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Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)



FEB Regional CFC Network

"This year, most CFCs in the Network participated in the FEB Joint Purchasing Project to buy brochures & pledge forms, saving a total of \$42,426, compared to 1999, despite a paper-price increase," reports Network & Project Coordinator **Andrea Winkler**. The Greater Los Angeles Federal Employees' CFC achieved the biggest savings of any CFC, \$12,025. "Partnering certainly paid off," Winkler concluded.

Greater Los Angeles Federal Employees' CFC

Your FEB staff has enjoyed participating in local CFC events, such as the **House of Horrors** on 10/21/00.

Federal agencies & CFC non-profits transformed an empty, isolated residence on a wind-swept hill at the Veterans Administration Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center & Nursing Home, into a scary haunt to entertain & educate the public about community problems addressed by the CFC. Over 200 people attended. See www.lacfc.org for event photos.



CFC Coordinators & Keyworkers attending the 10/4/00, Non-Profit Fair with 29 Charities, Lunch with Entertainment, & Raffle at Fort MacArthur rated it one of the best Kickoffs ever. Robert L. Allen of Five Acres, a non-profit that helps children, motivated the audience by sharing how he overcame early obstacles to succeed. "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me & 90% how I react to it," he emphasized.

The IRS-INS Roybal Plaza 10/3/00, Lunch & Learn featured charity speakers & musical entertainment. The 10/4/00, L. A. Air Force Base Breakfast included distinguished speakers, the CFC video, & prizes.

Local Media Feature Feds

Are you surprised that it has been a challenge for your FEB to obtain media coverage portraying Feds positively, e.g., Feds volunteering in our community? In 2000, our efforts have been rewarded with features and event coverage. If you know of published or unpublished community service activities of Feds, especially during non-work hours, we would appreciate your sharing them.

On Sunday, February 20, 2000, the Los Angeles Daily News, with a circulation of several million, published "**Federal Workers Recognized for Volunteer Spirit**," by Community Columnist, Diana Peyton. This article described the FEB Federal Volunteer Corps (FVC) Survey and the volunteer work of FVC members **Mary Ann Cossentine** and **Tony Asejo**, who work for the IRS.

On Sunday, August 27, 2000, the Los Angeles Daily News Community Columnist included the **Fifth Annual Federal Employees Appreciation Day/CFC Dodger Day** in her column. Several children who attended the game as guests of the CFC and who are helped by Children's Hunger Fund, a CFC charity, were interviewed and quoted in the article.

On Sunday, October 1, 2000, the Long Beach Press Telegram featured the FVC Survey and FVC Member **Debbie Kakallis** of U.S. Customs Service in the "Making a Difference" column. "**This Inspiring Spirit Has Bounce**," was the headline. The article included a photo of Debbie volunteering.

Both the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News included the CFC **House of Horrors** publicity event in their event columns on Thursday, October 19, 2000, and Friday, October 20, 2000, respectively. The Signal in Santa Clarita also agreed to list the event. A survey of people attending the haunt indicated many non-Federal employees had learned of the event through these newspapers.

Vacancies

Who? GS-1102-12 Contract Specialists

What? Contracting and Manufacturing Civilian Career Program (CMCCP)

Where? Space & Missile Systems Center (SMC), Air Force Material Command, Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, CA., two miles from the beach and four miles from L. A. International Airport.

When? NOW

How? Visit the SMC web site at <http://www.laafb.af.mil> or contact **Anna Saunders**, SMC/PKXM, 310-363-3979, Anna.Saunders@LOSANGELES.AF.MIL.



SMC researches, develops & purchases military space systems, with \$56 billion in contracts, an operating budget of over \$5.5 billion, & 1,535 military, 989 civilians & 900 contractors worldwide. Major programs include:

- **NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS)* - provides highly accurate, three-dimensional position, velocity and time to a wide variety of US, allied forces, civil and commercial users
- **MILSATCOM* -- a space-based communications system supporting global, joint service military operations
- **Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS)* - a system to meet the nation's need for infrared space surveillance
- **Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV)* - a program to provide national launch capability at reduced cost.

At SMC, people come first. SMC offers flexible work hours, casual dress days & many esprit-de-corps events. With over 140 Career Program positions at SMC, tremendous advancement opportunities exist for outstanding employees. These opportunities will increase as the experienced workforce retires. The Los Angeles annual pay scale for a GS-1102-12 ranges from Step 1 at \$52,946 to Step 10 at \$68,829, and GS-1102-13 ranges from Step 1 at \$62,962 to Step 10 at \$81,848. Some of the services available at Los Angeles AFB include child-care services, discount ticket sales, recreational equipment rental and a sports/fitness facility.

We Applaud

San Luis, AZ Customs Port inspectors, human & canine, seized over 700 pounds of marijuana with a street value of over \$700,000, concealed in a truck coming from Mexico in September.

U.S. Attorney's Office arrested the alleged NASA hacker, who could be convicted & sentenced to 26 years in prison & fines of \$750,000.

At the Long Beach Ice Dogs Professional Hockey Game, 10/14/00, the USPS made the inaugural puck drop. Postal bins were used for the Chuck-A-Puck contest, whose proceeds benefit kids through the Face-Off Foundation.

We Applaud

Local Presidential Rank Award Winners: Distinguished Executive: **Steve Jensen IRS** (retired 9/00); Meritorious Executives: **Alberto Alvarado SBA, Stewart Liff, Philip Thomas, & Ken Clark VA.**

Leadership Long Beach Class of 2001 Member: **Pheakdey Lim**, Business Manager, Surgical HCG, VA Long Beach Healthcare System.

The FBI & U.S. Attorney's Office partnered with Orange County local police to dismantle the county's "most significant Asian-organized crime enterprise," according to **James DeSarno, Jr.**, head of the L.A. FBI office.

ATF undercover Special Agent **William McQueen's** 2 ½-year infiltration of the criminal Mongol biker gang led to arrests for murder, drug dealing, & other felonies. McQueen achieved the longest undercover investigation of motorcycle gang & one of ATF's most extensive operations.

Happy Anniversary Social Security! 175 million Americans have been helped in the last 65 years. www.ssa.gov/history

Edwards Air Force Base 10/21/00, Open House featured legends **Chuck Yeager**, combat ace & test pilot flying over 200 different planes & breaking the sound barrier in 1947, & **Joe Engle**, only pilot to fly the X15 rocket & the space shuttle into space & to manually fly the shuttle out of orbit to land.

Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) is a CFC agency) gave scholarships to the offspring of the following Feds, whose agencies, locations, and children's schools follow:

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| Joseph Blum | VA | S.Barbara | Harvard |
| Linda Burgum | Navy | S.Diego | Whitman |
| Karen Butler | IRS | Oxnard | UCLA |
| Jon Chattin | Navy | S.Diego | UCSB |
| Robt. Chen | DefCont | Carson | Pomona |
| Yatsun Cho | Army | LA | CaState(self) |
| Louie Cross | INS | S.Diego | UCD Law |
| Chu Dang | USPS | Hunt. Bch. | Stanford |
| James Fouch | ForstSrv | N. Fork | UCSB |
| John Heibel | Navy | S.Diego | NotreDame |
| D. Heistuman | Navy | Seal Bch. | CaState(self) |
| Donald McKay | Navy | Lemoore | CaStateSLO |
| Tonya Mitchell | IRS | LA | GoldnGate(self) |
| Larry Riehn | DefLog | S.Diego | UCBerk. |
| L. Witherspoon | NatlSrv | S.Diego | USDiego |

Andrew Cuomo, HUD Secretary, spoke to the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce National Leaders 2000 Luncheon Series on affordable housing September 25.

HUD named Shelter Partnership's Resource Bank a Local Winner at the 2nd annual Best Practices Awards. Shelter Partnership is a local nonprofit organization serving L. A. County in developing housing & resources for the homeless.



Census Success

"The nation ended a three-decade decline in response rates; it even reversed that decline...In 1990, (it was) 65%. For 2000, the prediction was that it would be only 61%...The 67% response rate is an unexpected, extraordinary public achievement," noted Kenneth Prewitt, Census Bureau Director. Most of the 15 **most populous** U.S. cities and counties equaled or exceeded their 1990 response rates. The following highlights our FEB area:

| <u>City</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>2000</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 15 Most Populous Group | | |
| Los Angeles | 60% | 64% |
| San Diego | 67% | 73% |
| Phoenix | 60% | 64% |

| 16 Highest Achievers of 100 Most Populous | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Huntington Beach | 70% | 77% |
| Glendale | 70% | 76% |
| Santa Ana | 61% | 75% |
| Anaheim | 64% | 75% |
| San Diego | 67% | 73% |

| 14 with Greatest Change of 100 Most Populous | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Santa Ana | 61% | 75% |
| Anaheim | 64% | 75% |
| Riverside | 64% | 72% |
| Huntington Beach | 70% | 77% |

| <u>County</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>2000</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 15 Most Populous Group | | |
| Los Angeles | 64% | 70% |
| Maricopa (Phoenix) | 62% | 65% |
| San Diego | 68% | 73% |
| Orange | 69% | 76% |
| San Bernardino | 63% | 68% |

| 17 Highest Achievers of 100 Most Populous | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Orange | 69% | 76% |
| Ventura | 76% | 76% |

| 19 with Greatest Change of 100 Most Populous | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Orange | 69% | 76% |
| Riverside | 59% | 65% |
| Kern | 60% | 66% |
| Los Angeles | 64% | 70% |

•At 70%, California had the 11th highest state return rate and was ranked first with the greatest change over 1990 at 5%.

Some results for less populous local cities follow:

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|--------------|-----|-----|
| Long Beach | 63% | 69% |
| Carson | 69% | 77% |
| Compton | 49% | 65% |
| Los Alamitos | 69% | 79% |

Kudos to our local Census staff for outstanding work!

Promise & Peril Los Angeles County Quiz

- Los Angeles County (LAC) is the nation's a. 1st, b. 2nd, c. 3rd, or d. 4th, largest metro area.
- How many LAC residents have no health insurance? a. 700,000, b. 1.3 million, c. 2 million, or d. 2.7 million
- LAC is the world's a. 10th, b. 18th, c. 29th, or d. 40th largest economy.
- The percentage of LAC adults who have not completed high school is a. 17%, b. 26%, c. 33%, d. 41%.
- Between 1974 & 1995, gang-related deaths dropped by a. 11%, b. 28%, c. 44%, or d. 69%.
- The number of homeless people in LAC is a. 532,000, b. 387,000, c. 236,000, d. 98,000.
- LAC median income is a. 23%, b. 19%, c. 14%, or d. 9% higher than the US median.
- The largest single cause of death for LAC teens is a. accidents, b. suicide, c. homicide, or d. disease.
- Between 1994 and 1998, LAC welfare recipients declined by a. 5%, b. 11%, c. 17%, or d. 22%.
- LAC adults lacking adequate literacy skills: a. 8%, b. 16%, c. 27%, or d. 34%.
- In the 1996 election, voters increased to a. 53%, b. 65%, c. 72%, or d. 80% of those registered.
- LAC students score in the a. highest, b. middle, or c. lowest third of national test scores.
- Air quality in LAC has a. grown worse, b. stayed the same, or c. improved.
- Personal bankruptcies at a. the lowest level in 10 years, b. at an all time high, or the same as 10 years ago.



Answers are on Page 4. 12 to 14 Correct: Apply for the Millionaire show; 8 to 11 Right: Average; Fewer than 7 Correct: Maybe you don't work or live in LAC.

"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it! Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it." Goethe

Red Ribbons

The last week in October each year commemorates DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena's 1985 death in the line of duty. Millions of Americans wear red ribbons to symbolize their commitment to a drug-free America and to support DEA's **Demand Reduction** prevention program, which:

1. provides timely, accurate, & persuasive information to various audiences to build support for effective drug enforcement,
2. educates the public about drug abuse dangers & effects on the nation,
3. contacts community leaders, parents, counselors, & workers about implementing drug prevention and education programs.

Each of DEA's 22 field offices has a Special Agent who serves as Demand Reduction Coordinator (DRC) for community outreach. In 2000, the focus has been on these objectives:

1. **Raising Public Awareness** by educating opinion & community leaders through programs, such as the MET (Mobile Enforcement Teams) II Initiative, which trains leaders during regional two-day seminars & follow-up contacts by the DRCs. The **Bureau of Justice Assistance** & the National Crime Prevention Council partnered with the DRCs on this effort.
2. **Providing Support for Parents** through local training sessions conducted by DRCs, often at Boys & Girls Clubs or faith-based organizations.
3. **Educating School Children** & adults working in schools & youth organizations, by supplying drug prevention programs & materials, such as videotapes & publications, like "GET IT STRAIGHT! The Facts about Drugs," for teens. Partners include Law Enforcement Explorers, DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), & Boys & Girls Clubs.

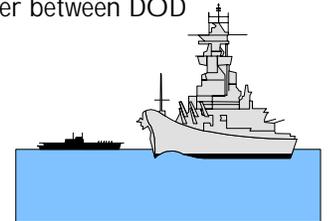


4. **Establishing Drug-Free Work Environments** through outreach to employers & Chambers of Commerce. DRCs provide seminars that help employers understand the damaging business effects of employee drug use. "THE EMPLOYER'S GUIDE TO A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE," is an example of a publication DRCs provide to business owners.

See www.usdoj.gov/dea/demand/demand.htm for details on this excellent community service program.

PARTNERING

Department of Defense (DOD) Transportation Command just gave \$3.75 million to support a chartered university center at California State University at Long Beach, the Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies (CCDoTT), a government-academic-commercial partnership, including the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration. Their Agile Port/High Speed Sealift Demonstration project models sealift operations for rapid military emergency deployment with minimal commercial disruption, using advanced technology transfer between DOD and commercial industry.



The VA Long Beach Healthcare System was one of two VA facilities chosen to share best practices in caring for the disabled with visiting South Korean veterans' medical officials. They looked at areas, such as the spinal cord injury/disorder center, the largest in the VA, in planning long-term care units in South Korea.

Answers: **Promise & Peril L A C Quiz:**

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| 1. a. | 2. d. | 3. b. | 4. b. | 5. c. | 6. c. | 7. c. |
| 8. c. | 9. c. | 10. c. | 11. b. | 12. c. | 13. c. | 14. b. |