



Department of Consumer Affairs Wins Coveted “Agency of the Year” Award



Department of Consumer Affairs Director Pastor Herrera Jr. (center) and his award-winning staff.

The County’s own Department of Consumer Affairs was selected as the winner of the 2002 Agency of the Year Award by the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators (NACAA).

NACAA, with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., represents over 165 local, state/provincial, federal and national government consumer protection agencies worldwide. Member agencies protect consumers through law enforcement, one-to-one assistance, public education, and advocacy.

NACAA presented the County Department of Consumer Affairs with the “Agency of the Year” award on June 28, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, for its consumer protection program and, in particular, for its commitment to the multiethnic senior citizen residents of Los Angeles County. Selection criteria included consideration of the resources of the agency, the impact and success of the program in the community and the overall significance of the project.

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Employee of the Month: Office of Public Safety’s Mitchell “Mitch” Grace

Officer Mitchell Grace has been awarded the prestigious honor of being named the County of Los Angeles Employee of the Month for July 2002. No one could have deserved it more than he did.

Grace was born at the California Hospital Medical Center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles on April 16, 1962. He was raised in the South Central-area of Los Angeles, attending school at Manual Arts High School, graduating from Los Angeles Trade Tech Community College, and then moving further up the ladder of education by attaining

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EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FAIR

Wednesday, September 25
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Probation Department
9150 East Imperial Highway, Downey
cafeteria

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, September 21
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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, son Michael Jr., wife Christine and Beach Boys lead singer Mike Love.

Antonovich Joins Entertainers for the 12th Annual Family Music Festival

On Sunday, June 23, County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and family attended the 12th Annual Family Music Festival at Frank G. Bonelli Regional County Park in San Dimas. The proceeds from the summer concert event, sponsored by Supervisor Antonovich, were donated to the Los Angeles County CAPERS Program, a junior dance troupe made up of youngsters from throughout the County.

Festival attractions included carnival rides and games, clown dancers, a magic show for the kids, and a classic car exhibit. However, the main draw of the fun-filled day was an exciting performance by the Beach Boys, who played classics such as Surfin' USA. Chubby Checker and the Wild Cats, Johnny Otis and his band, Triple Threat and Lisa Torres also performed for the crowd.

Learn While You Earn

The DPSS University, in collaboration with local community colleges and state universities, has implemented a program that brings the opportunity to DPSS employees to graduate from college right into DPSS district offices. Without ever having to move their cars, DPSS employees at the Lancaster, Metro North, Medi-Cal Long-Term Care Districts and the DPSS University are attending college classes and are well on their way to earning Associate of Arts (AA) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees.

GIRLS' SYMPOSIUM 2002

Department of Probation

On June 5, juvenile female offenders and other girls considered "at-risk" from various communities, facilities, and girls programs came together at the Los Angeles County Arboretum for the Los Angeles County Probation Department's first Girls' Symposium, themed: "Girls Speaking Out...Let's Build A Better Tomorrow." According to department coordinators, Girls' Symposium 2002 drew approximately 300 participants, 200 of whom were juvenile females.

The event opened with a presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance led by the girls of the Camp Joseph Scott Honor Color Guard, followed by the singing of God Bless America. Presentations on a variety of issues were made throughout the day, including teen dating violence, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, sexuality, self-esteem, substance abuse, pregnancy issues, and preparing for a career.

Probation Director/Conference Chair Diana Velasquez made opening remarks that encouraged the young women to take charge of their lives and begin building for a better tomorrow by learning to formulate positive solutions to the challenges they face everyday.

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Supervisor Gloria Molina greets DPSS staff Martha Martinez and Claudia Chaparro at the recent grand opening of the PATH Regional Homeless Center in West Hollywood.

People Assisting The Homeless

On April 11, more than 500 guests attended the grand opening of the *PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) Regional Homeless Center* in West Hollywood. Supervisor Gloria Molina officiated at the ceremony. California's First Lady Sharon Davis participated in the ribbon cutting along with Los Angeles City Council member Eric Garcetti.

The *PATH Regional Homeless Center* is the first of its kind in the country and will be a model for future facilities. The colorful Center houses a multitude of government and private agencies, which have formed a partnership to alleviate the problems of homelessness in our County. Supervisor Molina was instrumental in helping secure funding for special needs housing in the facility.

This collaboration exemplifies the partners' commitment to service excellence. Agencies include the *Gateways Mental Health Center*, an onsite *LA Bridges* program by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the *PATH Homeless Court*, the *Salvation Army Homeless Family Services*, *Vera Brown Beauty Salon*, *Midnight Mission*, the *CLARE Foundation Substance Abuse Prevention Center*, the *Department of Mental Health (DMH)* and the *Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)*. In addition to these services, the Center contains housing units for men, women, families and those with special needs.

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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:

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Dorothy O'Neil
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Doris Ross
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Beverlee Bickmore, Rosemary Lalli
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Helmut Bauer, Edwin Zrostlik
FIRE: Ralph Carey, Robert Grafton, Roger Orr, John Price
HEALTH SERVICES: Vernon Boutte, Fannie Campbell, Jesse Cummings, Richard Medlock, Jane Pang, Diana Simmons, Sarah Watts
INTERNAL SERVICES: Bernard Richmond
MENTAL HEALTH: Agustin Rocha
PARKS & RECREATION: John Rivas
PROBATION: Leonor Amescua, Linda Hicks, Albine Hopcus, Raymond Marin, Richard Wolf
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Joyce Harper, Ronald Melia, Iber Rippetoe, Sheryl Sharp, Willie Stewart, Andrea Viera
PUBLIC WORKS: Richard Johnson
SHERIFF: Henry Aldana, Adana Allen, Michael Crowley, Christophe Despol, Raymond Gonzales, Gary Holland, Ronald Layton, Diane Lee, Joseph Lista, Peter Loomis, Stephen Nelson, Barry Perrou, Reinaldo Rodriguez, John Rogers, Hugh Scanlon, Cecilia Velarde
SUPERIOR COURT: A.J. Antenoracruz, Cheryl Nakano, Frank Tyler Jr., Terry Wilson

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:

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Danilo Damian
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Exaltacion Cudiamat, June Su
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Timothy Browne, Cyril Miller
FIRE: Leon Aubry, Steven Cota
HEALTH SERVICES: Henry Battle, Barbarita Cruz, Alicia Miranda, Marlene Naumann, Aida Valle, Josephine Wacker
LIBRARY: Rita Lance
PARKS & RECREATION: James Benefiel
PROBATION: Raymond Baxter
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Julio Lazo
PUBLIC WORKS: Proceso Palos
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Lucia Yang
SHERIFF: Frank Durazo, Martin McNulty, Theodore Mossbarger, Irene Oliver, Larry Steward
SUPERIOR COURT: Ernest Lopez



Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke joins Audrey Ellis, Lonon Harris Jr.'s mother, and his father Lonon Sr. at the dedication of their son's memorial plaque.

Burke Dedicates New Pedestrian Zone Warning

County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke dedicated a new pedestrian zone warning June 5th to the memory of Lonon Harris Jr., who was just eight years old when a hit-and-run driver fatally struck him on the evening of August 5, 2001. Returning with his father from Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area, Harris had been walking his bike across El Segundo Boulevard at Clovis Avenue in Willowbrook.

Family and friends of Harris, local residents, and County of Los Angeles Public Works Chief Deputy Director Ron Ornee joined Supervisor Burke for the unveiling of a memorial plaque, which dedicates the zone. The newly defined zone is located between Avalon Boulevard and Central Avenue on El Segundo Boulevard (adjacent to the park) and consists of fluorescent green pedestrian signs and flashing warning lights to remind motorists to watch for pedestrians.

Studies by the Department of Public Works determined that the warning was the best option for enhancing pedestrian

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Health Fair & Senior Festival

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging, the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging, the Advisory Council and Santa Anita Park, will sponsor the Los Angeles County Health Fair and Senior Festival on September 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Santa Anita Park.

Seniors from various senior citizen centers throughout the County are expected to attend. Last year's event drew a much larger than expected turnout of over 3,000 attendees.

Expect to visit more than 100 exhibits and receive free health screenings. The event will also feature head-to-toe exams provided by local and regional healthcare professionals. Screenings offered will include cholesterol, blood pressure, body fat analysis, blood oxygen level, heart rate, prostate cancer, diabetes, vision, glaucoma and cataract, hearing, dental and spinal and bone density.

“This fair affords our seniors the opportunity to learn more about their health and their health care needs,” Supervisor Antonovich said. “This is vital information for seniors and those who care for them.”

The general purpose of the event is to preserve and promote the general health and welfare of older persons living in Los Angeles County. In addition to encouraging and assisting local communities and groups in their planning and developing of services for older

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SHARING A COMMITMENT

Service Excellence

Kiosk-Based Recruitment Project

Background

In 1999, Community and Senior Services of the County of Los Angeles, in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board, put in place two successful employment kiosk sites—one at the Sheriff Youth Center, 11911 South Vermont Avenue, and the other at the East LA Public Library, 4801 East 3rd Street—with an impressive 29,000 visits to these sites in a three-month period. This program began with a one-year pilot project using two kiosks from September 1999 through August 2000. The pilot was so well received that 12 more kiosks were installed throughout the County between September and November 2000.

In order to provide Los Angeles County residents with instant access to employment services and information, the County's Workforce Investment Board developed and implemented an Employment Kiosk Information network, a multimedia, interactive network of 14 kiosks strategically and conveniently placed throughout the County. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) is a collaborator with Community and Senior Services. The network of kiosks has a link to DHR so that visitors now can access the County's job information website.

Each kiosk is a stand-alone, touch-screen information booth, providing job seekers and the underemployed with immediate information on job opportunities, career counseling, job bank linkages, job search assistance, childcare, transportation, WorkSource California Center locations, community resources, and other services and programs funded by the County of Los Angeles.

The kiosks are located in Sheriff youth centers, public libraries, service centers, parks and recreation centers, seniors service centers, County administration buildings and other high-traffic locations that have extended business hours and easy public access.

Current Activity Update

The Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board is now in the process of expanding its network to include 10 additional sites. Kiosks include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) enhancements, as well as multilingual screen access.

Statistics Update

The Employment Information Kiosk System Network is proving to be overwhelmingly popular with County residents. In 2001, employment kiosks received an average of 20,570 "hits" per month for a total of 246,840 hits for the year. During that period, the kiosk system network was still in the process of being installed, with 14 kiosks in operation by the end of 2001. At present, the Workforce Investment Board is completing the installation of 10 additional kiosks, and expects to have a total of 24 kiosks in operation this summer. The Workforce Investment Board forecasts over 400,000 "hits" in 2002.

Customer Service

Improving Service Excellence is one of the goals of the County Strategic Plan, and all County departments are encouraged to implement programs to help employees focus on delivering quality service to the residents of Los Angeles County. The Department of Public Works (DPW) supports this goal and provides excellent service to its customers.

DPW employees provide services daily to customers from all walks of life, and they pride themselves on being #1 in Customer Service. In addition to an extensive training program, DPW has also instituted a way of recognizing employees who truly represent the spirit of Service Excellence. In the Department's monthly employee newsletter, "All in the Works," a special section is reserved for acknowledging employees who have received letters of commendation from customers. This section is appropriately titled "Why we're #1."

Each month, DPW divisions submit letters received from customers to the editor of "All in the Works." Pictures of the employees are published with a caption summarizing the letter and an actual quote. It is one of the most popular sections of the newsletter. This is a great way to acknowledge the outstanding conduct of featured employees and, at the same time, provide a role model for other employees. Such recognition contributes to improving morale and lets employees know that management values their contributions—they are the reason their Department is #1 in Customer Service.



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a Bachelor of Arts degree from Chapman University.

In February 1994, Grace joined the, then, Los Angeles County Park Police with one goal in mind, to make his community a better place for kids to live and play. In January 1998, the Los Angeles County Park Police became the Office of Public Safety (OPS) encompassing a larger variety of assignments for officers, but the expansion of the department's coverage area did not interest him; he only wanted to stay in the parks of South Central to help the kids. He volunteered to become a C.O.P.S. officer assigned to Washington Park. This gave him the unique opportunity to become even more involved in his community than ever before.

As an OPS C.O.P.S. officer, he coordinates community watch meetings; is a member of the "safe zone" program, which gives kids a place to go when they need help; is an active participant in the parks day care program; and keeps a watchful eye on gang activity by acting as a gang liaison officer. During the winter holiday season, Grace puts on his Santa costume and warms the hearts of the kids in the South Central-area by providing toys to kids whose parents cannot afford them. He introduced the "Pursuit for Kids" Program to the Office of Public Safety and it has been wonderfully successful.

Grace is a positive role model to the kids in the South Central community, and affords them with the desire to become productive members of, not only their community, but of society in general. However, his interests in providing for his community are



Officer Mitchell Grace accepting his scroll of commendation from Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky.

not limited to on-the-job tasks.

When he is off-duty, Grace volunteers his time to coach basketball at Drew Middle School. Basketball has always been his favorite hobby. From 1982 to 1983, he played professional basketball in the Philippines, until he injured his left knee and was not able to continue his basketball career. Now, on his off-duty time, he provides executive protection for the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Basketball will always be a part of my life," Grace says. He recently coordinated a basketball game siding Health Services Bureau against Park Services Bureau calling it "The Cop Bowl." "The main purpose of this game was to build camaraderie between the two Bureaus," he adds. "The game was extremely successful, and don't forget to mention that I scored 39 points!"

Not only does Grace provide protection to patrons and staff of Washington Park, an active role model

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As key partners in the Center, DMH has co-located staff providing "Needs Special Assistance" evaluations as needed, and DPSS has two co-located staff from its Wilshire Special District to assist in answering eligibility questions, providing referrals to local offices, and providing liaison services for homeless applicants with their open cases in district offices.

Upon placement in the Center, Wilshire Special also organized a clothing drive and provided PATH with more than a hundred items. The DPSS Metro Family District is providing CalWORKs staff for the women and family center, which opened in May.

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persons, the County is committed to educating older persons to become self-sufficient.

Philip Kent and Ted Anderson, both appointees of Supervisor Antonovich to the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging, serve as the event's co-chairs.

"Finding reliable, well-trained in-home caregivers is a serious problem. We expect to have a number of family caregivers attend," Commissioner Anderson said.

Commissioner Kent chimed in by saying: "We expect people of all ages coming together under the commonality of 'America: A Community for All Ages.'"



Molina Establishes First Technology Redeployment Program

As part of her commitment to making computer technology accessible in her district, County Supervisor Gloria Molina announced the establishment of the County's first Technology Redeployment Program during the Los Nietos Community Computer Technology Enhancement (CTE) Program's Class of 2002 graduation ceremony.

In her address to graduates, Molina said: "Today, computers can be found in every aspect of our lives, and we cannot escape the need to continually expand our knowledge of technology. Since its establishment in 1999 here in Los Nietos, the CTE Program has graduated more than 700 individuals. And for that we should all be proud."

The CTE Program is offered free of charge to Los Nietos and West Whittier residents. The 10-week course incorporates vision building (career, college, and healthcare options), public speaking (the articulation of a vision before peers) and technology (Internet, Windows, Word, Excel and PowerPoint). It also includes coursework in resumé and professional letter writing, budgeting and household expense management. Students are taught how to download information and images from the Internet and compile them into professional presentations.

The Technology Redeployment Program was added to the CTE Program curriculum as a pilot course earlier this year. CTE teaches its Technology Redeployment students how to diagnose, troubleshoot and repair computers. Students open operating systems and switch hard drives and motherboards on their very first day of class. They then have the option of taking their refurbished computers home or donating them to a needy family within the community.

Students who participated in the Technology Redevelopment Pilot

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Chief Probation Officer Richard Shumsky spoke briefly, encouraging the young women to work hard towards their goals, and that if they continue to forge ahead, their goals will be achieved.

Featured guest speakers included Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, who gave a warm welcoming address and made an informative presentation. Supervisor Gloria Molina gave a powerful, motivational presentation, followed by Los Angeles City Council member Jan Perry, who gave a moving presentation on how one person made a difference in her life.

Presenters from community-based organizations included Break the Cycle; Peer Education Program Los Angeles; and Keep Your Freedom, Keep Your Dreams.

All the girls were provided with gift bags. The Walt Disney Company donated black tote bags and Mickey Mouse pencils, Bytops donated the Girls' Symposium 2002 banner, other in-kind services were provided by See's Candy, Info Line, Variety-The Children's Charity, and twenty flower arrangements were provided by the ROP class at Rosemead High School. The Warehouse Shoes provided the music and assisted in the distribution of the door prizes.

Financial support is always critical for planning conferences. Financial support was provided by the following Sponsors: **Gold Sponsor** was the Southern California Gas Company, the **Silver Sponsor** was The Yes, Virginia Fund, and the **Bronze Sponsors** included The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association, Black Probation Officers Association, Council of Mexican American Administrators, Los Angeles County Hispanic Managers Association, Commission for Women, National Mexican American Correctional Association,

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Additionally, the president of NACAA gave special recognition to Pastor Herrera Jr., director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, by presenting him the "President's Award" for his outstanding leadership, innovative programs, outreach efforts, partnerships with other public and private agencies and his commitment to consumer protection.

The Department of Consumer Affairs can be reached at (213) 974-1452 or (800) 593-8222.

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Supervising Deputy Probation Officers Association, Latino Prosecutors Association, Deputy Probation Officers, AFSCME, Local 685, Mexican American Correctional Association Los Angeles Chapter, Women Empowered Association of Probation Women, and Cheryl Jackson.

The conference goal was to address issues that affect at-risk female juveniles and female juveniles under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. The conference objective was to help improve the self-esteem of the girls in attendance. Another objective was for the girls to learn from the motivational speakers on ways to overcome the risk factors that dominate their lives.

Overall, the Girls' Symposium 2002 was a phenomenal event. Mission accomplished.

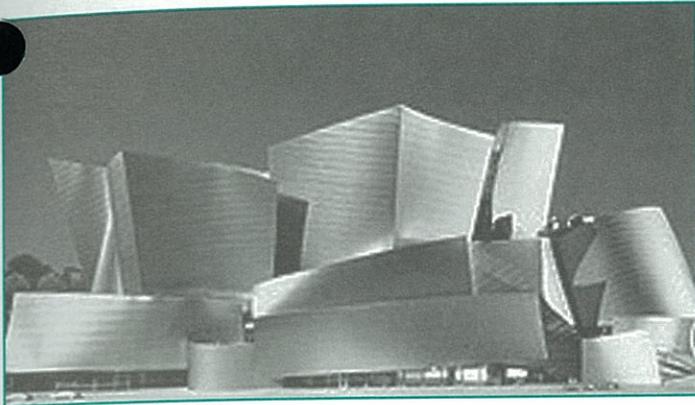
COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENINGS

Recently, Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky and Michael D. Antonovich participated at opening ceremonies for two County libraries.

Zev Yaroslavsky was joined by Assemblymember Fran Pavley (41st District) and County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd at the newly constructed Westlake Village Library, which was dedicated in March. The library was constructed by the City of Westlake Village and is part of a new civic center complex.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich officiated a ceremony to re-dedicate the West Covina Library following an extensive refurbishment funded by the Fifth District. West Covina Library Manager Linda Siggins and County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd joined in the festivities.





Urban Arts Park to Enhance the Walt Disney Concert Hall

The Walt Disney Concert Hall, due to open in fall 2003 at the Music Center of Los Angeles County, will include a 38,000 square foot urban arts park, which will enhance the Music Center's appeal as a community and family destination by creating an outdoor oasis at what is expected to be the signature building of Los Angeles.

Designed by Walt Disney Concert Hall architect **Frank Gehry**, who worked jointly with landscape designer **Melinda Taylor** and landscape architect **Larry Moline**, the Concert Hall's urban park will span the length of the complex along Hope Street from 1st to 2nd streets, complementing the structure's sculptural design.

The park, which has been generously underwritten, in part, by a \$5 million grant from the State of California, will be the largest outdoor space at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The park will include the W. M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre—300-seat performance venue—and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Plaza at the south end of the Concert Hall.

Designed to ensure maximum public accessibility, the park will be resplendent with a variety of colorful flowering trees, including the vibrant magenta blooms of the Hong Kong Orchid Tree and the deep summer green and fiery orange autumn leaves of the Chinese Pistache. Ornamental foliage selected for its texture, color, and composition will adorn tree bases in garden planters along an Italian travertine walkway. The park will invite downtown employees, visitors and others to enjoy leisurely picnic lunches, to read or relax in the shade.

In warmer evenings, the park will be the lovely open air setting for concert patrons to enjoy before and after performances and during intermission. Amenities such as rolling bars and refreshment carts will be provided for concert patrons and the

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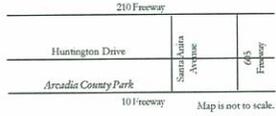
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The centerpiece of the urban arts park will be the 3,500-square-foot Blue Ribbon Garden, to be funded by The Blue Ribbon, the Music Center's preeminent volunteer support group. The Blue Ribbon Garden is expected to be one of the Concert Hall's most popular outdoor features. It will include a Gehry-designed flower fountain made of delft porcelain—a favorite of the late Lillian Disney, wife of Walt Disney, a founding member of Blue Ribbon who donated the initial \$50 million to construct the Concert Hall in 1987. Mrs. Disney's daughter, Diane Disney Miller, and her children, have provided the funds for the fountain in Mrs. Disney's memory. Lillian Disney had indicated that the Walt Disney Concert Hall should include beautiful and welcoming garden areas for the entire community when she made the historic gift.

The Blue Ribbon Garden will be available for special activities, presentations or media events. A custom-made, removable tent will be fabricated to cover the garden, providing shade

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for afternoon gatherings and protection from wind and weather during cooler months. The lush surroundings, enhanced by the Lillian Disney Memorial Fountain, will be a spectacular oasis in the midst of downtown Los Angeles.

The Walt Disney Concert Hall at the Music Center will open in the fall of 2003 as the new home of the renowned Los Angeles Philharmonic led by Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Master Chorale led by Music Director Grant Gershon.

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safety at the busy intersection, coupled with the department's pedestrian safety rodeos at elementary schools and at other sites within the community.

Anyone with information about the driver of the 1990 Ford Tempo involved in the crime is urged to contact Officers Wohlman or Carroll of the California Highway Patrol at (310) 516-3355.

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showcased their refurbished computers at the CTE Program graduation ceremony. Molina later announced that the Technology Redeployment Program is now a permanent part of the Computer Technology Enhancement Program at the Los Nietos Community Center.

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for the kids, and camaraderie amongst OPS officers, once a year he puts on his "get to know your police barbeque" at various park locations throughout the South Central area. This bridges the gap between park staff and the officers who work the area and it provides a more personal level of service.

Grace is not only an excellent role model for the kids of his community, an effective police officer, one of the best co-workers you could ever have, and an all around excellent person, but a loving husband and father as well. He provides for his wife Valerie and his three boys, Xavier, age 13; "Lil" Mitch, age 5; and Jarrett, age 3. His family is the most important part of his life and they will always come first.

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Currently, East Los Angeles College (ELAC) and California State University, Dominguez Hills are conducting Program for Adult College Education (PACE) classes at the DPSS University facility. Additionally, ELAC began PACE AA classes at the Medi-Cal Long-Term Care District. Los Angeles City College is currently providing PACE AA classes to staff at the Metro North District and is also gearing up to begin classes at the South Central District. And we are delighted that Los Angeles Trade Technical College is traveling from Los Angeles to the DPSS Lancaster District to conduct PACE AA classes for DPSS staff who live in the Antelope Valley.

In the near future, we expect to begin PACE BA and AA classes at the South Family/Adult offices and an exciting new Master of Business Administration (MBA) program provided through California State Polytechnic University, Pomona is slated to begin at the San Gabriel Valley Family Service Center in the fall of 2002.

This project exemplifies DPSS' commitment to the principles of workforce excellence, one of the goals of the County Strategic Plan. With more than 250 DPSS employees currently taking advantage of this unprecedented opportunity and with another 200 waiting for classes to begin,

the DPSS University and the local community colleges and state universities are making a positive difference in the lives of our employees and through them in the lives of the public we serve.



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