



H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Update

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was joined on October 23 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Director of Public Health Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding to officially open one of the first H1N1 influenza vaccine clinic sponsored by the Department of Public Health. The clinics are designed to ensure that County residents in federal Centers for Disease Control-designated priority groups who lack their own health insurance or regular access to care can receive the free H1N1 influenza vaccine.

Speaking at the Balboa Sports Center in Encino, whose bustling gymnasium was outfitted with tables and nursing stations swarming with trained volunteers, Supervisor Yaroslavsky declared, "Preventing the flu is both an individual responsibility and a community effort." He added, "Our County Department of Public Health will be working with several partners to conduct H1N1 influenza vaccine clinics in cities and unincorporated areas throughout the County. The public should know that through these efforts, everyone at high risk will have an opportunity to protect their health with this vaccine."



In order that the County's store of H1N1 influenza vaccine remains available for those truly unable to obtain it elsewhere, Supervisor Yaroslavsky stressed that County residents with health insurance who fall into the H1N1 influenza priority groups should seek vaccinations from their own health care providers as vaccine supplies become more widely available in the coming weeks.

Beyond seeking vaccinations, Supervisor Yaroslavsky emphasized the tried and true ways of protecting oneself and others through the simple, healthy habits of washing your hands, covering your cough, and staying home from work or school if you get sick.

A schedule of H1N1 influenza vaccine clinics can be found on the Department of Public Health Web site at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov, on www.flushotla.com, or by calling the County Information line at 2-1-1 from any landline or cell phone. Some private providers that are offering the H1N1 influenza vaccine may be listed on www.findaflushot.com. Additionally, certain chain pharmacies, such as Walgreens, CVS or Rite Aid, may be offering the H1N1 influenza vaccine starting the first week of November.

Priority groups for the H1N1 influenza vaccine are:

- Pregnant women,
- People who live with or care for infants under six months of age,
- Healthcare and emergency services personnel,
- Young people aged six months to 24 years of age,
- People aged 25 through 64 years of age who have health conditions that put them at higher risk for flu-related complications.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

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

Art

Through November 8 - Heavy Light: Recent Photography and Video from Japan

Through January 3 - New Topographics

Through January 3 - Luis Meléndez: *Master of the Spanish Still Life*

Through February 7 - Heroes and Villains: the Battle for Good in India's Comics

November 22 - February 7 - Cildo Meireles

Music

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Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211

www.musiccenter.org

Walt Disney Concert Hall

www.musiccenter.org

Los Angeles Philharmonic

www.laphil.com

(323) 850-2000

November

8 - Lang Lang in Recital

9-15 - Children's Miracle Network Golf Classic

11 - Chamber Music Society

11 - Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra

12-15 - Dudamel and Upshaw

15 - Organ Recital: Jean Guillou

17 - Charlie Haden Family

19-22 - Dudamel and Shaham

21 - West Coast, Left Coast: Festival Opening Night

23-24 - Berlin Philharmonic

27-29 - Dudamel Conducts Salonen & Adams

29 - Piano Spheres

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Nov 13- Feb 7 – Mary Poppins

Mark Taper Forum

Through Nov 15 – Parade

Dec 3 - Jan 24 - Palestine, New Mexico

Feb 10 - March 21 - Speed-the-Plow

Kirk Douglas Theatre

Nov 14 – Just War

Los Angeles Opera

(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

www.losangelesopera.com

Nov 21-Dec 1 - Handel's *Tamerlano*

Nov 29-Dec 19 - Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*

Dec 12 - Renée Fleming's Recital

Los Angeles Master Choral

www.lamc.org

Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007

For a list of events, please visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-DINO

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County of Los Angeles



SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH ANNOUNCES

LA COUNTY EMPLOYEE DAYS

TICKETS VALID ALL OPERATING DAYS IN NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2009

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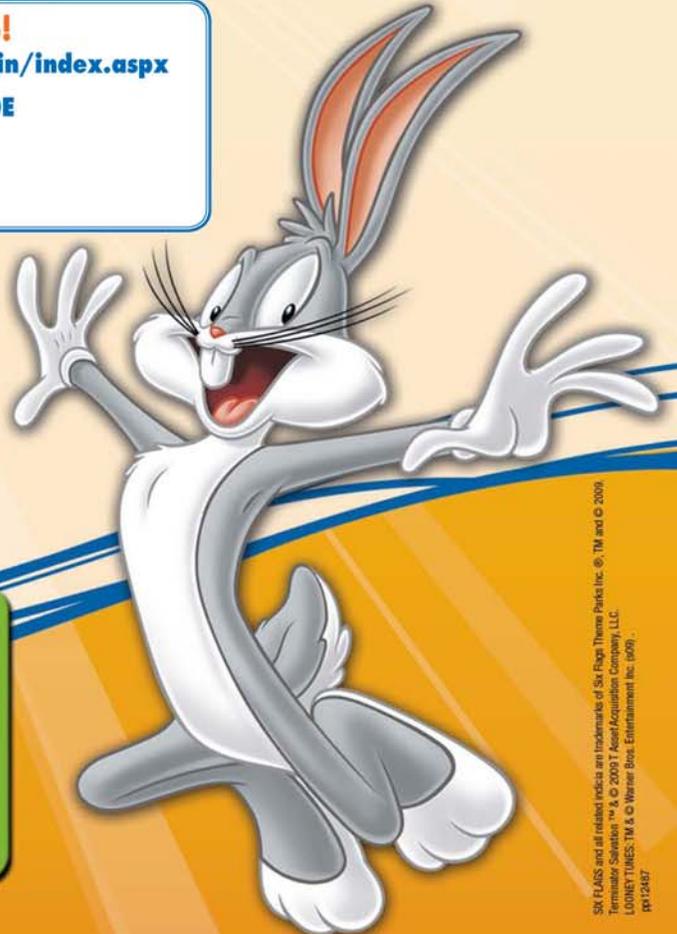
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RETIREES

*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:*

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Sandra S. Flenoy
INTERNAL SERVICES: Elijah Hawthorne Jr.
LACERA: Emily Sato
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Anita Baca, Mildred L. Tong

*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:*

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE: Gwendolyn Evans
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Florence Fujii
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Arminda Del Alto
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Mary Brown, Gloria P. Garcia
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Dolores Duran
FIRE: Gregory K. Barton, Gary D. Dellamalva, Martin L. Francis, Gregory Hill, Ruth A. Ross, Robert A. Viers
INTERNAL SERVICES: Edward Carillo, Dallal Ghattas, Ronnie J. Hildred, Denise M. McClenney, Torina Powell, Carolyn J. Rueda
PUBLIC HEALTH: Timothy R. Collins, Henry Murphy Jr.
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Natividad B. Baldwin, Georget Barsom, Angelina G. Espinosa, Bessie M. Mike, Jean A. Musmaker, Janet L. Nane, Comfort B. Siriboe, Wilfredo V. Tambaoan
SHERIFF: Paula R. Brown, Randall Kirst, Blair C. Young
SUPERIOR COURT: Bridget T. Hana
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR: Joseph Dangerfield

*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:*

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Helma R. Hintz
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Mary L. Longoria
FIRE: Joseph Gamm, Joseph W. Lindaman
INTERNAL SERVICES: Phillip D. Loflin, Jack L. Noah Jr.
LACERA: Stuart M. Mesnik
PARKS AND RECREATION: Jose J. Jimenez
PUBLIC HEALTH: Young L. Chang, Adolph Cortez, Gwendolyn J. Walker
SHERIFF: Rosalinda Villarreal
SUPERIOR COURT: Christina J. Archambeau, James Ingram

Employment Verification

The County of Los Angeles does not have a centralized number for Employment Verification purposes. Employees who need their County employment verified for loans or other reasons should list the name of their County department, department number, address and telephone number, if required, as well as their employee number on all verification documents so that the verifier can contact the correct County department for assistance.

2009 Adopt-A-Family Program

For over 20 years, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) *Adopt-A-Family* program has brought joy to families during the holiday season. Last year, the *Adopt-A-Family* program provided gifts of clothing, toys, food and other items to approximately 1,000 low-income children and adults.

Sponsors are matched with a family and given a family profile including names, ages and specific needs of each family member. Requests include grocery items, clothing, gift certificates and toys. **Non-perishable food baskets are also welcome.** Remember, no gift is too small.



Sponsoring a family is a wonderful way to celebrate the true spirit of the holiday. It is a great project for families, co-workers, organizations, clubs and schools. Make a difference in the community by remembering the true meaning of the holiday season. Support this worthwhile program.

For more information, please contact DPSS Volunteer Coordinator Rafael Navarro at (213) 744-4348 or e-mail dpssvolunteers@ladpss.lacounty.gov no later than Wednesday, November 25.

Winston Peters Receives ABA Juvenile Justice Award

Winston A. Peters, Assistant Public Defender and a member of the MacArthur Foundation’s Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network in California, was honored by the American Bar Association (ABA) for his advocacy and commitment to children in the field of juvenile justice. Peters received the Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award on July 31 during the ABA’s annual conference in Chicago. The award commemorates Livingston Hall, a leader in juvenile justice and professor emeritus at Harvard Law School. The award is given in recognition of outstanding commitment and service in the field of juvenile justice and advocacy on behalf of children impacted by the juvenile justice system.

“Winston is an inspiration to all of us working on behalf of youth in the justice system,” said Patti Puritz, Executive Director of the National Juvenile Defender Center. “This award shines a light not only on Winston, but on defenders across the country that play a critical role in the lives of court-involved youth.”

Peters is the Assistant Public Defender in the Office of the Los Angeles County

Public Defender, the oldest and largest such office in the United States. As such, he oversees the executive and administrative duties for the Public Defender and Chief Deputy Public Defender. This includes oversight of the fiscal budget, human resources and management information systems. Peters also manages the Special Operations Bureau’s Juvenile Division, which includes the juvenile mental health and drug courts, restorative and collaborative justice programs, adult drug courts/Prop 36 courts, re-entry programs, initiatives and grants.



Peters serves as the Governor’s appointee on the California State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Peters

also serves on the Advisory Board of the UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law’s Juvenile Justice Policymaker Education Project. Recently elected Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the California Public Defenders Association (CPDA), Peters also serves as the Chairperson of its Juvenile Justice Subcommittee.

Recently, he testified before the Los Angeles City Council’s Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development about the holistic legal advocacy that the Office of Public Defender’s Juvenile Division provides its clients and the leadership role his office takes in collaborative juvenile justice programs. Subsequently, Peters testified before the entire City Council and was presented with a Los Angeles City Council Resolution signed by the Mayor of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles City Attorney, and the full City Council, for leadership and commitment to holistic legal advocacy on behalf of children and families impacted by the juvenile justice system.

A graduate of the University of California Hastings College of Law, Peters received his Bachelor’s Degree in History from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Allies Join in Major Push for President Obama’s National Health Reform Plans

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas has joined forces with State Senator Curren Price (D-Los Angeles) in a State and County effort to urge Congress to pass comprehensive national health reform legislation that would include coverage for more than nine million uninsured children in the United States.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas introduced a motion, passed by all five members of the Board, urging Congress and the Obama administration to include low-income children and pregnant women in their efforts to achieve universal health

care coverage. State Senator Price recently guided a similar resolution, SR 24, to passage in the State Senate.

One in nine children in America is uninsured. In California, the ratio is even higher – one in eight children. About 329,000 uninsured children live in the County of Los Angeles. These children are particularly vulnerable because of budget cuts caused by the economic crisis. Urging affordable and comprehensive coverage for children would be consistent with the County’s call for universal health care coverage.

ENRICHING LIVES...

County Employees “Relay for Life”

Hundreds of people gathered at Alhambra Park for one common purpose — to knock down cancer. This terrific cause was the American Cancer Society’s annual signature event, Relay for Life. Relay unites thousands of communities across the country each year to CELEBRATE the lives of those who have battled cancer, REMEMBER loved ones lost, and FIGHT BACK against a disease that takes too much. Relays are 24 hours in length, representing the reality that cancer never sleeps.

As part of the Countywide Wellness Program, employees from Public Works, various departments, and other organizations joined forces and ran/walked for 24 hours to promote healthy living and encourage physical exercise. Cancer is a disease that affects so many people and by leading a healthier lifestyle, we can reduce the chances of getting cancer simply by eating healthier, exercising more, quitting smoking, etc.



Pictured front row (l to r): Katie Mac, Karen Shih, Ellen Hsu, Anna Ho, Heather Santoscoy, Jasmine Sancedo and Jason Simmons from Public Works. Back row (l to r): Nathan Salazar, Public Works and Mychi Hoang, Mental Health. Not pictured: Jennifer Edo, Public Works; Nikki Lingo, Auditor-Controller; Cathie Zhou, K Hovnanian Homes; and Vivian Mai, UCLA Medical Center.





Team Captain Katie Mac, Public Works, called upon her co-workers and friends and formed a 13-member team. The team raised funds by soliciting friends, family, and co-workers to sponsor their efforts. On Relay day, the team also sold hand-made blankets, water shooters, and personalized foam visors. The children enjoyed decorating their own visors with their names and cooling off with the water shooters. The hand-made blankets were intended to give cancer patients the warmth, support, and love to continue their fight during their hospital stay.

At the time of print, the team raised over \$1,600, and the combined efforts from the 20 plus Relay teams raised a record \$38,908 for cancer research and education. For more information about Relay, please visit the American Cancer Society’s Web site at www.relayforlife.org or contact Katie Mac at kmac@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Thank you to all the employees who supported our efforts! Who’s up for a challenge next year? Let’s lace up our walking/running shoes and join forces to make a Countywide impact!

Let’s continue to Relay for Life!



County of Los Angeles



Strategic Plan

Enriching Lives
lacounty.gov

County Mission

- 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

- Operational Effectiveness:** Maximize the effectiveness of the County’s processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.
- Children, Family and Adult Well-Being:** Enrich lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

2009 Nursing Scholarship Recipients Recognized

Established in 1991, the Michael D. Antonovich Registered Nurse Service-Scholarship Grant program assists the Department of Health Services in providing the County of Los Angeles with a competitive edge in recruiting quality nurses.

The program provides scholarships up to \$2,500 to individuals who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment as undergraduate nursing students in accredited schools of registered nursing. Each recipient must agree to serve for one or two years in the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services' hospitals and clinics upon graduation and licensure.

“We are investing in the future nursing careers of students who will assist Los Angeles County in overcoming its nursing shortage,” said Supervisor Antonovich. To find out more information

on the Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich Nurses Scholarship, please visit <http://www.ladhs.org/wps/portal/nursing>.



Assistant Chief Deputy to Former Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke Charles Bookhammer Dies at 61

Funeral services took place on Wednesday October 21 for Charles “Chuck” Bookhammer, Assistant Chief Deputy to former Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke for 16 years and long-time Hawthorne City Councilmember.

Bookhammer, 61, passed on Thursday, October 15, from complications following surgery.

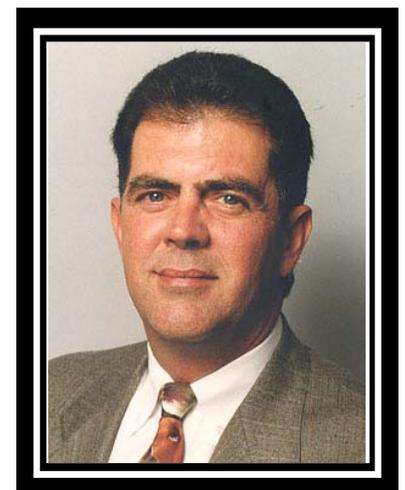
After Burke retired in December 2008, Bookhammer worked for the County’s Community Development Commission until his retirement in June this year. He also worked part time as a consultant with the Los Angeles County Board of Realtors.

Bookhammer was a proud Vietnam veteran who served from 1965-1969 and was awarded a Purple Heart by the U.S. Navy.

An advent Harley-Davidson enthusiast and golf player, Bookhammer touched many lives and was respected and admired by peers and loved by his County family. He and his wife had just purchased their dream home in Mission Viejo and were looking forward to enjoying his retirement.

“At work, he was probably one of the best persons in the political field that could deal with all types of situations and all problems,” said John Hill, Bookhammer’s friend and former colleague on Burke’s staff.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Barbara, his daughters Michelle, Jennifer, Brandi and Tracy and seven grandchildren.



Former Department Head Stanley Wisniewski Tragically Killed In a Traffic Accident



The Board of Supervisors adjourned on Tuesday, October 20, in memory of Stanley Wisniewski, former director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors, who died October 15 in a single-vehicle accident at the age of 59 near his home in Paso Robles.

Wisniewski, who retired in March 2008 after working for more than 40 years with the County, was driving on State Route 41 in San Luis Obispo County when his vehicle crossed the road, going up an embankment. Investigators believe he over-corrected, driving back across and off the road, down a steep hillside and into a deep gully.

Supervisors, in comments at the Board meeting, praised Wisniewski for his leadership, honesty, integrity and cheerful personality. Board Chairman Don Knabe said Wisniewski's death was "a tragedy," and Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky called him "a good man." "We loved him," said Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Wisniewski worked his entire career for the County of Los Angeles, other than for one summer when he was 16. He began working as a recurrent beach parking attendant while

a student at North Torrance High School in 1967, and continued while attending USC. After graduating, he went to work for the Auditor-Controller's Office and then transferred to the Department of Small Craft Harbors in 1975, which ultimately was merged with the Department of Beaches to become the Department of Beaches and Harbors. Wisniewski was named director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors in 1993 and was instrumental in overseeing the commencement of second-generation development of Marina del Rey.

"As a professional, Stan was grounded in his belief to always do the right thing for the benefit of the public he served," said Santos H. Kreimann, current director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors. "He was a man of strong conviction, and one of the most determined and dedicated public servants I've ever known." Wisniewski is survived by his two children, Dana and Weston.

LACERA Election Results

At its meeting of September 8, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved the results of the August 4, 2009 elections for the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA). The Board declared Herman B. Santos elected as the Third Member, Board of Investments and Simon S. Russin elected as the Third Member, Board of Retirement.

Asian Youth Center Celebrates 20 Years

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich held a press conference recognizing the Asian Youth Center on 20 years of providing social and health services to youth and their families in the San Gabriel Valley.



Small Businesses Assisted at “Contracting Connections” Workshop

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosted the “Contracting Connections” Workshop at the Antelope Valley College in Lancaster to inform small businesses about purchasing and contracting opportunities with local, state, and federal agencies.

“Small businesses are the engine of economic growth and the backbone of our society,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “In 1997, the County determined that too many of its contracts were going to the same companies – most of them large corporations. To address the cost-effectiveness of these contracts and the problems facing entrepreneurs and smaller companies, my office initiated the County Office of Small Business.”

The Office of Small Business serves as a source of information on procurement opportunities, certification, financing, and technical assistance for small business owners.



“We will continue to ensure the County’s procurement systems remain fair, open, and easily understood,” added Supervisor Antonovich. “We look forward to working with our small businesses to create effective public-private partnerships that serve our community and improve our quality of life.”

County of LA Resources

DISCOUNTS for Weight Loss Programs by Carrier

Anthem Blue Cross

- Jenny Craig
(800) 597-JENNY or
(800) 597-5366 or go
online at www.jennycraig.com/corporatechannel/eretail.aspx

- Lindora Lean for Life
(800) LINDORA [546-3672]
or go online at
www.lindora.com/anthem

- Weight Watchers Online
www.weightwatchers.com/cs/index.aspx?path=cs/anthem

CIGNA

- Jenny Craig
(800) 597-JENNY or
(800) 597-5366
www.mycigna.com

- Weight Watchers
(866) 252-9811
- NutriSystem
(888) 841-2463

Kaiser Permanente

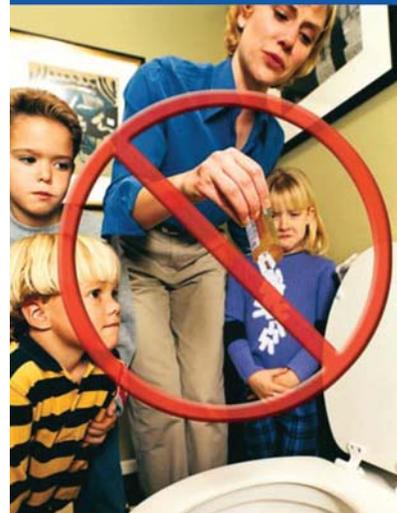
- www.choosehealthy.com
or call (800) 464-4000

- Call Weight Watchers
at (866) 639-3300 or go
online at <https://members.kaiserpermanente.org/redirects/weightwatchers/>

PacifiCare

- Call Weight Watchers
at (800) 651-6000 or
go online at www.weightwatchers.com/index.aspx

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www.nodrugsdowndrain.org

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\$45 Million Renovation to Bob Hope Patriotic Hall Underway

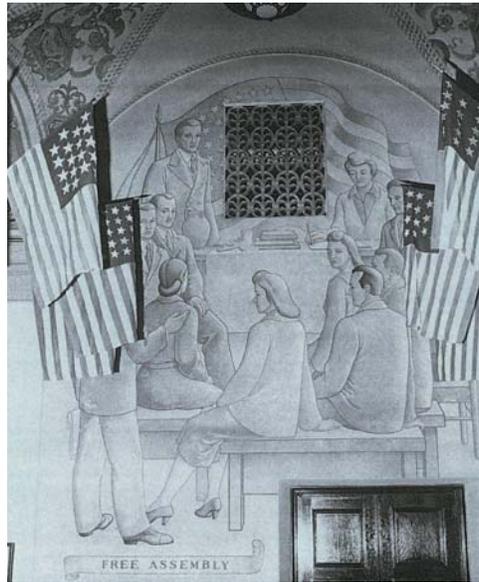
Search Is Also Underway for Three Missing Murals Once on Display in Historic Patriotic Hall

Supervisor Gloria Molina announced that the historic Bob Hope Patriotic Hall will receive a \$45 million top-to-bottom refurbishment which will include the latest sustainable “green design” features: a new commercial kitchen; a new 10th floor gymnasium; up-to-date telecommunications equipment; new mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire suppression, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, plus restoration of the building’s historic elements. Of the \$45 million total amount, at least 35 percent will be financed through federal economic stimulus dollars made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law by President Barack Obama in February.”

“Commuters who drive regularly near the 10-110 freeway interchange surely recognize Patriotic Hall as a downtown Los Angeles landmark with its massive replica of “The Spirit of ‘76” painted on the hall’s northern side,” Supervisor Molina said. “Patriotic Hall is more than just a building, it symbolizes the County’s commitment to its veterans. It contains priceless military memorabilia, artifacts and documents from every American war. It houses many of the County’s military and veterans’ services. In addition, its auditorium functions as a meeting place for the general public. Given all of its amenities, plus the historic importance, Patriotic Hall deserves proper maintenance—and that’s what we’re ensuring today.”

Design work should be finished by December of 2010. Construction should begin the following year, to be completed by September of 2012.

Located at 1816 South Figueroa Street, the ten-story Bob Hope Patriotic Hall has long been a fixture in the downtown Los Angeles landscape and opened to



the public in September of 1926. On August 3, 2003, the Board of Supervisors officially named Patriotic Hall in honor of Bob Hope, the legendary performer who entertained 10 million U.S. servicemen and women at 700 military bases and hospitals around the world for over 60 years. Patriotic Hall is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and has been placed on the State of California’s Register of Historic Resources. It also was awarded the Certificate of Honor for Exceptional Merit by the Southern California chapter of the American Society of Architects.

Upon completion of all renovation work, Patriotic Hall will boast “Silver Certification” status as determined by the federal Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Sustainable design features will include energy efficient light fixtures with timer controls; an energy management control system for the facility’s heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system; water-efficient fixtures in the restrooms; and drought-tolerant plants in exterior landscape areas.

“Though \$45 million is a significant sum, it is actually \$2.47 million less than our

original cost projection,” Supervisor Molina said. “We consider it a worthy investment and our way of saying “Thank You” to the proud veterans of Los Angeles County who have served our nation so well.”

Molina also announced that the search is on to locate three murals by artist Helen Lundeberg that were once on display within Patriotic Hall but have gone missing for over 30 years. Titled *Free Assembly*, *Free Ballot*, and *Preamble to the Constitution*, the three 12’x15’ murals were commissioned in 1942 by the U.S. Works Progress Administration and remained on display until 1974 when they were put into storage in a building next to Patriotic Hall. That building has since been demolished—and the murals have been misplaced ever since.

“The three murals most likely were painted in oil paint onto a thin layer of fabric or canvas,” said Alice Schock, a civic arts associate with the County’s Arts Commission. “If they are still in storage at a County facility, they are probably either rolled up or folded—and they might resemble a canvas or house painters’ drop cloth. The murals are an important part of the County’s history and the nation’s, too. *Free Assembly* illustrated a group gathering for discussion; *Free Ballot* showed people lining up to vote; and *Preamble to the Constitution* depicted four of our Founding Fathers and the Statue of Liberty clustered around the U.S. Constitution’s Preamble. It would be wonderful to locate these three works of art and to restore them.”

Anyone with information on the missing murals is encouraged to contact Ms. Schock by e-mail at aschock@arts.lacounty.gov or by telephone at (213) 202-5920.

Share It

Discovering the World Through GIS



Wednesday,
November 18, 2009
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Geography is the science of place and space

Los Angeles County invites you to experience the ways Geographic Information Systems (GIS) makes your government more efficient and helps keep you safe. Featured exhibitors include many of our emergency response, social services and administrative departments. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will speak about how County residents benefit from GIS and Chief Executive Officer Bill Fujioka will address where GIS supports County operations.

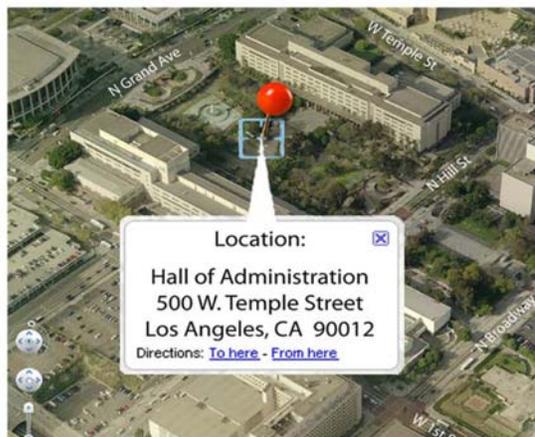
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- Maps Display
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Don Knabe
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