



Supervisor Knabe Opens Long Beach Multicultural Health Education Center

Supervisor Don Knabe was on hand to help open the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) new Miller Family Health Education Center (FHEC) located at 3820 Cherry Avenue in Long Beach. The building's completion marks the culmination of a six-year, public-private partnership.



“The City of Long Beach has taken a leadership role in creating a health education center that is important to local residents because it is focused on our diverse population,” said Knabe who represents Long Beach. “Much of what we do in public health deals with education and prevention.”

The most unique feature of the FHEC is the Multicultural Pavilion, a conference training facility with language interpretation technology to deliver program content to audiences in three languages simultaneously.

The 2000 Census identified the City of Long Beach as one of the most ethnically diverse large cities in the United States. The census also pointed out that over forty percent of Long Beach households do not speak English at home. The Miller Family Health Education

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Employee of the Month: Sheriff Department's Gary Sloan

Gary Sloan has been employed with the County of Los Angeles for more than 11 years. He is currently a Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Department assigned to the Detective Bureau Gang Unit. His responsibilities include investigating gang related incidents that occur in the City of Bellflower, including weapons violations, robbery, prostitution, assault with a deadly weapon and drugs.

“I really enjoy the investigative aspect of my job. There is nothing more fulfilling than to start an investigation without workable information, and turn it into a case ready for filing with the District Attorney's Office,” Sloan said. “When you are dealing with violent crimes, the satisfaction of arresting someone after they have hurt a victim is extremely rewarding.”

Sloan has been involved in many tragic incidents with positive outcomes. One such occasion involved responding to a rape victim where the crime had occurred only moments before. The rapist was successfully apprehended

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EVENT CALENDAR

Music Center
 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012
 (213) 972-7211
www.musiccenter.org

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

April 18 – Dmitri Hvorostovsky in Recital with pianist Ivari Ilja

Walt Disney Concert Hall

151 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

Chamber Music - Performances take place in Gindi Auditorium at the University of Judaism.

Apr 19 - Chamber Music No. 7 - Los Angeles Philharmonic - Dvorak, Faure, Suk

Colburn Celebrity Series: Recitals

Apr 6 - Alfred Brendel Recital - Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven

Green Umbrella

Apr 26 - USC: Pacific Rim - Phan, Harrison, Lim, Grenfell, Kim

Inside / Outside: The Shape of Music in Los Angeles

Apr 21 - Urban / Suburban: Los Angeles in the 50s & '60s

Los Angeles Philharmonic

Apr 1-4 - Shostakovich Eighth - Beethoven, Shostakovich

Apr 8-10 - Lang Lang, piano - Tchaikovsky, Barber, Rachmaninoff

Apr 16-18 - James Conlon, conductor - Zemlinsky, Strauss

Apr 22-25 - Dutoit / Shaham - Berlioz, Rachmaninoff, Brahms

On Location

Apr 9 – Duo Recital Adrian and Alfred Brendel - Beethoven

Sounds About Town - Toyota Symphonies for Youth (TSFY)

Apr 18 - USC Thornton Symphony - Lesemann, Brahms, Bartok

World Music

Apr 2 - Mariza - L.A. Philharmonic; Charles Floyd, conductor

Apr 24 - Zakir Hussain & Masters of Percussion

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit www.arboretum.org or call (626) 821-4623

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Through April 18 – Jasper Johns: Numbers

Through May 11 – The Ardabil Carpet: A Sixteenth-Century Masterpiece Conserved.

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007

(213) 763-3466

www.nhm.org

March 14 – Jan 2005 – L.A.: Light, Motion, Dreams

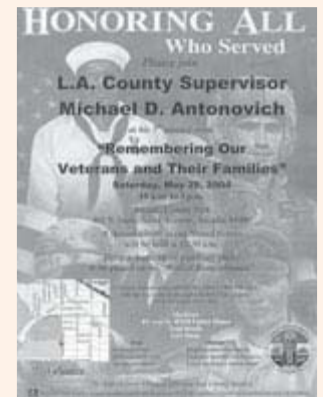
April 10 – Tapestry Journal bookmaking workshop

Please join Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich at his 7th Annual Remembering Our Veterans and their Families” fair

May 29: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Arcadia County Park

405 S. Santa Anita Avenue,
 Arcadia 91006



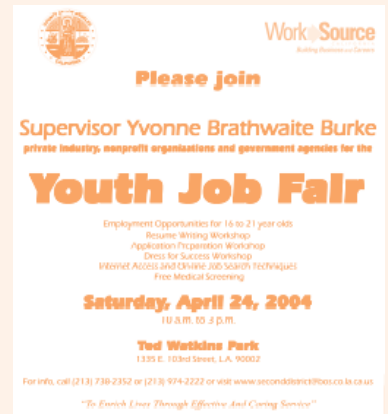
Please join Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke at the Youth Job fair

April 24: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ted Watkins Park

1335 E. 103rd Street

Los Angeles 90002



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Supervisor Yaroslavsky Promotes Cervical Cancer Awareness

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, *left*, recently took note of Cervical Cancer Awareness week to help promote the campaign to improve women’s gynecological health. Among those joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky at an awards breakfast to honor sponsors and participants of the public education effort were Ellen Eidem, *center*, Acting Director, Office of Women’s Health Programs for the County of Los Angeles and Gregory Krikorian, *right*, President of Krikorian Marketing Group, which worked to target health messages in the cervical cancer campaign to reach the County’s substantial Armenian community.



The 17th Annual County Employees Chess Championship

The 17th Annual County Employees Chess Championship gets underway starting Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at the Department of Public Works’ Alhambra Headquarters Building located at 900 S. Fremont Avenue, in Conference Room C. Chess enthusiasts are invited to compete in both open and novice sections. This is a six round Swiss System tournament which will conclude on May 27. The event is sponsored by the California Association of Professional Employees.



Prizes will be offered to top winners in each section. For further information, contact Norman Cortez at (626) 300-3388, Lowell Harter at (213) 374-4298 or Paul Jones at (562) 256-1812.

Health Department Reaches Thousands of High-Risk Women with Multicultural Campaign to Prevent Cervical Cancer

The Department of Health Services’ Office of Women’s Health, the Board of Supervisors and the Women’s Foundation of California hosted the Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative Community Breakfast on January 15 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in downtown Los Angeles. The event recognized Cervical Cancer Awareness Month (January) and highlighted the results of the County’s ongoing multicultural campaign to decrease the alarming rates of cervical cancer among high-risk women.

According to USC’s 2001 Los Angeles County Cancer Surveillance Program Report, on average 561 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year and 153 women will die from this disease. Cervical cancer disproportionately affects women of color. Latinas in the County of Los Angeles are especially affected by this preventable disease, with cervical cancer incidence rates over two times higher than the national average.

The Office of Women’s Health has successfully reached thousands of high-risk women in the County of Los Angeles through an innovative multicultural educational campaign about the importance of Pap tests and how early detection and treatment can save lives. Between January 2002 and December 2003, nearly 13,000 appointments for free Pap tests were made. To reach targeted populations, a multi-lingual hotline (800-793-8090) was established and staffed with operators to assist callers in Armenian, Spanish, English, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese.

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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:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

Barbara J. Calicchia

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COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Jacqueline A. Boone, Rosa Garcia, Diana E. Gonzalez, Henry Knowls

COUNTY COUNSEL: Lynelle E. George, Lloyd W. Pellman, Jeffrey S. Thomas

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FIRE: John K. Alkema, Earle H. Darrow, George G. Doke, Robert Hoff, William R. Hyink, Debra K. Johnston, Steven R. Jongsma, Johnny P. Juarez Jr., Thomas W. Klinger, Jeffrey L. McDonald, Michael J. Murray, Tommy J. Orso, Jose A. Puentes, Manuel R. Ramirez, Russell D. Walker, Eric Webber, Roger N. Wiles, Richard E. Zimmer

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and a positive identification was made which led to a conviction and 20-year sentence in the State prison.

“When you have a traumatic event such as this, there is great satisfaction in finding and arresting the suspect, knowing this person will never be able to do this again, and that the victim can start their healing process,” Sloan said.

Through specialized training in prostitution abatement, he has been able to conduct sting operations proven to withstand scrutiny in court proceedings. Recognized as an expert in this area, he is frequently called upon by detectives in the Major Crimes Bureau’s Vice Detail for assistance. “I work with some of the best investigators in the County and feel very fortunate to be in this position right now,” Sloan said.

In collaboration with AT&T Cablevision, Sloan wrote and produced a program aimed at educating the public on methamphetamine abuse. The hour-long program aired on the network, in all of their Southern California subscriber areas, and was nominated for a Cable Media Award.

Additionally, Sloan worked with the Bellflower Special Assignment Team on the “Every 15 Minutes” program presented to students at Bellflower High School regarding the dangers of drinking and driving. The program has received praise by school district representatives, elected officials and community members for its impact on the lives of the young audience.

A recipient of the Lakewood City Medal of Valor for bravery in 2000, Sloan was also selected by his peers and supervisors as the Lakewood Station Deputy of the Year for 2001. In 2002, he received a “Bellflower Recognizes Acts of Valor and Outstanding Service” award (BRAVO) from the City of Bellflower.

Deputy Sloan is married to Stephanie, a 17-year civilian employee of the Sheriff’s Department. They have one son, who is currently a student at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. Sloan seems to derive his strong work ethic from his parents, Dean and Karen Sloan, whom he says are still working due to the love they both have for their jobs.

We applaud Gary Sloan for such dedication and commitment to the County and those we serve.

Supervisor Antonovich and “Friends” Bring Smiles to Los Angeles County Seniors



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich introduces a puppy to a resident at Sterling Canyon Inn.

On January 28, Supervisor Antonovich continued his pet visitation program at Sterling Canyon Inn in Valencia with help from “friends” from the Department of Animal Care and Control.

“This program is important to our seniors who have the opportunity to interact with these animals,” Supervisor Antonovich said. “Pets offer affection, unconditional love and companionship to their owners.”



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented Bouzer, a 6-week-old male shepherd mix, during the February 3 Board meeting.

Since the beginning of Supervisor Antonovich’s pet adoption program in December of 1995, every pet presented for adoption at the Board

(more than 450) has successfully found a home. Each Tuesday at the Board of Supervisors meeting, Antonovich highlights an animal in need of a home. Information is provided about the animal, including the sex, breed, age and a telephone number, so that anyone interested in adopting the animal can call to obtain more information.

If you are interested in adopting a pet from any one of the six County of Los Angeles shelters, please call (562) 728-4644.

Supervisor Molina Welcomes New Dodgers Owner Frank McCourt to Los Angeles

Supervisor Gloria Molina and her colleagues officially welcomed new Dodgers baseball team owner Frank McCourt and his wife Jamie (*pictured*) to Los Angeles during a ceremony at the February 3 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The McCourts officially assumed ownership of the team on January 29 and promised to act “quickly and decisively” to return the Dodgers to postseason glory. “Dodger Stadium is a beloved institution in my district and in the entire city and County,” Molina said. “You will soon see how much Angelenos truly enjoy the



fun and excitement of Dodger games. Congratulations and we look forward to many more ‘Dodgermania’ years.”

After being formally welcomed by Supervisor Molina and Supervisor Don Knabe, Frank McCourt described the glowing reception he, his wife and their four sons had received since relocating to Los Angeles. He then articulated his vision for invigorating the Dodgers baseball team. “Family ownership is back,” McCourt said. “I know many of you already know what that means. To me, it means heart and soul.”

Sixth Annual Multicultural Conference: March 31 and April 1

The Office of the Assessor has begun the New Year with a historic change in top leadership after the appointment of veteran appraiser Bonnie Oliver as the first woman and first Chinese-American to hold the key management position of Assistant Assessor, County Assessor Rick Auerbach announced (*pictured with Oliver.*)



Auerbach said he has named Oliver, a 33-year veteran of the department, to the Assistant Assessor post with responsibility for day-to-day technical and personnel administration of the agency's 1,500 employees and \$125 million budget. Bonnie Oliver succeeds Bob Olson, who retired at the end of last year. Auerbach had previously appointed Oliver as one of the department's three directors in 2000.

She was born in Honolulu, as was her mother, while her father is a native of Canton, China. The Chew family moved from Hawaii to California when Bonnie was 12 years of age. "Bonnie Oliver has earned this job with outstanding performance in every critical area of the department's work," Auerbach said. "Her commitment to public service, technological advancement and ensuring the best employee work environment is exceptional."

The new Assistant Assessor started with the department in 1971 as a temporary clerk and advanced through

The County of Los Angeles' Sixth Annual Multicultural Conference will be held on March 31 and April 1 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel & Centre, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90017. Sponsored by the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance and numerous County departments, this year's conference theme, "Continuing the Journey – Adapting to Change in a Culturally Diverse Society" promises to deliver a premier event. Adapting to change calls for redefining, reexamining, rethinking and restructuring many aspects of our institutions and our lives. Understanding and exemplifying how human differences add to satisfaction in the workplace as well as to business performance is one of the goals of the Multicultural Conference.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend workshops, panels, and intercultural programs designed to develop an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity and cultural competency among public service providers in our richly diverse communities. The Multicultural Conference provides a context for professional dialogue aimed at achieving greater creativity, organizational productivity, and an inclusive, respectful environment. Furthermore, the Multicultural Conference provides an opportunity to move dialogue and action forward.

Conference presenters represent a broad spectrum of professionals from the fields of social science, education, and human relations, as well as diverse leaders from local community organizations. Dr. Terrance Roberts, one of the nine African American students who first integrated the public school system of Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957, will be the plenary speaker on March 31. The plenary speaker on April 1st will be Angela Oh, a local civil rights attorney who previously served on a seven-member Advisory Board to former President Clinton's Initiative on Race. The closing plenary speaker will be John Hill, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a \$100 registration fee per attendee. For further information about the conference, please call Flora Rostamian at (626) 943-5620 or (626) 943-5611.

Supervisor Molina Honors Antonia Hernández for 23 Years of Service at MALDEF

Supervisor Gloria Molina honored Antonia Hernández, the departing Director and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), at the February 24 meeting of the Board of Supervisors for her 23 years of service to the organization. Hernández officially left MALDEF in February to serve as President and CEO of the California Community Foundation.

In addition, Supervisor Molina announced her selection of Hernández as the First District's recipient of the Commission for Women's 19th Annual "Women of the Year" awards. Hernández received the honor in absentia at the Commission's awards luncheon on March 8 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

"I first met Antonia when I was a young community activist and she was a law student," Molina said at the February 24 scroll presentation. "The two of us worked through the courts to stop forced sterilizations of non-English speaking women at LAC+USC. We remained in close contact for decades afterward as I pursued a career in politics and she in the legal field. It has been a joy to watch her take the reins of MALDEF, expand the organization nationally, and bring it to long-term financial stability."



Departing MALDEF Director and General Counsel Antonia Hernández accepts her official commendation from the Board of Supervisors.

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky Takes a Ride on the New Crenshaw Metro Rapid Bus



MTA Board Chairman and Supervisor, Zev Yaroslavsky, *second from left*, takes an inaugural ride on the new Crenshaw Metro Rapid Bus, the newest addition to the MTA's expanding grid of special bus lines offering more frequent service, fewer stops and traffic signal priority that has reduced passenger travel times as much as 25% over conventional bus routes. MTA officials note that the Metro Rapid Bus has boosted ridership as a result, attracting more discretionary riders and better serving those who must depend on public transit to get around. The 18.5 mile Crenshaw Metro Rapid Bus Line 710 serves one of the County's busiest transit corridors, and runs from the Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line Station all the way to the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach.

Joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky, *from the left*, are MTA CEO Roger Snoble; Councilmember Bernard Parks, Eighth District; and Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Second District.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

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The Coastal Monitoring Network



The Coastal Monitoring Network Program team receiving the Gold Eagle Award at the 17th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards Luncheon.

The Fire Department Lifeguard Division is responsible for providing cost effective protection of lives, property and the environment along 72 miles of some of the busiest and most populated coastlines in the world. Most areas are staffed according to conditions and activity. However, since many of these areas are not visible from the Lifeguard Division Headquarters, it is difficult to quickly detect a situation such as when a busload of children drives up to an unguarded, secluded beach. Also, during multiple victim (“blitz”) rescues, situations arise when all lifeguard personnel at a given location are involved in the rescue, leaving no one to relay “scene size-up” and resource requests to the Lifeguard Division Headquarters.

The Lifeguard Division, in partnership with the Department of Beaches and Harbors and the USC Sea Grant Program, has created a network of Web cameras and meteorological instruments to aid in staffing beaches, tracking rescue activity, creating public education materials, and collecting environmental data for use in pursuing common goals of protecting and educating the public, safeguarding property and preserving the environment. The Coastal Monitoring Network has 27

cameras and three sets of meteorological instruments installed along the coastlines on the Department of Beaches and Harbors’ facilities, and connected to the Lifeguard Division’s Wide Area Network allowing lifeguard captains to accurately assess staffing needs at secluded, underserved beaches from anywhere on the Network. The program was funded by a \$557,000 Federal grant the Lifeguard Division pursued in March 2001.

The Lifeguard Division commissioned an independent research firm to gauge the effectiveness of the program. The initial baseline study has been completed and it concludes that there is broad acceptance, interest, and enthusiasm from beachgoers for the program as a whole, and especially for the public Web site.

The network allows Lifeguard Division Headquarters’ captains to more effectively deploy resources on the beach. For example, a quick check of an unguarded, secluded beach via the Web camera from a Lifeguard Division Headquarters site quickly helps identify emergency activity there, so that a lifeguard can be dispatched to the scene as soon as possible. Also, ongoing



incidents can be monitored remotely to ensure that adequate resources are dispatched to the scene.

The Web cameras are mounted in fixed sites and have precise presets, allowing lifeguards to create time-lapse visual data on coastal erosion and storm drain emissions. This data allows the County to gauge the effectiveness of beach management procedures and storm drain water diversion efforts. The Lifeguard Division is sharing this data to assist the Department of Beaches and Harbors, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the California Coastal Commission, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and others.

An ongoing test of the system’s ability to capture coastal erosion data unwittingly captured the start time and place of the January 6, 2003, Pacific Fire in Malibu. Firefighters used these images as a multi-agency Post Incident Analysis to corroborate other evidence as to the start time and place of the fire. The program has been such a success that it won the Gold Eagle Award at the 17th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards.

The public will be able to view images and data from the Network for use in planning a trip to the beach. The Web site includes beach by beach, searchable information about facilities and amenities. Combined with this beach information will be news and announcements from lifeguard personnel on specific beach activities, safety issues, beach closures and much more.

The program’s weather instruments will provide the first automated meteorological reporting sites along the coast of Los Angeles. There has been a great deal of interest in this data from the National Weather Service in Oxnard, as well as the Fire Department’s Forestry Division. This increasingly accurate weather information from the coast will greatly aid in fire suppression tactics.

QuickTime VR movies (QTVRs) are immersive still photographs. This new network has created the first ever system for creating these photographs automatically. The public Web site features QTVRs that are updated every 30 minutes during daylight hours, 365 days a year. The internal Web site used to control the cameras includes a first-of-its-kind Enterprise Geographical Information System (GIS) interface to a network of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras. Operational users can navigate a GIS system, click on a point on the map, and the network will calculate the closest camera and the best camera setting to view that area of the beach. For more information, please visit watchthewater.co.la.ca.us.



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- ◆ respect for diversity

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Center is an innovative approach towards reaching the entire community in a culturally and linguistically appropriate fashion.

The FHEC will reach diverse community members dealing with chronic diseases like diabetes, a condition over-represented in African-American and Latino populations. Presentations on managing medications can be presented in Spanish and English at the same time. The facility will also accommodate child care services for families attending health education workshops and meetings. Some of the outreach and education programs – which were brought together to operate out of the FHEC – will focus on Latino Diabetes management, child health disability prevention, tobacco education and HIV/AIDS prevention, among others. The state-of-the-art center is

dedicated to the community and provides health education, leadership development, and collaboration with community residents as well as health, human and social services providers in the greater Long Beach area.

Partnering organizations that provided capital and programmatic support include Kaiser Permanente, which donated the building; the Earl B. and Lorraine H. Miller Family Foundation; the California Endowment; the Boeing Company and the Center for Natural Lands Management. Additional local and regional organizations and foundations such as the Bixby Land Company, the Port of Long Beach, Molina Healthcare, the John H. Hancock Family Foundation and the City of Long Beach Board of Health and Human Services have joined the FHEC Circle of Giving in support of the center.

Supervisor Antonovich Commemorates “Los Angeles County Technology Week”

To highlight Los Angeles County’s strong technology base and recognize the accomplishments of technology companies in the area, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Supervisor Antonovich’s motion proclaiming the week of January 19-24 as “Los Angeles County Technology Week.”

In November 2003, the County’s Business Technology Center (BTC) in Altadena celebrated its five-year anniversary as the largest high tech incubator in California, and the only high technology incubator in the nation owned and operated by a County agency. Unlike most high technology incubators operated by universities or in high technology corridors, the BTC was deliberately located in a redevelopment project area that primarily consists of a neglected commercial corridor.

“Having been studied by delegations from over 25 countries, the BTC is an example of our County’s commitment to technology. New firms will continue to emerge from the BTC to create new products, new jobs and new opportunities,” Supervisor Antonovich said.

The County’s Community Development Commission (CDC) has provided more than \$68 million in loans to 175 early stage and start-up firms, including Condor Technologies and Unwired Plus, both located at the BTC. The technology loan program has created and retained more than 1,500 jobs, securing our nation’s defense, promoting our economy and improving our quality of life.



From left to right, Carlos Jackson (CDC Executive Director), Robert Swayze (CDC Manager, Economic Development) and Supervisor Antonovich at the Technology Week reception held at the Business Technology Center in Altadena.

Supervisor Burke Hosts 25th Annual Living Legends Awards

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke was joined by County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd when she presented Living Legends awards to Yolanda King, actress, world-acclaimed inspirational speaker and eldest child of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and actor-producer-director Robert Townsend at the County's 25th Annual Living Legends awards. In a stirring acceptance speech, Ms. King shared readings from favorite poems that had inspired and motivated her. Robert Townsend, who is currently touring the country with his one-man show, provided a perfect counterpoint with a short stand-up comedy and story telling routine that had the Saturday-morning crowd of some 300 people laughing almost continuously until he ended on a more serious and inspirational note.



From left to right, Master of Ceremonies James Pickens, Jr. joined Supervisor Burke, Yolanda King, Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd and Robert Townsend as they presented the Living Legends Award to Ms. King and Mr. Townsend.

Master of Ceremonies for the 90-minute event, which began at 11:00 a.m., was actor James Pickens, Jr. Pickens is currently appearing in the NBC television series "The Lyon's Den" as attorney Terrence Christianson, and has had recurring roles in numerous television series such as "The X-Files" and "NYPD Blue." He has also appeared in feature films, including "Traffic" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."

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MALDEF was founded in 1968 in San Antonio, Texas by the late attorney and activist Pete Tijerina using a five-year, \$2.2 million grant from the Ford Foundation. Today, MALDEF has a \$6.5 million annual budget with its headquarters in Los Angeles and offices in San Antonio, Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. With a staff of 74 employees -- including 22 attorneys, 10 legislative and policy analysts, in addition to outreach staff -- the organization has developed a reputation as a formidable civil rights group, especially while under Hernández' direction.

Among her many accomplishments, Hernández is best known to the California citizenry for her work in leading MALDEF to defeat anti-immigrant initiative Proposition 187 in the California courts. She is also renowned for her work in the Edgewood v. Meno case, in which the Texas Supreme Court ruled that the Texas State Legislature could require wealthy districts to share their funds with districts that have less money, in order to create an educational system that provides fair opportunity to Texan children.

Many of Hernández' primary family members were in attendance at the February 24 ceremony. "My life's work has been dedicated to making sure everyone has a place at the table and I am proud of the progress we have made through MALDEF," Hernández said upon accepting her commendation. "Only a rare opportunity like the one offered by the California Community Foundation, which allows me to forge new paths and serve the Los Angeles community in new ways, could draw me away."

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Latinas represented over 60% of the appointments followed by 27% Asian women and 6% African American women. More than 28% of the hotline appointments were for women at high risk for cervical cancer because they had not been screened in three years (the maximum recommended time between Pap tests) or had never been screened. “The response to this campaign clearly shows that using targeted, culturally appropriate messages was successful in reaching a significant number of underserved, at-risk women,” said Ellen Eidem, M.S., Acting Director of the Office of Women’s Health.

During the campaign, the Office of Women’s Health participated in 110 health fairs, visited 78 sites with the Women’s Health Mobile Van Outreach Program that screened 1,383 women, and collaborated with over 300 community partners to educate women about cervical cancer and provide free Pap tests to low-income women. More than 96% of the women reached in 2003 were women of color.

The Office of Women’s Health was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1998 to improve women’s health status, focus on women’s health policy and improve the access to care in the County safety-net system with emphasis on preventive health services for women. For additional information, visit the Office of Women’s Health Web site at www.paptestla.org.

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**LACMA NexGen
Free Membership**

LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art) *NexGen* is a new membership program that provides young people under 18 years of age and an accompanying adult free admission to LACMA permanent collection galleries, non-ticketed exhibitions, and an array of youth-focused events and programs. Other benefits include free museum tours, free children’s audio tour, free film and music events and family festivals.



Members also receive discounts on studio art courses, art camp programs and merchandise in the Museum Store. A new LACMA *NexGen* Web site offers an online calendar with information about the Museum’s youth programs and a virtual gallery, where young people may post their works of art for viewing by others. Learn more at www.lacma.org.



Drug Endangered Children Response Team Honored as Outstanding County Program

Social Workers and Law Enforcement Work Together to Rescue Children From Meth Labs



The Quality and Productivity Commission honored the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Response Team (pictured above) as one of the top three County programs during the 17th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards luncheon. The Commission formally recognized the DEC Program as one of the premier County services, out of a list of 120 applicants, at a special awards luncheon held last October at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

The DEC Program is a multi-disciplinary team and a collaborative effort between the District Attorney's Office, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. Impact) targeting methamphetamine production.

Since 1997, the District Attorney and DCFS have teamed with law enforcement to provide a coordinated response to the growing crisis of children found in homes with meth labs. More than 600 children have been rescued from 250 meth labs by the DEC team. These children receive specialized medical and social services to diagnose and treat the physical and emotional effects of drug exposure. More than 420 criminal defendants have been successfully prosecuted by the DEC District Attorney on charges of drug manufacturing and child endangerment.

DCFS social workers, along with law enforcement, respond whenever children are found in clandestine drug

labs. DCFS' DEC staff is comprised of a core group of eight child abuse investigators, supplemented by 25 to 30 volunteer staff.

"We average about 190 to 250 drug busts a year," said Emilio Mendoza, DCFS DEC Coordinator. The social workers immediately respond to the children's needs and find appropriate placements freeing law enforcement to complete their investigations without children present. Working with local hospitals and fire departments, the DEC Program ensures that drug-endangered children receive optimum care and services.

The District Attorney's Office has provided specialized training for more than 2,000 Children's Social Workers along with 1,500 law enforcement officers to enhance DEC investigations and strengthen criminal cases. Joint interviews ensure that children are not subject to multiple, repetitive questioning and every effort is made to coordinate criminal and dependency court cases.

Clandestine manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine has created a public health and safety crisis in the County of Los Angeles, where more than 80 percent of all labs seized are found in homes and garages, apartments, motels or mobile homes where children are often present.

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the ranks from Appraiser Trainee to Supervising Appraiser and Chief Appraiser and was appointed by Auerbach as Director of Assessor’s Operations in 2000. “I appreciate the confidence Assessor Auerbach has shown in me,” Oliver said. “This is a challenge which will allow me to effectively implement his goals of providing the best in public service and information with the latest in technology, as well as provide a work environment that allows our staff to continue maintaining a fair and accurate Assessment Roll.”

Oliver noted that the department is the nation’s largest property assessment jurisdiction with responsibility for placing values on more than 2 million taxable parcels. “We recently received a quality rating of 99 percent accuracy on our work from the State Board of Equalization and we will continue to improve every aspect of our work on behalf of the taxpayers and property owners of this County,” Oliver added.

Bonnie Oliver is a graduate of San Jose State College and has served on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers for many years. A resident of Ladera Heights, she is a former soccer mom with three adult children, an avid gardener, and has been married to Torrance dentist Joseph Oliver, Jr. for 25 years.

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Supervisor Burke also presented a Special Service award to Crystal Scott, *right*, CEO of El Elyon Records *pictured with Dr. Betty Price, first lady of Crenshaw Christian Center*. Ms. Scott is the first hearing-impaired leader of a record company and a founder of the “Hands That Touch, Inc.” gospel sign language music ministry.

The program included the posting of colors by the U.S. Marine Corps, an appearance by Little Miss African American and a special selection by the Lynwood High School Gospel Choir. Trumpeter Everett Turner and his jazz quintet, *Muziki*, provided music. Vocalists Terry Steele, Jessica Smith and Donna McAfee also offered selections. Reverend

Leslie White of Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church gave the invocation, Reverend Norman Johnson of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference made closing remarks, and Reverend Ralph Butler of Good News Missionary Baptist Church, gave the benediction. Also joining Supervisor Burke onstage were Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel, and Board of Supervisors Executive Officer Violet Varona-Lukens and community leaders.

At the reception following the event, Supervisor Burke said, “It’s important to recognize that this event is sponsored by the County Board of Supervisors and the County Public Library. I want to thank County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd and her staff for their hard work.”

“To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service”

Share It

Ambassador Team Mobilized!

County Employees Unite
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Effectively promoting awareness of County employees’ commitment to enriching the lives of County residents each and every day is critical during these challenging fiscal times. To promote awareness of County employees’ service excellence commitment, the County Ambassador Program has been developed to empower and motivate each and every County employee to become knowledgeable and effective County Ambassadors who **voluntarily** share information about how County employees deliver services and programs that enrich the lives of County residents.

The Ambassador Program is being launched in March by Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen in collaboration with all County department heads with the distribution of an Ambassador Tool Kit to all employees. The Tool Kit includes a County seal lapel pin, a Pocket Guide and laminated card that contains key information about the County’s vision, mission and services.

The “A-Team” Pocket Guide is designed to provide employees with information on the County Strategic Plan goals and phone numbers to access key County services. The County service phone numbers featured were identified as high priority by County employees responding to a Countywide survey. The Pocket Guide also features key County Web site addresses including the County’s general public information Web site. The Ambassador laminated card is an abbreviated version of the Pocket Guide to provide a carry around reference for employees. The final Tool Kit item is the County Ambassador lapel pin featuring the County Seal and the County’s motto, “**Enriching Lives.**”

Those County employees who choose to participate in the Ambassador Program may find the information in the Ambassador Pocket Guide and laminated card useful to share with their customers, family, friends and neighbors who may be in need of County services.

If you have not received your Ambassador Tool Kit, please contact your Personnel Office. The County Ambassador Pocket Guide can also be accessed on the Intranet at www.web.co.la.ca.us by just clicking on the “A-Team” icon or on the Intranet at www.lacounty.info/ambassador. The *County DIGEST* will also feature a monthly article designed to continue informing County Ambassadors of County services, projects and timely issues of concern to our communities.

Departmental Productivity Managers will also play a key role in promoting

awareness of the County Ambassador Program that is funded and supported by the County Quality and Productivity Commission.

Employees who choose to serve as County Ambassadors will help promote awareness of the County’s Mission Statement and how employees are enriching the lives of County residents each and every day through the delivery of effective and caring service.

Welcome to the County’s A-Team!



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