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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Employee of the Month a Valued Asset in County's Anti-terrorism Efforts

Until recently, our February employee of the month, Sergeant John P. Sullivan, has enjoyed a relatively inconspicuous presence outside of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Special Operations Unit. And, in his line of work, he probably wouldn't have had it any other way. Times have changed since the events of September 11, 2001 and so has the way people value their own personal safety and security. What value do we place on our freedom and on those who protect it? An east coast native who once worked for the New York Port Authority, Sullivan has always had a strong interest in the subject of terrorism and in 1978 began dedicating his life to studying the activities of terrorist groups. He received his bachelor's degree in government at William and Mary College in Virginia and later pursued a graduate degree at the New School for Social Research, where he intensified his focus on terrorism. He has since written three books and more than 50 articles on the subject.



Employee of the Month Sergeant John P. Sullivan is the officer in charge of the Sheriff's Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) group and once worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He is shown here receiving an official County scroll from Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

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Yaroslavsky Urges Employees to "Walk with Pride"

On April 27, County employees and their friends and family members will join Board Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky for the 2002 March of Dimes "WalkAmerica" event.

Each day, 440 babies are born to mothers who receive late or no prenatal care. This year's theme, "United We Stand, United We Walk For Healthy Babies," highlights the need for continued prenatal research and health education.

"WalkAmerica has become a model fundraising event for County employees and their families," Chairman Yaroslavsky said.

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Head of County Public Works Tapped to Lead Local APWA Chapter

On January 19, Director of Public Works Jim Noyes was installed as President of the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel. The APWA is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies and individuals dedi-

cated to providing high-quality public works goods and services.

APWA was originally chartered in 1937 and is the largest and oldest organization of its kind in the world, with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri; an

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THE FULL MONTY

April 16 through June 8
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

CÉSAR CHAVÉZ PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

March 22 through March 31
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

Summer Employment Job Fair for Youth



Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke's Youth Job Fair, featuring employers from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, will take place on April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Los Angeles Southwest College, 1600 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles. The Youth Job Fair is geared towards helping young people, ages 16 to 20, to secure summer employment.

In addition to employer booths, résumé writing and dress for success workshops, the fair will include free medical screening and Internet access to online job search resources.

For additional information call (213) 974-1765 or visit the Second District web site: www.seconddistrict@bos.co.la.ca.us. ■

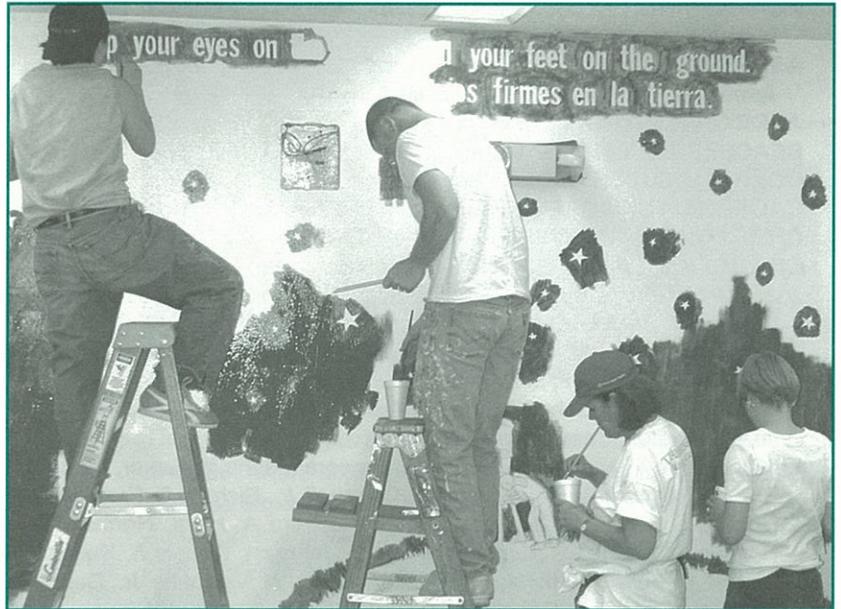
Artists and Superior Court Collaborate to Brighten Hallways of Juvenile Courthouse

In a collaborative art project between the Los Angeles Superior Court and the Free Arts for Abused Children organization, at least 100 artists participated on March 16 in the decorative painting of murals on walls and in hallways throughout the Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse.



Actress Hedy Burress and Superior Court Judge Philip K. Mautino (above) were two of the volunteers who participated in the Los Padrinos Juvenile Courthouse mural painting project. Free Arts for Abused Children first approached the Superior Court with the idea of brightening the hallways of the juvenile court building for visitors and staff. By the project's completion, virtually every interior hallway had been painted.

Serving children in the Los Angeles-area since 1977, Free Arts for Abused Children is a national nonprofit organization that integrates the therapeutic and healing power of the arts into the lives of abused youth and families that are considered at-risk. The organization recruits volunteers from the community to assist in its projects, including students from local high schools and universities. ■



Foster Youth Career Fair and Resource Expo

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich will hold his First Annual Foster Youth Career Fair and Resource Expo on April 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army Center, 960 East Walnut in Pasadena.

Career resources available during the fair include on-site clerical testing for vacant positions within the County, seminars on résumé writing and dressing for success, and instruction in online job search techniques. More than 50 employers are expected to participate in the event, which is designed to bring employers and County emancipated foster youth together.

For additional information, contact the Department of Human Resources at (213) 974-1767. ■

March 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.

Thirty years or more of County Service:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Darrell R. Sutherland

ASSESSOR: Charles H. Fowler, Ronald E. Moeller, John A. O'Hara, James S. Romano, Penny L. Trujillo

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: William M. Reid

BEACHES & HARBORS: Dennis R. Heitmann

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Robert Mimura

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Elizabeth A. Campbell

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: Martin M. Memmott

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Yvonne Aguilar, Brenda J. Bougard, Jessie M. Brooks, Judith A. Flicker, Sharon Givens, Michelle Hart, Juliet W. James, Jack L. James Jr., Sharon M. Leahy, Sandra D. McGuire, Gerhard M. Moland, John K. Rees, Joan H. Smith, Betty J. Williams

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: M.L. Gillum, Raymond H. Rust, Dolores A. Taylor, Roger J. Gunson, John Kildebeck, Michael O Rhoades, Silvia J. Suarez, Joan Thurston, Jesuine V. Velez

FIRE: Joseph F. Almazan, Osbaldo A. Amparan, John H. Baker, Alan D. Barbee, Michael R. Bloore, Arvel A. Chappell Jr., Richard E. Freymond, Ronald S. Gomez, Charles P. Haist, Richard A. Harp, Norman O. Hayden Jr., Gene D. Horner, Michael D. Johnson, Dennis A. Kendall, Jimmie L. Purefoy, Michael J. Ritchie, Wesley N. Valentine Jr., Dennis G. Ware, Clifford E. Caballero

HEALTH SERVICES: Virginia Ayala, Rodolfo E. Bagnera, Virginia M. Bailey, Evelyn L. Bickerstaff, Geraldine H. Brown, Michael Bullock, Rebecca Burt, Karen Cox, Ulysses R. Davis, Earlean Eaton, Michael E. Evans, Randall S. Foster, Dora Hooper, Gale S. Francois, Elva Garcia, Kay M. Gong, Patsy J. Green, Annie L. Helon, Dora Hooper, Patricia Holody, Carolyn A. Jackson, Glenn L. Jones, Cynthia L. Kushi, Shirley Laikin, John M. Leedom, Jennie Lewis, Jarvis Y. Lin, Judy McClour, Anne S. Miller, Rita Miller, Gemma Nartea, Sherrill M. Petite, Caroline R. Price, Gloria O. Pulido, Eufemia M. Rabaja, Carmelita Rafols, Antoinette M. Robinson, Norma J. Tamm, Peter C. Tseng, Peter Vander Tuin, F.L. Vizcarra, Mattie B. Wade, Verdia M. Washington, Sarah L. Watts, John Windhorst, Lois Woods

HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC SAFETY: Nancy Fisher, Jake E. Humber, Barbara D. Marciniak, Donald L. Smith, Charles E. Thornton

INTERNAL SERVICES: Robert E. Bell, Robert J. Castiglione, Bruce A. Itami, Sheila J. Johnson, Warren C. Joshua, Ben S. Khan, Rex L. Loughran, Eugene A. Mackey, Walter J. Marzouk, Garrett G. Mayer, Rosemary Palermo, Donald R. Williams, Betty B. Yeoman

MUSEUM OF ART: Bienvenido Martinez,

MENTAL HEALTH: Terri L. Allen-Brown, Rosetta Dunbar, Lois A. Herndon, Miguel A. Rico

PARKS & RECREATION: Michael R. Coash, Linda C. Roldan, Herbert L. Woodworth

PROBATION: Bettie Laurence, Nancy Block, Richard Bryne, Gonzalo T. Castaneda, David J. Estrada, Stuart Hellebrand, Albine Hopcus, Robert E. Jeffress, Victoria A. Reyes, Judith M. Rindsberg, Daniel J. Torres, Roberta N. Tracy, Paul D. Wolfe

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Sullivan is being recognized by the County for the work he has done as officer in charge of the Terrorism Early Warning group (TEW), a task force that he conceived and developed through hours of dedication to something he felt extremely passionate about: keeping the citizens of the County safe from terrorist activities. The task force consists of 16 full-time members from various County departments such as Fire, Health Services and various other local emergency management agencies.

The TEW is an "interagency operational entity that integrates investigative and intelligence information to develop course of action criteria for emergency response agencies," said Captain Michael Grossman, who nominated Sullivan for Employee of the Month honors.

Among the group's many tasks are analysis and assessment of intelligence data, identification of potential targets of terrorist activities, surveillance of those targets, and devising plans of action to protect and respond to those sites should they ever be attacked. To put it plainly, TEW is our insurance policy against those who wish to harm us, for whatever reason. Sullivan came up with the concept back in 1996, long before terrorism on the home front became a topic of great concern.

The significance of the TEW concept has gained national attention, as the experts recognize the need for a cooperative vehicle to combat terrorism. As a result, the work of the task force is being emulated throughout the country. In the State of California alone, there are six TEW groups in varying stages of development. Sergeant Sullivan and members of his team have personally consulted on each one. They are considered cutting edge in their community.

Despite the specialized focus his career has taken, Sullivan's most memorable moment with the department was an experience he had early in his career while on foot patrol in the Willowbrook area.

He was approached by an elderly woman who was the victim of a crime and spoke only minimal English. Thankfully, he was able to bring a satisfactory conclusion to her situation.

She confided in him that she was afraid of the police, but felt that she could trust him because of

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Homicides Down to Lowest Rate in Years in Unincorporated East Los Angeles

Homicide rates within unincorporated East Los Angeles dropped to historic levels in 2001, thanks, in part, to the “East Los Angeles Task Force,” a unique collaborative designed by First District Supervisor Gloria Molina. Acting on tips from the community, the Sheriff’s Community Oriented Policing team leads the task force—working in conjunction with the County departments of the District Attorney, Probation, Public Works, Children and Family Services, Public Social Services, and Community Development Commission—to target areas of high criminal activity and to determine the best solutions for eradicating problems.

“Traditionally, animosity existed between residents of unincorporated East Los Angeles and the Sheriff’s Department. The goal of the Task Force was to change that relationship,” Molina said. “Instead of mistrusting law enforcement,

individuals from the community now turn to the Sheriff’s Department to identify specific problem areas that they want turned around. In other words, because of the task force, law enforcement and the community now treat each other as partners instead of enemies.”

The Sheriff’s Department oversees unincorporated East Los Angeles, where approximately 128,000 people reside. In 2000, the area experienced 18 homicides, but only had five in 2001. Although homicide rates have decreased steadily over the past five years, they have not been in the single digits in 30 years.

Supervisor Molina originally started the task force concept two years ago in the unincorporated area of Valinda, when shootings there dramatically increased. As a result of the task force’s presence, shootings in Valinda fell 40% and seven hardcore gang members were arrested.



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After six gang murders within East Los Angeles during the month of May 2000 alone, Molina began a task force there. One reason for its success was the funding Supervisor Molina secured from the District Attorney’s Office for a Community Prosecutor who would concentrate solely on filing cases against hardcore gang members in East Los Angeles who were responsible for major crimes. She also obtained funding for two probation officers, who focus entirely on East Los Angeles probationers. As a result, prosecutors and probation officers involved with the task force have developed an “ownership” of the area and a stronger understanding of its problems.

By the end of 2001, Molina’s East Los Angeles task force was so effective that homicide rates dropped to their lowest levels in a generation. In addition, 14 illegal bars and a problematic liquor store were closed. Supervisor Molina’s success convinced City of Los Angeles officials that adopting her task force model would help them alleviate crime in their own jurisdictions.

“The secret of the task force’s success is that they employ multiple innovative options to fighting crime instead of simply relying on the

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the way he interacted with other citizens. He was satisfied that he was able to build that bridge, even if it was for just the one person. Sergeant Sullivan takes great pride in his work and says that his

“recognition is a reflection on the members of the task force.” His work on the TEW and influence on the nation certainly makes him worthy of this honor. Keep up the hard work Sergeant Sullivan!

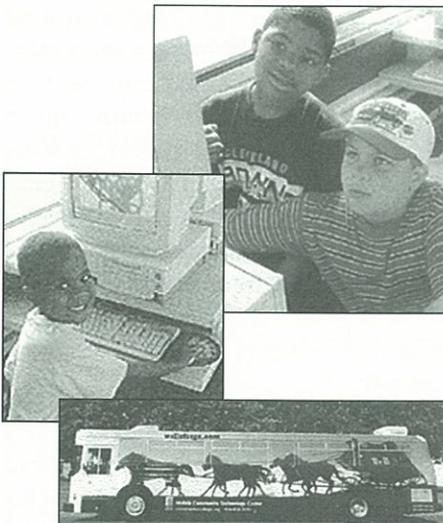
“Sharing a Commitment”

Fiscal Responsibility: The Fourth Strategic Plan Goal

Each and every day, we make individual choices to apply our personal resources so as to ensure the best possible value for our hard-earned income. That same process of examining options, weighing value and cost, and acting to achieve a beneficial outcome is at the core of the County’s fourth Strategic Plan Goal: **Fiscal Responsibility**.

Ebus: Bridging the Digital Divide

More than ever, our economic, political and social lives are enhanced by the convenience of technology. The challenge is to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to participate in the digital world. The Public Library, Sheriff’s Department, City of Norwalk, Community College Foundation, and Wells Fargo Bank have collaborated to launch the nation’s first mobile community technology center, thereby bringing Internet access directly into local communities. The mobile center, which visits libraries, schools, Sheriff’s stations, churches and youth centers, was established with no additional cost to the County.



Contractor Reimbursement for Employee Overtime

Ronald Hoffman, an employee of the Department of Public Works, noticed that the department was absorbing the cost of overtime pay for County inspectors who either supervised or inspected contract construction sites after regular County working hours. The contractors worked overtime to increase profits and caused additional cost to the County for necessary inspections.

While continuing to respond to contractor needs to extend project hours, the department now charges the contractor for the costs of overtime inspection services. In the first year this change represented a savings to the department of \$43,824.



Rescue Helicopter Acquisition Project

When it became clear that the Sheriff's Department's two existing rescue helicopters needed to be retired, the department's Aero Bureau turned to the military surplus supply and worked with federal officials to identify three United States Navy "Sea King" helicopters. Subsequently, the

department was able to refurbish the aircraft, which were acquired at no cost to the County. The department saved an estimated \$15 million, and the Sea Kings are capable of responding to even more demanding missions than the department's previous helicopters.

Scheduled Plan highlights in "Sharing a Commitment"

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



Fiscal Responsibility is essential in maximizing existing resources and developing new assets to better respond to the needs of our County communities. It reflects professional judgment in an environment where others depend upon our expertise. You can exhibit your professional judgment by asking yourself:

- ▶ Can the process in which you are engaged be done in less time and using fewer resources? If so, develop and recommend a plan to make that happen.
- ▶ Is each step in the process "adding value" to the program? Are there duplications or "off target" expenditures that should be eliminated? Are fees for services extended to all appropriate areas?
- ▶ Are there internal or external resources that can share or assume cost now being absorbed by your section or department?
- ▶ Is there an investment in time or materials that would lead to a more cost-effective delivery of the same quality of customer service?

"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.

Beaches and Harbors Opens W.A.T.E.R. Spring Programs to County Youth

The Department of Beaches and Harbors is once again offering its popular series of spring Water Awareness Training Education and Recreation youth programs, beginning March 25 with its first sessions of Surf Camp, Ocean-Sports Camp and Beginning Sailing. Instruction will be led by County of Los Angeles lifeguards at some of the County's most popular beaches.

Three sessions of Surf Camp are open to boys and girls ages 11-17. Participants will travel to different surf locations throughout the week and cover a variety of surf related activities including: surfing etiquette, board types and board selection, basic surfing instruction, and surf history.

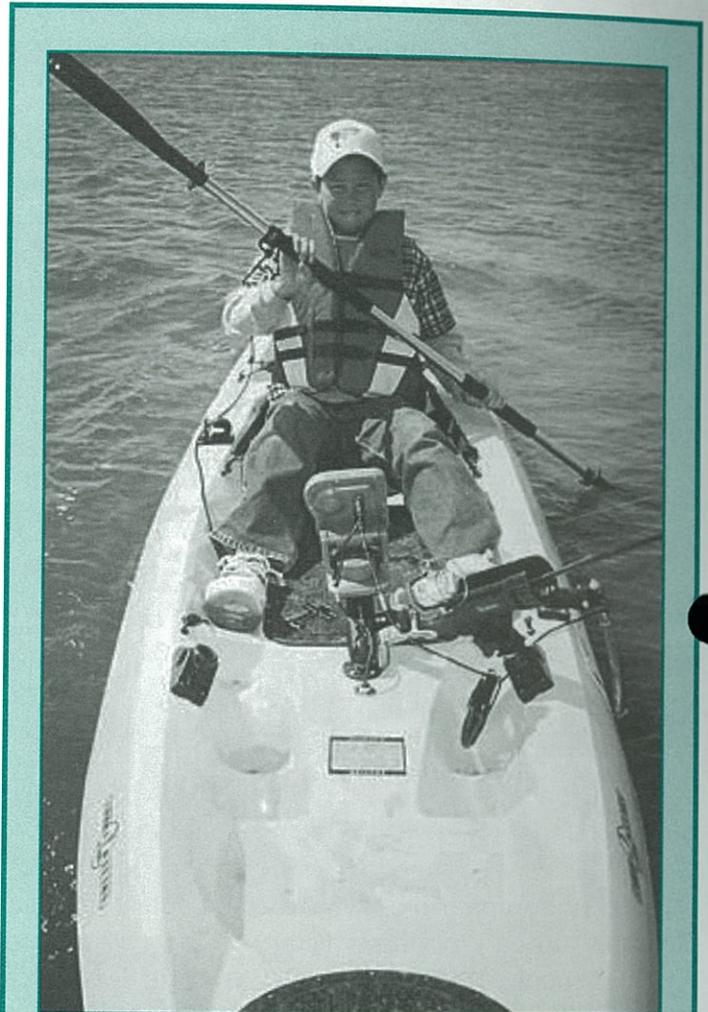
Ocean-Sports Camp is designed to offer young people ages 7-14 the opportunity to experience and acquire skills in a wide variety of recreational activities, including surfing, sailing, kayaking and body boarding. The daily schedule normally involves ocean skills in the morning sessions and boating skills in the afternoon.

The Beginning Sailing curriculum will include knot tying, basic sailing knowledge and terms, boat maintenance and rigging, tacking, docking and ocean sailing. Students between 11-17 years old will learn to sail on 14-foot Omega sailboats.

During the final days of the session, the students get experience on 20-24 foot vessels.

Transportation from non-beach areas is available; to qualify, program candidates must return a participant and transportation application. New participants must successfully complete a 100-yard swim test in less than 2 minutes, 20 seconds.

Please call the W.A.T.E.R. Program office at (310) 305-9587 to schedule a swim test. Additional information, including session fees and schedules, can be found at <http://beaches.co.la.ca.us>. ■



SWIM TEST DATES & LOCATIONS

Saturday, May 19 - 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mira Costa High School Pool, (701 S. Peck Ave., Manhattan Beach, 1 block N. off Artesia Bl.)

Saturday, June 2 - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Culver City Municipal Plunge, (4117 Overland Ave., exit 405 at Culver Bl east to Overland So.)

Saturday, June 9 - 8 a.m. - noon

Mira Costa High School Pool, (701 S. Peck, Manhattan Beach, 1blk N. off Artesia, east of PCH)

Saturday, June 16 - 10 a.m. - noon

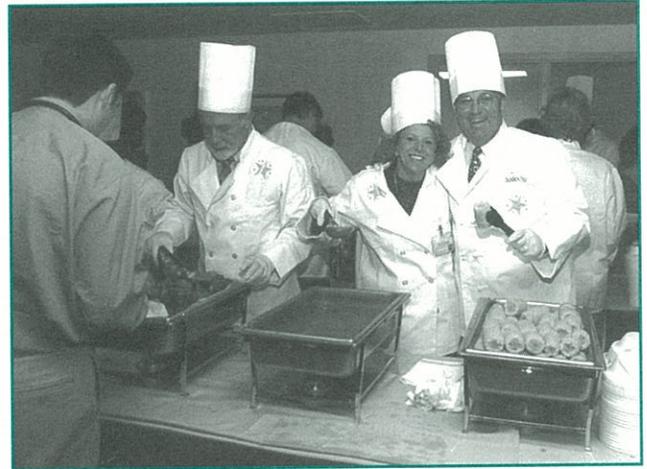
Malibu High School Pool, (from PCH at Zuma Bch, turn east on Morning View Dr., Malibu)

Knabe Serves-up Lunch to Hospital Employees

County Supervisor Don Knabe served lunch to employees of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in February in recognition of the hospital's Annual Employee Appreciation Day. Knabe was joined by several community leaders to serve Rancho Los Amigos employees a buffet-style lunch.

"It is my pleasure to be a part of Rancho's Employee Appreciation Day," Supervisor Knabe said. "Often, the work that these employees do goes without thanks. I am extremely happy to be able to express my gratitude for the wonderful job that our Rancho employees do, day in and day out."

Providing quality care to persons with disabilities for more than half a century, Rancho Los Amigos is internationally known as a pioneer in research and innovative treatments. Rancho Los Amigos regularly ranks among "U.S. News & World Report's" top rehabilitation medical centers in the nation and is one of the largest comprehensive rehabilitation centers in the United States. ■



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office in Washington, D.C.; and 67 chapters throughout North America. APWA provides a forum where public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to the forefront in local, state, and federal arenas. The 17-member Board of Directors, elected at both the regional and national levels, governs the association. It is an open, flexible association with a diverse membership of 26,000 and a reputation for quality services and products.

As Southern California Chapter President of APWA, Noyes will have general supervision over the affairs of the Association and will be responsible for communicating APWA policies, resolutions, initiatives and positions to both public and private agencies.

Noyes will also coordinate with other regional and national professional societies, monitor day-to-day operations, oversee details of financial management, coordinate and implement committee activities and communicate results and progress to the Executive Committee and to the Association Membership. The Southern California Chapter has 1,200 members representing public works organizations in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino.

Noyes has identified several goals for his term, including the introduction of public works to local high schools, colleges, and regional occupation centers, strengthening engineering graduate and undergraduate programs, working with the Rebuild America Coalition and other professional organizations to provide an assessment report card of the current status of infrastructure, and nurturing technical activities and projects in the chapter.

Noyes' qualifications for leading this prestigious organization of public works professionals include his role as Director of

the County's Department of Public Works, more than 30 years as a member of APWA, numerous leadership positions at the local, state and national levels, and a myriad of professional affiliations. The County Department of Public Works is responsible for the design, construction, operation, maintenance and repair of the County's infrastructure; i.e., roads, bridges, airports, sewers, water supply, flood control and water conservation facilities, including the design and construction of capital projects.

The world has seen changes that few of us could have imagined, but one thing remains constant: wherever the next century leads, the demand for infrastructure, transportation, water resources, and land development will be enormous. It is clear that the public works profession will play a critical role in providing sustainable solutions for these demands. We look forward to having one of our own County leaders help us chart that course. ■

D.I.S.A.R.M. Posts Big Numbers

During the months of January and February, a combined 136 arrests were made as a result of the confiscation of weapons from convicted felons under a program initiated by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. In February alone, the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management program, also known as D.I.S.A.R.M., netted 22 guns and 6 knives and other weapons. A total of 163 unannounced residence searches were conducted during the same month, resulting in 63 arrests and more than half of those probationers targeted found in violation of the conditions of their probation.

D.I.S.A.R.M. was initiated by Supervisor Antonovich in February 2000 following the tragic shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the murder of a postal worker by Buford Furrow, a felon on probation from Washington State, whose probation office failed to confiscate his weapons.

Since D.I.S.A.R.M.'s inception, 60% of probationers searched have been found to be in violation of their probation. More than \$2.3 million in illegal drugs and drug money has been seized during the life of the program, along with an overall total of more than 700 weapons confiscated and 1,271 arrests. ■

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old way of doing things, which was not working well," Supervisor Molina said. "The solution to a problem in one area of East Los Angeles might be totally different than that for another problem in another section, since each predicament is unique. Statistics show that the model that worked in Valinda is working in East Los Angeles."

"These task forces improve the quality of life for unincorporated area residents of Los Angeles County, who are entitled to receive the same services as residents in cities," Supervisor Molina added. "I am pleased with the task force's accomplishments and hope this trend continues in 2002. But, there is still a lot more work to be done." ■

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Music Center Celebrates Arts and Education with 20th Annual BRAVO Awards

The Music Center of Los Angeles County recently held its 20th Annual BRAVO Awards Gala Dinner, where two teachers and one school were honored with BRAVO Awards in a celebration of exemplary arts education.

Arcadia High School, the winning school, was chosen from among 11 schools nominated from throughout Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. This is the first time that a school in the Arcadia Unified School District has received a BRAVO Award. Arcadia High principal Martin J. Plourde accepted the award on behalf of the faculty, parents and students commending all their hard work and dedication. The school employs 14 full-time arts teachers for its 3,400 students. Arcadia received a cash award of \$5,000 from Robinsons-May.

The BRAVO arts specialist award, recognizing a teacher in a traditional arts subject, was presented to choral music teacher and city of Orange resident Mike Short of Orange High School, who was chosen from among 36 nominated teachers and four finalists. Short has served the Orange County Unified School District for 23 years, beginning his career at Portolla Middle School before moving to Orange High, where he has been teaching since January 1982. He is a graduate of Chapman College in Music Education. He is the first Orange USD teacher to win the BRAVO Award and the fourth BRAVO winner from Orange County. This was his first nomination. His \$2,000 arts specialist award is sponsored by Club 100 members Roberta Haft and Lois Rosen.

The BRAVO general subject teacher award, presented to a teacher who incorporates the arts in the regular curriculum, was given to Eagle Rock Elementary School (LAUSD) 2nd Grade teacher and Valencia resident Laura Hamlett, a 32-



Music Center Bravo Award finalists for 2002 (top l-r) general subject category: winner Laura Hamlett, Eagle Rock Elementary; Jennifer Fry, Meadows Elementary; Jeff Lantos, Marquez Elementary; arts specialist category: (seated, l-r) winner Mike Short, Orange High; Vincent Houser, The Buckley School; Dee Dee Paakkari, Marshall High School; Krista Carson Elhai, Claremont High School; (front row, l-r) school nominee principals: winner Martin Plourde, Arcadia High School; Paula Dashiell, Echo Horizon Elementary; Ronald Kaiser, Lindero Canyon Middle School Principal.

year LAUSD teacher at Eagle Rock Elementary since 1992. She was chosen from among 21 teachers and three finalists in the general subject category. Hamlett received a baccalaureate in French from Pitzer College and a Masters in Elementary Education from the University of Southern California. She was a 2001 BRAVO nominee. Her \$2,000 generalist award is sponsored by Club 100 member Elinor Turner in honor of her mother Sue Weisman. Each winner received an award sculpture created by artist William Crutchfield.

Reminding the audience that fully 20% of “new economy” jobs are in the arts, State Superintendent of Schools Delaine Eastin lauded the audience for its support of arts education.

“The arts are as essential as any other subject and provide the cornerstone of California’s future. And teachers are the foundation. I well remember my high school drama teacher Jay Deck of Carlmont High in Belmont, California, who is largely responsible for helping me develop any skill I have as a public speaker. Every single teacher here tonight has touched so many lives, many of whom will never be able to thank you,” Eastin said.

The evening was hosted by Garry Marshall, acclaimed producer/director, who has emceed the event from its inception. “I don’t like to get too serious,” Marshall said, “but I believe that when you put arts in the classroom, you take hatred out of the classroom. I am always proud to be part of this effort to recognize the educators who are bringing the arts to the next generations of children.”

The BRAVO selection process begins in late summer when Music Center Education Division member schools and teachers—both public and private throughout Southern California—are nominated by principals, faculty committees, superintendents or parents. A committee made up of educators and artists reviews every application and selects 10 finalists. BRAVO award participants receive a variety of rewards including books, Music Center performance tickets, and educational opportunities.

Founded in 1979, the Music Center Education Division is a national leader in arts education. For more information about the BRAVO Awards log on to www.musiccenter.org/Bravo.html or contact Lynda Jenner, Director of Special Projects, at (213) 202-2286. ■

Annual County Chess Tournament

County employees are invited to vie against each other in friendly chess competition during the 14th Annual County of Los Angeles Chess Tournament, Thursday evenings at the Department of Public Works Headquarters Building. Participants will compete in either novice or open pools.

THURSDAYS

April 18 – May 23
6 to 10 p.m.

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“The County’s successful partnership with the March of Dimes is due, in part, to a shared vision of healthier babies born in Los Angeles County. After all, doesn’t every baby deserve a healthy start in life?”

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs for research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies.

This year, as part of the March of Dimes fundraising campaign, Toyota has donated a 2002 Highlander SUV to be used as part of an opportunity drawing. Ticket donations for the drawing will be \$5 per ticket and \$20 for five tickets and available through departmental March of Dime coordinators or the Office of Workplace Programs.

To join the County’s WalkAmerica team, or for more information on the opportunity drawing, call the Office of Workplace Programs, at (213) 974-2466. See you at the Walk! ■

Emergency Preparedness Fair

The County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management will present the annual Civic Center Emergency Preparedness Expo on Thursday, April 18. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the mall area of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street.

Each year the County OEM sponsors the expo to increase employee awareness of emergency preparedness procedures. The expo will include music, entertainment and demonstrations by the County Fire Department. For more information, please contact Joyce Harris, at (323) 980-2267. ■



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