,200 young people enrolled in the Operation Read literacy program were encouraged to read and report on the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Patriotic Hall Salutes History of African-American Soldiers

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs offered its salute to Black History Month with a tribute to the numerous achievements of African-American soldiers, dating from the American Revolutionary War to the present.

The free month-long exhibition was open to the public throughout the month of February in the main lobby of Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, in downtown Los Angeles. The installation featured photos, books, news clippings, uniforms and artifacts that chronicle the significant contributions of African-American military men and women over two centuries. According to department officials, the site received as many as 5000 visits a week during the month of February.

Patriotic Hall is open daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., with hours extended until 11 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Parking is available behind the building. For more information, call (213) 744-4828. ■

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department's Reserve Deputy program and Operation Read literacy program.

The Probation Department has made a measurable impact on County neighborhoods and communities with a combination of programs and literacy initiatives, like the award-winning Challenging Ourselves to Achieve (COTA) program. Among many departmental achievements, McCovey is proudest of the Probation Education Athletic League (PEAL), an after-school athletic program that combines elements of sports and education to help kids succeed—admittedly, a dream come true for a self-proclaimed sports enthusiast.

Youth involved in PEAL enjoy friendly competition, not only on the court, but also in the classroom, answering questions related to history, geography and a variety of other topics. The program recently received permanent funding from the City of Hawthorne and one of the city's resident school districts.

McCovey readily attributes much of his career success to his colleagues and to several mentors, both within and outside the Probation Department.

"I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for those who were there to encourage and guide me along the way," he conceded. "They know who they are and I thank them."

Having been impacted by neighborhood crime as a child, McCovey developed an early sense of right and wrong and chose to immerse himself in school and sports. With aspirations of becoming a lawyer, he successfully pursued a political science degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Upon graduation, however, his career goals changed when he learned of the inherent rewards and challenges of being a probation officer. He began working for the County shortly thereafter.

During a recent PEAL basketball game, McCovey recognized a young man from his first few years in the department. The young man had just been released from prison for committing a major crime and was there to watch his younger brother.

"He was one of the ones who got away." McCovey said.

At that moment, instead of feeling saddened because of the man he was unable to reach, McCovey said he felt a renewed sense of purpose for the second chance he had with the man's younger brother. Still, he wondered, would the older brother have gone the same route if the PEAL program had been in place years earlier?

A lifelong resident of Los Angeles county and father of two, McCovey considers the preservation of children and families' well-being a real family affair. His sister is a senior detention facilities officer at Northeast Juvenile Justice Center and at home, he counsels his 12- and 15-year-old children to be sources of encouragement to their friends while staying focused on their educations and school athletics.

In addition to the work he does for the Probation Department, McCovey supports the County's Charitable Giving Campaign, participates in the AIDS walk, and is active in his church and own community. ■



Employee of the Month Gregory McCovey receives a scroll from Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky. A senior deputy probation officer with the Probation Department, McCovey has been a County employee for more than 10 years.

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County Employees Join Cadre of Winter Olympic Torchbearers

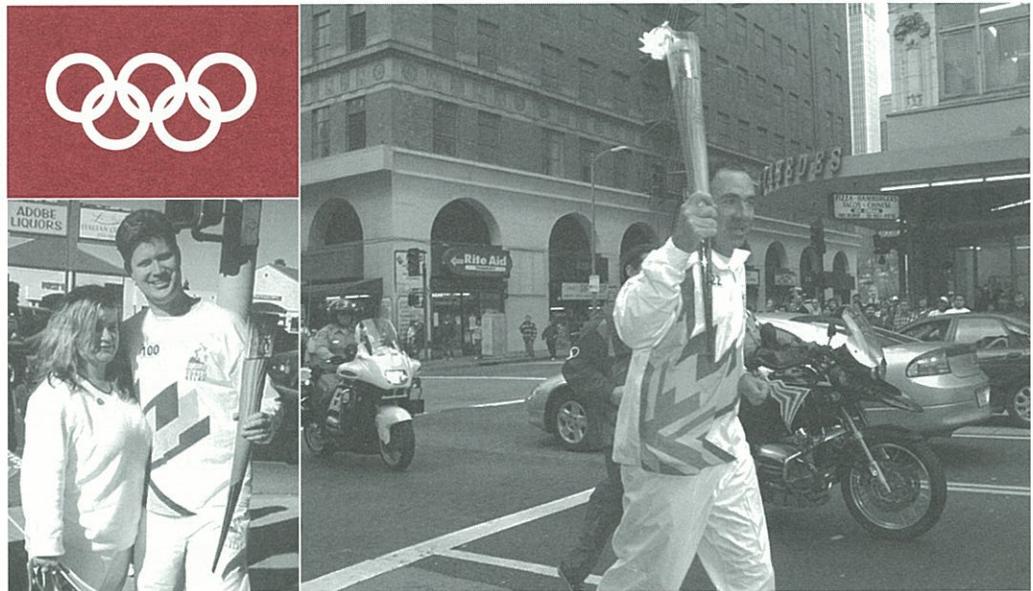
Not every Olympic hero could be found slashing powder or carving ice at this year's Winter Games. While dozens of Olympians vied for medals high in the mountains of Salt Lake City, Utah, two Games' participants demonstrated their talents serving County of Los Angeles residents right here at home: Chief Doyle Campbell of the Sheriff's Department and Regional Planning's Dennis Slavkin. Because of their service to the community and individual accounts of courage and self-sacrifice, these two County employees were tapped with the honor of bearing the Winter Olympic Torch as it made its way from Athens, Greece to Salt Lake City.

Campbell, a marathon runner and tri-athlete, bore the Olympic Torch through the streets of Downtown Los Angeles (far right) in the name of fellow liver transplant recipients and "one legacy," a transplant donor network. Every three hours in this country a man, woman or child dies due to the shortage of donor organs. Moreover, every 18 minutes another name is added to a list of thousands who await life-saving organ transplants.

Having survived a battle with cancer in 1986, when liver transplant technology was still in its infancy, Campbell was selected for his ability to overcome adversity and for his support of Olympic ideals. He also hopes to bring attention to the desperate need for donated organs. Campbell ran his leg of two-tenths of a mile on January 15, with a throng of media, family, friends and fellow officers cheering him on.

Slavkin, an Information Technology Manager, was one of 7,200 torchbearers selected through a nomination program sponsored by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, Coca Cola Company and Chevrolet. Nominations were made by family members, friends or co-workers who wrote 50-100-word essays describing how their nominee embodied the Olympic spirit and inspired an individual or a community. Slavkin was nominated by his wife of seven years, Peggy (shown above with Slavkin shortly following his Olympic encounter).

A reserve police officer for the City of South Pasadena, Slavkin and his two bloodhounds, Tinkerbelle and Cinderella, are a crucial element of crime solving and search and rescue efforts for local law enforcement. Together, they have helped to uncover latent evidence in numerous cases and safeguarded the public from the threat of terrorism. He also represents South Pasadena's police department in community outreach and school programs, where



his dogs are a definite hit with students. Slavkin is a third-generation County employee. His leg of the Torch's journey took place in the city of San Pablo, a northern California destination just above Berkeley.

"We believe the Olympic Torch Relay has a deeper sense of meaning after the events of September 11," said Mitt Romney, Salt Lake Organizing Committee president and CEO, in a press release. "Now more than ever, the Relay will be a celebration of humanity and civilization and all 11,500 torchbearers will represent the best of our nation." ■

Workshops to Aid Property Owners

The County of Los Angeles is holding a series of workshops to help property owners who believe their taxes should be lowered because of a property value decline.

The following dates are available free to the public:

FEBRUARY

28 El Monte Senior Center - 10 a.m.
3120 North Tyler Ave., El Monte

MARCH

7 El Monte Senior Center - 10 a.m.
3120 North Tyler Ave., El Monte

11 Cerritos Senior Center - 6 p.m.
12340 South St., Cerritos

15 Culver City Public Library - 10 a.m.
4975 Overland Ave., Culver City

20 Bernardi Senior Center - 2 p.m.
6514 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys

20 Culver City Public Library - 10 a.m.
4975 Overland Ave., Culver City

26 Glendale Public Library - 10 a.m.
222 East Harvard Street, Glendale

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John L. Rogers, Robert F. Schloderer, Marlin Smith, Harriet L. Tyler, Samuel M. Washington, Dennis J. Zubek

SUPERIOR COURT: Paul Gornick, James M. Green, Martin F. Lorenzini, Lorene R. Nuckolls, Linda A. Patton, P. C. Vade Bon Coe

25 years or more...

ASSESSOR: Solomon C. Organo
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: Janet Katz

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Mary J. Foster

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were married in 1997. Curt and his wife, Svea, were wed in 1998.

On March 13, 2000, Don and Julie became proud grandparents for the first time with the birth of Kaitlyn Christy Knabe. Her photos, and those of other family members, are placed carefully throughout his office, and he never leaves home without a picture of Kaitlyn in his jacket pocket. As any good grandpa would, he is the first to say that she is an "Angel from God." ■



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