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County Announces Contract Extension Agreement With Union Partners

Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, announced a major agreement regarding recent negotiations with the public safety unions representing over 17,000 County employees. Under the agreement, all six of the County's public safety bargaining units, plus two other justice-related unions, have agreed to a one-year, no change extension of their current contracts. The extensions include no cost-of-living increases or salary increases for the next year.

The eight unions that agreed to the extension are Firefighters (Local 1014), Supervisory Firefighters (Local 1014), Peace Officers (ALADS), Beach Lifeguards (LACOLA), Supervising Beach Lifeguards (LACOLA), Supervisory Peace Officers (PPOA), plus Deputy Probation Officers (AFSCME, Local 685), and Public Defender Investigators (Peace Officers Counsel of California).

Contracts with the eight unions had originally expired between December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009. With the extensions in place, labor leaders from the County and the public safety unions recognize the County is facing significant fiscal challenges and have agreed to work with the County.

"The County is in difficult financial times right now, between diminishing tax revenue from the local economy and round after round of funding hits from the State of California," said Supervisor Knabe. "We are all in this together and I am extremely proud that our partners in the public safety unions recognize these challenges and are supporting this one-year extension."

"As partners with the citizens of the County of Los Angeles, the firefighters recognize the current economic stress the County is under, and we are ready to step up and help," said Dave Gillotte, President, Los Angeles County Fire Fighters Local 1014, representing over 3,100 County firefighters and paramedics.

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"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

EVENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the County of Los Angeles Present: The 12th Annual “Remembering Our Veterans: Past, Present and Future”

Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Arcadia County Park
405 S. Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006
(626) 967-1441
(909) 394-2264

**Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007**

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 Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036**

(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

Arts

Through June 7 - Franz West, To Build a House You Start with the Roof: Work, 1972–2008

Music

Sundays Live – Every Sunday at 6 p.m.
For more information on LACMA’s Music Programs, please call (323) 857-6115

**Music Center
135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012**

(213) 972-7211
www.musiccenter.org

Walt Disney Concert Hall

www.musiccenter.org

April 18 - Featuring Le Vent du Nord and Circo Comedia

Los Angeles Philharmonic

www.laphil.com
(323) 850-2000

April 3 - András Schiff Plays Beethoven - VIII
April 4-7 - Handel and Haydn
April 9-11 - Salonen Conducts Beethoven and Salonen
April 16-18 - Salonen Conducts Stravinsky: The Final Concerts
April 21 - Baroque Variations: Australian Chamber Orchestra
April 23-26 - Joshua Bell and Bringuier
April 24 - Krystian Zimerman in Recital
April 28 - Chamber Music

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

April 18-May 31 - Ain’t Misbehavin’

Mark Taper Forum

April 2 to May 17 - Lydia

May 28 to July 12 - Uncle Vanya

Kirk Douglas Theatre

April 15-18 - Venice

Los Angeles Opera

(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

www.losangelesopera.com

April 4-25 - Die Walküre

April 18-26 - Die Vögel (The Birds)

Los Angeles Master Chorale

www.lamc.org

May 5 - Haydn and Messiaen

May 31 – Sierra: Missa Latina



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Project 50 Houses 50th Chronically Homeless Individual at One-Year Mark

On February 4, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and the Project 50 team leaders unveiled the first-year results of the two-year pilot program championed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, aimed at assisting the 50 most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals on L.A.'s downtown Skid Row by placing them into permanent supportive housing. The housing, managed by the Skid Row Housing Trust, offers on-site health and mental health services, substance-abuse treatment and other programs. Only the day before the briefing, Project 50 successfully housed its 50th participant.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky (*pictured*) offered opening remarks and introduced Rosanne Haggerty, Founder and President of Common Ground, a New York-based non-profit organization whose pioneering philosophy of developing permanent supportive housing lies behind Project 50's innovative program of approaching the most vulnerable chronically homeless and offering them "housing first."



The following is among the most encouraging preliminary findings:

- Project 50 has exploded the myth that the chronically homeless are "service-resistant" and don't want to move into housing.
- It's no more costly to pay for permanent supportive housing than for health-care, incarceration and public safety service expenses associated with living homeless on the street.

Encouraged by the strong results, on February 17, Supervisor Yaroslavsky directed County officials to prepare a plan for expanding the program to the 500 most vulnerable chronically homeless persons Countywide.

For more details about the encouraging results, visit Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Web site at <http://zev.lacounty.gov> and view the Project 50 PowerPoint and read the Common Ground fact sheet.

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Re-Opens Van Nuys Branch Office

Effective Wednesday, February 25, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) re-opened the RR/CC Van Nuys Branch Office at its permanent location of 14340 West Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401. The Branch Office had been closed since June 2008 due to remodeling. The temporary site used during the remodeling at the Van Nuys Courthouse closed on January 9. Services to be provided at the Sylvan Street site will remain the same and includes the following:

- Notary Oaths (by appointment only)
- Fictitious Business Name Filings
- File Domestic Partnership Statements
- Voter Registration
- Issue Voter Abstracts
- Accept Passport Applicants (Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment)
- Provide absentee ballot applications

Hours of operation for Vital Records are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except holidays. Hours of operation for Document Recording services are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Further information about the services provided by the RR/CC at its Norwalk Headquarters or at any of the six branch office locations can be found on the RR/CC Web site www.lavote.net.

- Accept, request and process full copies of Birth, Death and Marriage records
- Issue Marriage Licenses (same day service to 3 p.m.)
- Perform Marriage Ceremonies
- Record Real Property Documents
- Provide Certified Copies of Real Estate Records

RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 40 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

ASSESSOR: Doris N. Harris
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Berta M. Curry, Linda Nickles
HEALTH SERVICES: Maurice Lippmann, Arnecia Windsor
INTERNAL SERVICES: Steven R. Jones, Stephanie Rogers
MENTAL HEALTH: Joyce Elaine Jeffries
PROBATION: Harold T. Burl
PUBLIC HEALTH: Yolanda Galvan, Ronald Smith
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Ezetta Herring, Paulette Thompson, Sarah A. Thompson, Geraldine West
PUBLIC WORKS: Richard Bagby
SHERIFF: Gloria G. Barnes

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:

ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER: Mark S. Kaiserman
ASSESSOR: Bonnie L. Oliver, Mary E. Purcell
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Sandra E. Bush, Karen Hostetler, Armando Olvera, Alice Solorzano, Patricia Wood
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Mary A. Graves, Linda G. Murray, Beverley Y. Peace
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Bertha Urrutia, Corella G. Whatley-Scott
CORONER: Mel Graham
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: John A. Perlstein
FIRE: Steve P. Barrie, Sheldon Butler, Lawrence J. Colgan, Scott A. Davey, Randolph M. Gomez, Samuel D. Hernandez, Glynn D. Johnson, Robert McGowan, William J. Robinson
HEALTH SERVICES: Linda R. Abundis, Marylou R. Agustin, Wesley H. Anderson, Lugean Brooks, Victoria B. Bueno, Maria L. Castro, Robert A. Caudillo, Rebecca Coburn, Graciela G. Contreras, Lorne L. Copeland, Carrie M. Cornish, Ruth E. Freeman, Sharon A. Garrels, Nancy Herrera-Alle, Grace Y. Huang, Cristina E. Jacquez, Doris Jamerson, Alvin Joseph, Jason S. Kahan, Ronald K. Kimble, Barbara K. Kowalski, Harold R. Leacock, Jose A. Lerma, Nereida Medina, Clarice Nairn, Lawrence D. Pedrosa, Irene Polanco, Ermelinda Rayos, Zenaida T. Reyes, Juan R. Rivera Cordo, Nady Rizkallah, Dioroma C. San Jose, Concepcion Sanga, Linda Sapp, Szeming M. Shen-Chen, Pauline Smith, Patricia P. Soto, Benny R. Tabar, Terry Turpin, Billie Underwood, Fuji C. Uyeda, Gloria J. Wingfield
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PARKS AND RECREATION: William Chu, Michael Kriste, Michael T. Marshall, Louis B. McLoud
PROBATION: Edward R. Anhalt, Frankie H. Brown, William K. Cichy, Terry Clark, Nancy Gratz, Victor L. Holder, Larry A. Mazzola, Jacqueline L. Shaw, Robert Sturdivant Jr.
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Alan R. Abajian, Michael A. Beard, Ann M. Dawidziak, Morgan T. Forney
PUBLIC HEALTH: Anthony Bacon, Carolyn A. Dong, Patricia Hooper, Luz Perez
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Ria L. Bills, Cynthia Gent, Shirley A. Ham, Sylvia S. Holguin, Rhoda I. Kitaen, Claudette McGary, Wilbert Morgan, Nhung T. Nguyen, Rebeca Patino, Paulette L. Price, Anthony Reyes, Patricia L. Simpson, Shih Sun, Diana Taylor, Beatrice Williams
PUBLIC WORKS: Manuel Alarcon, Raymond J. Martinez, Larry J. Peterson, James W. Shuttleworth, Loreto P. Soriano, Evelyn P. Su
SHERIFF: Richard G. Broussard, Brent W. Cannady, Frances M. Castillo, William E. Chaffin Jr., Patrice M. Coke, Arlene Cox, Carrie E. Cox, Timothy W. Fox, John R. Hernandez Jr., Stanley W. Leach, Gene R. Leininger, Charles M. Morales, James A. Nunley, Jose L. Ortiz, Gary A. Stephens, Michele C. Vestey, Dennis W. Werner, Evelyn M. Workman-Adams, Maria T. Wright, Hsiung-Yin R. Wu
SUPERIOR COURT: Patricia Brown, Zebedee Jackson, Josefino B. Panganiban, Carolyn A. Phelps, Mary M. Sherman Stou

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:

CORONER: Irwin L. Golden
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Kelvin L. Brown Sr.
FIRE: James F. Hinig, David S. McKnight, Nicholas J. Tosches
HEALTH SERVICES: Mary G. Alves, Conchita Domingo, Lorraine T. Hall, Loreto R. Rivera
HUMAN RESOURCES: James P. Ross
INTERNAL SERVICES: Anthony Blake, Bruce Pattison
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Delphine Ferris, Nohra Mejia, Penny Rangsubesin, Setha Rupe, Laura S. Schall, Revoydor Ware
PUBLIC WORKS: Charles Burks
SHERIFF: Betty A. Brennan, Daniel J. Belland, James S. Blue, Joe M. Carrion Jr., Michael A. Ford, Bruce W. Harris, Joseph P. Impellizeri, Richard S. Kennedy, Kenneth W. Kyle, Donna B. Levi, Victoria L. Medlin, Glyn D. Morgan, Joseph R. Murgatroyd, Wanida Nipataruedi, Fernando P. Ojeda, Lyle S. Pope, Kim S. Ruppert, James R. Webb

County Restaurant Grading System Continues to Be a Role Model for the Nation

The Department of Public Health’s Restaurant Grading System continues to serve as a role model for the nation, announced Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, following the City of New York’s adoption of a restaurant grading system closely modeled after the County’s.

Initiated by Supervisor Antonovich in 1997, the County’s restaurant food grading provides consumers with vital information to make informed choices on the food establishments they choose to patronize.

The Journal of Environmental Health has found a 13% decrease in food borne disease hospitalizations in the County of Los Angeles as a result of the program.



Supervisor Antonovich presents a scroll to Adana Restaurant located on 6918 San Fernando Road in Glendale

In 2006-2007, 83% of all County restaurants received a letter “A” grade, an increase of 40% since the launch of the program a decade ago. Additionally, an October 2007 survey by the Department of Public Health revealed that 91% of County residents like the restaurant grading system, and 65% of residents say they are influenced by the letter grades.

The Department of Public Health’s Environmental Health Division inspects 38,457 retail food facilities, 25,054 restaurants, 12,382 food markets, and 21 retail food processors in 77 cities in the County of Los Angeles each year.

Fisher House Guest Home Dedicated on West L.A. Veterans Administration Campus

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky toured Fisher House, a new “home away from home” funded by public donations and the Fisher House Foundation to provide safe, comfortable and affordable housing for families of veterans being treated at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Medical Center. Fisher House is one of nearly four dozen similar projects around the world facilitated and partially funded by the Foundation, which was established in 1990 by New York builder Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth. Fisher House and its counterparts are designed to ease the emotional and financial burdens on veterans’ families and provide a wheelchair-friendly place for veterans to visit. The home is located on the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Medical Center campus within walking distance of the treatment facilities. Visit <http://www.fisherhouse.org/> to learn more about the effort and how you can help.



Supervisor Antonovich Dedicates Fire Stations 93 and 136 in Palmdale

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, Palmdale Mayor James Ledford, Vice Mayor Steve Hofbauer and Councilmen Mike Dispenza and Tom Lackey, and the residents of Palmdale and unincorporated areas, in dedicating Fire Stations 93 and 136.

“These two new state-of-the-art facilities will enhance public safety for the residents of Palmdale and unincorporated areas by reducing response time to less than five minutes — which can be critical in life-threatening situations,” said Supervisor Antonovich

Completion of Fire Stations 93 and 136 will give Palmdale five dedicated fire stations within the city limits.



Newly dedicated Fire Station 136 in Palmdale

Department of Public Works’ Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Management Program

<http://www.ladpw.org/epd/hhw/>

E-mail Notification System (eNotify): Sign up with the eNotify system to receive e-mails regarding the HHW/E-Waste collection events based on the location(s) and the criteria you select. From the calendar, you may also view driving directions, location maps or receive a reminder e-mail just days before the event takes place.

Volunteers Needed!



*Local Police and Firefighters
need your help!*

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department will be hosting the 2009 Western States Police and Fire Games on June 13 - 20, 2009.

- The Games promote friendship, physical fitness, athletic competition, and camaraderie among the Law Enforcement and Firefighting communities.
- The Games also affords local businesses, organizations, and members of the community an opportunity to participate by volunteering or through financial or in-kind donations, which offer businesses positive exposure.
- All events are spectator friendly, open to the community, and admission to attend is free.
- With the anticipated more than 7,000 police officers and firefighters competing in different sporting events at numerous venues throughout the area, **an estimated 600 to 1,000 volunteers** are needed to successfully host the Games. Volunteers will be needed for registration, merchandise sales, score keeping, and timekeeping, logistical and operations support. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age. Each volunteer will receive a free Games T-shirt and lunch.

For more information, please call (323) 526-5757, or write to:

Western States Police and Fire Games
P.O. Box 3188
Alhambra, CA 91803

Apply online at: <http://www.wspfg2009.org/>

Please return applications to the address indicated above.

If you are volunteering as a group on the same day, please return all applications at the same time.

ENRICHING LIVES...

Record Number of 2nd District Residents Attend 2009 Annual Budget Summit

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' district-wide vision for community empowerment was a success, when more than 1,200 residents attended the 2009 Annual Budget Summit: *"We are the Second District, Empowered for Change,"* held on Saturday, January 31, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. It was standing room only as Supervisor Ridley-Thomas called for increased community participation and empowerment.

Joining Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, were guest leaders, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, who helped clarify misunderstandings about the state budget; County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Officer, William T Fujioka, and City of Hawthorne Mayor, Larry Guidi.



The event, a collaboration between the Second District and the Empowerment Congress, a concept first initiated in 1992 by then 8th District Los Angeles City Councilmember Ridley-Thomas.



The Budget Summit attracted a record number of individuals and eased fears among the attendees surrounding the budget problems and offered information pertaining to the major provisions of the 2009 California budget and how the County of Los Angeles' operations and services may be impacted.

The Budget Summit provided an in-depth opportunity for residents to voice their community concerns and priorities related to the state budget and offered a public venue where they were also able to offer possible solutions for

the district's respective constituencies. In addition, over 24 County departments staffed booths offering a variety of information and resources.

"Whether we work in private sector or public sector, whether we own a small business or work for one, whether we ride public transit by choice or by default, whether we own a home or rent one, we are the Second District and we are the keys to change that educates, engages, and empowers to deliver results," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.



County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



County Vision

- **To enrich lives through effective and caring service**

County Values

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- **Accountability** — We accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Can-Do Attitude** — We approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Compassion** — We treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Customer Orientation** — We place the highest priority on meeting our customers' needs with accessible, responsive quality services, and treating them with respect and dignity.
- **Integrity** — We act consistent with our values and the highest ethical standards.
- **Leadership** — We engage, motivate and inspire others to collaboratively achieve common goals through example, vision and commitment.
- **Professionalism** — We perform to a high standard of excellence. We take pride in our employees and invest in their job satisfaction and development.
- **Respect for Diversity** — We value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** — We take the action needed in a timely manner.

Strategic Plan Goals

- 1. Operational Effectiveness:** Maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.
- 2. Children, Family and Adult Well-Being:** Enrich lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services.
- 3. Community and Municipal Services:** Enrich the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs; ensure quality regional open space, recreational and public works infrastructure services for County residents; and deliver customer oriented municipal services to the County's diverse unincorporated communities.
- 4. Health and Mental Health:** Improve health and mental health outcomes and efficient use of scarce resources, by promoting proven service models and prevention principles that are population-based, client-centered and family-focused.
- 5. Public Safety:** Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

Gloria Molina
Supervisor, First District

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor, Third District

Don Knabe
Supervisor, Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor, Fifth District

Homeless Housing Program Leads to Significant Cost Savings

A County program that has created permanent housing opportunities for dozens of homeless individuals has resulted in a cost avoidance of over \$800,000 in medical and hospital costs in the past year. The Access to Housing for Health pilot program (AHH) was created by Supervisor Don Knabe in December 2006 and utilizes \$3 million of the \$80 million in funding for Countywide homeless prevention initiatives that was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2006.

The primary goal of AHH is to improve discharge opportunities for homeless men and women receiving taxpayer-subsidized medical care at County hospitals by connecting them with permanent housing resources. Upon leaving County hospitals, homeless individuals are provided with housing vouchers, as well as supportive services designed to help them successfully address their chronic illnesses and to remain in housing.

As of January 30, 49 homeless clients in the AHH program have been placed in permanent housing, including 37 men and women who have been housed for more than one year. The 37 clients had a combined total of 152 emergency room visits during the 12 months prior to their enrollment. Since their enrollment, the 37 clients only had a combined total of 27 emergency room visits, a reduction of 82%.

The 37 clients also had a combined total of 305 inpatient hospital days in the 12 months prior to their enrollment in AHH. Since enrollment, these same clients only had 27 inpatient days, a reduction of 93%.

The reduction in emergency room visits represents a cost avoidance of approximately \$117,000 and the reduction in inpatient hospital visits represents approximately \$748,000 in taxpayer funds. In total, the AHH program helped avoid \$865,000 in taxpayer spending that would have otherwise been used to pay for emergency and inpatient hospitalizations for homeless men and women. By addressing the underlying issue (lack of housing), the AHH participants can better manage their chronic conditions in an outpatient setting, shifting away from costly emergency medical care.

The AHH program is designed to place up to 115 homeless individuals into Section 8 or conventional public housing. The Housing Authorities of the County and the City of Los Angeles each set aside 50 of their Section 8 vouchers for the program. In addition, the County Housing Authority set aside 15 conventional public housing units for the AHH program.

The AHH program staff works with the Housing Authorities to fast track these vouchers within one month of application submission. The AHH program also provides temporary housing, so that participants will not have to remain homeless while waiting for their permanent housing placement.

“Above all, this program has successfully connected dozens of homeless men and women with permanent housing, but also saving tax dollars in the process,” said Supervisor Knabe. “Before AHH, we had virtually no way to ensure that homeless men and women leaving our hospitals would receive safe permanent housing or appropriate care. Now we do.”

Supervisor Antonovich Honors the Role of Japanese-Americans in the County

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Japan America Society by declaring February 21, 2009 as “Japan America Friendship Day” throughout the County. Supervisor Antonovich commended the society on its centennial of promoting strengthened economic, cultural, and governmental relationships between the United States and Japan, and the contributions of the countless Japanese-Americans that have contributed to the great American saga. “One of the main reasons for our County’s economic strength is the vision and energy of our entrepreneurs, business people and workers from around the world,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “The County is home to many individuals of Japanese ancestry who provide crucial leadership and talent towards providing quality municipal social service to our County’s 10.2 million residents.”



Supervisor Molina Launches Reusable Canvas Bag Effort in Florence-Firestone

Supervisor Gloria Molina recently launched a reusable canvas bag initiative at Lillian Elementary School in Florence-Firestone.

More than 400 students grades three through five joined environmentalists from Heal the Bay, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and the Department of Public Works to participate in the “Green Bags for a Clean Earth” campaign.

Those who attended received free canvas bags so they and their families could fight the “bag monster,” who symbolizes the number of plastic bags used by one U.S. household each year.

“Though there are many ways we can clean up our environment, few have such a direct impact on the County as replacing single-use bags with reusable bags,” Supervisor Molina said. “Plastic bags are notorious for clogging up our landfills, polluting our rivers, and harming ocean animals. One of the best ways to tackle this problem is to change the behavior of the younger generation.”

Supervisor Molina’s office organized a competition with fun prizes to get students from Florence, Graham, Lillian, and Walnut Park Elementary Schools in the environmental spirit. Each time their parents or family members use their “Green Bag for a Clean Earth” bag at El Super, El Tapatio Market, or Superior Grocers stores, the cashier will give them a special sticker to place on a “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” card.

The first 50 students to fill their cards will receive goody bags filled with Disney-themed items. The classroom with the highest number of sticker-filled cards will win tickets to

a Dodger game. The student with the second highest number of stickers will win a bicycle. And the student with the most stickers will be invited to Dodger Stadium to meet the baseball players on the field.

The competition concludes on Earth Day this April 22nd. Many thanks to AT&T, El Super, El Tapatio Market, Fox Sports en Español, Southern California Edison, the Southern California Gas Company, and Superior Grocers for helping sponsor this valuable event.



Supervisor Gloria Molina and students from Lillian Elementary School, executives from Fox Sports en Español, and the “bag monster” at a reusable canvas bag launch in Florence-Firestone.

“Plastic bags are notorious for clogging up our landfills, polluting our rivers, and harming ocean animals. One of the best ways to tackle this problem is to change the behavior of the younger generation.”

...Supervisor Molina

Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families

Between 4,000 and 5,000 people attend the annual “Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families: Past, Present and Future” event sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the County Department of Parks and Recreation. More than 120 agencies participate, offering immunizations, haircuts, manicures, health screenings, employment information, veteran’s benefit information and legal assistance. The purpose of the event is to ensure service men and women, veterans and their families receive vital information regarding benefits, entitlements and services available to them. The 2009 event will be held on **May 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Arcadia County Park**. It will include skydivers, flyovers, a Wall of Remembrance for attendees to place photos, displays of military vehicles and equipment, food booths and entertainment. Photos on this page are from the 2007 event.



Art of Two Germanys/Cold War Cultures at LACMA - Through April 19

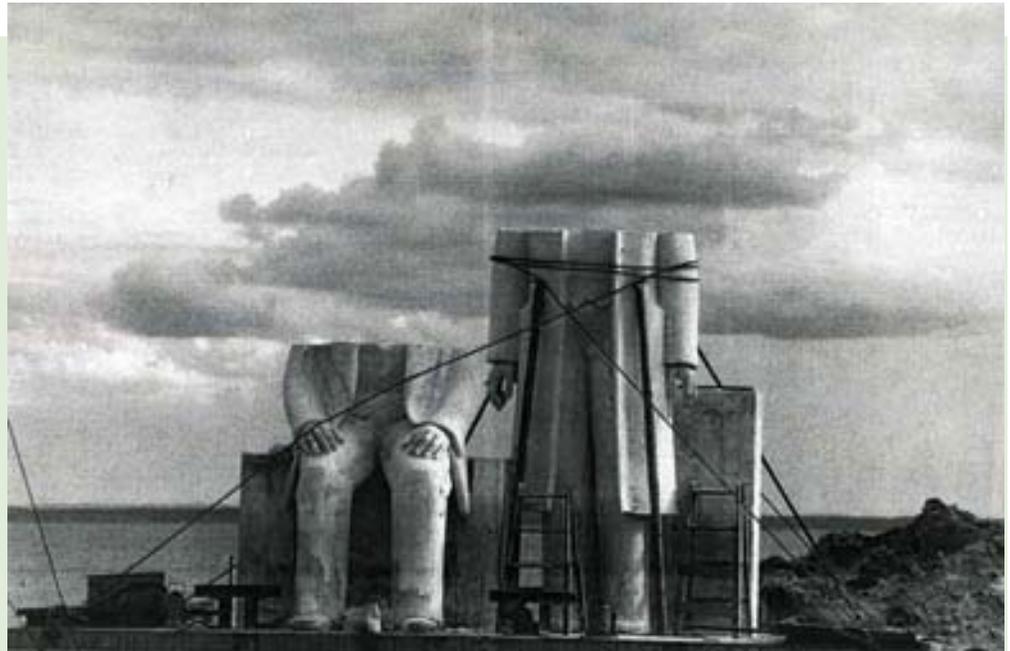
For East and West Germany during the Cold War, the creation of art and its reception and theorization were closely linked to their respective political systems: the Western liberal democracy of the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and the Eastern communist dictatorship of the German Democratic Republic (GDR).

Reacting against the legacy of Nazism, both Germanys revived pre-World War II national artistic traditions. Yet they developed distinctive versions of modern and postmodern art—at times in accord with their political cultures, at other times in opposition to them. By tracing the political, cultural, and theoretical discourses during the Cold War in the East and West German art worlds, *Art of Two Germanys* reveals the complex and richly varied roles that conventional art, new media, new art forms, popular culture, and contemporary art exhibitions played in the establishment of their art in the post-war era.

Art of Two Germanys is the first special exhibition to go on view in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's (LACMA) new Renzo Piano designed-building, the Broad Contemporary Art Museum (BCAM).

Divided into four chronological sections, the exhibition includes approximately 300 paintings, sculptures, photographs, multiples, videos, installations, and books, by 120 artists.

The show features large-scale installations and recreations of major works by Hans Haacke, Heinz Mack, Sigmar Polke, Raffael Rheinsberg, Gerhard Richter, and Dieter Roth, as well as a number of videos and performance-based works.



A.R. Penck, *Der Übergang (Passage)*, 1963 (detail), oil on canvas, 37 x 47 1/4 in (94 x 120 cm), Sammlung Ludwig, Ludwig Forum für Internationale Kunst, Aachen, © A.R. Penck.

Sibylle Bergemann, *Ohne Titel (Gummlin)*, (Untitled [Gummlin]), 1984; from the series *Das Denkmal (A Monument)*, 1975–1986, gelatin silver print 19 5/8 x 25 5/8 in. (50 x 60 cm), Collection Sibylle Bergemann, © 2009 Sibylle Bergemann.

After LACMA, the exhibition will travel to Germanisches Nationalmuseum, Nürnberg (May 23 to September 6), and Deutsches Historisches Museum, Berlin (October 3, 2009 to January 10, 2010).

Curated by Stephanie Barron, Senior Curator of Modern Art, LACMA, and co-curator Dr. Eckhart Gillen, Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH.

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Employees of the County of Los Angeles



LA COUNTY STARS! January - March 2009 Recipients



January 2009

Service Excellence:
Sheriff Department's
Todd Megerle



LA COUNTY STARS! is an exciting new Countywide employee recognition program which replaces the Employee of the Month Program in order to expand the opportunity to recognize and celebrate exceptional achievements of County employees and to promote and reward performance consistent with the organizational goal categories of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Shared Values and Collaboration.

For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources at (213) 738-2175 or go to the Web site at <http://stars.lacounty.gov/>

February 2009

Service Excellence:
Community and Senior Service's
Susana Contreras



March 2009



Service Excellence:
Consumer Affairs'
Real Estate Fraud
Prevention Team
(RE Team)

Team members are:
Maritza Gutierrez,
Clemente Mejia, Dana
Pratt, Marissa Lao, Mary
Safaryan, Keven Chavez

Service Excellence:
Public Health's
Emily Beeler



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Anthem Blue Cross

Jenny Craig (800) 597-JENNY or (800) 597-5366 or www.jennycraig.com/corporatechannel/bcca.aspx

GlobalFit (800) 294-1500 or www.globalfit.com/club/login.asp

A network of 10,000 participating local, regional and national fitness clubs, including Bally Total Fitness, Gold's Gym, World Gym, Powerhouse Gym, Anytime Fitness and many more.

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For more information, log on to www.cigna.com or call customer service at (800) 870-3470 and ask about the Healthy Rewards programs. *Jenny Craig, Global Fit, and Weight Watchers Web sites can be accessed through the www.mycigna.com Web site.*

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