

County DIGEST

Honoring the contributions and sacrifices of County employees



OCTOBER 2010

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Medals of Valor for Station Fire Heroes Hall and Quinones

A little more than one year ago, the Los Angeles County Fire Department was forever changed with the loss of Fire Captain Ted Hall and Fire Fighter Specialist Arnie Quinones (*pictured right*). On October 15, these heroes were honored for their ultimate sacrifice with posthumous Medals of Valor from the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA).

The CSFA Medal of Valor is one of the organization's highest honors, recognizing firefighters, peace officers and civilians throughout the state who have exhibited great courage in order to save the life of another. This is a fitting tribute, paying honor to Hall and Quinones, who lost their lives in the line of duty to save the lives of over 60 individuals during the tragic Station Fire in August 2009. The Medals of Valor were presented to the other heroes, their spouses, Katherine Hall and Lori Quinones, in a ceremony held that evening at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento. Los Angeles County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman was in attendance for this momentous occasion honoring the County's fallen firefighters.



Lori and Sophia with Lori's mother, far left, and Ozzie Quinones (Arnie's brother).



Lori and Sophia Quinones touching Arnie's name on the wall during the 2010 Firefighters Memorial Ceremony held at Fire Department headquarters.

Also taking place the next day in Sacramento's Capitol Park was the California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony and Firefighter Procession to honor 31 individuals whose names will be added to the California Firefighters Memorial. Among those 31 names added are six from the County, including Fire Captains Ted Hall, Philip Arreguin, Jr., and Carrie Henger-Neff, and Fire Fighter Specialists Arnie Quinones, Richard Carr, and Tonya Burns, who served as the County's first African-American female firefighter. The courageous service of all of our fallen brothers and sisters will always be remembered.



Members of the Hall family listen as Captain Ted Hall is remembered by his firefighter colleagues at the 2010 Firefighters Memorial Ceremony.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

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EVENT CALENDAR

October 31 - Trail Dusters Ride

Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park/San Dimas

For more information, please call (909) 599-8411

Sponsored by: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the
Department of Parks and Recreation

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 11 - Fallen Fruit Presents EAT LACMA

Through January 9, 2011 - Olmec: Colossal Masterworks of Ancient Mexico

Through January 9, 2011 - Eye for the Sensual: Selections from the Resnick Collection

Through January 16, 2011 - William Eggleston: Democratic Camera - Photographs and Video, 1961-2008

Through January 16, 2011 - Blinky Palermo: Retrospective 1964-1977

Music

Jazz Fridays - <http://www.lacma.org/programs/JazzatLACMA.aspx>

Sundays Live - <http://www.lacma.org/programs/SundaysLive.aspx>

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

Los Angeles Philharmonic

www.laphil.com

(323) 850-2000

October

29-31 - Zacharias conducts Mozart and Beethoven

31 - Halloween Silent Film: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

November

5-7 - Heras-Casado Conducts Stravinsky

5 - The Seasons Project with the Venice Baroque Orchestra

6 - Toyota Symphonies for Youth: Berlioz' Symphonie fantastique

7 - Los Angeles Master Chorale: French Connections

9 - Chamber Music Society

10 - Lila Downs • Buika

12-14 - Mälkki conducts Mozart and Strauss

13 - Toyota Symphonies for Youth: Berlioz' Symphonie Fantastique

14 - Millennium Consort Singers

16 - Green Umbrella: George Crumb Focus

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

November 23 - January 2, 2011 - Next to Normal

January 30 - March 6, 2011 - 33 Variations

Mark Taper Forum

November 10 to December 22 - Harps and Angels

January 4 - February 13, 2011 - Stories by Heart

Kirk Douglas Theatre

Through November 14 - Venice

January 15, 16, 22 and 23, 2011 - Jamie Adkins "Circus INcognitus"

February 15 through 27, 2011 - The Author

Los Angeles Opera

(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

www.losangelesopera.com

November 20 - December 12 - Lohengrin (Richard Wagner)

November 27 - December 18 - Rigoletto (Giuseppe Verdi)

Los Angeles Master Chorale

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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for information on employment
opportunities with the
County of Los Angeles

Adopt-A-Family This Holiday Season!

For over 25 years, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) *Adopt-A-Family* program has brought joy to families during the holiday season. 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. The DPSS *Adopt-A-Family* program's continued success involves community and departmental sponsors who provide holiday cheer to families served by DPSS. This worthy endeavor is an opportune way of positively impacting and enriching the lives of families in our community.



Sponsors are given a family profile including names, ages and specific needs of each family member. Requests include grocery items, clothing, gift certificates and toys. As a sponsor, you are provided with the “adoptee’s” contact information along with their “wish list” of requested items. The department will match you with a family based on your requested family size and location. All you have to do is provide the gifts for the family. Families enjoy a holiday to remember and sponsors come away with a sense of community spirit. This heartfelt and longstanding tradition continues to bring smiles to hundreds of needy families served by the Department of Public Social Services.

Make a difference! Sponsor a needy family for the holidays. Participate in the DPSS Adopt-A-Family program. For additional information, call (213) 744-4348 or e-mail dpssvolunteers@ladpss.lacounty.gov no later than Wednesday, November 24, 2010.

The time is always right to do what is right.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

New Online Reservation and Registration System for Los Angeles County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Beaches and Harbors Goes Live

The public will now be able to make and pay for reservations at select Los Angeles County Parks and Dockweiler Beach with the new Los Angeles County Activity Registration and Reservation System (LACARRS). LACARRS will allow the public to access, review, schedule and reserve County facilities and services such as swim lessons, picnic areas, RV park spaces, community rooms and conference quarters and pay with a credit card. The general public can access the new online reservation system at <http://reservations.lacounty.gov>.

“We are excited and expect to see tremendous benefits from this new online reservation system,” said Department of Parks and Recreation Director Russ Guiney. “Enabling online reservations and collection of fees will not only enhance convenience for the public in an ever-increasing electronic world, but also realize operational efficiencies by automating processes.”

LACARRS is a collaborative effort of the following departments: Chief Information Office (CIO), Parks and Recreation (DPR), Internal Services (ISD) and Beaches and Harbors (DBH). DPR and DBH will be the first County organizations to utilize the system; specific facilities that are currently live include Dockweiler Beach, Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Arcadia County Park, Alondra Park, and Charles S. Farnsworth Park. Dockweiler Beach will offer online RV Park reservations; Castaic Lake will offer online camping, picnic, and RV Park reservations. Arcadia, Alondra, and Farnsworth Parks will offer online facility reservations.

RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 45 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Jacqueline L. Rising
HEALTH SERVICES: Donald Young
PUBLIC HEALTH: Donald C. Mosley
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Charles W. Matthews Jr.

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:

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Melba E. Jenkins, Alice J. Tuggle
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Jeffrey C. Jonas
HEALTH SERVICES: Marilyn J. Blake, Nancy Ceja, Rosemary C. Fesagaiga, Juanita D. Gonzalez, Albert Leon Jr., Carolyn B. Levee, Gloria J. Love, Betty McCall, Louise Parker, Cynthia L. Picanzo, Linda C. White
HUMAN RESOURCES: Ruben Rivera
INTERNAL SERVICES: John L. Rice, Oscar O. Royal
MENTAL HEALTH: Anthony J. Holguin, Barbara Johnson, Bettye A. Thompson
PARKS & RECREATION: Jesus Galvan, Dale Hall
PROBATION: Ramiro Guevara, Marva C. Parmes, James H. Williams
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Delores M. Cousin, Esther N. Martinez, Dulcie Sherman, Ramona Valdivia
REGIONAL PLANNING: Theodore N. Elias Jr.
REGISTRAR-RECORDER: Josephine K. Rodriguez
SHERIFF: Martha E. Brown
SUPERIOR COURT: Beverly Davis, Judith Pieper, Norris J. Taylor

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:

ASSESSOR: Cynthia Geoghegan, John B. Quintana
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Valerie L. Brown, Socorro Z. Portnoy, Marion Romeis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Lois Johnson, Dora M. Lane
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Guadalupe C. Macias
COUNTY COUNSEL: Bruce Huthmacher, Gwendolyn C. Madison
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Allyson D. Adams, Aida G. Bergano, Martha Cisneros, John Carlos Tosello

FIRE: Donald A. DeYoung, Garry D. Isaacson, Gary S. Rice, Guy R. Rudiger, Keith E. Thomas

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INTERNAL SERVICES: Thomas M. Lang, Cindy M. Salgado, Gayle M. Tanaka, Janice A. Urasaki, Jason T. Yaka

LACERA: Jovita S. Billups

MENTAL HEALTH: Olivia Waddell, Susan Yamashiro

PROBATION: Gladys J. Collins, Theresa Jara, Lynette Laney, George I. Mason, Wiley R. Pugh, Annie L. Roberson, Bradford J. Rock, Ricardo M. Torres, Thuy V. Tran, Jean D. Williams

PUBLIC HEALTH: Luanne Aulenback, Yvonne Miller, Iva Morehead, Diana L. Neilon, Behzad R. Saleh

PUBLIC SAFETY: John A. Beeks, David G. Dominguez, John S. Garcia

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Estelita C. Caballero, Jacqueline L. Carter, Joann Debose-Reid, Patricia Gilbert-Cook, Jackquell Glasper, Frederick Harper, Elaine P. Henderson, Anita Jones, Gloria Langsfeld, Salvador Leon Jr., Thomas Y. Liu, Lydia L. Luevano, Beverly A. Luster, Roberto Martinez, Rochelle McCart, Russia V. Montoya, Cynthia A. Mullen, Karen R. Myer, Camvan T. Ong, Virginia Ponce, Steven M. Rabins, Carol F. Santiago

PUBLIC WORKS: Robert Coburn, Alfredo M. Estevez Jr., Linda A. Smith

REGIONAL PLANNING: Rose C. Hamilton, Regina Martinez

SHERIFF: Kristen H. Anderson, Drew G. Basey, Shirley J. Bass, Terrell L. Boykin, Corey G. Fletcher, Aaron Guillory, David W. Milburn, Robert C. Nimtz, Charles F. Peck, June E. Reid, Arlene A. Renfrow, Sgeuka A. Sabcgez, Patti L. Shipley

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TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR: Diane C. Osuna, Vincente Vargas

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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:

ASSESSOR: Brice Amos, Lotfy Bortos, Margaret R. Hernandez

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Pauline N. Mendoza

CORONER: John E. Marsden

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Daniel N. Damon, Brenda F. Gardner, Ralph Shapiro

FIRE: Cynthia A. Barbee, Clarence L. Gardner, Richard L. Mejia, Steven G. Voegtli

HEALTH SERVICES: Janet Au, Dalila B. Corry, Arminda A. Ecarma, Myrtle L. Green, L. Miya Iwatake, Constanca G. Magtoto, Norma Somerville, Juliana B. Yap

INTERNAL SERVICES: Barbara A. Bowen, Semyon Kats

MENTAL HEALTH: Darkas Barry, Richard Mack

PARKS & RECREATION: Erma S. Gratts

PROBATION: Frances V. Cochran, Richard Kee, Charlene Vartanian

PUBLIC HEALTH: Tillie Alvarado, Katherine Magwene, Bernadette M. Vascik

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Mhimili Kinamo

PUBLIC SAFETY: Steve C. Marquez

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Renaldo Aguiar, Mary R. Arteta, Terrie Y. Beatty, Douglas Beckum, Shirley J. Chalkey, Zaven N. Demirjian, Lucretia D. Jones, Susan Navarro

PUBLIC WORKS: Ivan B. Chou, Nadia G. Khalil, Emila Kulryand, Shirley S. Lin, Miguel Pantoja, Richard R. Yaussi

SHERIFF: Stacy A. Alexeief, John B. Ashley, Joy R. Burch, Nancy K. Clark, David L. Disbro, Erik A. Hinshaw, Joyce C. Kresge, Ruth E. Lane, Verl J. Laws, Daryl H. Meeks, Oanh L. Nguyen, Peter E. Pietrowski, Leopoldo E. Ramirez, Kenneth C. Scheurn, Monique Wiseman-Stoc, Sam Young

SUPERIOR COURT: Suzanne Kittredge, Anna C. Wong



The Commission on Disabilities Recognizes Their 19th Annual Access Awardees

In recognition of October as “Disability Awareness Month,” the Board of Supervisors and the Commission on Disabilities hosted their 19th annual Access Awards luncheon on October 18 at the Kyoto Hotel and Gardens in downtown Los Angeles. The luncheon was held in honor of individuals, corporations, and public entities that have made outstanding contributions and/or have demonstrated leadership, commitment, inspiration, facilitation or promotion of accessibility and equality for people with disabilities. Proceeds from this event are used to support the Commission’s programs and outreach to the disability community.

This year’s 19th annual Access Awardees were:

Jane Small Advocacy Award

Communities Actively Living Independent and Free (CALIF)

Chairperson’s Award

NBC Universal

Nadia Powers Leadership Award

*Richard Ray
City of Los Angeles
Department on Disability*

Ernest T. Hamilton Jr.

Veterans Award
*Triumph Foundation
Andrew Skinner, President/Founder*

Legends Award

*The Family of Marcella Meyer
Jessie Austin*

1st District

*Lourdes Caracoza
Director, Alma Family Services*

2nd District

*Areva Martin
President / Co-Founder
Special Needs Network, Inc.*

3rd District

*Dr. Rick Scuderi, Ph.D
Mission College Director of Disabled Student Services*

4th District

Got Kids?

5th District

*Carousel Ranch
AND
Saddle Up Therapeutic Riding Stables*

Music Center's *World City* Announces 2010-2011 Performances

The program offers free, family-friendly entertainment at the outdoor W.M. Keck Amphitheatre at Walt Disney Concert Hall

The Music Center of Los Angeles County celebrates the eighth season of the highly-acclaimed World City performance series featuring internationally-renowned artists sharing their culture through dance, music, song and storytelling. Performances are free to the public and usually take place on select Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. except April 17, 2011, when it will take place on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Free art-making workshops for children are offered in the adjacent Blue Ribbon garden following the performances.

World City opened its eighth season on October 16 with *Oyu Oro Afro-Cuban Dance Ensemble*. The series continues on November 20 with *Red Thunder* showcasing the unique heritage of the Plains Indians. Additional performers include *Chen Kuai Le Puppet Theater*, *Hot 8 Brass Band*, *A Gaelic Gathering*, *The Tinkers*, *Sakai Flamenco* and *Les Yeux Noirs*.

Offering an impressive roster of international and national touring artists, as well as acclaimed local artists, each month a particular culture is featured through the performances of one or more companies. "World City champions a local to global perspective, featuring arts traditions which represent the cultural landscape of Los Angeles and the wider world," says Barbara Leonard, Artistic Director for Education at the Music Center.

The post-performance art workshops offer attendees a chance to participate in the creative process with simple, hands-on art activities focused on the cultural theme of that day. Workshops will include the creation of masks, puppets, headdresses, and musical instruments. "We have built a loyal and diverse audience with a passion for the arts. Through World City, they discover a common humanity in the broad range of performances and visual arts workshops," notes Leonard.

World City is presented at the W.M. Keck Foundation Children's Amphitheatre at Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Avenue, downtown Los Angeles. Tickets are free and are distributed on Grand Avenue at 2nd Street. Tickets for the 11 a.m. performance are distributed beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets for the 12:30 p.m. performance are distributed beginning at 11 a.m.

World City is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. Additional support is provided by the Julia Stearns Dockweiler Foundation, the Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation, and the Peter and Merle Mullin Endowment Fund.

For more information about World City, call (213) 972-4396 or visit <http://musiccenter.org/events/worldcity.html>.



County of Los Angeles Public Library's New Service Hour Schedule

The County of Los Angeles Public Library is operating on a new service hour schedule at 45 of the 89 County libraries. The change in service hours at selected libraries is the result of budget reductions due to decreased revenues. For more information about library locations and listing of libraries adopting new service hours, visit www.colapublib.org. The Library's Web-based resources are available 24-hours a day at www.colapublib.org. The

County of Los Angeles Public Library provides library service to over 3.5 million residents living in unincorporated areas and to residents of 51 of the 88 incorporated cities of Los Angeles County. The service area extends over 3,000 square miles. Supplementing the 7.7 million volume book collection, the Library also offers magazines, newspapers, microfilm, government publications and many specialized reference materials including online database searching.

Aspiring Attorneys Partner with the Department of Public Social Services



Each year, Public Counsel (the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the world) conducts a Summer Law Clerk Program which enables law students to use their skills and legal education to assist needy clients in attaining equal access to public service.

On July 8, nine of the Law Clerks and their Public Counsel, supervisor Christine Khalili-Borna, Esq., attended a Commission for Public Social Services meeting to present a report on their summer General Relief Advocacy Project which takes place in the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) offices. Khalili-Borna, Esq., introduced the presentation by saying she values the partnership they have with DPSS and that their partnership continues to provide services for needy clients. Three Law Clerks – Taylor Vernon, David Rodwin and Alexandra Harman – presented the group's experiences at the DPSS offices.

The Commission encouraged the Law Clerks in their

education and presented each with a letter of commendation for their work which helped make a difference in the lives of the citizens of Los Angeles County.

From left to right(back row): Steven Papazian (University of Southern California Law School), Jonathan Corcoran (University of Maine School of Law), Lindsey Forrester Archer (Pepperdine University School of Law), David Rodwin (University of California, Irvine School of Law), Philip Hall (Southwestern Law School), and Frank G. De Balogh (Commission Chairman)

From left to right - front row: Taylor Vernon (UCLA School of Law), Brandon Miller (University of Southern California Law School), Christine Khalili-Borna, Esq. (General Relief Advocacy Project Coordinator), Alexandra Harman (Chapman University School of Law), Hillary Baca (University of Southern California Law School), and Jacob Aguilar (DPSS Bureau Director), Helen C. Najar (Awards Committee Chairman). (Not pictured, Brittany Rogers, UC Hastings College of the Law)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich Commends Desert Haven Enterprises, Inc.

July 15, 2010 marked the 56th year of operation for Desert Haven Enterprises, Inc. (DHE), a not-for-profit organization providing vocational training and job placement, as well as independent living skills, training and community integration opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. The organization began in 1954 when parents Jack and Luella Henstra were seeking a playmate for their son Jimmy, who had developed brain damage and mental retardation as a result of having contracted meningitis. Responding to an ad placed by the Henstra's in a local newspaper, a small group of parents met on July 15, 1954 in the Henstra home. Out of that meeting grew the Antelope Valley Association for Retarded Children, later to become the Association for Retarded Citizens of Antelope Valley, and today, Desert Haven Enterprises, Inc.

In 1954, preschool classes, designed to prepare the children to more readily transition into kindergarten, began in the parents' homes. By 1957, the classes had expanded full-time at a separate facility, funded and built by a number of local service clubs and organizations, on land donated by Jack and Luella Henstra on East Avenue H-8. In 1966, a little more than a decade later as the children began to mature, the organization introduced vocational training programs for adults, with the first workshop built next door to the original "little, yellow schoolhouse" on the Avenue H-8 property.

In 1982, a 25,000 square-foot facility was built at the north end of the Lancaster Business Park and included a 14,000 square-foot workshop, specifically for industrial assembly and packaging. Over the next several years, numerous new programs were added including food service, housekeeping, clerical skills, grounds maintenance, a variety of off-site work crews and even community-based employment. In 1992, in anticipation of further growth and expansion, DHE completed

construction of the 16,000 square-foot Administration/Program building, which houses the Project Independence day training activity center program for individuals with more severe cognitive and physical impairments.

While the organization recently closed its sheltered workshop program in light of ongoing state funding cuts and diminished subcontracts, DHE has not missed a beat. It now focuses its programming on



Grounds maintenance workers at the Edwards Air Force Base.

placing consumers in community-based vocational training opportunities. The Work Readiness Program, which boasts nearly 300 clients working on some 50 crews at 39 businesses throughout the Antelope Valley, is designed to assist participants to explore employment interests, gain marketable skills, and ultimately to transition into regular

employment. Community-based work sites partnering with DHE include Rite Aid, Lockheed Martin, Antelope Valley College, the City of Lancaster, BeX Restaurant, the Department of Water Resources, and the Boys and Girls Club.

For more than 20 years, through the agency's supported employment program, crews of DHE clients have performed grounds maintenance and irrigation service at Los Angeles County's High Desert Hospital. Grounds maintenance services are also performed by DHE clients at Edwards Air Force Base, where they have worked since the mid-70s. Most recently, the agency has contracted with the City of Lancaster to perform grounds maintenance service at vacant properties throughout the city. Also, through the supported employment program, individual clients are working in regular jobs throughout the community for employers like Wal-Mart, Vons, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Target, Home Depot, Outback Steakhouse, and Sodexo/Lancaster Community Hospital, to name a few.

Today, maximizing the potential and independence of persons with developmental disabilities through vocational training and job placement is the primary function of DHE which serves more than 500 individuals annually, operates a budget in excess of \$7 million, and employs more than 130 staff members. Over the course of the past 56 years, DHE has become the premiere agency of its kind in the Antelope Valley and a model for others throughout the state. "They men and women are to be commended for staying the course, pressing on, and for showing the world, in no uncertain terms, that disability by no means precludes *capability*. They overcome incredible challenges, realizing their hopes and dreams for a bright future...to be independent, productive and contributing members of their community," stated Executive Director Jenni Moran.



Manny Perez works as a day maintenance associate at the Wal-Mart in Palmdale.

UCLA Veterans and Armed Forces Appreciation Day Football Game

The County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs announced this year's Veterans and Armed Forces Appreciation Day Football Game. The game will match the UCLA Bruins against the Oregon State Beavers on Saturday, November 6 in the Rose Bowl. Pre-game festivities will include a Veterans and Armed Forces Exhibit Fair in Lot H of the Rose Bowl.



Halftime will feature a "Veteran of the Year" ceremony. The honoree, selected from nominations submitted by veteran service organizations, is a representative veteran whose lifetime accomplishments are in the highest tradition of those who served in combat.

Free general admission tickets are generously provided by UCLA to Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. Also available is a Buy-One-Get-One-Free offer on reserved seat tickets up to a maximum of four tickets. For more information, visit www.UCLABruins.com, call (310) 206-5992 or e-mail marketing@athletics.ucla.edu.



Foster Care Awareness Month Heroes

The Board of Supervisors honored this year's Foster Care Awareness Month Heroes for their outstanding contributions in improving the lives of abused and neglected children in Los Angeles County.



Pictured from left to right are: Leslie Heimov, Executive Director, Children's Law Center; former foster youth Kenneth Brown; Supervisor Gloria Molina; former foster youths Patrick Lee and Guadalupe Teran; child advocate Jo Schiff; foster caregiver Ronnie Romero; child advocate Sharon Watson; foster parents Patrick and Kelly Seidenkranz; and Department of Children and Family Services Director Patricia S. Ploehn.

ENRICHING LIVES...

Los Angeles County Day at the Fair a Hit

The Sixth annual Los Angeles County Day at the County Fair in Pomona on September 12 was the most successful yet, based on the large turnout and the interest in County departments' booths. Fair officials reported that 16,394 people used the special \$5 admission coupons distributed by the County – the largest ever.

County employees staffing the department booths said the new fairgrounds layout meant a lot more foot traffic coming through the expo, with fairgoers stopping to ask lots of questions and take materials about County programs. A number of departments reported their supplies were gone before the six-hour expo closed at 4 p.m. due to the larger-than-expected crowd.



Fifth District Deputy Al Citraro and his children carry the banner of the parade's theme.

At left from left to right: CEO Bill Fujioka, Public Works Assistant Director Fred Rubin (retired) and Regional Planning Director Richard Bruckner

Below: Supervisor Don Knabe (second from left) is joined by Chief Information Officer Rich Sanchez, Mental Health Director Marvin Southard and Child Support Services Director Steven Golightly



In the past, the expo was located on both sides of Redwood Street, with little activity to draw the fairgoers to the booths. This year, the booths were surrounded by the gypsy camp, the traveling circus and vendors, with some close to fairground entrances –resulting in a steady stream of fairgoers throughout the day.

Ann Gomez of the Department of Human Resources, whose booth was one of those running out of materials, said she heard someone comment, “I love County Day at the Fair...they have such great resources.”



Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (third from right) is flanked by Public Health Director Jonathan Fielding and his wife and County Counsel Andrea Ordin

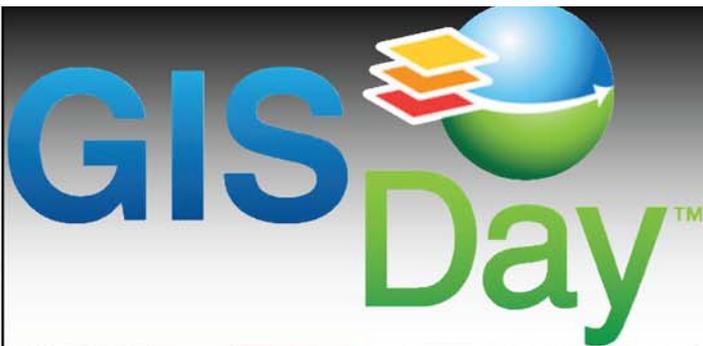
Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Don Knabe, Chief Executive Officer Bill Fujioka and department heads joined employees in the celebration, which was themed “Service Excellence.”

Activities included a noon parade featuring County vehicles and employees, the all-day expo, and a horserace in honor of the County. The parade was a big hit with the crowd – who loved all the Mardi Gras beads, toys and candy thrown their way. “We had a great time with the crowd,” said Esther Benquechea, who rode in the Coroner’s Weapons of Mass Destruction vehicle with Director Anthony Hernandez, throwing “body parts” candy to those lining the parade route.

In addition to riding in the parade, department heads (pictured right) competed against each other in the carnival game area, shooting water pistols, throwing darts and rolling balls. County Librarian (pictured below) Margaret Donnellan Todd won the championship trophy, barely defeating last year’s champion, Animal Care and Control Director Marcia Mayeda. Mayeda handed over the championship trophy –which is displayed in the Public Information Office – to Donnellan Todd in a special ceremony at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 21, arranged by Supervisor Knabe.



Employees also got a chance to visit the County’s exhibit in Building 4, which provided information to residents on signing up to receive County alerts about incidents and projects in their area.



November 17, 2010

What

GIS Day

When

Wednesday

November 17

9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where

Department of Public
Works Headquarters
900 S. Fremont Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

Benefits of GIS

Geographic Information Systems (GIS), technology connects information to its location. GIS locates, maps, organizes, and manages places, people, and data geographically. Instead of hand-drawn cartography, GIS uses desktop computers to combine geographic information from a variety of sources to answer questions on infrastructure capacity, service delivery patterns, and program outcomes.

GIS Day is an annual gathering and an opportunity for you to come and find out how L.A. County and other government agencies are using this technology to make your government more efficient, keep you safe, and make your life easier.

GIS Day will showcase more than 30 agencies, and include lectures, demonstrations, a map gallery, games, and activities focused on showing what we are doing with GIS.

GEOGRAPHY MATTERS!

On GIS Day you will see:

- How GIS is used in elections;
- How GIS has helped increase funding by \$300 million for Census;
- Using maps to locate and deliver services more effectively;
- GIS programs at local universities;
- GIS vehicles with live maps
- Emergency vehicles using GIS to get to your house faster;
- How GIS saves the taxpayer money;
- Sheriff vehicles using Maps;
- LA County Fire Truck using GIS;
- Finding real estate property information using GIS



Supervisor Yaroslavsky Announces Winners of the Biggest Loser Campaign

In June 2010, the Department of Human Resources in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation kicked off the Countywide Fitness Challenge, a five-month program designed to increase awareness of health risks and improve the health and well-being of County employees. As part of the challenge, the department also kicked off an eight-week “Biggest Loser” campaign. The department with the greatest percentage of weight loss would win the grand prize travelling trophy and bragging rights for the entire year.

Deputy Alternate Public Defender Connie Quinones and her self-named squad of *Hub City Hotties* knew the competition would be stiff when they set out to become L.A. County’s Biggest Losers. “The clerks were really out to beat us,” Quinones recalled.

But armed with pedometers, brown bag lunches and the workout ethic necessary to conquer the 12-story courthouse’s stairs, the *Hub City Hotties* helped the Alternate Public Defender’s Office prevail in its long-shot bid to win the Countywide contest.



Team Captain Lupe Valdez, left, and Sandra Gonzalez with trophy.

Going up against much larger departments such as the Sheriff and Health Services, the tiny, 281-employee Alternate Public Defender’s Office (which takes on clients in cases where the Public Defender has a conflict of interest) fielded three teams. Together they lost 4.4% of their body weight and took top honors in the 8-week contest. The next best performance came from the coroner’s department (3.4% lost) and the Chief Executive Office (3.3%).

A total of 6,441 employees from virtually every County department took part, losing a total of 23,085 pounds—more than 11.5 tons. All the top teams were honored at the Board of Supervisors’ meeting, but only one went home with the trophy.

Quinones, an avid fan of “The Biggest Loser” TV show and regular user of superstar trainer Jillian Michael’s Web site, bought a new scale and set it up in her department’s conference room in Compton. Weigh-ins were serious business.

“There was no honor system,” said Quinones, a 19-year County veteran who lost 9 pounds during the two-month contest. “They had to have a witness when they weighed in.”

Those who gained a pound or ducked a weigh-in to hide their dietary missteps were fined \$1 or \$5 respectively. (Quinones used the proceeds to buy prizes she distributed randomly to team members.)

The *Hotties* encouraged and supported each other, brown bagging it in the conference room, exchanging ground turkey recipes and even meeting up on weekends for power walks at the beach or in Signal Hill. Even so, success was not assured. “I let a couple of court reporters and bailiffs join us and they gained!” Quinones said. “One gained 10 pounds!” Fortunately, another one of the Alternate Public Defender’s teams, the eight-member Long Beach squad that dubbed itself *Strong Beach*, lost 7.5% of its body weight and helped put the entire department over the top.



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky presents trophy to Alternate Public Defender Janice Y. Fukai, as Connie Quinones looks on.

That meant that *Strong Beach* captain Lupe Valdez got first dibs on bringing the trophy to Long Beach. It also will be displayed in Compton before coming downtown to central headquarters, where it will remain.

For now...after the board ceremony, Valdez and Quinones treated themselves to a celebratory lunch of chilaquiles (definitely not on the Jillian Michaels eating plan) at El Tepeyac, east of downtown. There, they ran into some other County competitors who vowed: “Next year, we’re going to get that trophy from you.” To which Valdez and Quinones replied: “OK, it’s on!”

For other news, please visit Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s Web site at <http://zev.lacounty.gov/>.

Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship Awardees Honored at Board of Supervisors Meeting

On August 24, the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections and Supervisor Gloria Molina hosted a breakfast reception and awards presentation in honor of scholarship recipients Hannah Callebs, Wayne Criner III, Jordan Silveira, and Robin Wolvek (not present). They were each awarded a \$300 scholarship, and following the presentation, the Commissioners escorted the scholarship recipients to the Board of Supervisors meeting where each of them received a five-signature scroll presented by Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair of the Board of Supervisors.



Pictured (Front Row Left to Right): Awardees Hannah Callebs, Wayne Criner, III, Jordan Silveira and Supervisor Gloria Molina. (Second Row Left to Right): Commissioner John Hammargren, Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio, Commissioner Rita Hall, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Chairperson Eleanor Montaño, Commissioner Anne Hill, Lautasha Marie Wright (Criner's mother), Margaret Ann Criner (Criner's grandmother) and Commissioner Carl Moore.

In keeping with their mission to improve the well-being of children, the Commission began awarding scholarships in 2007 to foster youth transitioning from group homes. The Commission hopes the scholarships will assist deserving students to achieve their dream of attending college in pursuit of a promising career. Hannah Callebs aspires to be a radiologist, Wayne Criner III's goal is to become an attorney, Jordan Silveira is pursuing a career in business/economics, and Robin Wolvek's interest is in psychology.

"I appreciate the award given to me and it certainly will help me at UC Santa Barbara." - Jordan Silveira.

"I thank all the Commissioners and all the people who backed me up and are here for me. I really appreciate it and I will keep everyone updated on how college is coming along." - Wayne Criner III

"I just want to thank everyone for standing behind us. We've been through a lot, but it's all been worth it. Thank you."
- Hannah Callebs

"Robin Wolvek from Covina, will be going to Mount SAC or Sacramento Community College to receive a Masters in Psychology." - Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

"Each honoree has overcome many obstacles to achieve excellence and we're very proud to honor them."
- Supervisor Gloria Molina

The Commission congratulates the 2010 Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship Awardees, Hannah Callebs, Wayne Criner III, Jordan Silveira, and Robin Wolvek and wish them much success in their future endeavors!

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Employee Honored

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan is pleased to announce that RR/CC employee Edward Sumcad was recently named “*Toastmaster of the Year 2009-2010*” by the Founder’s District of Toastmasters. Sumcad was honored during a short ceremony on September 8 at RR/CC headquarters in Norwalk. The award was presented by past Toastmasters Founder’s District Governor, Maira Pineda.



chartered member club of Toastmasters International. RR/CC Logan said, “I am pleased with the formation of the RR/CC Toastmasters Club and of hosting weekly lunchtime meetings so that staff can participate. Toastmasters can do a lot in the way of staff development, personal growth and leadership proficiency. The RR/CC is fortunate to have Edward on staff. He displays fine leadership skills not only in his bringing Toastmasters to the

According to Kris Krishna, Toastmasters Division E Governor,

“The Toastmaster of the Year is an award that is given to an individual at the end of the Toastmaster year who effectively supports the mission of the district through dedication, commitment and significant contributions. My personal congratulations to Edward for this well deserved honor and for his support to Division E members!”

Sumcad, a RR/CC Staff Assistant II for the past three years, has been a member of *LA County Orators Toastmasters Club* since 2008. “As a member of the Toastmasters organization, I saw an opportunity for RR/CC staff to develop and improve skills in leadership and communications, and envisioned the RR/CC having its own Toastmasters club,” said Sumcad. With the support of the Department and the Toastmasters Organization, Sumcad moved forward and *RR/CC Toastmasters Club* quickly formed in the summer of 2009. The *RR/CC Toastmasters Club* has had huge success thanks to Sumcad’s leadership. On April 19, the club was honored as an official “Charter” club allowing it to become a

RR/CC, but in his efforts to bring other similar programs to the department.”

Sumcad presently serves as Vice President of Education for *RR/CC Toastmasters Club*. He now seeks to expand the club by creating a speech craft series of workshops to develop speaking, competing against other County departments, developing and conducting speech contests, and with other community organizations developing a youth program to create leadership opportunities.

Sumcad began his community service at a young age. He volunteered for the County at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center from middle school through college. In high school, he volunteered with South Bay Youth Volunteer Center and in college worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Sumcad says, “community service, developing partnerships and creating public value have always been a big thing with me.”

LACERA Election Results

At its meeting of September 7, the Board of Supervisors approved the results of the July 27 elections for the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA). The Board declared William R. Pryor elected to the office of the Fourth Member, Board of Investments. Mr. Pryor was also elected to the office of the Seventh Member, Board of Retirement and Mr. Shawn R. Kehoe was elected to the office of Alternate Member, Board of Retirement.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
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10-31-2010

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FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER CALL: (909) 599-8411

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ADA NOTICE

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation has designated an ADA Coordinator to carry out this Department's compliance with the non-discriminatory provisions of the ADA. For more information, you may contact the ADA Coordinator's Office, Tel. (213) 738-2970 TDD (213) 427-6118 Fax (213) 487-0380. Upon 3-day request notice, sign language interpreters and related materials in alternative formats (Braille-transcript, large print, audio-record, video-captioning, live description) or other reasonable accommodations are available to the public for County-sponsored activities and events.

RIDING CONDITIONS: COMBINATION OF ROLLING HILLS, SOME SEMI-STEEP HILLS, PAVEMENT AND STREET CROSSINGS AND LEVEL AREAS. THE RIDE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 3.5 HOURS WITH 2 REST STOPS

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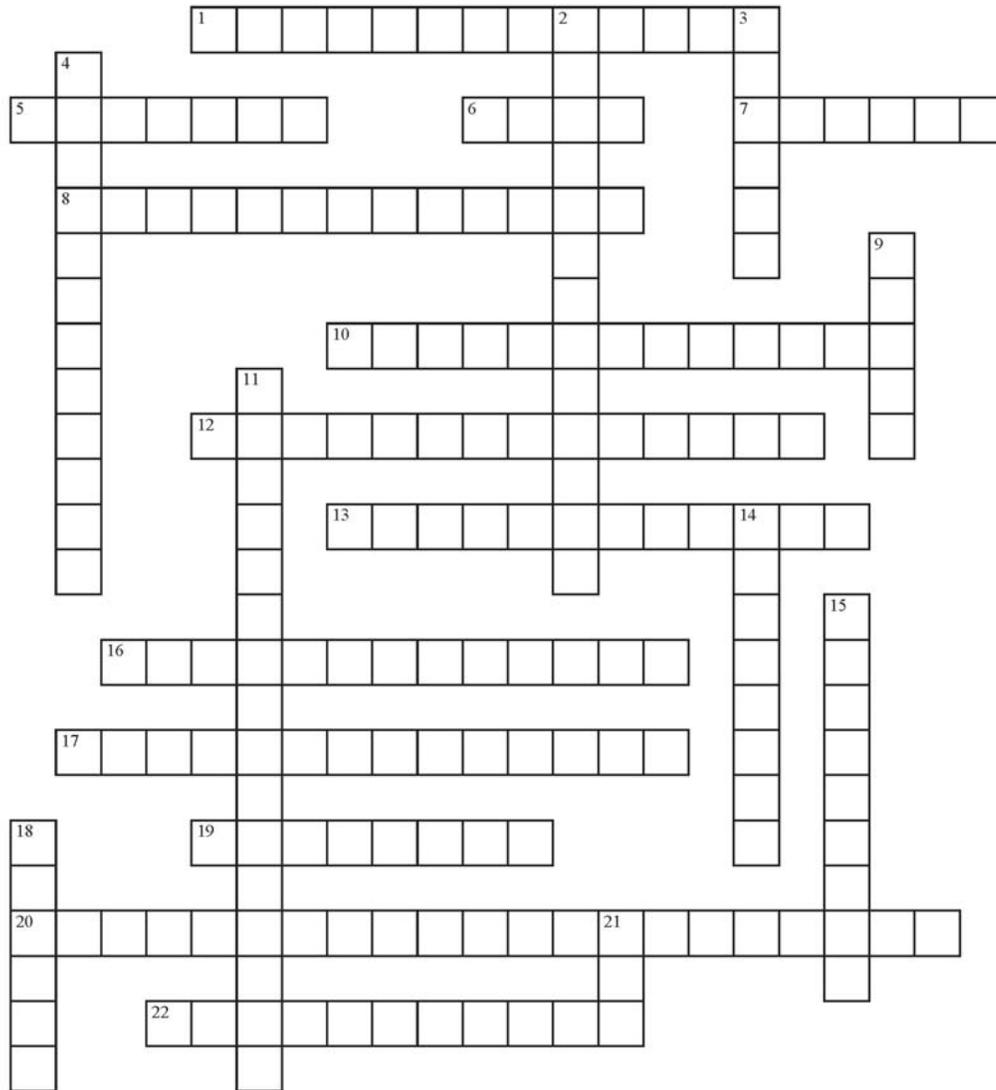
FOR INFORMATION CALL: Vincent Pedroza (909) 599-8411

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST. RESERVATION DEADLINE BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010

Name:		Phone: ()	
Address:		City:	
Number of Trail Ride Tickets @ \$30.00 Per Person:			
Number of Riders:	Number of Non Riders:	Total Enclosed:	

DIGEST Puzzle #5

E-mail your answers to CountyDIGEST@hr.lacounty.gov for a drawing to have your name and photo showcased in the County DIGEST.



ACROSS

- 1 This is the name of the Countywide employee recognition program
- 5 Controller/This County department determines the actual amount of property taxes owed
- 6 The Department of Beaches and Harbors issues how many types of Beach Use Permits
- 7 This city is where the County Fair is held
- 8 Long running Broadway show coming to the Ahmanson Theatre in June
- 10 Home of the LA Philharmonic during the summer season
- 12 Grand prize winner of the Quality and Productivity Awards
- 13 Incoming Director of the Department of Health Services
- 16 Countywide program that allows the surrender of newborns
- 17 Acting Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs
- 19 The County office that ensures appropriate observation of rules when foreign dignitaries visit the County
- 20 Home of the LA Philharmonic during the non-summer season

- 22 Music Center venue named after this actor

DOWN

- 2 PPG 516
- 3 Name of Arnie Quinones' daughter
- 4 This County department grades restaurants
- 9 Name of medal bestowed upon fallen firefighters and safety personnel
- 11 The Department of Public Works operates and maintains three of these along Los Angeles County's coastline
- 14 DHR division that represents departments at Civil Service hearings
- 15 One of five charities in the County's Charitable Giving Campaign
- 18 Name of city where the County's first animal shelter opened on July 1, 1946
- 21 This County department includes Adult Protective Services and WIA Youth Services (abbr.)

All About US



Employees of the County of Los Angeles

LA COUNTY STARS!

August-October Recipients

August 2010



**Service Excellence
and
Organizational Effectiveness:
Consumer Affairs'
Armando Nogal**

Armando Nogal (second from left) is joined by Chief Deputy Tim Bissell, Armando's parents, Supervisor Molina and Acting Director Rigoberto Reyes



LA COUNTY STARS! serves to recognize employee performance reflective of the County's mission statement and values. Under **LA COUNTY STARS!**, Board staff, management and non-management employees, individuals, and teams may be recognized. Board Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Chief Executive Officers, Department Heads, and Chief Deputies are not eligible to be nominated.

For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources at (213) 893-7810 or visit the Web site at <http://stars.lacounty.gov/>.



September 2010

**Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness:
Probation's
John Thompson**



John Thompson is joined by his family, Supervisor Molina and members of the Probation Department including Chief Probation Officer Donald Blevins (third from right)

October 2010

Team Members:



- John Wei*
- Ki Kim*
- Rony Wirtz*
- Philip Valencia*
- Ben Tong*
- Sonia Alvarado*
- Mauricio Rodriguez*
- Andrew Tran*
- Don Ashton*
- Angie Montes*
- Janet Logan*
- Olga Castaneda*
- Adela Guzman*
- Ivonne Umana*
- Michelle Pangborn*
- Carla Little*
- Leticia De La Torre*

**Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness:
Executive Office of Board of Supervisors'
Electronic Board Letter Submittal Project Team**

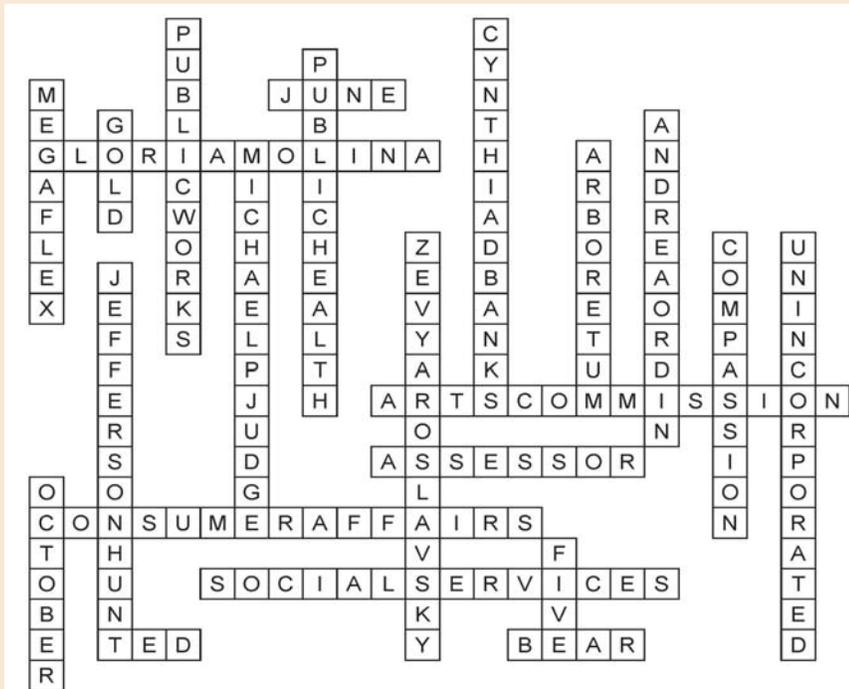
**Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness:
Public Health's
Reptile-associated Salmonellosis (RAS) Working Group**

Team Members:

- Rita Bagby
- Emily Beeler
- Karen Ehnert
- Barbara Holtwick
- Maria Jimenez
- Rosarina Lee Albert
- Rita Mozian
- Roshan Reporter
- Ben Techagaiciyawanis
- Elaine Waldman
- Y. Silvia Walker



Answers to DIGEST Puzzle #4



The winner of the drawing for the DIGEST puzzle #4 is:

Patricia Araki



**Department of
Public Health**

Share It

Watch Out for Government-Look-Alike Scams

Don't be fooled by phony offers that pretend to be from the government, your mortgage lender

When you get your mail, nothing catches your eye quite like an official-looking document, especially letters that look like government notices, bills, or time-sensitive warnings. But beware of official-looking documents, as they may be traps to get you to buy phony services, or give up your personal private information. That's right - these fake letters have become popular ways for dishonest companies to profit at your expense in these hard economic times. Here is a list of some common deceptive letters you are likely to find in your mailbox. In each case, your County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs warns you to be extra careful when considering these misleading offers:

The Swindle: Phony Property Tax Reassessments – This widespread scam targets homeowners who are concerned that they are overpaying property taxes due to declining property values. Companies send you letters – which look very similar to a tax bill – offering to lower your property taxes by getting your home reassessed. The companies charge you hundreds of dollars for their service, and even impose costly late fees if you don't respond by their fake deadlines.

The Facts: You don't have to pay to get your home reassessed. Your County [Assessor's Office](#) provides this service for free. If you believe your home is worth less than its assessed value, contact the Assessor's Office for help: www.assessor.lacounty.gov or (888) 807-2111. It is illegal for companies to charge you up-front fees for this service. Investigations conducted by Consumer Affairs have shut down some bad companies, but others keep popping up all the time. File a complaint with Consumer Affairs if you paid for this service or received a solicitation.

The Swindle: Real Property Title Compliance - You Must Get "Official" Copies of Your Home Grant Deed – Many homeowners are receiving official-looking letters urging them to request an "official" copy of their Grant Deed in order to prevent foreclosure, prove that they own their home, and to be in "compliance." The catch: You have to pay as much as \$200 for the copies.

The Facts: You should already have a copy of your Grant Deed because the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office mails you a copy when it is originally recorded. And if you need a copy, you can get a copy from your County Registrar-Recorder's Office for about the price of a DVD. A copy of your Grant Deed does not stop a foreclosure if you fall behind on your mortgage payments. For free help with a foreclosure or loan modification, contact Consumer Affairs: www.dca.lacounty.gov or (800) 973-3370.

The Swindle: Mortgage "Protection Plans" - Get One Now or You Will Be at High Risk of Losing Your Home – You just bought your new home so you are extra careful with correspondence from your lender to avoid missing any important notices. So when you receive a "warning" or "last notice" that looks like it is from your lender, you open it right away. The notice urges you to protect your investment by getting a mortgage "protection plan." Believing the notice is from your lender, you fill out the forms and send them back with the mandatory check. Your heart sinks when you later find out that your check went to pay for an expensive life insurance policy that is of little or no value to you.

The Facts: These so called "mortgage protection plans" are nothing but expensive life insurance policies sold by companies that have nothing to do with your lender. With these plans, you pay to insure that your mortgage will be paid off in case you die. You should not buy these life insurance policies before you do your own research, as you may already have enough life insurance coverage. If you decide that you do need a life insurance policy, you should be able to buy a comparable policy for less money than the offer in the "urgent notice" you just got in the mail. The California Department of Insurance licenses and regulates companies that sell insurance policies in California. You can contact them for information, complaint histories, and advice at www.insurance.ca.gov or (800) 927-4357.

Be a wise consumer. Look closely for red alerts that will help you avoid scams. Safeguard your money and personal information. Research companies before you do business with them and if you still are not sure, contact your County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs at www.dca.lacounty.gov or (800) 593-8222.



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