

ORANGE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

ITEM III. C.

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Air Quality Report

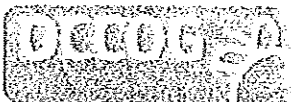
Summary: An update on air quality issues of importance to OCCOG and the region is provided.

Recommendation: Receive report.

Attachment: October 2004 Report

Staff Contact: Annabel Cook, Regional Issues Consultant - (714) 571-5844

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AIR QUALITY UPDATE
October 2004

SCAQMD Announced Project to Reduce Truck Idling

The SCAQMD, along with federal air quality officials, has announced the region's first project to reduce toxic diesel emissions from idling big-rig trucks by providing "plug-in" power at a truck stop along Interstate 5. The United States EPA is supporting the project by providing \$100,000 to the SCAQMD, which is requesting Board provide \$100,000 in matching funds. The combined funding will be used to install plug-in power devices in 20 spaces at a truck stop on I-5 in Los Angeles County.

The initiative is part of the U.S. EPA's I-5 Truck Idle Reduction Project, a voluntary, cooperative effort between government agencies to create an idle-free corridor along the west coast. The truck project is part of the umbrella West Coast Diesel Emissions Reductions Collaborative, a voluntary effort led by EPA to reduce diesel pollution from ports, railroads, trucks and agricultural sources. In the SCAQMD region, truck stops generate approximately 750 tons of NOx and 11 tons of PM emissions annually. By providing plug-in power, this project is expected to reduce a total of 105 tons of NOx emissions and 2.7 tons of PM over a 10-year period.

SCAQMD Opens First Hydrogen Highway Network Fueling Station in Southern California

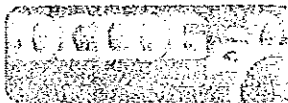
The SCAQMD opened one of the first hydrogen fueling stations accessible to the public at its headquarters of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). This station is among the first of 13 hydrogen-fueling stations co-funded by the SCAQMD and slated for construction in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. These stations will provide fuel for hydrogen-powered fuel cell and internal-combustion engine vehicles used in fleet demonstrations throughout the region.

OCCOG's Subregional Work Program Sponsored by the SCAQMD

OCCOG continues its work with the SCAQMD, a partnership started in 2002 that provides OCCOG with funding to develop a model air quality element and to provide outreach assistance to local governments in the subregion. Through this funding the following has occurred:

- A draft model air quality element (MAQE) was developed by OCCOG and Western Riverside COG. The MAQE has been distributed to cities and other interested parties for review and comment, and a final MAQE will be distributed to local governments. The MAQE can be considered by cities and counties as a tool to assist local communities address air quality issues. Adoption of MAQEs by local governments is **entirely voluntary**. OCCOG will host a workshop to present the MAQE.
- The OCCOG Alternative Fuel Vehicle and Infrastructure Program is continuing, with a recent workshop being provided on Moyer Funding. Any OCCOG member agency may request support and assistance under this program

For additional information on air quality issues, please contact Annabel Cook at (714) 571-5844.



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ITEM IV. A.

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Approve OCCOG Bylaws Amendment

Summary: At the August 26, 2004, OCCOG General Assembly, OCCOG staff brought forward one potential OCCOG Bylaws amendment for consideration by the OCCOG General Assembly Delegates. This potential amendment provides technical "clean-up" language for the Bylaws' section pertaining to OCCOG Board Member alternates. Specifically, the amendment would occur within Article V, Section 5.1.D. and would eliminate the word "city" from line three, allowing any Board Member to select an alternate from his or her Selection Pool. Although this has been the practice of OCCOG Board Members, this technical language "clean-up" will provide greater clarity.

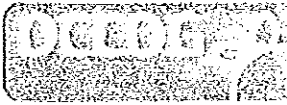
This recommended Bylaws amendment was considered by the General Assembly with no objections raised and is now forwarded as a formal Bylaws amendment recommendation to the OCCOG Board, which can adopt the amendment by a majority vote.

Recommendation: Approve the OCCOG Bylaws amendment as recommended by the OCCOG General Assembly.

Attachment: Pertinent Section of the OCCOG Bylaws Recommended by the 2004 OCCOG General Assembly for Amendment

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Pertinent Section of the OCCOG Bylaws Recommended by the 2004 OCCOG General Assembly for Amendment

Article V. Board of Directors

5.1 Representation.

A. The Members shall exercise the powers and functions of OCCOG through its representatives on the Board of Directors. Concurrent with membership on the OCCOG Board, each voting Member of the Board shall be an Elected Official of a Member Agency. Voting Members of the OCCOG Board shall serve the OCCOG Members as a whole, and shall represent no special group or interest.

B. Members of the OCCOG within each Selection Pool designated under Section 4 of the Agreement shall appoint representatives to the OCCOG Board of Directors from the respective Selection Pool. Members of the OCCOG within each Selection Pool shall designate a Chairperson to coordinate the selection of the OCCOG Board Members pursuant to the process described in this Article. No Member of the Board may serve as the appointee of more than one Selection Pool simultaneously. Selection Pools include the following:

- (1) Members of the Orange County Division, League of California Cities
- (2) County of Orange
- (3) Orange County Transportation Authority
- (4) Members of the Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies
- (5) Members of the County Sanitation Districts of Orange County
- (6) Members of Orange County ISDOC/Water Agencies
- (7) Orange County Cities Representative to AQMD
- (8) County of Orange Representative to AQMD
- (9) Twelve Pools of Cities in SCAG District Nos. 12-22 and 64
- (10) County of Orange Representative to SCAG
- (11) At-large Orange County Cities Member
- (12) Private Sector (non-voting representative)
- (13) Universities (non-voting representative)

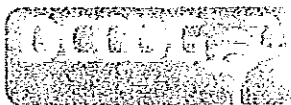
C. Each Board seat becomes activated when the Selection Pool as described includes one or more active Members of the OCCOG. A non-activated Board seat shall not count toward the total voting membership of the Board.

D. Each Board Member may also appoint one Alternate to serve on the OCCOG Board in the absence of the appointed Board Member, provided that the Alternate Member is an Elected Official from a Member Agency within the same Selection Pool. The Alternate shall be designated | within ten (10) days of the appointment of the Board Member. Designated Alternates shall receive all notices and written material as do Board members.

E. Names of Board Members shall be communicated to the Board in writing by the Chair of the Selection Pool. Board Members shall provide the name of their designated Alternate to the Board in writing within ten (10) days of the appointment of the Board Member.

F. Board Members and Alternate Board Members shall serve until a successor is appointed.

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ITEM V. A.

STAFF REPORT

Subject: California Air Resources Board's Draft Air Quality Handbook on Land Use

Summary: The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has been working for the past 18 months to develop a Draft Air Quality Handbook on Land Use that will offer local governments guidance on evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects. CARB's concern is focused on the siting of projects that have incompatible land uses and, therefore, may expose people to high levels of air pollution, including toxic and cancer-causing contaminants. An example of this in the extreme is the siting of a highly-polluting oil refinery within several hundred yards of a senior center or elementary school. Please see the attached CARB fact sheet.

Although CARB has been developing this draft Handbook for almost two years, very few local governments have been invited to participated or involved in the process. Many local governments are concerned that the draft Handbook, although only guidance, may impact mixed-use programs or housing development efforts. Please see the attached paper by Ken Farfsing, City Manager of Signal Hill, who was one of the few local government representatives invited to participate in the review of the earlier drafts of the Handbook.

Recently, CARB has scheduled a series of workshops to solicit comments on the draft Handbook itself and the issues it addresses. OCCOG representatives have attended the workshops and have asserted OCCOG into the Handbook development process. At this time, CARB has indicated that, due to the concerns that local governments have raised, the draft Handbook will require a major re-write and that local governments will play a major role in future efforts.

The OCCOG Air Quality Working Group will be more thoroughly reviewing the draft Handbook and its edits over the next few months and may make recommendations to the OCCOG Technical Advisory Committee and, ultimately, the OCCOG Board regarding potential OCCOG comments on the draft Handbook.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Attachment: 1. CARB Fact Sheet on the Draft Air Quality Handbook on Land Use
2. Paper by Ken Farfsing, City Manager of Signal Hill

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Fact Sheet

California Environmental Protection Agency

Air Resources Board

Air Quality Handbook on Land Use

As part of the Air Resources Board's (ARB) Community Health Program, the ARB is developing a draft Air Quality Handbook on Land Use (draft Handbook). The draft Handbook is intended to serve as a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process. The ARB is also developing related information and technical evaluation tools for addressing cumulative impacts in a community. They will be available through the ARB's Internet site or in the form of future supplements.

The draft Handbook is an informational document with recommendations that are not requirements or mandates for land use agencies or local air districts. It describes tools that can be used to support land use decision-makers in addressing the potential for cumulative emissions, exposure, and health risk.

The draft Handbook builds upon California's General Plan Guidelines that are being revised and updated by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). The OPR Guidelines inform local governments on the land use planning process and explain California's legal requirements for General Plans.

The draft Handbook is being developed with the help of a group of interested stakeholders convened by the ARB. The stakeholder group is comprised of representatives from local land use and air agencies, community interest groups, and business.

The draft Handbook describes the air quality-land use relationship, and the roles and responsibilities of State and local agencies in the land use decision-making process, including the role of school districts. It discusses concepts and possible approaches for evaluating and addressing site-specific and cumulative air pollution impacts. It also identifies evaluation and mapping tools that the ARB is developing and actions that it is taking to reduce cumulative air pollution impacts within its authority. Finally, the draft Handbook provides a menu of approaches that are geared to elicit more public involvement in the decision-making process as well as options to consider in making all of California's communities a healthier place to live.

Next Steps

ARB staff intends to present the draft Handbook to its Board in December. In order to meet this deadline, a final draft Handbook will be available for public review and comment in November. However, the ARB is interested in getting your perspective on the draft Handbook and invites you to take this early opportunity to comment. In order to be reflected in the November final draft, we encourage you to submit your comments by October 14, 2003. However, all comments received prior to the December 11-12, 2003 Board meeting will be considered.

For More Information

The draft Handbook is available on ARB's website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/ch.htm>. You may also call the ARB's Public Information Office at (916) 322-2990. You may also obtain this document in an alternative format by contacting ARB's ADA Coordinator at (916) 322-4505 (voice); (916) 324-9531 (TDD, Sacramento area only); or (800) 700-8326 (TDD, outside Sacramento).

For more information regarding the draft Handbook, please contact Dr. Linda Murchison, Assistant Division Chief of ARB's Planning and Technical Support Division, at (916) 322-5350. You may also contact Ms. Lucille van Ommering at (916) 323-0296, or e-mail her with your comments at lvanomme@arb.ca.gov.

Local Government Issues to Consider When Developing Site Criteria for Localized Air Pollution Sources

By
Ken Farfsing
City Manager, Signal Hill
October 4, 2004

The Gateway Cities region (Southeast Los Angeles County) suffers from some of the worst air pollution in the State, primarily a result of the unprecedented growth of the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Diesel particulate pollution is a major concern, with the major sources being rail service to the ports, trucks on the region's freeways and highways, large warehouse complexes, intermodal terminals and other trade related operations, including air pollution from bunker fuels used by the ships.

The cities appreciate the efforts of the Air Resources Board (ARB) in recognizing the importance of the cumulative effects of air pollution from both mobile and stationary sources. The Gateway cities have struggled with major regional air pollution issues, including the development of a regional air quality element. We have also educated and engaged our communities in strategies to improve air quality – including implementing the Diesel Toxins Reduction Program, which is removing older diesel trucks from our local highways. Several of our State legislators are extremely active in dealing with the impacts of this air pollution.

Localized air pollution sources are intertwined with housing and other sensitive sites, reflecting the historic development patterns of our region since the 1920's. The Gateway Cities is an appropriate "case study" for the difficulty of regulating localized air quality in the existing urban areas statewide.

Summary

California's cities face a variety of competing priorities and policies – some set at the State level. Many of these mirror local government priorities and policies. Reducing localized air quality impacts is one of many priorities and policies. Cities struggle to balance goals for Brownfield development, mixed use and

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transit-oriented development and smart growth. The following statement attempts to summarize the challenges faced by local government:

"How do cities balance the goals of creating affordable housing and employment opportunities close to home, revitalizing abandoned and neglected former industrial and strip-commercial sites, reducing traffic congestion and improving the over-all quality of life, including the goal of eliminating community exposure to source-specific and cumulative air impacts."

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The following suggestions are offered to assist the ARB in providing the balance necessary to achieve multiple State and local goals:

- It will be easier to develop planning guidelines for new development on the outskirts of urban areas. The ARB may want to consider guidelines for "new" and "infill" development.
- It will be difficult to develop guidelines for "infill" development in California's major urban areas. Past planning and development practices are difficult to correct. Sensitive sites are intertwined with localized sources of air pollution. Cities are crisscrossed by freeways, rail lines and highways, constructed before the recognition of the health impacts of these facilities. Flexibility, time and incentives will be required to improve localized air quality.
- There is a housing crisis in California. The ARB will have to balance the costs and practicality of the new guidelines, with the need to construct housing.
- Sites for new urban housing are difficult to find. They are most often located in marginal industrial, brownfield and strip-commercial areas. These areas may also contain historic air pollution sources. If properly planned, these sites represent a major opportunity for urban revitalization and improved air quality.
- The ARB will have to balance the cost and practicality of the guidelines on jobs and the local economy.

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- Cities want to work with the ARB to reduce and eliminate the major sources of air pollution in the region, including local sources. Local programs, like the Diesel Toxins Reduction Program, should be financially supported by ARB.
- The ARB should not adopt policies designed to reduce localized air quality impacts, which work against more important regional goals.

Past Planning Practices Are Difficult to Correct

Urban areas have grown up around the rail lines and highways. Rail lines have crisscrossed California since the 1870's. Planning for the State's major highways and arterial streets began in the 1920's, with the popularity of the automobile. Miles of streets were zoned for "strip commercial" – before the advent of the shopping mall.

Large areas for manufacturing of cars, airplanes and consumer products were planned during World War II and in the post-war years. Rail lines and highways were extended

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to serve these areas. Residential neighborhoods followed industry, providing much needed housing for workers and returning GI's. In the 1950's, cities like Lakewood or Downey (100,000 population) seemed to sprout overnight from agricultural areas.

The Interstate Highway System came into being in the 1950's, as State planners cut freeways through residential neighborhoods, schools, parks and business areas. The freeway was constructed with no environmental review – since NEPA and CEQA did not yet exist – there was little cities could do to appropriately mitigate freeway impacts. The 1970's saw the growth of the shopping malls, adversely impacting miles of strip-commercial properties.

Other large economic factors were underway as well. A silent economic transformation has been unfolding in Los Angeles County, speeding up in the 1990's – as the are transformed from manufacturing to a "trade" based economy.

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Large factories have been vacated, no longer economically viable. Local cities are faced with the pressures of converting manufacturing areas to warehousing and distribution terminals, serving the worldwide economy. A full one-third of nation's trade moves through the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. As a result, site with sensitive individuals are intertwined with local air pollution sources in large areas of our communities.

The Housing Crisis in California – Housing Mandates

California's housing crisis is well documented. The State is in the 12th consecutive year of under-producing housing units, moving further away from the healthy jobs/housing balance that is critically needed. Underlying this housing crisis is a series of complex socio-economic factors that have worked together to produce an annual shortage of 100,000 housing units statewide. The California Department of Finance estimates that the State needs to add 250,000 units annually to keep up with demand.

Cities are required by State housing law to provide an adequate number of sites for the development of all types of new housing, including housing for low and very-low income families. These housing requirements are carried out through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. For example, the cities in Southeast Los Angeles County are mandated to construct 15,839 new units from 1998-2005. Over 6,550 of these units must be for low or very-low income households. It appears that the region will only construct about ½ of the requirement, even despite some healthy housing unit production in several of the Gateway Cities.

Difficulty in Finding Suitable Sites

Since California's major urban areas were developed by the 1970's, they are now in the difficult process of redevelopment, reinvention and revitalization. More is know about the health effects of major urban sources of air pollution – like freeways and rail lines.

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However, health effects are only one of many competing priorities that cities must balance.

Land acquisition costs are a major component driving housing affordability. Since much of the urban area is already developed, finding vacant sites is akin to finding the "needle in the haystack." Residential developers (and school districts) are forced to review former factory sites, industrial brownfields and strip commercial properties, no longer economically viable. Many of these sites have residual land values, existing buildings to purchase, tenants to relocate and higher environmental "clean up" costs. For example, \$2 per square foot in costs can be added to properties for clean up in former industrial or brownfield sites. These areas often contain adjacent local sources of air pollution, which have existed there.

Jobs-Housing Balance

The difficulty in finding suitable housing sites in urban areas, combined with the high costs of land and housing construction, have made residential development on the urban fringes more economically viable for developers and home purchasers. Job creation in the urban fringes has lagged far behind housing production. Traffic congestion, increased air pollution and long commute times are only three of the impacts of the jobs/housing imbalance.

Localized Sources of Air Pollution Are Diverse and Widespread Over the Urban Landscape

The ARB lists hundreds of uses as having the potential to create localized air pollution impacts. Shopping centers, schools and universities, employment centers, sports areas, airports, ports, transportation corridors, freeways, rail yards, intermodal facilities, truck stops and warehouses are listed for their potential to generate mobile sources of localized air pollution. Urban uses are equally as numerous. ARB lists hundreds of commercial and industrial uses – such as dry cleaners, gas stations, auto body shops, furniture repair, film processing, printing shops, manufacturers, metal platers, welders, metal spray, chemical producers, furniture manufacturing, assembly plants and industrial machinery manufacturing. Other diverse uses, such as rock crushing and cement plants, recycling stations and research and development facilities are listed as well. All of these uses generate jobs for Californians.

Sensitive Sites – Frequented by Sensitive Individuals – Are Equally Diverse and Widespread Over the Urban Landscape – Recommended Distance Separation Will Be Difficult to Achieve

The ARB lists schools, all types of housing, day care centers, playgrounds, hospitals, youth centers and elder care centers as sensitive sites. All of these contain individuals

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who may be sensitive to localized air pollution impacts. These sites are equally diverse and widespread over the urban areas.

The ARB has listed the following distance separation recommendations in draft documents for local planning agencies to consider when making development decision on sensitive sites and localized sources of air pollution. Development projects would be reviewed and additional mitigation measures developed or project potentially would be denied. The following is a partial list.

| <u>Local Source of Air Pollution Receptor</u> | <u>Distance to Sensitive</u> |
|--|------------------------------|
| Rail Yards | 1 mile |
| Intermodal Facilities | 1 mile |
| Ports | 1 mile |
| Roadways with over 20,000 ADT/ Diesel trucks | 1000 feet |
| Truck Stop (150 ADT) | 1000 feet |
| Cold Storage Distribution Center (100 Trucks) | 1000 feet |
| Chrome platers | 500 feet |
| Freeways | 500 feet |
| Dry Cleaner | 300 feet |
| Gas Station | 50 feet |

The Practicality and Costs of Mitigation Measures Must Be Weighed

Cities have limited mitigation measures to deal with these pre-existing transportation corridors and other major localized sources of air pollution – such as rail yards and industrial complexes. Some mitigation measures suggested by the ARB in draft publications have been historically used by cities. For example, cities require dust control during project grading operations. Cities have historically relied on project walls to separate out incompatible uses. Other mitigations and options are the following:

Deny Projects: One option is to deny projects – residential, commercial and industrial – desiring to locate within the distance separation criteria. How practical is this option, when weighed against other State and local policies that encourage housing and job creation? What would be the overall costs and

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benefits of this approach? Would this approach worsen the jobs/housing problems in California?

Develop Mitigation Measures for New Development in Newly Developing Communities: The ARB could pursue mitigations in new developing areas – where green belts and distance separation standards can be more reasonably accommodated. Developing separate truck routes away from sensitive uses makes more sense in newly developing areas. Prohibiting the location of residential uses “downwind” of future industrial areas makes sense when considering the general planning for a newly developing community.

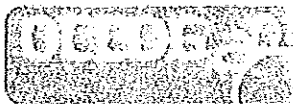
Develop Mitigation Measures and Incentives for Existing Urban Areas: The ARB could pursue project mitigation measures in urbanized areas. The mitigation measures will have to be carefully proposed, to balance other housing and job creation policies. For example, prohibiting residential uses “downwind” from existing industrial areas might require the ARB to fund a land grant program, since this policy might adversely affect the reuse of property and property values.

Limiting “Mixed Use Housing” and “Transit Oriented Development”: Cities are concerned that ARB guidelines would restrict combined housing and commercial projects, as well as transit oriented development

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projects. ARB policies are better directed to the sources of air pollution – such as providing clean diesel engines in trucks and locomotives – instead of driving housing development further from transportation corridors. The same approach would apply to mixed-use developments, as the ARB should continue its efforts to regulate vehicular exhaust.

Impractical, Difficult to Enforce and Illegal Mitigation Measures: The ARB should carefully consider the practicality of suggested mitigation measures, including their ease of enforcement. For example, how practical is it to install project landscaping prior to project grading? How easily can a police officer enforce a “reduction in truck idling” in a supermarket’s parking lot? How will cities be able to limit the amount of gasoline sold in a gas station adjacent to a residential use? Cities may not be able to impose certain mitigation measures based on their legality. Can cities require project developers to purchase low emission vehicles? Uniform building codes may be a better solution for improving ventilation and filtering systems in buildings for sensitive uses – like senior centers. These questions and issues point to the importance of understanding the impacts of ARB’s proposed development project mitigation measures.



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ITEM V. B.

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Report on Federal Advocacy

Summary: In September 2004, several representatives of OCCOG traveled to Washington D.C. to continue OCCOG's advocacy for federal funding of projects important to OCCOG members. Specifically, OCCOG is seeking funding for water quality education programs and for a continuation of the Reduce Orange County Congestion Program.

Vice Chair Richard Dixon and Board Member Debbie Cook, along with OCCOG staff, will provide an update on OCCOG's federal advocacy efforts and next steps.

Recommendation: Receive report.

Attachment: None

Staff Contact: Michael Gold, Deputy Director, (714)972-0077

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ITEM V. C.

STAFF REPORT

- Subject:** Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Outreach
- Summary:** OCCOG held its first of two workshops regarding Proposition 40 funds that are available through the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for cities and county areas within the RMC watershed. The first workshop, held on October 13, 2004, at Boisseranc Park in the City of Buena Park, was targeted at city representatives and was well attended with over 30 attendees including staff from nine of the 10 cities in the watershed, the County of Orange and three elected officials – Council Member Bev Perry, Council Member Norm Eckenrode and Council Member Marilyn Poe. The second workshop, scheduled for November 2004, will include local government representatives as well as other RMC stakeholders, including state agencies and non-profit organizations.
- Recommendation:** Receive report.
- Attachment:** None
- Staff Contact:** Matthew Henkes, Policy Analyst, (714) 972-0077

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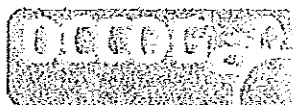
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ITEM V. D.

STAFF REPORT

- Subject:** Reduce Orange County Congestion Program
- Summary:** Staff has been working with representatives from the Federal Highway Administration to expedite the process of receiving authorization to begin work on the five ROCC Program projects that have been selected for this funding cycle. The Federal Highway Administration representatives have agreed to consider OCCOG's request and attempt to give OCCOG special status/consideration. The next steps in the process include: working with FHWA to allocate the funds; working with CalTrans to obligate the funds; executing contracts with the five sponsoring agencies; and providing Notices to Proceed to project managers.
- Recommendation:** Receive report.
- Attachment:** None
- Staff Contact:** Matthew Henkes, Policy Analyst, (714) 972-0077

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ITEM V. E.

STAFF REPORT

Subject: OCCOG Chair Update

Summary: The OCCOG Chair will provide a report to the OCCOG Board of Directors.

Recommendation: Receive Report.

Attachment: None

Staff Contact: Annabel Cook, Regional Issues Consultant, (714)972-0077

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PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

SUBJECT: **Legislative Issues and a Review of the Status of the State Budget and State Library Budget**

DATE: November 22, 2004

BACKGROUND

The recent Legislative Alert from the California Special Districts Association is contained in Agenda Item 22.

The State Library notified Placentia Library District that the matching grant portion of the Literacy allocation will be \$29,191.

If the Board wishes to meet with legislators before the beginning of the legislative session in January the appointments should be scheduled as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION

Action to be determined by the Library Board of Trustees.



PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

SUBJECT: Travel Authorization Amendment for California Special Districts Association Workshop, Staying in Compliance, San Diego, December 15, 2004.

DATE: November 22, 2004

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on October 25, 2004 the Library Board approved transportation arrangements for the Staying in Compliance, CSDA Workshop in San Diego on December 15, 2004. At this point Trustees Escobosa and DeVecchio and staff members Minter and Goodson are approved to be registered.

Jean Turner has been elected to serve as a Library Trustee effective December 3, 2004 and is available to attend the Workshop on December 15. Staff is recommending that Trustee Turner be added to the list of attendees for this Workshop at a cost of \$170 plus meal expenses.

Trustee Wood was not included in the original authorization because she was not present for the discussion of that Agenda Item. At the October Library Board Meeting Trustee Wood volunteered to be the driver and provide a vehicle.

President Shkoler was approved for participation at the August Board Meeting and requested at the October Board Meeting that his registration be canceled.

RECOMMENDATION

Amend the Travel Authorization from August 23, 2004 to include Trustees Turner and Wood for attending the Staying in Compliance (Brown Act & Conflict of Interest Training) Workshop in San Diego on December 15, 2004.

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

SUBJECT: **Final Adoption of Revision of Job Description for Library Aide to add provision for working at the Check-Out Desk under the direct supervision of a Library Clerk.**

DATE: November 22, 2004

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on October 25, 2004 the Library Board approved as a first reading the amendment of Placentia Library District Policy 2325, Job Description — Library Aide, to add a provision for working at the Check-Out Desk under the direct supervision of a Library Clerk.

The Circulation Supervisor met with the Library Aides on November 17, 2004 and reviewed the changes to the Job Description. No amendments were requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

Final adoption of the amendment of Placentia Library District Policy 2325, Job Description — Library Aide, to add a provision for working at the Check-Out Desk under the direct supervision of a Library Clerk.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Job Description – Library Aide
POLICY NUMBER: 2325

2325.1 A non-exempt clerical classification under the general direction of the Library Director, Manager of Public Services, Manager of Technical Services or the Circulation Supervisor. Shelves library materials and performs basic-level clerical library work in the reference, circulation, technical services, literacy or administration departments.

2325.1.1 Works at the Circulation Desk checking-in library materials and sorting materials for shelving and interlibrary loan.

2325.1.2 Prepares library materials for public use.

2325.1.3 Works at the Circulation Desk checking-out library materials, collecting fines and fees, registering new patrons, renewing patron registrations and assisting patrons with the use of the photocopy machines. These activities will be performed on in the presence of, and under the direct supervision of, a Library Clerk.

2325.1.3 He/she maintains cordial relations with all persons entitled to the services of the District, and refers all public inquiries to the appropriate public service desk.

2325.1.4 He/she seeks to carry into effect the expressed policies of the Board of Trustees.

2325.2 Typical Tasks

2325.2.1 Checks-in library materials on the computer.

2325.2.2 Empties the book drop.

2325.2.3 Sorts and shelves incoming books, audio-visual materials and periodicals.

2325.2.4 Processes new and gift library materials for public use.

2325.2.5 Repairs damaged library materials.



- 2325.2.6** Keeps library materials in order on the shelves when shelving and also when assigned an area to inspect.
- 2325.6.7** Searches for library materials on the shelves as assigned by Library staff.
- 2325.2.8** Runs errands for Library staff.
- 2325.2.9** Retrieves newspapers and magazines from storage areas.
- 2325.2.10** Assists public with unloading gift books and magazines from their cars.
- 2325.2.11** Re-stocks the vending machines.
- 2325.2.12** Sets up and breaks down tables and chairs in the Meeting Room.
- 2325.2.13** Works in Technical Services in support of professional staff.
- 2325.2.14** Recommends policies for public services to the Circulation Supervisor, Manager of Technical Services or Manager of Public Services.
- 2325.2.15** Assists the Friends of Placentia Library volunteers with book store and sorting room activities.

2325.3 Required Qualifications. He/she will possess a high school diploma or the equivalent.

2325.4 Knowledge and abilities:

- 2325.4.1** Ability to file accurately according to library filing rules.
- 2325.4.2** Ability to meet the public with tact and courtesy.
- 2325.4.3** Ability to follow oral and written instructions.
- 2325.4.4** Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, the public and community organizations.
- 2325.4.5** Ability to follow Library policies and procedures.
- 2325.4.6** Ability to organize and manage work flow for self.
- 2325.4.7** Manual dexterity to do book repair and physical processing of new library materials.

2325.5 Physical Demands

2325.5.1 The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the typical tasks of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the typical tasks.

2325.5.1.1 Must possess mobility to work in a standard office setting.

2325.5.1.2 Must possess hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone.

2325.5.1.3 The employee is required to sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects; twist and reach with hands and arms.

2325.5.1.4 The employee is required to stand; walk; and stoop, kneel, or crouch.

2325.5.1.5 The employee must be able to push or pull book carts weighing up to 250 pounds and have the strength to pick up and carry supplies weighing up to twenty pounds.

2325.5.1.6 The employee must be able to see to perform data entry. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.

2325.6 Work Environment

2325.6.1 The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the typical tasks of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the typical tasks.

2625.6.2 Most work is performed in an office setting, although there may be occasional exposure to inclement weather conditions, noise, dust and potentially hazardous materials.

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

SUBJECT: Determine whether to offer an incentive program for selected staff to become certified as Notary Publics, determine what that program will be and set the amendment to the Fines & Fees Policy for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 for public hearing.

DATE: November 22, 2004

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on October 25, 2004 the Library Board of Trustees authorized the addition of Notary Public Services at a cost of \$10.00 per signature and Passport Photographs at a cost of \$10.00 per person. These changes to the Fines & Fees Schedule need to be set for public hearing.

The Board carried forward the discussion of compensation for staff serving as Notary Publics to the November Board Meeting.

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Based on the fact that the Notary Public service is an entrepreneurial activity outside the scope of the Library's Mission Statement (copy included on page 1 of the Agenda), and that staff serving as Notary Publics would need to sit an examination conducted by the State of California and purchase special supplies and equipment, the Library Director recommended that the Board establish a "bonus" for those staff willing to take on the extra responsibility of a 5% addition to their hourly rate of pay, and that the number of authorized staff be limited to four. The estimated personnel cost for the first twelve months, including Social Security/Medicare, if the individuals selected were both passport clerks (one full-time and one half-time), one additional library clerk and one library assistant would be approximately \$5,843. If the training, exam and supply costs were \$300 per person the total first year cost would be approximately \$7,043. This would take 705 notary fees to offset. In the second year it would take approximately 600 notary fees to offset (assuming one change in staff).

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In the last fiscal year the staff processed 6,413 passports. It is reasonable to plan for a notary service that would grow to be equally busy. Because of the potential for this type of growth I am recommending a "fixed" rather than a "floating" bonus system.

Other methods for determining the bonus are possible. A fixed rate could be used, such as \$100 per month, payable at the second pay period each month – this would cost \$5,168.

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If the Board wants to use a "piece rate", such as \$2.00, the Social Security/Medicare will need to be added to that. This will be very labor intensive for the Administrative Assistant because the statistics will need to be collected and certified every two weeks as part of the payroll preparation. If usage turns out to be high then the amount paid will be far in excess of the fixed rates.

Regardless of the payment process used I recommend that it include a provision that if a Notary stays certified and active for thirty-six (36) months or more that they will not be responsible for reimbursing the District for their training, exam(s), equipment and supplies. For those leaving or stopping the service in less than thirty-six (36) months the pro-rated balance of their training, exam(s), equipment and supplies will be deducted from their final paycheck.

According to the provisions of Placentia Library District Policy 1010, amendments must be discussed at the Regular Board Meeting prior to the Regular Board Meeting at which it is adopted. This policy may be waived by a 4/5 vote of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Determine whether to offer an incentive program for staff to become certified as Notary Publics.
2. Determine the structure of the incentive program for staff becoming Notary Publics and adopt as a first reading the amendment of Placentia Library District Policy 2150, Compensation.
3. Authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing for the amendment of the Fines & Fees Schedule to be held at the Library Board Meeting on December 20, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

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PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director

FROM: Wendy Goodson, Administrative Assistant *WJG*

SUBJECT: Telephone System RFP Review

DATE: November 22, 2004

BACKGROUND

Upon approval from the Board to solicit bids for the replacement of the telephone system, the request for proposal was disseminated to eleven vendors throughout North Orange County and as referred by buyerszone.com. Six of the eleven vendors responded with proposals as summarized below:

| Vendor | Cost (incl. tax) |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| E.A.R. Teleconsulting | \$11,332.46 |
| Southern California Teleco | \$13,195.00 |
| Keysolve | \$15,528.80 |
| Inter-Tel | \$19,585.00 |
| TeleExpress | \$21,295.00 |
| Merrill & Associates | \$25,742.67 |

| System Specifications Met: | EARtel | | SoCalTel | |
|--|--------|---|----------|---|
| | Y | N | Y | N |
| Accommodate up to 8 outside lines | X | | X | |
| Accommodate up to 30 telephones | X | | X | |
| Capacity to auto forward to cell phones | X | | X | |
| Ability to maximize storage of numbers and speed dialing on individual phones | X | | X | |
| Headsets and other accessories to maximize staff functionality and ease | X | | X | |
| Wireless capability throughout the library | X | | X | |
| Capability of dedicated lines to specified extensions | X | | X | |
| Ability to access software through Administrative Assistant's computer, not a separate computer | X | | X | |
| Ability to manage changes in timing for public service hours and announcements | X | | X | |
| Ability of prerecorded information/messages to default to times | X | | X | |
| Ease of changing administrative messages | X | | X | |
| Reactivate/reconnect ceiling speakers so that announcements can be heard even if someone is on the phone at the Reference or Circulation Desks | X | | X | |
| Ability to play music from CD on the announcement system | X | | X | |
| | | | | |

| System Specifications Met: | Y | N | Y | N |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Vendor shall ensure that the hardware and software and all of its parts and components are new and unused and deliver, unpack and install the hardware and software at the Placentia Library District. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall provide all implementation services including, without limitation, initializing programs, establishing necessary databases, creating tables, and determining the initial assignment of all station equipment applications, administration levels, and features as required in collaboration with the Placentia Library Administration to include the Library Director, Technical Services Manager and the library's data, voice, and internet vendors to implement fully all features and aspects of the system. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall conduct site visits and inspections as necessary of the Placentia Library District and acknowledge in writing that the installation site is suitable for effective installation and operation of the hardware and software or notify the Placentia Library District, in writing, in what respect the library does not comply with such requirements | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall provide all applicable administration and end-user and operator training of new features and provide periodic refresher classes. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall provide all reference manuals, booklets, pamphlets, and other training materials specific to Placentia Library District. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall provide the ability to remotely administer system from a centralized location. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall demo all old telecommunications hardware and related debris to include wiring and cable from the telephone/electrical workroom at project completion. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall provide emergency service at a preferred labor rate once warranty has expired. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall provide maintenance for a period of 24 months once warranty has expired. | X | | X | |
| Vendor shall perform all work to include installation on Fridays with a completion date of no later than December 22, 2004. | X | | X | |

EVALUATION

References were checked for both prospective vendors. Both vendors were praised for their technical expertise and professional customer service.

RECOMMENDATION:

Award contract to E.A.R. Teleconsulting, Inc., Wilmington, CA.

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*

SUBJECT: **Revise Placentia Library District Policy 3030, Fixed-Asset Accounting, to change the applicable purchase for inclusion for equipment and tools from *more than \$500* to *more than \$5,000* per item.**

DATE: November 22, 2004

BACKGROUND:

Placentia Library District is in the process of preparing its Fixed Asset Inventory as required by Placentia Library District Policy 3030 and the new government accounting/audit rules (GASBY).

The Library Director is requesting that the Library Board change the threshold level for adding equipment and tools to the Fixed Asset Inventory from *more than \$500* to *more than \$5,000*.

The proposed change to Policy 3030 is Attachment A.

The \$5,000 threshold for equipment and tools is currently being used by both the County of Orange and the Buena Park Library District.

This change will significantly simplify the establishment of the Fixed-Asset Inventory and thus reduce the cost of the conversion and maintenance of the system.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In compliance with Placentia Library District Policy 1010.3, Adoption/Amendment/Review of Policies, the Board of Trustees declares the revision of Placentia Library District Policy 3030, Fixed-Asset Accounting, to be an urgent item and it waives the requirement that the revision must be discussed at the Regular Board Meeting prior to the Regular Board Meeting at which it is adopted.
2. Revise Placentia Library District Policy 3030.3.1, Fixed-Asset Accounting, to change the applicable purchase for inclusion in the Fixed-Asset Accounting Schedule for equipment and tools from more than \$500 to more than \$5,000 per item.

Placentia Library District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Fixed-Asset Accounting
POLICY NUMBER: 3030

3030.1 The purpose of this policy is to ensure proper accounting control resulting in the maintaining of accurate financial reports of fixed assets.

3030.2 An accounting, or inventory, of all fixed assets will be conducted on an annual basis. After the conclusion of said inventory, the Library Director will certify its completeness and report the results thereof to the Board of Directors at its regular meeting in August.

3030.3 Applicable purchases for inclusion in said accounting will be the following:

3030.3.1 Equipment and tools that individually have an original total cost of more than \$5,000;

Deleted: \$500

3030.3.2 All land and building acquisitions regardless of price; and,

3030.3.3 Additions or major improvements to the District's service infrastructure.

3030.4 When any item defined in Section 3030.3.1 above is received, a tag with a unique identification number will be affixed to said item, and the number recorded in the permanent inventory records.

3030.5 Permanent inventory records will be maintained in either a paper file or electronic (computer data base) format. Said records will be updated whenever a change in the status of a particular fixed asset occurs (e.g., original purchase, sale, destruction, loss, theft, etc.).

3030.6 Information to be maintained in said inventory records will include at least the following:

3030.6.1 Asset number;

3030.6.2 Description;

3030.6.3 Manufacturer's serial number;



3030.6.4 Storage location;

3030.6.5 Original cost;

3030.6.6 Acquisition date;

3030.6.7 Life expectancy; and,

3030.6.8 Classification code (e.g., office equipment, electronic, etc.).

PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO: Library Board of Trustees
FROM: Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*
SUBJECT: Library Director's Report
DATE: November 22, 2004

I participated in the following activities during the current report period:

- Oct 20 Attended Chamber of Commerce Mixer.
- Oct 23 Saturday manager/passports.
- Oct 24 Attended reception honoring the presentation of the Jewish collection for children and young adults, honoring the Library Trustee service of Sandra Stark, and her gift of additional items for that collection.
- Oct 25 Represented Placentia Library Foundation Board of Directors at the Placentia Legacy (planned giving) brochure meeting with representatives from the Boys & Girls Club, HIS House and the Placentia Founders Society. Each agency has approved participation in the brochure at a cost not to exceed \$750 per agency, and has submitted its portion of the copy to the Boys & Girls Club.
- Library Board meeting.
- Oct 26 Met with Trustee Wood to discuss the Dinsmore dinner and reception.
Met with the Foundation Donor Reception Committee.
- Oct 28 Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.
- Nov 1 Friends Board Meeting.
- Nov 3 Heard presentation at Placentia Round Table Women's Club by author Denise Hamilton, the speaker for the 2005 Friends Annual Meeting.
- Nov 4 Attended Planned Giving Round Table breakfast meeting in Newport Beach with Jean Lasley. Program featured a lecture on new Federal regulations for the design of different types of gift products, presented by a nationally recognized trust attorney.
- Attended the Santiago Library System Council Meeting in Orange. The Directors discussed refunding some money that belongs to the Orange Public Library; participating in the b logistics program to selling discarded books through various internet services; and future plans for the summer reading program.

Attended a retirement luncheon in Orange honoring Library Director CarolAnn Tassios, Yorba Linda Public Library.

Dinsmore retirement dinner. Laranne and Wendy set-up and coordinated the event. Jim and Katie made presentations. Twelve non-management staff members were able to attend through a matching grant provided by the Friends of Placentia Library.

Nov 5-12 Vacation

Nov 13 Visited Los Angeles Flower Market to purchase items for Dinsmore reception.

Saturday manager/passports.

Purchased and made 10 dozen deviled eggs for Dinsmore reception.

Nov 14 Dinsmore reception. Jim, Wendy, Mary and Toby managed the set-up and program. Literacy presented to tutors paperweights honoring the 20th anniversary of the California Library Literacy Program in Placentia.

Nov 16 Called by to the library at 6:30 P.M. to work on a problem with the public printer system.

The following staff meetings were held:

Nov 3 Determined the embroidery design for the new staff shirts. Laranne led a discussion on supervising volunteers.

Nov 17 Reviewed ongoing projects for improving signage and helping users find their way through the building. Received the pricing information for new staff shirts and asked the Safety Committee to develop an incentive program for earning credits toward shirt purchases. Discussed the installation of the new telephone system.

Lunches with staff members:

Oct 21 Wendy Goodson


Oct 28 Toby Silberfarb

Staff/Volunteer welfare issues:

Volunteer Lillian Bart fell in the Friends Bookstore and was taken to the emergency room for several stitches in the back of her head and treatment for a broken thumb. The Bookstore floor tiles have been replaced. The appropriate Workers' Compensation forms were filed.

Librarian (part time) Phyllis Humple was absent for an extended period because of a broken kneecap she received on a vacation. She returned to work on November 17.

Laranne Millonzi and Beatrice Quintanar were absent for medical procedures.

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
 FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager 
 DATE: November 22, 2004

SUBJECT: Program Committee Report for the month of October.

| DEPARTMENT | NUMBER OF PROGRAMS | NUMBER OF ATTENDEES |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>ADULT SERVICES</i> | 1 | 18 |
| <u>TYD Total</u> | 3 | 48 |
| <i>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</i> | | |
| Wed. PM Story Times | 0 | 0 |
| Thurs. AM Story Times | 4 | 172 |
| 3-4 year-old music times | 4 | 143 |
| 5-6 year-old music times | 4 | 99 |
| Lapsits | 4 | 230 |
| Class Visits | 0 | 0 |
| School Visits | 0 | 0 |
| After School Face Painting | 1 | 9 |
| After School Scary Stories | 1 | 13 |
| TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER | <u>18</u> | <u>666</u> |
| YTD TOTAL | <u>87</u> | <u>3,672</u> |

| <i>LITERACY SERVICES</i> | <i>Oct 2004-05</i> | <i>FY 2004-05 YTD</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Tutors | 135 | 218 |
| Total Students | 199 | 210 |
| Total Hours | 1,091 | 5,216j |


For more detailed literacy statistics, see Agenda Item 35, pages 2 of 3 and 3 of 3.

To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
 From: Caroline Gurkweitz, Children's Librarian
 Date: for Board Meeting November 22, 2004
Subject: October Activities in the Children's Department



| TYPE OF PROGRAM | NUMER OF PROGRAMS | TOTAL ATTENDANCE |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Lapsits 2 years and under | 4 | 230 |
| Story Time (a.m.) 3 - 6 year olds | 4 | 172 |
| Music Time 3 - 4 year olds | 4 | 143 |
| Music Time 5 - 6 year olds | 4 | 99 |
| Class Visits | 0 | 0 |
| School Visits | 0 | 0 |
| After School Scary Stories | 1 | 13 |
| After School Face Painting | 1 | 9 |
| Total | 18 | 666 |

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager 

DATE: November 22, 2004

SUBJECT: **Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS) Activities Report for the month of October.**

Tutor Training. The Literacy Coordinator conducted one regular workshop and in October and eighteen tutors were trained, eight teens and eight adults. All new tutors are presently matched or are being matched. The next tutor training is scheduled November 7, 2004.

Families for Literacy (FFL) Program Status. There was no FFL programming in October.

Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP). Recruitment for PRREP continued in October. The Literacy Coordinator conducted PRREP orientations at both El Dorado High School and Valencia High School in October and 61 PRREP volunteers were trained. We are presently matching PRREP tutors with grade school students..

Reach Out and Read On Hold. PLLS's partnership St. Judes Medical Center and the Reach Out and Read Program, a pediatric-based literacy program, is on hold. Our long time volunteer for this outreach, Diane Martlaro, had to stop earlier this year, and our other volunteer, Pettey Peterson, has had to stop. We want to thank both of these volunteers for there many volunteer hours. We will try to recruit volunteers next school year to continue this partnership.

English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) Program Update. ELLI got started again this year in late September. We now have ELLI active this school year at five elementary schools: Glenview, Melrose, Rio Vista, Ruby Drive, and Tynes. We are staffing all five sites with Federal Work Study staff and volunteers, and we have a total of 15 ELLI staff assigned to the schools.

Grant Update. Our grant writers, Machoskie & Associates submitted several letters of inquiry to possible grantors in October.

Literacy statistics. See Agenda Item 37, Pages 2 of 3, and 3 of 3.

Placenta Library Literacy Services

Report of Growth and Progress

| | OCT 03-04 | OCT 04-05 | YTD 03-04 | YTD 04-05 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tutors | | | | |
| Adult | 105 | 67 | 119 | 124 |
| Teen | 65 | 68 | 71 | 94 |
| Hours Instruction | 1,602 | 1,091 | 5,741 | 5,216 |
| Other Volunteer Hours | 48 | 120 | 440 | 360 |
| Total Hours | 1,650 | 1,211 | 5,933 | 5,576 |
| Training Workshops | | | | |
| Workshops Held | 2 | 5 | 9 | 13 |
| Tutors Trained | 22 | 79 | 71 | 118 |
| Students | | | | |
| With Adult Tutors | 118 | 10 | 156 | 118 |
| With Teen Tutors | 64 | 98 | 82 | 92 |
| In Groups | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Total Active Students | 186 | 199 | 246 | 210 |
| Families for Literacy | | | | |
| Family Students | 6 | 6 | 16 | 6 |
| Family Tutors | 6 | 6 | 16 | 6 |
| Hours of Instruction | 36 | 80 | 204 | 160 |
| ELLI Program | | | | |
| K-6th Grade Students | 308 | 45 | 305 | 45 |
| Tutors for K-6th Grade | 12 | 15 | 12 | 15 |
| Hours of Instruction | 588 | 1,410 | 588 | 1,410 |
| Total Tutors | 170 | 135 | 182 | 218 |
| Total Students | 186 | 199 | 239 | 210 |
| Total Instruction Hours | 1,602 | 1,091 | 5,741 | 5,576 |

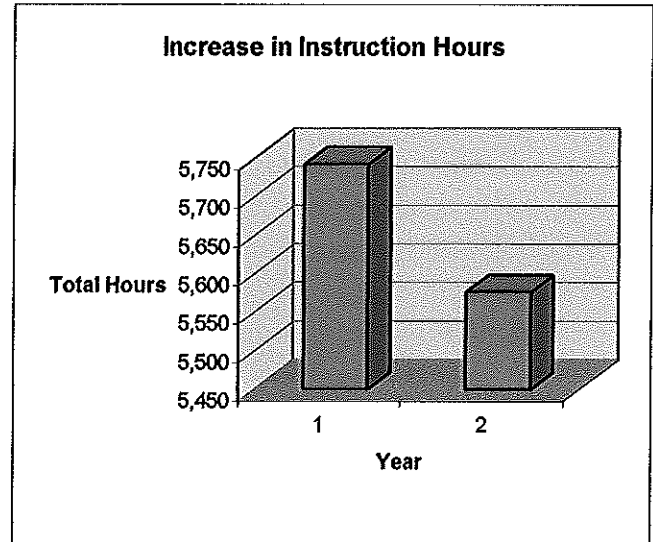
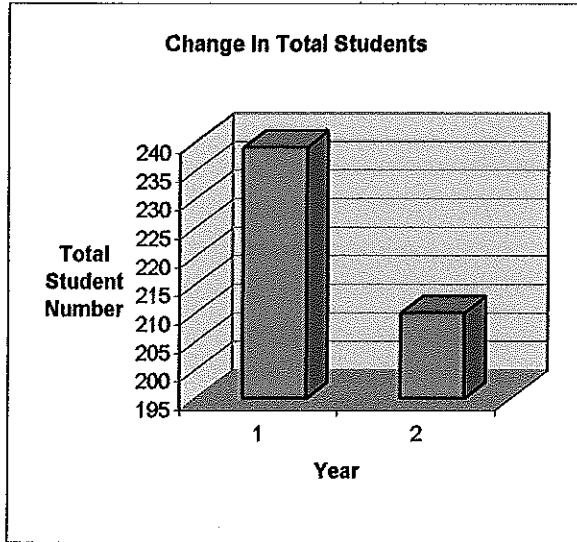
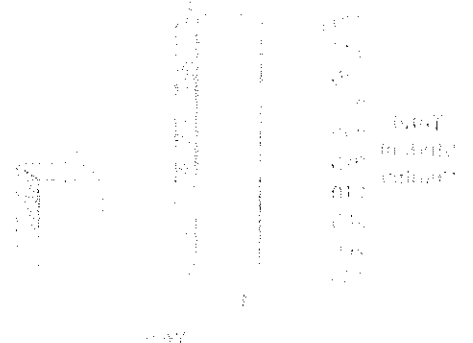


Figure 1: Comparison of the two methods



Figure 2: Comparison of the two methods



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Mary Strazdas, Librarian *MS*

DATE: November 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Reference and Adult Services report for October

- We held two adult programs in October: "Crete and Rhodes" with Charles Frazee, Ph.D., and "Re-Parenting" with Myra Mycena, Ph.D.
- Patrons could access library displays about re-parenting and voting.
- Substitute training continued for three people. We used substitutes eleven times during the month.
- There were two Program Committee meetings.
- Statistics for the month included 264 telephoned reference questions, 1630 in-person Reference Desk questions, 7 e-mailed reference questions, 51 uses of ready reference materials, 86 instances of instructions, 2259 uses of computers, 18 reference books used in the library in addition to those documented by pages, and 223 new computer database signups.



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Gary Bell, Librarian *GB*
DATE: November 17, 2004
SUBJECT: **History Room report for September**

- Prepared presentation for Coordinating Council meeting: A.S. Bradford's reminiscences of life in Placentia in the 1890s and Patricia Adler's poem,"The House of Bernardo Yorba."
- Added a new local authors manuscript to the local authors display,the novel Brethren Rock by Charles White.
- Sorted through receipts of Samuel Kraemer, which were donated to the History Room with various other miscellaneous papers,to be kept in deposit in history area.
- Attended Passport Seminar in Claremont.
- Added "Orange County Past and Present"to local history collection



To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

From: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*

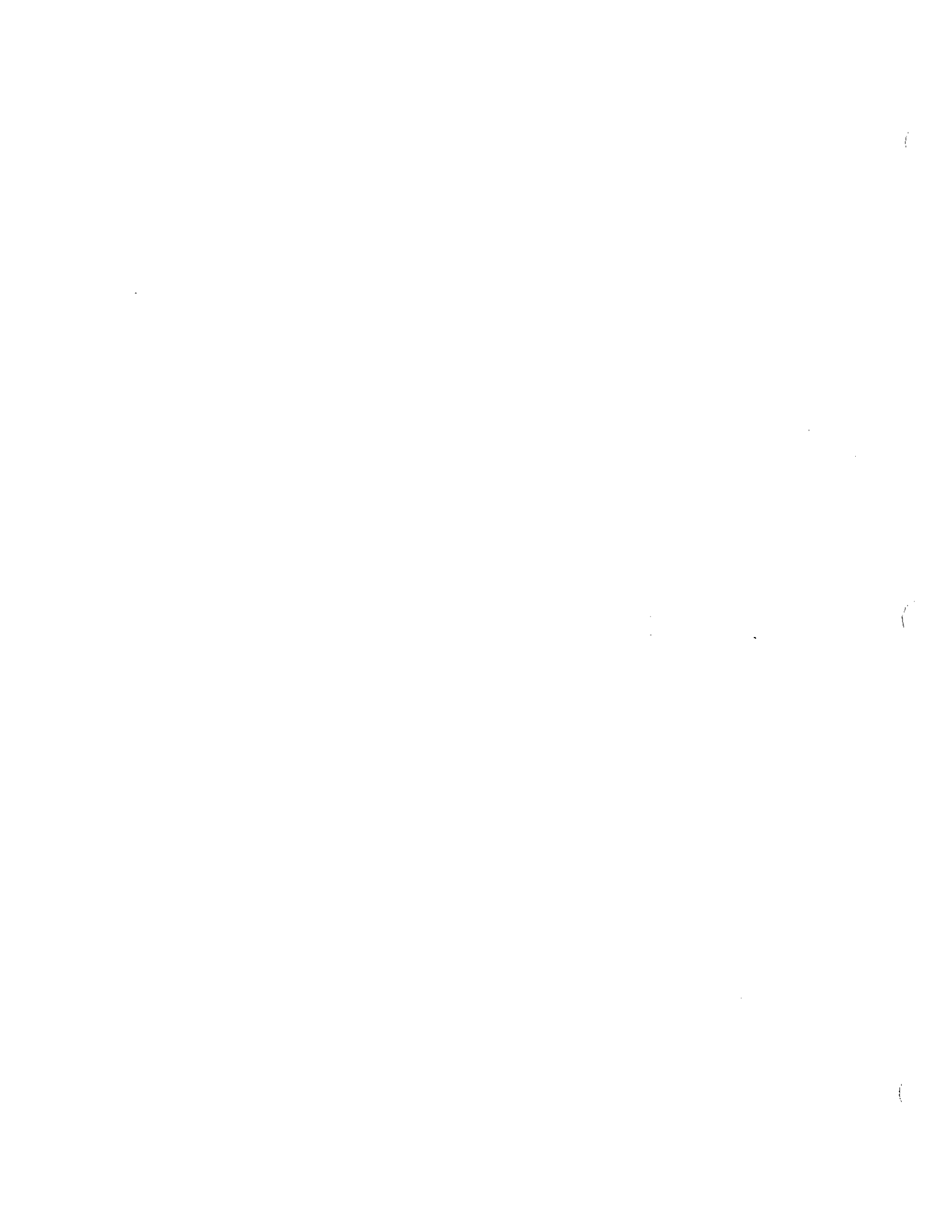
Date: November 22, 2004


SUBJECT: Placentia Library Web Site Development Report for the month of October.

We did not receive the Web stats in time to include in the October 2004 Web Report. We will report both October and November Web stats in the November Web Report.

| Pages Visited | July 04 | Aug 04 | Sep 04 | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| Borrowers | 215 | 248 | 258 | | | |
| Friends | 147 | 129 | 133 | | | |
| District | 156 | 214 | 162 | | | |
| Kids | 230 | 220 | 657 | | | |
| Foundation | 118 | 170 | 123 | | | |
| History Room | 192 | 232 | 215 | | | |
| Literacy/CLC Logo | 180 | 182 | 192 | | | |
| Passports | 484 | 350 | 559 | | | |
| Poet Laureate | 498 | 456 | 528 | | | |
| Total Views Most Hits | 2,220 | 2,201 | 2,827 | | | |


Total Most Hits YTD 7,248



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director
FROM: Julie Shook, Technical Services Manager 
DATE: November 22, 2004
SUBJECT: **Technology Report for October 2004**

Two new databases were added to our online resources: Daily Life Online and Oxford Reference Online.

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Laranne Millonzi, Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator 

DATE: November 22, 2004

SUBJECT: Publicity materials produced for October 2004

Information on the Placentia Library cable channel #24, updated October 2004:

Note: Animation added to slides

1. Welcome to Placentia Library, address, website & telephone number
2. Library Board of Trustees
3. Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
4. Library Hours
5. Veteran's Day Closure
6. Library Departments
7. Friends of Placentia Library Used Bookstore
8. Bookstore Volunteers Needed
9. Special Back Room Book Sale Every 2nd Sunday, Hours and Dates
10. Friends Membership Drive
11. Library Hours
12. Veteran's Day Closure
13. Drop-in Homework Help
14. "Reparenting" with Myra Mycena
15. Literacy Services Logo
16. Literacy Program Tutors Needed
17. Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids Program
18. Library Hours
19. Veteran's Day Closure
20. Telephone Renewal Instructions
21. Wi Fi Here Now
22. Apply for your passport at Placentia Library
23. Passport Hours
24. Placentia Historical Afghan Sale
25. Library Hours
26. Veteran's Day Closure
27. Placentia's Newest Local History For Children & Adults
28. Lapsit Storyhours
29. Story Times, ages 3-6
30. Bilingual Story Times
31. Music Times, ages 3-4
32. Music Times, ages 5-6
33. Story Time at Home, *Tumblebook Library*
34. Library Hours
35. Veteran's Day Closure
36. www.placentialibrary.org, 24/7 Reference, the Library Catalog
37. www.placentialibrary.org, Online Resources
38. Placentia History Room Hours
39. Placentia History Room Displays
40. Placentia History Room Collections
41. Placentia History Room Archival Resources
42. Veteran's Day Closure

General Newspaper articles published:

1. Newport Archeologist Receives Library Award
2. Oak-root Fungus is Found Throughout Region
3. Revitalization Ideas
4. Heritage Festival
5. Silva Abandons Plans to Rename Park
6. DA Officers Visit City of Placentia
7. Airport Days Disaster
8. Corrections
9. A Gravy Train Through Placentia Library
10. Rotary Pancake Breakfast
11. Rail Project Drives Race for Council
12. Council Slate Takes Aim at Placentia Rail Fix
13. Rail: City's Costs Rising, but Revenue Growth Stymies
14. Council Candidates
15. Placentia to Hush Train Horns
16. Placentia Readies Quiet Zone
17. Troubled History for Placentia Railroad Project
18. Candidates Report Campaign Finances


Library Newspaper articles published:

1. Parenting Talk
2. Placentia Library Seeking Volunteers (4)
3. Turning the Page – Placentia Authors
4. Trustees Riding in the Heritage Day Parade
5. Thursday Story Time (2)
6. Tuesday Music Time
7. Re-parent Yourself and Nurture Your Adult Life
8. Library Writes New Chapter Out Local Authors
9. Five Candidates Seek Three Seats on Library Board

Flyers and Notices:

1. Foundation Annual Giving Campaign Solicitations (2)
2. Foundation thank you cards, new hours & save the date inserts, and ID cards are sent out
3. Friends membership thank you letters are sent out with membership cards
4. Second Sunday Book Sale Flyer
5. Upcoming Events Bulletin Board
6. Labor Day Closure
7. Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids Flyers
8. Santa Flyers
9. Peggy Dinsmore/Literacy Library Celebration Invitations
10. *Notations* Newsletter

Welcome to Placentia Library District



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Monday, Oct 18 at 6:30 P.M.
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BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!


When: Second Sunday of each month
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November

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- ❑ Mondays & Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.,
- ❑ sign in sheet in the library area,
- ❑ students must bring homework, including textbooks.
- ❑ Limited to 20 students each evening.

For more information, please call
Toby at 714-920-8400 ext. 213 or Jim at ext. 212.




**Myra Mycena
Presents**

"Reparenting"

"Reparenting" is the idea of adults making new rules for themselves and no longer following the old ones that were probably set up by their own parents years ago. In other words, it's okay to change things!

Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Placentia Library meeting room
We will have refreshments!



**Placentia
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Literacy
Services**

Call Literacy Coordinator Jim Roberts
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Placentia Library Literacy Services

- Volunteer tutors needed!
- Attend one 3 hour training workshop
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- The next scheduled workshops are:
Nov 7th & Dec 5th & Jan 9th

For more information and to sign up call 524-8408, Ext 213

**Healthy Foods for
Healthy Kids**


Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Placentia Library meeting room

Christie Castiglione of the County of Orange Health Care Agency will suggest foods children need for good health and energy to learn, play, and work while they grow up.
Christie will show slides and have handouts. The library will supply snacks.

For more information, call 258-1906, ext. 209

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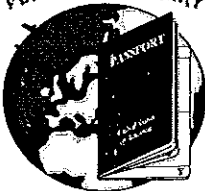
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Lapsit Story Times
Presented by Lin Baesler
Ages newborn to 3 years
Thursday Mornings
10:00 – 10:20 A.M.
in the
Childrens Area
Sponsored by the
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No pre-registration required – no charge



Story Times
For Children
Ages 3 - 6
Thursday Mornings
10:30 – 11:00 A.M.
Presented by Lin Baesler
No pre-registration required – no charge

Music Times
For Children
Ages 3 - 4
Tuesday Evenings
6:00 – 6:30 P.M.
Featuring Lin Baesler
No pre-registration required – no charge


Music Times
For Children
Ages 5 - 6
Tuesday Evenings
6:30 – 7:00 P.M.
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Story Time at Home
Use the *Tumblebook Library*
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Click on: Just for Kids
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An on-line collection of animated, talking picture books

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There are times you need help, but can't make it to the library. Live, real-time help from a librarian is available, 24 hours a day. *(no library card number needed)*
The Library Catalog
You can look up what books are available at the Placentia Library, as well as Yorba Linda Library, and all of the Anaheim Library branches. *(no library card number needed)*
Additionally, you can reserve books, check on your library account, and renew your books. *(library card number needed)*

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Online Resources
(To access, you must have your library card number available)

- LearnATest
- Newspapers
- Facts On File
- NovelList
- General Reference Center/Magazine Index
- Business & Company Resource Center
- Health & Wellness Resource Center

Placentia History Room




Staffed and Managed
by Volunteers

Hours
Monday & Tuesday &
Wednesday
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
Open hours by special arrangement

Placentia History Room

Displays currently featuring

- ☐ Local school annuals
- ☐ Traveling historical photographs of local schools
- ☐ Books by local authors



Placentia History Room

Historical Collections include

- ☐ Baneroff's historical series
- ☐ Local oral histories
- ☐ California historical fiction
- ☐ Complete collection of Women's Round table Scrapbooks
- ☐ Local citrus label collection
- ☐ Spanish made cannonball – possibly from the 1769 Portola Expedition
- ☐ Adobe brick from Ontiveros Adobe built in 1832

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Archival Resources include

- ☐ West Atwood Yacht Club memorabilia
- ☐ Assorted Samuel Loeb Kirchner maps and papers
- ☐ Articles on international student visit to Placentia, Italy
- ☐ West Placentia Little League
- ☐ International Kiwanis papers and scrapbook (1966-1970)
- ☐ Virginia Carpenter photograph collection
- ☐ Placentia Courier negative collection
- ☐ Historic photograph collection
- ☐ Newspaper clippings, brochures, newsletters, maps of local historic interest

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Parenting talk: Placentia News-Times columnist Myra Mycena will pre-

sent a free discussion titled "Adults Can Repair Their Lives" at 7 p.m. today at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Mycena is a clinical psychologist and family therapist. Information: (714) 985-1500, or e-mail drmycena@ya-100.com.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TODAY

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Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

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Newport archeologist receives library award

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Rob Masters, Newport Beach's city archeologist, received an award for \$3,000 from the American Library Assn. He is the vice president of the Orange County chapter of the American Research Center in Egypt, and made a significant effort to partner this center and the library system to provide a series of lectures to the public on Egyptian archeology.

The honor is the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award from the American Library Assn., and was jointly accepted by the Orange County Library system.

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GARDEN TALK

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SUSCEPTIBLE TO OAK ROOT FUNGUS While most trees have had to fight off the devastating oak wilt, some California oaks, such as this one at Serrano Oaks Regional Park in Orange, some plants can resist the fungus. A good guide to resistant plants is the Sunset Western Garden book.

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Oak-root fungus is found throughout region

EDWARD A. SHAW
UCCE MASTER GARDENER

Hundreds of species of broadleaf trees, conifers and shrubs are affected by oak-root fungus. Though found throughout Southern California, it is rarely problematic in the mountains and desert regions.

It is especially prevalent in forests and former riverbeds, but it also occurs in orchards, city parks and urban garden landscapes. Indeed, it can be introduced through contaminated nursery stock that may have been watered too frequently.

Oak-root fungus goes by various names: Armillaria root rot, shoestring root rot, bootlace fungus and honey fungus. Armillaria refers to the fungus that causes the disease, while shoestring or bootlace derives from the rhizomorphs, which are dark (purple, brown, black) root-like strings of fungal mycelium that spread the disease.

Term honey fungus refers to the mushroom caps, often golden yellow, that appear around the base of infected trees during the wet fall and winter months.

Originally, oak-root fungus was attributed to a single species, Armillaria mellea, but research has shown that as many as 40 species of the Armillaria genus can cause it. These pathogens are known as white-root fungi because their attack on the major wood components - cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin - progressively weakens the wood, but it remains white throughout the decay process.

A prime indicator of oak-root rot is the whitish, fan-shaped mycelial plaques in the cambium that are exposed when bark is removed from

roots and areas of the lower trunk that have been infected. Typically, the fungus becomes well-established in the roots before signs of disease appear above ground.

Trees that have been weakened by drought, overwatering, injury, infestations or other conditions are most susceptible to oak-root fungus.

The initial symptoms are often a gradual decline in tree vigor, yellowing leaves that are

infection diminishes the host's uptake of water and nutrients, causing branches and foliage to die.

Trees may die quickly, or can linger for a long time and even seem to recover, though this almost always is a temporary circumstance. Death is almost inevitable, since there are no chemical treatments available.

Exposing infected portions of the root system or root col-

lar to the air may stop the disease progression for a while, but this usually is a stopgap measure that only slows the infected tree's decline.

and coarse wood material. Preplant fumigation with methyl bromide and air drying of the soil can be employed on suspect sites; though complete eradication is rare.

Apparently healthy trees may have to be removed if they are adjacent to sites where there were infected trees, since their root systems may already be diseased.

In addition to these measures, maintaining trees in a vigorous, stress-free condition is important, since they will be far less likely to succumb to oak-root fungus. Fertilize and irrigate appropriate to season and weather conditions, and do not water the trunk or the base of a tree. Try to keep it free of insects and other diseases. And take care not to injure the tree or its root system, since this increases its vulnerability to infection.

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Management of oak-root fungus is best accomplished through measures aimed at preventing infection of new hosts. Most important, avoid planting if at all possible in locations likely to have been infested with Armillaria, since these fungi can persist for years or even decades in roots.

Another visible indicator is the aforementioned growth of mushrooms at the base of infected trees. These constitute the reproductive stage of Armillaria, but the white spores they shed seem to be of limited importance in spreading the disease. Oak-root fungus spreads via contact with infected wood, such as a root fragment.

The disease results when rhizomorphs, growing short distances through the soil, penetrate susceptible plant roots. After decaying the roots, the disease moves to the lower trunk and girdles it. The

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Revitalization Ideas: The Revitalization Committee will meet for the first time in a year to discuss proposals made by three business/property owners for redevelopment of their sites in the Old Town area. The meeting is open to the community at 5:30 tonight in the Backs Community Building, 201 N. Bradford Ave. (714) 993-6347

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Heritage Festival: Placentia will celebrate its 40th annual Heritage Festival on Saturday with a pancake breakfast, parade and other activities. Pancakes will be served

from 7 to 10 a.m. by the Placentia Chamber of Commerce at Tri-City Park. Cost is \$5, but free for children under 5. The annual parade winds from Morse Avenue to Kramer Boulevard from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The festival begins at 10 a.m. at Tri-City Park on Golden Avenue. Information: (714) 528-1873 or (714) 524-8535.

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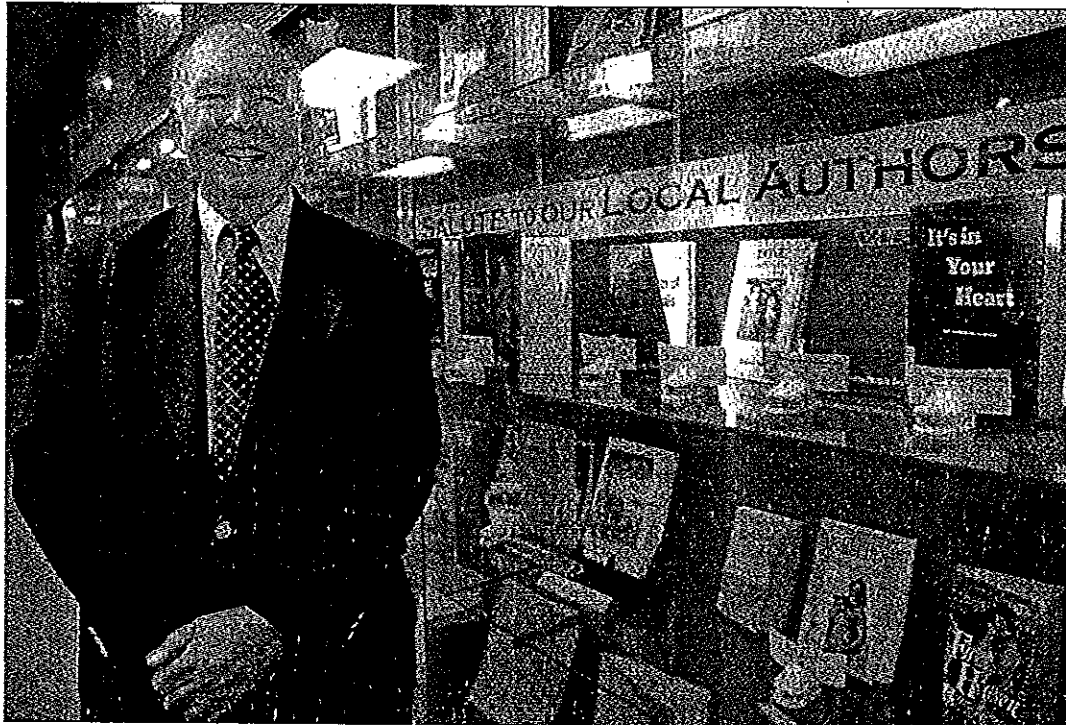
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CHRISTOPHER WAGNER / FOR THE PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

TURNING THE PAGE

PLACENTIA AUTHOR Charles Frazee is among writers whose books are on display in the history room in the Placentia Library. Frazee spoke Monday night at the library about his travels to Athens and throughout Greece >>

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Musictime for ages 3-4 meets from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

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GOVERNMENT

DA officers visit city of Placentia

33 Orange County district attorney's investigators were at Placentia City Hall on Thursday to copy computer files and e-mails as part of an ongoing investigation.

They are looking at whether conflict-of-interest laws were broken when Chris Becker, then the public works director, recommended the hiring of his consulting firm to manage On-Trac, which is handling the city's railroad projects.

The visit was agreed to and pre-arranged, city spokesman Matt Reynolds said. He said an investigator has been regularly visiting City Hall for a month.

District attorney spokesman Mark McCauley said he could not comment.

— Heather McRea
(714) 704-3774

Silva abandons plans to rename park

By JEFF OVERLEY
The Fountain Valley View

30 Supervisor Jim Silva on Monday said he had abandoned a proposal to rename Fountain Valley's Mile Square Regional Park after Ronald Reagan.

"Reading the newspaper articles it seems like there's a lot of people against it. The people I've talked to favor it," Silva said. "It just seems like, according to the articles, a lot of people are not happy with it."

"It shouldn't be a personal issue," he continued. "If a majority of the people don't want it, it won't happen."

Silva proposed the name change in September as a way of honoring the late former president. Silva wanted a place "the average person would visit," he said.

But the idea raised the ire of several local business owners and fellow Board of Supervisor members who labeled the proposal costly and excessively political. Frank Michelena, a consultant for Mile Square Golf Course, said replacing signage and other materials to conform with the name change could cost the course \$100,000. He said Monday that the course would have resisted any pressure to change its name.

Supervisor Charles Smith said in a September letter to the board that the move was "extremely partisan" and "could be interpreted as divisive to approximately half of the people" in the county.

When Silva first proposed the idea he wrote that "Orange County, with its strong ties to the Republican Party, has always been Reagan country."

Reagan kicked off his 1984 presidential re-election campaign at the park.

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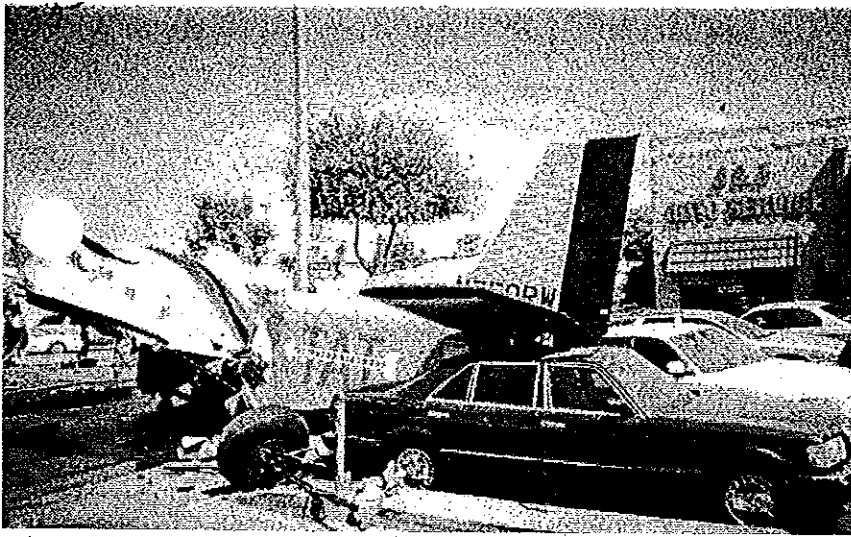
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Above: A small plane missed the tower but crashed into a car traveling down Commonwealth around 1pm ending the Airport Days festivities.

Airport Days Disaster

by Tracy Wilson Photos by Ted Randall Mann

A vintage tri-engine plane crashed onto a car traveling down Commonwealth Ave near the Airport around 1pm on September 25th, bringing an abrupt end to Fullerton Airport Day's festival and landing the two pilots in the hospital. Passengers of the car walked away.

The flight was originally scheduled to take off at noon but was delayed by some last minute maintenance, according to reports in the audience waiting to see the wood and aluminum aircraft in action. Finally, just after 1pm, we heard engines approaching and looked up just as the aircraft banked hard to the left, missing the air-control tower by mere inches and missing us by less than 100 feet. As the plane crashed to the ground, both pilots were ejected and the aircraft released a tidal wave of fuel onto the street which went rushing down the gutter.

The pilot seemed to know he was going to crash and attempted to choose the safest place to land. He managed to miss the awestruck audience of 400 Festival goers, and the many businesses but ended up crashing into the car. Incredibly the three passengers and the driver of the car seemed uninjured.

Luckily police and paramedics were on-duty at the Festival and they were right to work. The emergency teams could not have responded quicker and were attending to both pilot and co-pilot, within two minutes.

"This was our first time attending the Festival. I waited around for a little over an hour with my 74-year-old father, a retiree from Rockwell International and a airplane fan, especially to see the flight of the vintage aircraft. It turned out to be a more traumatic event than any of us had bargained for," said Ted Mann.



Above: Paramedics on the scene stabilize one of the pilots. Both pilots were rushed to the hospital severely injured.

Corrections

- City Council candidate Scott Nelson is a former member and past president of his homeowner association. Because of a reporting error, information was incorrect in an Oct. 21 article in the Placentia News-Times.
- City Council candidate Joseph Aguirre has participated in Neighborhood Watch and other activities that spread his community knowledge beyond Old Town, in addition to his involvement as a student and coach at St. Joseph Catholic School. This information was not clear in an Oct. 21 article in the Placentia News-Times.
- A temporary ban on train whistles could be sought by the city in August 2005 as part of its Quiet Zone project. Because of a reporting error, the time period was incorrect in an Oct. 21 article in the Placentia News-Times.
- Placentia Library District candidate Robert Gorman submitted the appropriate finance forms on time to the Orange County Registrar's Office, indicating that he would not collect more than \$1,000 in campaign contributions or form a political action committee. Because of incorrect information provided to the Placentia News-Times, his filing status was incorrect in an Oct. 14 article.
- A garage fire on Avenida Alvarado was caused by a failed battery charger, a county Fire Authority spokesman said. Incorrect information was provided by a fire official for a photo caption in the Sept. 30 Placentia News-Times.

A gravy train through Placentia

Consultants rode off with big money from the city's OnTrac rail-trench project

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It's not often that a public works project becomes so controversial that it could impact a City Council election, but efforts in Placentia to build what's called the OnTrac system to deal with noisy trains have been a potent source of debate as Nov. 2 approaches.

There's no question that Placentia has a problem with the 11 rail crossings that crisscross the city and with the steady stream of trains that rumble through. One editorial writer experienced what residents have long complained about

as he sat at a backyard barbecue near the train line, when an engineer blasted the horn. The sound was enough to separate the sauce from the ribs.

It was an unsettling experience, to say the least. And noise and disturbances are expected to get worse, as train traffic is likely to double in the next 15 years, according to a Register report on Wednesday.

The City Council studied the issue in 1997, and decided in 1999 to put the trains in a trench. It later created the OnTrac joint-powers authority to manage the project. The \$543 million project would depend on state and federal funds, but troubles mounted when those funds didn't come through as planned, leaving the city deeply in debt.

Problems continue, and the Register's analysis found that the city overspent \$500,000 to \$1.1 million on consulting fees related to the project. Some of the payments seemed ludicrous. Former public works director Chris Becker was hired as executive director of OnTrac, and his firm received \$1.6

million in fees in little more than four years.

Another consultant, Cliff Lampman, was paid \$105,000 in fees for three months after he died, according to the report. Comparisons with other projects suggested that the 15 percent fee paid to Lampman's company was significantly higher than what is paid on similar projects in other places.

The city delegated most of the operations to the OnTrac board, which included the city administrator and two council members. Council members say that the project was too loosely

managed in the past, and that now they are paying much closer attention. On Tuesday, officials announced a \$7 million, short-term project to improve at-grade train crossings, which would then allow them to gain federal approval for banning the annoying train whistles.

In hindsight, that looks like it would have been a better approach from the start - improving safety and silencing

the whistles, while the city took the time to understand the scope and dimensions of a long-term fix in a more fiscally sensible manner.

Spending money based on uncertain state and federal funds, and lavishing fees on consultants, was an irresponsible way to do business, even though the proposed project is a sensible idea.

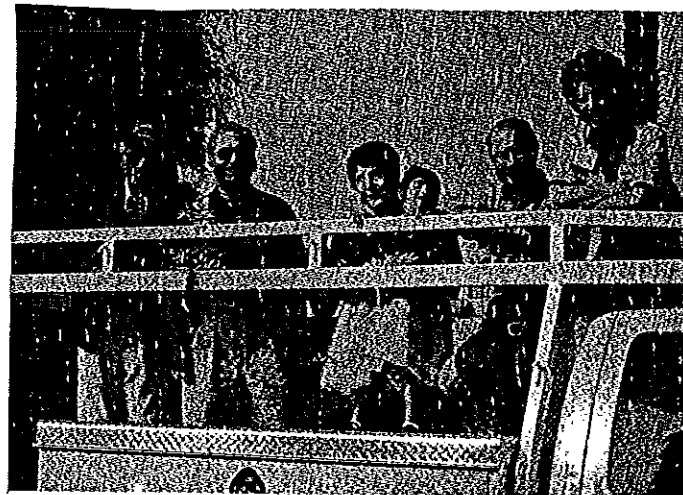
Whether it's your household or your city, you're kidding yourself if you think you can "hire experience," "leave it to the experts" and not bother to learn all about an endeavor yourself, no matter how complicated it may be. That's the expensive lesson of Placentia and OnTrac.

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Board member Glenn Baldwin enjoys his pancake breakfast with the Rotary Foreign Exchange student, Sirena Chang from Tipae, Tiawan.



Riding in the Heritage Day Parade were Jim Dinsmore, Library Board President Al Shkoler, Trustee Betty Escobosa with her granddaughter, Trustees Richard DeVeccio and Gae Wood.

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PLACENTIA ELECTIONS

Rail Project Drives Race for Council

Debate over the future of OnTrac dominates the campaign as 8 candidates seek 3 seats.

By **WEIKEL**
Times Staff Writer

City Council elections in Placentia next week could determine the fate of a \$450-million rail project that has plunged the city deeply into debt and triggered an investigation by the Orange County district attorney's office.

Eight candidates, including incumbents holding the three seats open this year, have entered the race, which, all sides say, is one of the hottest elections in Placentia history.

"This is as important to us as the national election. The city's whole future is on the line," said Councilwoman Constance Underhill, the only incumbent critical of the project. "Do we want to elect people who want to bring us out of this, or those who have kept OnTrac going and brought us to this point?"

But the two other incumbents, Mayor Judy A. Dickinson and Councilman Scott P. Brady, say the city's financial situation has improved and state and federal funding will arrive eventually to pay for OnTrac.

"We have turned the corner and are doing fine," Dickinson said. "We've balanced our budget and stabilized the situation. People want to blame OnTrac. I don't believe that is the truth. We will get back on our feet."

Governed by a board of Placentia city officials, OnTrac is an ambitious effort to build 11 overpasses and lower five miles of railroad tracks into a concrete trench. The project is designed to help revitalize downtown Placentia and accommodate the growth of rail traffic to and from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The project now faces a \$12-million shortfall in state funds and considerable uncertainty over whether it will receive \$225 million in federal assistance — money that city officials have been banking on.

To keep OnTrac afloat, Placentia leaders have cut city programs, sold parkland, issued bonds and even considered replacing the Police Department with the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Today, Placentia is at least \$31 million in debt and owes an additional \$5 million to \$6 million to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Corp. for OnTrac-related work.

After a recent audit, Ray Griest, Placentia's interim city administrator, said the city probably would have to cut more city services, projects and personnel within the year. He warned that Placentia might run out of money in late 2005 if federal and state funds don't materialize for OnTrac and major steps aren't taken to solve the city's financial problems.

Heated public debate over the project and its problems has fueled an unusually contentious council election.

...set that OnTrac, which has cost about \$36 million so far, must be stopped, as now planned, or seriously reevaluated before more money is spent. All agree that independent oversight of the project is necessary.

A slate of candidates — incumbent Underhill, former Placentia Police Chief Russell Rice and activist Joe Aguirre — wants to overhaul OnTrac and fire the project's team of highly paid consultants, including Christopher Becker, the executive director.

"Money is the dominant issue, and OnTrac is the dominant money consumer," said Rice, who retired in August after 30 years with the Police Department. The project has "run the city to near bankruptcy on the promise that money was going to come someday."

OnTrac has been managed exclusively by private consultants. More than \$9.2 million has been spent on grant writers, financial advisors, administrators, lobbyists, political strategists, studies and public relations.

Becker is under investigation by the district attorney's office, which is investigating the project's expenditures.

Authorities are looking into allegations made by a former city attorney that Becker, when he was Placentia's public works director, illegally used his influence to get hired by the city to manage OnTrac as a private consultant.

His original contract — since scaled back — guaranteed him \$450,000 a year for 10 years, making him at the time one of the highest-paid transportation officials in the nation.

Becker has denied any wrongdoing. He says his professional reputation has been attacked as part of election-year politics by Citizens for a Better Placentia, a group of activists that questions OnTrac's management.

Aguirre, Rice and Underhill say they want to reevaluate OnTrac and assign management responsibilities to the public works department as a cost-cutting move.

Slate members say they would concentrate on finishing the Melrose Street underpass and the long-awaited "quiet zone" project to stop trains from blowing their horns at grade crossings in town. After that, they say, a more gradual effort to build overpasses and underpasses along the rail corridor might be possible.

"We need to pay off our debts and get spending under control," said Aguirre, a founder of Citizens for a Better Placentia, which is backing the slate. "Many of the things OnTrac officials assured us just have not happened."

Similar views are held by three of the slate's challengers, Ron Moskowitz, an information-security officer for Orange County; businessman Scott Nelson; and John Hoervers, a business owner.

They support the idea of improving the rail corridor through town but say the current OnTrac project costs too much and is plagued by mismanagement.

Nelson and Moskowitz described the trench as "pie in the sky." Hoervers says he still favors a trench for the rail line because it would reduce the need to acquire rights-of-way by condemning private property. But he said he would be prepared to go along with any evaluation that recommended against the trench.

If elected, Nelson, Moskowitz and Hoervers said, they would be more independent than slate members, who have been backed by two city police associations, and the two incumbents whose political futures are vested in OnTrac.

They also said Underhill might be vulnerable as an incumbent because she regularly supported OnTrac during her eight years on the City Council. Underhill says she changed her mind about the project after OnTrac's problems came to light.

Dickinson and Brady remain staunch OnTrac supporters. They said they would not consider firing Becker unless he were found guilty of criminal or civil charges related to the project.

Unlike the challengers, they want to keep OnTrac's current management because they do not think the city's public works department could handle such a complicated project.

Though he has supported the trench idea, Brady said there have been discussions about scaling back the project to a series of underpasses and overpasses. He noted that the City Council has revised Becker's contract, reducing his salary to about \$300,000 a year.

Within the last few months, Becker and nine consultants also have agreed to forgo their pay until state and federal funds are obtained.

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Council slate takes aim at Placentia rail fix

But incumbents defend expensive project to put tracks under street level.

BY MARTIN WISCKOL and HEATHER MERE
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PLACENTIA - Train tracks put Placentia on the map nearly a century ago, and son of the glory they'll bring the bedroom community once more, with plans for a passenger depot surrounded by a blend of revitalized old-town charm and new urbanism.

But first, there is the threat of scandal and financial insolvency, a crisis at the center of next month's city elections. A crisis brought on by that same railroad.

The troubles begin with the ever-

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creasing rail traffic through the heart of town, which stops traffic at 11 intersections and rattles windows with its screaming whistle warnings. A train every half-hour now, increasing to as much as one every 15 minutes by 2020.

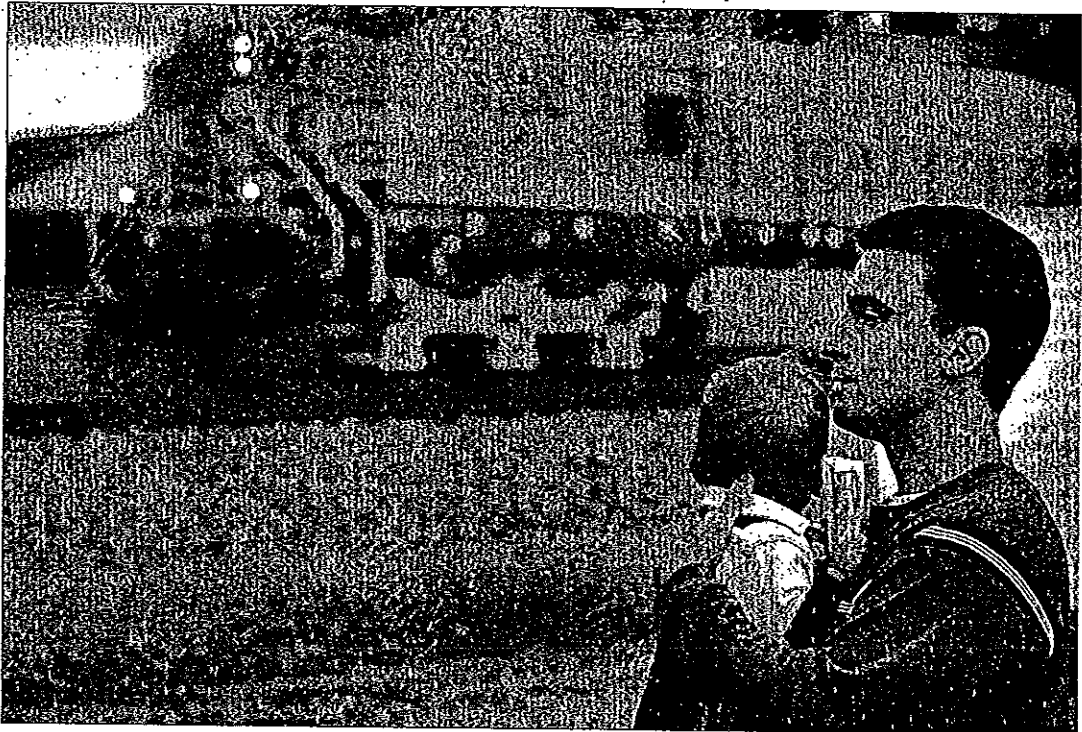
Then comes the solution, which many say has spiraled out of control: a plan to drop 3 miles of track below street level, pursued despite the lack of hoped-for state and federal funding.

"It's a huge project for a city the size of Placentia to take on," said county Supervisor Chris Norby, who represents the area and is among the project's critics. "There are so many questions about who's been paid and why they've been paid. It's one thing to get federal funding for something like this, but it's another to spend city money like they have just to keep the project alive."

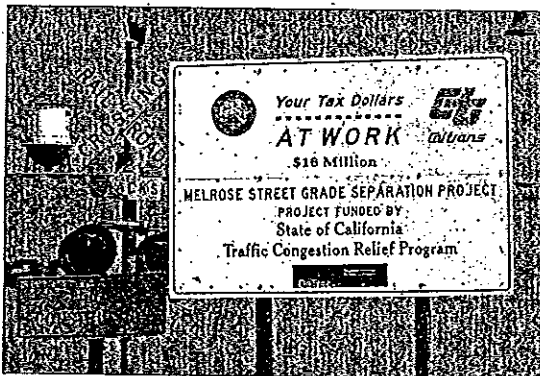
The city has depleted its reserves, borrowed millions more, cut community programs, postponed other public works projects - and could abandon the \$543 million train-track trench altogether to pursue cheaper alternatives.

Along the way, a consultant's company was paid his retainer for three months after he died and the project's executive director was paid \$400,000 a year. Of the \$44.8 million spent so far, \$9.9 million has gone to lobbyists, administrators and public relations experts. Money from the sale of a park went to the project, as did nearly \$1 million in developers' fees earmarked for parks - until the misappropriation was caught and the money returned.

The district attorney is investigating possible wrongdoing.



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NOISY: Placentia Councilman Chris Lowe, a member of the OnTrak board, holds his son, R.J., 14 months, as a freight train roars by Tuesday, blowing its horn. Troubles with the city's railroad project are being felt in City Council races this year.



SLOW GOING: A sign promotes the reconstruction of Placentia rail crossings as a freight train rolls through downtown.

Placentia issues

Wednesday: Financial problems have dogged Placentia's ambitious rail road project, including a contract administration fee triple that paid by other publicly managed railroad projects. By itself, the fee-inflated project costs between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

Today: The city's railroad project and downtown redevelopment plans are primary issues in the Nov. 2 City Council race, in which three incumbents face five challengers.

"(City leaders) didn't want drive-throughs and liquor stores," said Brady, a real estate agent. "One of the failures of Placentia is that if you're going out at night, you're not staying in here."

With no room for new development and relatively few retailers to generate sales tax, the city also is in a situation where costs are increasing with little potential for revenue growth.

That's where redevelopment of downtown enters the picture.

The plan is to put a Melrose depot downtown, which would help increase traffic through the area. A developer is already on board and buying up some of those packing plants for a new urbanism project - a blend of housing, retail and office space that emphasizes pedestrian traffic. Finally, Old Town would be

SOME PROGRESS MADE

Nonetheless, the current approach continues to have supporters, including four of the five sitting council members.

They say many of the problems could not have been foreseen, that some funding was promised but not delivered, and that the council has made the necessary adjustments along the way.

"I think everybody's done as well as they could," said Mayor Judy Dickinson, who is up for re-election to the council next month. "Sure, there have been some bumps in the road, but we've done well."

Dickinson proudly points to the project to run Melrose Street beneath the railroad tracks and to a second plan that will force cars to stop farther from the tracks. Combined, the two projects will allow trains to pass through town without using their horns. Both projects are undated and have completion dates on the horizon but are far from the dream trench, which would deal with eight other intersections.

Dickinson is confident that hundreds of millions of dollars in federal and state grants will materialize and bring a happy ending to the drama. That in-

cludes \$15.1 million in state funding that didn't arrive as expected - money the city had counted on for land and construction of a second underpass. The city had committed to buy part of that land, home to an Office Depot, when it became clear the money wasn't coming.

The council ended up borrowing the money for the land, mortgaging two city parks as collateral. Office Depot took its store and sales-tax revenue to neighboring Fullerton, and the underpass project is now on hold.

"The city's gotten in over its head," said council candidate Russ Rice, who resigned as Placentia police chief in August after 30 years with the force. "We all make mistakes, but there comes a time when you have to say so. ... When the money ran out, we should have said, 'Time out.'"

'LEAVE-IT-TO-BEAVERSVILLE'

Greg Sowards and neighbor Craig Green had never before been engaged with civic activities but kept an eye on community news. So, when a suggestion arose to examine police costs, the two were among more than 1,000 residents who filled City Hall and the surrounding area in March 2003, persuading the

City Council to abandon any money-saving notions that could lead to disbanding the city department and farming out services.

But Sowards and Green didn't leave it at that, pulled in further by other concerns. Though the department was saved, it was tightened from 60 officers to 53 - a cut of more than 10 percent. Ten other city jobs were eliminated as part of \$2 million in cuts for the 2003-04 fiscal year. The loss of city funding to the Cinco de Mayo celebration and the Taste of Placentia forced those popular events to be canceled.

Sowards and Green weren't satisfied with the explanation that state budget cuts were causing the difficulties.

"We started looking through documents and found a lot of things about OnTrac raised questions," Sowards said. "This is Leave-it-to-Beaversville. Nobody pays any attention to what happens, and as a result, the City Council runs amok."

OnTrac is the public entity formed in 2000 by the city to oversee the rail-lowering project. The city was hoping that the three other cities that border on the 5-mile stretch of track running through Placentia would help share the cost. OnTrac established the

joint-powers agreement in which those cities - Fullerton, Yorba Linda and Anaheim - could participate.

Except none of the other cities joined. Indeed, the Orange County Transportation Authority in 1996 had recommended against the costly trench, saying instead that the streets be run either under or over the 11 railroad intersections. Current plans call for two underpasses and then trenching for a stretch including eight intersections, an approach now supported by OCTA.

Sowards and Green also discovered that millions of dollars that could have gone to other city operations - \$11 million as of last March - had been poured into the project. They found that Chris Becker, the public works director, was the one who recommended that the council award him a \$400,000-a-year contract to serve as executive director of OnTrac - which he then received.

Concerns continued to pile up as the pair - a vitamin sales manager and a mortgage broker - examined the \$29 million budget of the city and the \$543 million rail-lowering project.

"We started asking why a little city like Placentia would undertake such a massive project," Sowards said. The pair formed Citizens for a Better Placentia to help shine light on the issue.

The group is now backing a slate to run for the three seats on the City Council: Rice; incumbent Connie Underhill, an original supporter of the project who is now the sole OnTrac dissident on the council; and Joe Aguirre, a Disneyland

public relations veteran whose family has a long history in the predominantly Hispanic south side of town.

Other challengers include former planning commissioner Scott Nelson, former council candidate Johannes Hoovers and political newcomer Ron Moskowitz. Underhill and all five challengers want Becker fired, the OnTrac group dissolved and the project brought under direct council oversight. All agree the trench idea would be nice, but that pursuing OCTA's original - and more affordable - recommendation is more realistic.

Sowards himself is running to fill the open treasurer's seat, largely a figurehead position he wants to use to more closely scrutinize city spending. He is running against a well-known downtown businessman, Lee Castner, who has his own criticisms of the way things have been handled and is supporting Rice's candidacy. But he also shares Dickinson's optimism that the money will come and everything will be worked out. He'll be voting for her as well.

His third vote will be cast for incumbent Scott Brady, who along with Dickinson is a foe of the Better Placentia slate and supports the current direction of the council.

DREAMS OF A DOWNTOWN

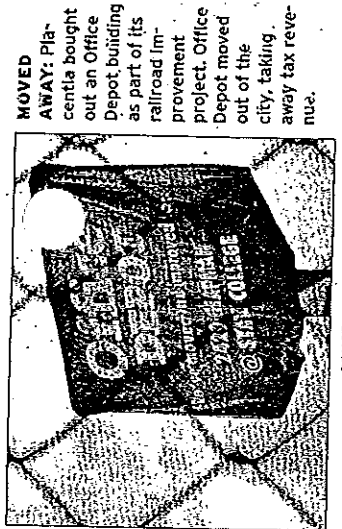
Brady is among those who see Placentia's future glory along the train tracks.

The area was a collection of small farmers until 1910, when Santa Fe Railway reputed its railroad through the area as a shortcut to Los Angeles. A depot was built, plants for pack-

cleaned up and spruced up. With completion of the Melrose Street underpass, that project can move forward. Progress, however, is expected to come slowly. Already movie theaters and hotels have been stripped from the concept, and the only plan in the pipeline is a townhouse project of about 50 units.

Critics - including the Better Placentia candidate slate - worry that the current council may enact eminent domain rights to take broad swaths of land from unwilling sellers, and that the Old Town charm could be bulldozed. But the main complaint is the mismanagement of OnTrac.

Brady, who was elected in 2000, agrees there have been some problems with the rail project. But he points out that Becker's salary was cut nearly in half and that he stepped down as public-works director while Brady was OnTrac chairman in 2003 - and that Becker now is receiving no money unless



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state or federal grants come through.

He says eminent domain will be used only in small, isolated instances, if absolutely necessary.

Further spending on the rail project will come only if those grants come through. In other words, the only difference now between the current council's position and that of the Better Placentia slate is whether to fire Becker and disband OnTrac.

Brady paints the Better Placentia slate as an effort by the Police Department to take over the council - the police union is campaigning for the slate. He says OnTrac is now under control and defends the difficult road to get to where the city is now.

"There has been absolute return on our investment," he said. "It's a long-term investment, and it's not done yet."

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Re-parent yourselves and nurture your adult life

Today I'm talking to you. Yes, you - the person reading my column. You may be a mom, dad, grandma or granddad, aunt or an uncle to your family.

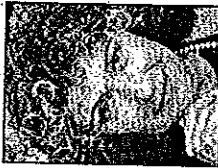
But you are first and foremost a person, a real person - an individual.

So don your "hat of self-realization" and get ready for today's message.

The parenting discussed here is about how you can be a better parent to yourself. And since you are an adult, let's just call it "re-parenting."

Yes, you got through your first round of being parented in your early childhood. And I hope your parents gave you their very best.

But now, as adults, you can



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 PLACENTIA PARENTING

Well, here are some ways to know if you need to update your "self-parenting" skills.

Ask yourself: Do I still use the same old rules from my babyhood? Such as, "I need to hug and kiss strangers even when I don't want to."

Do I treat myself in the old ways that I once resented? As in, "I have to eat all the

food on my plate, even when I'm not hungry or I don't even like what's served."

Can I trust my decision-making process? "I was always told my ideas were stupid. So I always ask somebody else before thinking for myself."

The list could go on. Surprisingly, many adults activate outdated rules.

So now you have the opportunity, as a grown adult, to update your "musts and shoulds" in your "book of rules and regulations."

Think of re-parenting skills as mature, preferable choices to help you nurture the creative you.

Give yourself a chance. If you've never painted a picture or written a poem be-

cause your dad once said you didn't have an artistic bone in your body - do it now.

As a child your parents may have felt uncomfortable with their own creativity and didn't encourage you to enjoy any arts, theater - or sports, or whatever. "Go for it!"

Be true to yourself. If you only received parental approval by conforming, then try being a bit unusual. Or, if you rebelled to prove your strength, you can now relax.

Listen to your inner conscience. As kids, we often take things quite literally. So when Mom or Dad would say, "Always listen to me." We might still be listening to those habituated regulations in our heads.

Do old rules hold you back

from fully living your life today?

Keep the helpful rules that still apply as you re-parent yourself to live in the "now." The new, adult system seeks direction from the "inner self" - your conscience.

And, oh, what a fun time that can be!

P.S. Parents, please join me for a free public talk/discussion on this very topic at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave., at 7 p.m. Oct. 19. I hope to meet you there.

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Council candidates

Joe Aguirre
 Age: 49
 Education: B.A., anthropology, CSU Fullerton
 Occupation: Disneyland publicist
 Quote: "OnTrac has drained our funds and sapped services needed by our citizens."

Scott Brady*
 Age: 41
 Education: MBA, CSU Fullerton
 Occupation: Real estate business owner

Quote: "Our investment in OnTrac - there has been an absolute return. It's a long-term investment and it's not done yet."

Judy Dickinson*
 Age: 58
 Education: B.A., business administration, California Coast University
 Occupation: Director, volunteer services, Alzheimer's Association of Orange County

Quote: "I think the (OnTrac) project has gone well. ... The (state and federal) money is there. We just have to wait for it to come."

John Hoervers
 Age: 44
 Education: Attended Pepperdine University, no degree
 Occupation: Elevator con manager

Quote: "I don't know how anybody could think this current council is worthy of re-election."

Ron Moskowitz
 Age: 35
 Education: MBA, University of Phoenix
 Occupation: Information security
 Quote: "OnTrac could be a good and noble project ... but the problems that have come up are just ridiculous."

Scott Nelson
 Age: 47
 Education: Attended Fullerton College, no degree
 Occupation: Insurance broker
 Quote: "I know people have bold visions but that doesn't mean it's proper to pursue those visions."

Russ Rice
 Age: 53
 Education: M.A., management, University of Phoenix; M.S., management, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 Occupation: Retired Placentia police chief

Quote: "The incumbents are good people. Unfortunately, they've made the wrong decisions."

Connie Underhill*
 Age: 62
 Education: B.S., sociology, University of Oregon
 Occupation: Associate p
 Quote: "OnTrac has been taken out of control. The money did not go for what it was supposed to go for."

* Incumbent
 For more information on the candidates, see the Voters Guide at www.ocregister.com/voterguide

Library writes new chapter out local authors

BY AFSHA BAWANY
PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

If you're an author and live in or near Placentia, the city's library is looking for you.

Area authors are getting star treatment in the library's Placentia History room, where about two dozen books and manuscripts are on display. And library staff members say they want more authors to come forward.

"It's a part of our heritage," said Pat Irot, a volunteer for the history room.

The librarians began seeking authors seven years ago and since then writers have begun dropping off their works, Irot said.

One author on display is Jessamyn West, who lived in Yorba Linda and was a cousin of Richard M. Nixon, who wrote the famous novel "The Friendly Persuasion" which later became a movie starring Gary Cooper, Dorothy

McGuire and Anthony Perkins. West died in 1984.

There are a variety of genres on hand, including romance novels and several academic works by many Cal State Fullerton professors.

Byron Klassen, who teaches American history part time at the university, wrote "The Emergence of Provincial New Hampshire," chronicling the creation of the society between 1623 and 1741. The book was published in 1976 and, at the time, Klassen said no serious work was written about the colony - so it was a great opportunity for him to research the subject. In addition, Klassen has published 20 articles about New Hampshire; but he isn't planning on doing new research anytime soon. Right now, he said, he's focusing on family and traveling.

Klassen has lived in Placentia for 34 years, with his wife, Elaine.

Leland Bellot has been a

professor at Cal State Fullerton for 40 years and teaches courses in British history, world civilization and World War II part-time.

He wrote a biography titled "William Knox: The Life and Thought of an 18th Century Imperialist." It was published in 1977 and will be reprinted this fall by Oxford University Press in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, a 60 volume set with 50,000 biographies compiled by 10,000 scholars around the world.

Klassen is writing another biography for the collection, focusing on the 18th century English aristocrat Earl Temple. He plans to finish a manuscript and submit for publication soon. His research has taken him from the Huntington Library to Great Britain.

He and his wife Marlita have lived in Placentia for 39 years.

Although he is "buried in grading papers" these days, Klassen said he is continuing

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tory, the Ottoman and Greek empires and plans to publish a book about Greek history next fall.

Fraze, a Placentia resident

for 34 years, wanted to write about this subject because "nobody else had ever done it."

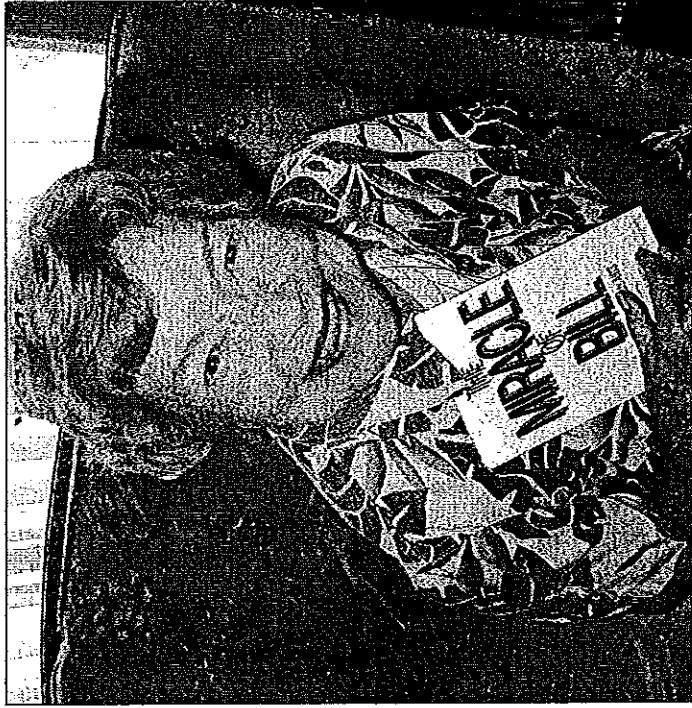
He has written 10 books and taught at CSF for 11 years. He has been married to his wife, Kathleen, for 33 years.

Of the library's display, Fraze said, "I think it's a great idea. I'm pleased to see how

many people in Placentia have written books. They're adding to the intellectual climate of the town."

The display of works by local authors is on indefinite exhibit at the Placentia Library, 411 E.

Chapman Ave. For more information, call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 224.



COURTESY OF CORINNE GRIFFITHS

A BOOK by Clairree Tynes of Placentia, titled "The Miracle of Bill," is included in Placentia Library display.

to write and wants to start on World War II next. He said he was "very pleased" with the library's dedication to bringing attention to local authors.

Charles Fraze, who teaches church history at Claremont College, wrote a

book called "Two Thousand Years Ago at the Time of Jesus," which was published four years ago. He also teaches courses in world his-

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AT WORK: Erik Quinonez helps with landscaping at the Melrose Street overcrossing. Project improvements include better signs, better signals, and so-called quad-gates, designed to prevent motorists from trying to cross the tracks and beat the train.

Placentia to Hush Train Horns

'Quiet zone' will cost \$7 million and is separate from the larger OnTrac plan to sink rail lines below grade. Work could start in December.

By DAN WEIKEL
Times Staff Writer

City officials in Placentia, where screaming train horns have been an irritant for years, announced Tuesday that work would begin soon on a \$7-million project to improve grade crossings and prohibit engineers from sounding their horns as they rumble through town.

Project officials said that several key developments have cleared the way for construction of Placentia's so-called quiet zone, one of the first plans in the nation to silence train horns along an urban rail line.

Work could begin in December at eight major streets in Placentia, Anaheim and on county land, making it unnecessary for engineers to sound a warning at railroad crossings. About 70 freight and passenger trains pass through the city daily.

The quiet zone calls for street improvements, medians and so-called quad-gates, designed to prevent motorists from trying to cross the tracks and beat the train.

The announcement marks a

bright spot in the city's contentious effort to eliminate the nuisance that residents and city leaders believe the rail lines have become.

The \$450-million OnTrac project, which would lower the rail lines into a trench, has lurched along slowly, draining city resources and leaving Placentia deeply in debt. Some doubt that the project will ever be completed.

The much smaller quiet-zone project got a boost in August when \$3.4 million in federal funds were approved for the work. Based on two bids received this month, the city is planning to select a contractor by late November.

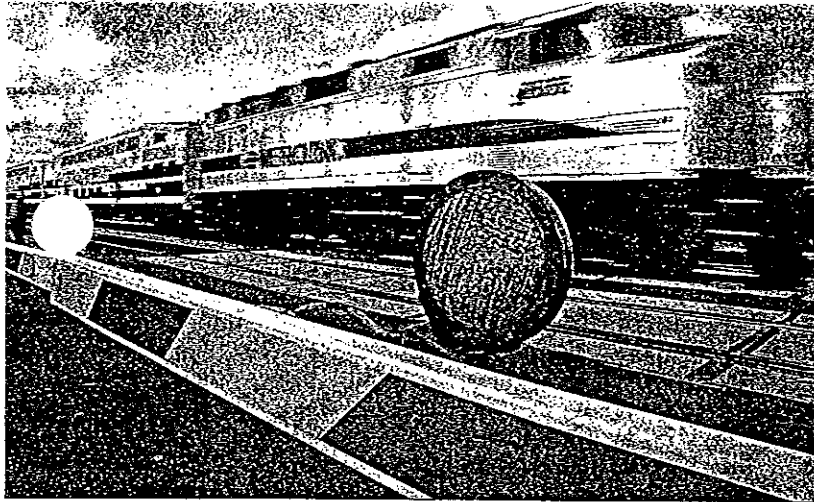
Project officials said installation of some of the safest crossing gates available could be finished as early as March.

"This is the culmination of over three years of work," said Placentia Mayor Judy A. Dickinson. "Cities throughout the nation will be able to use this project as a model."

She appeared at a news conference and public ceremony to mark recent progress in the quiet zone project. Local, state [See 'Quiet Zone,' Page B8]



OBSERVER: Councilman Chris Lowe's son, R.J., gets a close look at a passing train at Tuesday's ceremony. Lowe said the plan was a short-term solution to a long-standing problem.



MARK BOSTER, Los Angeles Times

ACCELERATING BY: A Metrolink train passes the rail crossing at Bradford Avenue in Placentia. About 10 freight and passenger trains pass through the city daily, and the number is expected to increase.

Placentia Readies 'Quiet Zone'

'Quiet Zone,' from Page B1] and federal officials attended the event, including Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher (R-Brea) and Reps. Gary Miller (R-Diamond Bar) and Edward R. Royce (R-Fullerton).

The ceremony near the Traemer Boulevard grade crossing was marred by three passing freight trains that sounded off as they approached. Houses line one side of the tracks; an apartment complex is on the other.

"Every 10 or 20 minutes, they blast their horns," said Glenn Rice, a retired mail carrier who lives in a mobile home park near the tracks. "When I talk to my wife on the telephone, we have to raise our voices. I'm sick of it."

The quiet zone is part of the city's OnTrac project to place several miles of railroad tracks into a concrete trench and build 11 overpasses for surface streets that cross it.

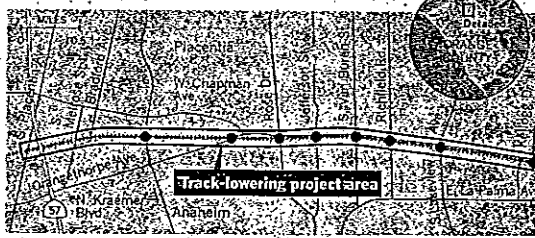
Planners say the project will improve rail safety, help revitalize downtown Placentia and accommodate the growth of train traffic to and from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Projections indicate that by 2010, 135 trains a day will use the north Orange County rail corridor.

The work will be done at Traemer Boulevard, Orangehorpe Avenue, Rose Drive, Jef-

Silence on the tracks

Placentia officials want to make eight railroad crossing areas "quiet zones" where conductors are barred from sounding train whistles unless they see something on the track.

● Quiet-zone project area



Source: OnTrac

Los Angeles Times

Critics of the OnTrac project questioned whether the quiet zone was necessary, if the trench or overpasses and underpasses could be built at some or all the streets in the years ahead.

"If we build the trench or the overpasses, we won't need these quad gates and we could waste \$7 million," said activist Greg Sowards, who is running for city treasurer in Tuesday's election.

City Councilman Chris Lowe said the quiet zone was a short-term solution to a long-standing problem. Something needs to be done, he said, because OnTrac

"We need to have another solution for the time being."

Critics also were suspicious of the timing of the quiet zone ceremony, held a week before city elections. Community activists opposed to OnTrac are backing a slate of candidates to unseat Dickinson and Councilman Scott P. Brady, two staunch OnTrac supporters.

"They could have built the quiet zone two years ago, but OnTrac has spent the money on high-priced consultants," said Craig Green, a founder of Citizens for a Better Placentia, which has questioned the

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Placentia issues

Today: Financial problems have dogged Placentia's ambitious railroad project, including a contract administration fee triple the amount paid by other publicly managed railroad projects. By itself, the fee-inflated project costs \$500,000 to \$1 million.
Thursday: The city's railroad project and downtown redevelopment plans are primary issues in the Nov. 2 City Council race, in which three incumbents face five

properties needed to make room for the underpasses and start construction of the project at Melrose Street. The state eventually freezes the fee at \$11.8 million.

July 2, 2002: Groundbreaking for the Melrose Street underpass, the first construction project.

August 2004: Orange County district attorney begins

investigating whether Chris Becker, who was then-public works director, broke conflict-of-interest laws when he recommended in 2000 that his consulting company be hired to assess OnTrac

days, the railroad agrees to halt whistles during the night but continues honking during the day.

October 2001: Cliff Lamoman dies, but the city continues to pay his company a \$35,000-a-month retainer. Lamoman's wife, Gwen, takes over operations, and the company continues to oversee

subconsultants for a 15 percent administration fee.

November 2001: The state releases the first \$52 million of a \$28 million grant for the construction of the Melrose Street and Placentia Avenue underpasses. The city uses the money to hire



Becker

March 2003: During that time, he deducts his city salary from his OnTrac fees.

From July 2000 to September 2004: Becker's firm receives \$16 million.

April 1, 2001: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad ends its voluntary compliance with the city's 25-year ban on blowing train whistles at road crossings. The next City Council meeting is swamped with protesters. Within

subcontractors through Lampan's company, which garnered almost \$15 million in administration fees.

April 6, 1999: City Council approves the trench option.

April 2000: The joint powers authority OnTrac is formed. Placentia is the only member.

Anaheim, Fullerton and Yorba Linda all decline invitations to participate in the project.

April 25, 2000: Chris Becker is hired as a consultant to be the executive director of OnTrac. Becker retains his position as director of public works until

1996: Orange County Transportation Authority looks at whether it would be better to separate the tracks and streets by building overpasses and underpasses or to dig a trench for the railroad. It determines overpasses and underpasses are most affordable.

Dec. 2, 1997: City hires Management Facilitators Inc. to perform a study on lowering the tracks. The company, run by Cliff Lampan, later becomes Railroad Lowering Facilitators and then Lampan Enterprises. A total of \$17 million has been paid to

Troubled history for Placentia railroad project

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

TODAY

Story times for ages 3 to 6 are held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 211.

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Candidates report campaign finances

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City Council candidate Russ Rice has the most money left in his campaign war chest, according to the newest round of finance reports, released Oct. 5.

Rice has spent \$7,500 and has \$6,189 left to spend for the Nov. 2 City Council race, campaign statements covering July 1 to Sept. 30 show.

Rice is one of eight candidates seeking three seats in the election.

Councilwoman Connie Underhill, who is seeking re-election, comes next with \$3,727 remaining in her account.

Candidate Scott Nelson has collected the most contributions - \$14,750 - including \$13,000 in loans from Nelson

and Associates. He has \$2,366 left.

Councilman Scott Brady leads the candidates in spending: \$14,946, much of it money raised before the current period.

Candidates for treasurer and three political action committees also filed statements. Here are details from the city election reports:

CITY COUNCIL

Joe Aguirre

Contributors include: Peace Officers Research Association, \$1,000; Diversified Business, \$500; Joe V. Aguirre Sr., \$300; Mike Aguirre, \$245; Dolores Aguirre, \$200; Bargain Basket, \$150; Cory Aguirre,

\$100; newspaper ads and mailers received from Placentia Police Officers Association valued at \$2,509.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$8,920.

Expenses include mailers and postage.

Total spent: \$2,929.86. Cash left: \$3,421.14.

Scott P. Brady

Contributors to the incumbent councilman include: TOD Chairman Rick Kreuzer, Dale Rincon, Alex Horowitz, and Bob Anson, \$1,000; Chris Becker, \$500; Placentia Citizens for Responsible Government, \$500; Steve and Denite Gilman, \$325; loan from Scott Brady, \$309.83; Janice Blackwood, Dane and Gayle Kaplan,

Ralph Munoz, Kevin Carver, Tom Vogt, Orange County Firefighters Association, \$250; Lee and Mary Castner, \$225; Anthony Schipsi, \$200; Jack Evans, \$175; George Ziegler, \$150; Sergei and Barbara Volkov, Cliff Johnson, Jim Osborne, David Keefe, Mike and Jeannette Gardner, Maria Boris and Thomas Martindale, \$125; Lynn Daucher, \$100;

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$9,723.83. Brady had \$3,257.76 in his campaign fund already.

Expenses include: mailers, signs, fund-raiser and internet costs valued at \$4,872; contribution to Placentia Citizens for Responsible Government, \$500.

Total spent: \$14,946.76. Cash left: \$3,034.83.

Judy Dickinson

Contributors for the incumbent: Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, \$500; Robert D'Amato of Placentia, Susan Sorensen and Ellawise Meyers, \$250; Robert M. D'Amato of Corona, Placentia Youth Baseball, \$200, Mary Longenecker, George Ziegler, \$150; Linda Henderson, Denise Snyder, Mary Ann Amemiya, Mary Castner, Glen Baldwin, \$100. Loan from Judy Dickinson, \$2,500.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$6,609.

Expenses include mailer and signs valued at \$4,748.

Total spent: \$5,271. Cash left: \$1,819.

Johannes G. HoEVERS

Loan from Johannes G. HoEVERS, \$2,500. Total spent: \$2,318. Cash left: \$182. Ron Moskowitz

Contributors: Hyman Moskowitz, \$174; Margalit Moskowitz, \$1,055, loans from Ron Moskowitz, \$5,000.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$6,399.

Total spent: \$3,803.06. Cash left: \$2,595.94.

Scott Nelson

Contributors: Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, \$500; Kent and Kelly Wright, \$200; Chuck Hyneman Insurance, Larry and Melina Michaels, Jorge Cuevas, Jeffrey Glickrjan, Tom and LaDona Caluoiu, Calvin Lee, Douglas Elliott, \$125; Accurate Door and Glass, \$100. Loans from Nelson and Associates totaling \$13,000.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$14,750.

Total spent: \$12,383.86. Cash left: \$2,366.14.

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Russell J. Rice Jr.

Contributors: Peace Officers Research Association, \$1,000; GAJ Properties, LLC, \$250; Bradford Terrace Placentia Apartments, \$245; Bargain Basket, \$100. Loans from Russell J. Rice Jr. valued at \$6,783. Newspaper advertising and mailers received from Placentia Police Officers Association valued at \$2,509.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$12,809

Expenses include voter guides, mailers and a Web site.

Total spent: \$7,503.10. Cash left: \$6,189.20

Connie Underhill

Contributors for the incumbent: Placentia Police Officers Association, ads and mailers

valued at \$2,509; Tom and Connie Underhill, office supplies valued at \$155; Bargain Basket, GAJ Properties LLC, and Taormina Industries, \$250; Bradford Terrace Placentia Apartments LP, \$245; T.S. Babcock, \$100. Loan from Connie Underhill, \$2,500.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$10,033. She had \$1,500 in her campaign fund already.

Total spent: \$8,741. Cash left: \$3,727.10.

TREASURER

Leland L. Castner

Contributors: Donna Graf, Mike Villavicencio, Citizens to Re-Elect Chris Lowe, \$250; Merlin J Allred, Clairee Tynes, United Referral Services, Robert W. Dickinson, Glenn Baldwin, Matthew Vawter, \$100; Kathryn Shepherd, \$200. Loan from Leland Castner, \$500. T-shirts and

flyers received from George Ziegler and Omni Grafix Printing valued at \$1,135.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$4,253.99

Expenses include signs and mailers valued at \$768.

Total spent: \$768.83. Cash left: \$2,164.17.

Greg Sowards

Placentia Police Officers Association, newspaper ads, mailers and signs valued at \$2,509; Greg Sowards, office supplies valued at \$250; Peace Officers Research Association of California, \$1,000; GAJ Properties, \$250; Diversified Business Services, \$200; Gary Atchley, \$100. Loan from Greg Sowards, \$4,000.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$9,174. Total spent: \$4,005. Cash left: \$2,410.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

Citizens for a Better Placentia

Contributors include: Edward Garcia, partially furnished office space valued at \$1,200; Placentia Police Management Association, Placentia Police Officers Association, Western Bio Medical \$500.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$3,650. The PAC already had \$1,818.39 in hand.

Total spent: \$2,808.29. Cash left: \$1,883.90. Placentia Citizens for Responsible Government

Contributors include: Citizens to Re-Elect Chris Lowe and Scott Brady for Placentia City, \$500; Martin and Katie Ageson and Robert and Sue D'Amato, \$100.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$1,200.

Expenses include office supplies valued at \$243.

Total spent: \$1,317.93. Cash

left: \$882.07.

Placentia Police Officers Association

Contributors include \$43.34 from 31 police officers with a cumulative of \$173 to date.

Total contributions, including non-monetary: \$1,419.39. The PAC already had \$15,348.33 in hand.

Expenses include ads, mailers for Connie Underhill, Greg Sowards, Joe Aguirre and Russ Rice valued at \$10,000.

Total spent: \$10,036.12. Cash left: \$6,731.60.

UNDER \$1,000 CLUB

Candidates Richard DeVecchio, Jerry Tollefson, Jean Turner and Gaeten "Gae" Wood for the Placentia Library District have filed forms with the Orange County Registrar of Voters declaring they don't intend to raise more than \$1,000 or create a campaign committee.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the Registrar's Office did not have a filing from Robert Gorman, and was in the process of sending him a letter that it was late.

ELECTIONS 2004: LIBRARY DISTRICT

Five candidates seek three seats on library board

BY HEATHER McCREA
PLACENTIA NEWS-TIMES

Often when residents are driven to run for an elected position they are spurred by discontent with a situation or a desire to push an issue, but candidates for the Placentia Library District Board of Directors are generally happy with past performances.

Yeah, they'd like more books, maybe a library facelift or some new programs, but overall they aren't itching for a fight or pushing to radically overhaul the system.

Five have stepped forward seeking to fill three seats up for election Nov. 2. Two are incumbents - Richard DeVecchio and Gaeten "Gae" Wood. Robert Gorman, Jerry Tollefson and Jean Turner are their challengers.

Incumbent Margaret Dinsmore is stepping down. Terms are four years. There is no stipend, but members are reimbursed for expenses, such as travel and mileage.

In its monthly meetings, the library board determines policy, administers donations to the library, adopts an annual budget and approves hiring.

RICHARD DEVECCHIO

For years as Richard DeVecchio walked past the display case on his way to the Placentia Library he would pause to read the meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees.

Then about 15 months ago, there was a mid-term opening on the board so he applied for an appointment.

Now he is seeking to keep his seat in the Nov. 2 election.

"It's certainly a low-key board," said the 25-year resident.

"I don't think there is anything the board has done in the last year that would be controversial."

"I think the emphasis has been economic stability, rewarding personnel for work, at the same time expanding li-

brary hours," he said. "I am in agreement with everything they have done."

What he brings to the table, he said, is his 25 years as an administrator at Fullerton College, most recently as vice president for student and personnel affairs before his retirement in 1999.

"It's an agency supported by taxpayers; there is a lot of similarity of issues," DeVecchio said.

"One of his extreme strengths is financial management," said Margaux Jordan, executive director of the Fullerton College Foundation, of which DeVecchio has been a board member for more than 30 years.

"He has been chair of our investment committee for many years. We are doing phenom-

enally on our investments. He's really been a guiding force."

"He's a very precise person and very detailed oriented while still reviewing the big picture," she added.

DeVecchio has also taught history, government and psychology and is a licensed psychologist.

Being retired gives him the time to attend the three or so meetings and devote eight to 10 hours to the post each month.

DeVecchio said he will campaign door to door, but won't buy signs or send brochures.

"I have no-one helping me," he said. "It seems to me like this is a situation to serve."

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ROBERT GORMAN

Robert Gorman wants to bring a younger perspective to the library board.

At 50, he is younger than the other candidates by at least six years.

"A lot of them are retired or older," Gorman said.

He is the only candidate with a child still in school, a son at Valencia High School. And he just recently started his own company offering workplace safety training after about 20 years in managing customer service operations ranging from manufacturing to copiers.

"I know how to manage people," Gorman said. "I come from the perspective of delivering service."

Staples, treasurer of the Scout troop Gorman headed the last couple of years, said Gorman certainly displays his management

skills, with the 65 boys under his leadership.

"Anybody that can keep that many boys occupied and pretty well happy, it is a feat in its own," Staples said, pointing out Gorman has to make sure the boys are learning their skills, go on outings and coordinate with parents.

"I've seen him in situations where I would be pulling my hair out," Staples said. "He never loses it."

Gorman said his style is to solicit ideas for how to make things better. It is how he said he improved the manufacturing reproduction line he was managing in his last job at Ozar Electronic in Fullerton; by asking employees how to make products faster and more efficiently.

One of the things he'd like to do as a library trustee is survey the community about what it would like from the library.

"I don't think they really have had any public solicitation of where to go," Gorman said.

One change he would push

for is to buy more new titles.

"The last time I was in the library it was in pretty bad shape," he said. "They had no books I wanted. I just went to other libraries. I thought if I got involved, I could fix the problem I was complaining about."

Gorman is also on the city's Traffic Safety Commission.

JERRY TOLLEFSON

Some paint, a Dumpster and an accounting background are what Jerry Tollefson said he would bring to the library board if elected Nov. 2.

"It's a volunteer kind of thing," Tollefson said about his candidacy.

And a family affair.

His wife, Nancy, is on the Library Foundation board and runs the used bookstore as a volunteer.

"I could bring to it my experience as a certified public accountant and with organizations," Tollefson said.

He is retired from a 37-year career in accounting, is a past city commissioner of Long Beach and past president of

several community and industry organizations.

In addition to an experienced eye for balancing budgets and dealing with employee salaries, Tollefson would also like to bring a sort of decorator's eye.

"It's dull, it's dreary, it's drab," he said about the library's interior. "Put a light tan in there; it would brighten it up."

And he would also seek to give employees more elbow-room by cleaning out some of the clutter in the backrooms.

"Nobody is complaining to me," he said. "But I just walked through there and said I wouldn't want to work here."

Though he admits to not having a lot of direct experience running a library, Tollefson said he is an avid user of them and "when we travel on trips we always manage to go to the libraries and check them out."

"He's a level-headed guy," said Pat Irot, president of the Friends of the Placentia Library who asked Tollefson to run.

"I just think Jerry brings a good background from his accounting," she said. "There are budgets to manage and that sort of thing, so that is good knowledge to have."

JEAN TURNER

As a student at the University of California, Berkeley, Jean Turner earned her spending money by working in the library.

She's been the library chairwoman for the PTA and a volunteer.

It's that experience with the inner workings of a library that Turner, 78, says qualifies her to be a good addition to the library board.

"I have the time, energy and the desire to do a good job," she said.

Turner applied for an appointment to the board earlier this year, but was not chosen. When registration opened for the election, she said the district sent her a letter about joining the race.

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"I don't think there is anything earth-shattering I would do differently," Turner said. "I don't see anything that they are not doing right at the moment."

Though she doesn't have a burning issue driving her candidacy, Turner said as a trustee she'd like to take a look at how the library might offer more technology services and help keep the budget on its rebound from the deep cuts the state made 10 years ago.

"I think that one of the library trustee's job is to be sure the money is spent wisely," she said, adding she

has experience with fiscal management from all of her volunteer activities.

"When you are president of a group, always you get in on the budget discussions. Of course my husband and I have managed to keep ourselves solvent."

She is also a member of a "women and stocks group" that studies the markets and makes group investments.

"I find Jean is a very reliable person," said Roy Buck, a fellow volunteer for HIS House, the homeless shelter. "If she tackles something she follows through. I imagine she will be the same way with the library district."

"She established a walk-a-thon for HIS House," he said. "It's something she

organized herself. She raised a bit of money doing that. She's pretty good."

GAETEN "GAE" WOOD

When Gae Wood retired six years ago she looked around for a place to volunteer.

"My attention just drew to where I might make a difference," she said.

Through her husband, Hugh's, involvement with Rotary she knew Elizabeth Minter, Placentia Library's executive director.

So when a position opened on the Board of Trustees, she applied for an appointment. Two years later was elected to a full term.

"I think we have continued to make decisions to bring us back to a position of being ef-

fective," Wood said, referring to the 50 percent cut in funding from the state 10 years ago. "This year, we are seeing the benefits of all that good management."

"We are becoming a more aged population," Wood said. "But we have few programs for seniors. It would be nice to see programs that would be specific for seniors to take advantage of."

Wood said she brings budget and management experience from her career in marketing and sales to her board role.

"I think being a person who has been a resident here for 25 years I know and understand this community," she said.

"I would say that there has been a refocus to some degree

that I helped the library toward, better management in certain areas," Wood said.

She said she helped "take the foundation board, which was more dependent on the library and staff, to where it would stand on its own. I am very proud of that."

Kathi Baldwin met Wood six years ago when Minter asked them to co-chair a fund-raiser.

"What I would say about her, was the part she undertook to oversee she did it so gracefully," said Baldwin, a member of the Friends of the Placentia Library.

"There was no worrying or wondering whether her part was taken care of," she added. "She has good follow through. I would certainly think she is

very attentive to details."

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2004
MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 11:30 P.M.

Members Attending: Esther Guzman
Katie Matas
Wendy Goodson

Members Absent: Caroline Gurkweitz

III. Old Business

1. The fire extinguishers were checked by Katie Matas on October 27, 2004.
2. A list of emergency phone numbers of regular volunteers needs to be compiled and made available to staff.
3. The damaged floor tiles in the Friends' Book Store will be replaced today.

IV. New Business

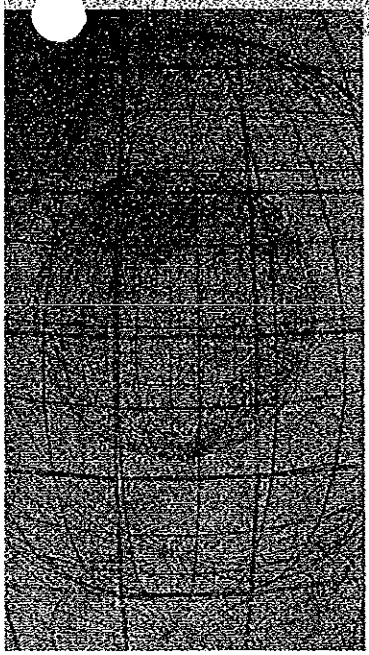
None.

The next meeting will be November 17, 2004 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Matas



ALA's Secret Weapon Found in Nation's Capital

The American Library Association's Washington Office is about to celebrate its 60th year of operation, and Emily Sheketoff is very upbeat about heading the operation. A former TV producer, she has been in the ALA job for five years. "This job has used every skill I ever learned," she declares.

"We take our responsibilities seriously. We're what stands between the general public and what it needs for libraries. It's a sacred trust."

The staff deals with information technology policy, and also lends support to ALA roundtables and divisions. The office of government relations, with six staff members, works to influence Congress and federal agencies.

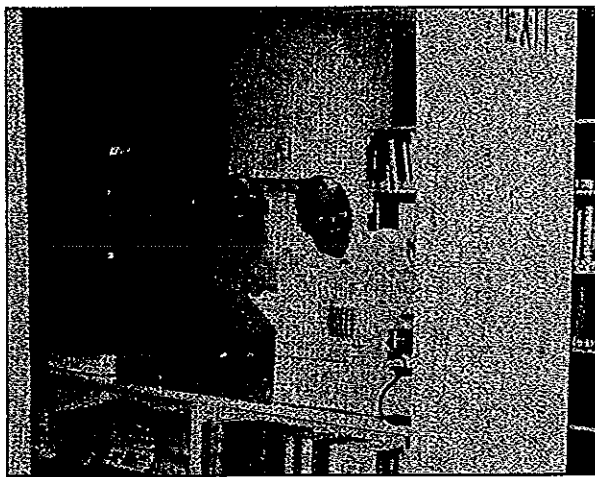
A sophisticated grassroots network for all ALA lobbyists to use is under construction. Grassroots Coordinator Erin Haggerty has been searching for an effective library contact in every state. That key person will then assemble a network of various library people, from schools, public libraries, universities, and special libraries.

"If we need a letter to Rick Boucher in Virginia," Emily explains, "we'll draft the letter, but a constituent will sign and send it electronically. These days, that's necessary, because lots of Congressmen now have e-mail filters that accept messages only from constituents.

ALA can get in on the ground floor of this effort, she explains. "We need members' help—we need them to recruit more of their colleagues for ALTA, so they, too, can be advocating for libraries. We're all in this together, and we can jointly work more effectively. Chapter Relations is active in this."



Emily poses with Miriam Nisbett, Counsel on Copyright and Intellectual Property.



Don Essex, Legislative Information Specialist (left) stands in the office library with Denorse Prince, Administrative Assistant.

In early May, the Washington Office hosted its annual lobbying event. The occasion provided a great chance to introduce the new grassroots network. Library advocates who couldn't travel to Washington participated from home in a Virtual Lobby Day.

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ALTA President's Message Exciting Conference Around the Corner

It is not too late to make plans to attend the Chicago ALA Conference. Trustee and advocate activities begin on Friday, June 24, with the Advocacy Institute and Honor Roll Banquet.

Saturday and Sunday (June 25 and 26) are loaded with special trustee and advocate programs. You can find a schedule and find out more information at www.ala.org/alta. Program titles include—Twix and Tweens: Library Programs to Motivate our Youth's Future; The Taste: Library Planning; Finances, Space and Technology; Advocacy: The New Frontier; and When State and Local Stretch Money.

ADVOCACY NOW

Even if you are not attending the National Legislative Day, May 3 and 4, in Washington, D.C., your assistance is still needed. Sign up for ALAWON, the online newsletter, to get alerts about advocacy efforts and how you can help at www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washnews/news.htm.

BECOME PROACTIVE LOCALLY

As you are looking at upcoming graduations with people meeting exciting new goals and making new ones, your library needs to graduate into this new age of libraries. Have you looked at the library's strategic plan recently? Is it up-to-date? Are you implementing your strategic plan? Do you have regular reports on the progress toward the strategic goals?

In an editorial last fall John Berry said, "Librarians must evaluate everything from the library building and its contents to the library staff and users and their wants and needs. They must watch developments in other industries to see if they can be valuable in libraries" [*Library Journal* 129, no. 14 (Sept. 1, 2004): 8]. But it is really you as trustees and advocates who have the pulse on the community and your expertise in other fields that can so ably lend a new perspective to the library and its strategic plan, helping evaluate the library building, staff and user wants, as well as watch for trends.

Salinas (CA) PL helped many open their eyes to the fact that libraries do not always get priority in tight financial times. See the March 2005 issue of *American Libraries* for additional information about Salinas. Does your library have a solid financial base, or should you make some contingency plans now? If a crunch hits, what would you do? Trustees and advocates are exploring all options, such as a fundraising campaign, developing a library district with dedicated funding, encouraging public support, and advocating for political support. Now is the time to plan for those best- and worst-case scenarios.

I hope to see you in Chicago, as we continue to learn about how trustees and advocates can help provide the best public library service.

—Marguerite Ritchey, President

From the Library Bill of Rights:

Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.



Politicians are People, Too

Be Nice: You catch more bees with honey than vinegar.

Getting to Know You: It's easier to listen to friends than strangers.

Surprise 'Em: Reach out to politicians when you want nothing in return.

—Glenn R. Miller, PA Library Association

Everything You Wanted to Know About Attending an ALA Conference But Were Afraid to Ask

BY NICHOLAS SPILLIOS

Do I have to go? That was the question I asked myself after my board chair asked me to attend an ALA Conference. She subtly suggested that my time had come. But why me? What about Mary and Joe and Jackie? They had never attended a conference. After a year as a trustee, I found myself doing my job fairly well—so I thought. Yet I was not totally committed, and it showed. My chair was acting as my mentor, finding potential in me that was waiting to be tapped.

Conferences often play a major motivating role in the professional development of trustees. They may act as the turning point for a trustee in moving from the position of being an adequate and responsible one to that of an effective leader on a board. Here are a few reasons for attending ALA conferences.

1. GETTING THE BIG PICTURE

Only a conference can give you that view from the mountaintop. Boards are often insular, with trustees judging policy from a personal perspective. We need new ideas and perspectives on how other boards do business. The excitement of attending can give you just that. Personal growth and professional development offer that essential shove in the right direction. Conferences can lead to a fresh start back home and an opportunity to brief your board on what is happening to libraries.

2. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE

Transferring ideas from one board to another never works. But adaptation and borrowing does. Here is a chance to bounce your ideas off others, getting their input and adjusting your views. This direction is all part of the growth process. I still remember one of the first ALTA sessions I attended focusing on the partnership that can be established between the CEO and the

board, complete with handouts and exercises. I used it and adapted it to fit a local conference. Wow, was everybody impressed with my idea, borrowed from ALTA!

3. KEEPING AHEAD OF THE CEO

Let's face it. We are all volunteers, and few trustees possess the knowledge that administrators get in their professional training. Nor does anyone expect us to have such knowledge. We are policy makers, but we can gain an understanding and appreciation of the library world. And there is all that library jargon! You will learn the definition of such terms as database, hard print and electronic print, and weeding. You can pick up the meanings at a conference. Acquire them and use them with administrators; they will be impressed.

4. TECHNOLOGY BREAKTHROUGHS

Changes in technology are daunting. And many of the major funding requests received are associated with technological changes. We are responsible for making intelligent decisions. Are we knowledgeable enough to make such decisions? We have been appointed or elected to make such decisions. Conferences afford us the opportunity to become more knowledgeable.

5. GETTING INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED

Conferences act as the meeting place for experts in the library community. At this year's Midwinter Meeting in Boston, I was fortunate in attending the Advocacy Institute with many of the major names in the field willing and able to articulate contemporary ideas on advocacy. At the "Creating an Epidemic" session, I heard bestselling author Malcolm Gladwell expound on strategies for mobilizing grassroots advocacy efforts. But where do you start? Our libraries are in trouble. The place for arming ourselves with skills and techniques needed to serve our libraries

After the Tsunami: Rebuilding Libraries

As part of the international effort to help rebuild the libraries damaged or destroyed by the earthquake and tsunami in Asia and parts of Africa at the end of 2004, the "U.S. Library Associations Library Disaster Relief Fund" has been created which will be able to accept tax-deductible donations.

Particularly hard hit in the region were libraries in Sri Lanka and Indonesia. In Sri Lanka, 177 school libraries, 63 public libraries and 68 libraries attached to religious institutions were damaged or destroyed. The National Library of Indonesia reports similar destruction in Aceh Province, including the loss of 23 of the 72 staff at the Aceh Provincial Library.

The "Library Disaster Relief Fund" will be working with the effort of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) to assist in the rebuilding process.

Donations can be made by credit card or by check to the "Library Disaster Relief Fund." Checks should be sent to the Medical Library Association, c/o Carla J. Funk, 65 East Wacker Place, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60601-7298.

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ALTA Mission Statement

The Association for Library Trustees and Advocates promotes and ensures outstanding library service through educational programs that develop excellence in trusteeship and actions that advocate access to information for all.

ALTA Vision Statement

The Association for Library Trustees and Advocates will educate and empower library trustees to advocate for and adopt policies that promote the highest quality library and information services and ensure access to information to all.

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ALTA named Jim Connor and Robert B. Lyons as the 2005 Trustee Citation award winners. The ALA Trustee Citation, established in 1941 to recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to library development, symbolizes and honors the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 American citizens who serve on library boards.

Connor is a trustee of Jefferson County Public Library in Colorado. Lyons is a trustee of Schaumburg Township District Library in Illinois.

Connor has been tireless in his efforts to energize the state trustee organization in Colorado, traveling nearly 10,000 miles throughout the region, to build an advocacy network for libraries. His enthusiasm for working with trustees and li-

brary advocates has been evident in all who see him at the ALA midwinter meetings and annual conferences. He has, per William Knott, the Jefferson County librarians, created a new spirit of advocacy among public library trustees in the West.

Connor's recent accomplishments include establishing working relationships with his region's state librarians, setting up a Web site for the trustees and advocates in his region, and organizing his many community contacts to speak in support of libraries.

"Lyons has been a very active legislative advocate for libraries both on the state and national levels," said Michael Madden, the director of the Schaumburg Township District Library.

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is at conferences. What trustee isn't interested in becoming inspired?

6. MEETING OLD FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW ONES

You will find some of the most professional and dedicated trustees at conferences. Looking back over the years, I treasure the friends and contacts I've made of some of the most dedicated trustees across the U.S., including Wayne Coco, Denise Botto, Bill Murphy, and Sharon Saulmon. I know that I can contact any one of them for advice and information, and they won't let me down.

7. SHOPPING AROUND

A visit to the Exhibits is invaluable for updating yourself on new publications, new software, and the hot authors of the moment. Authors' advances copied as posters for your library are yours for the asking.

8. PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is a must! Not only will you save yourself valuable time and buy into low early rates, but you will get announcements on the program and a schedule of demonstrations by the vendors.

Finally, some mention should be made concerning who should not attend. If you feel that you know everything there is to know about libraries, don't attend. If you are not committed to your library, or if you haven't taken a professional view of your role as a trustee anxious for your library to make a difference in the community, a conference is definitely not the place for you! For those who don't fall under these categories, see you at ALA in Chicago!

Nicholas Spillios is a former president of the Canadian Library Trustees Association

ALTA Members Lose a Dear Friend with Passing of Virginia Young

During World War II, Virginia Young learned to fly. She thought scout pilots might be needed, so she climbed into two-seater, open cockpit biplanes and learned to take them skyward. After that, she spent the remainder of her long life seeking high places, in one way or another.

It was Virginia's idea to change the name of ALA's Trustees Division to ALTA, which she said sounded like heights. She was a distinguished member of our division until her death on March 16, 2005. And when it came to being a trustee, she wrote the book—literally—titled, "The Library Trustee." This volume was read by an entire generation of library volunteers and eventually translated into Spanish.

A resident of Columbia, Missouri, Virginia began her service to libraries in 1952, when she was named to the city's library board. She went on to serve on library boards at every level, including a five-year stint as trustee of the American Library in Paris, where she helped plan their 50th anniversary celebration.

Presidents responded to her. While she was head of the Missouri Library Association, the future president Ronald Regan showed up at a hotel where they were meeting. It took her little time to snag him as an impromptu speaker. Later, Gerald Ford invited her to the White House to for a 15-minute appointment about libraries, but 15 minutes stretched to 45

minutes because Virginia was so engaging on her favorite topic.

Her bottomless store of ideas invigorated the library world. When the federal government cut funding for libraries, she suggested a trustee march on Washington. Beforehand, she conducted a briefing for 200 people, so they would know what to say. The march was credited with a major role in restoring library funding.

Virginia was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a basketball advisor to her son, and according to all who knew her, a very compelling and extremely humorous person. She had the knack of bringing opposite sides together. The ALA recognized her leadership by offering her an honorary membership, its highest award.

Until quite recently, Virginia Young regularly attended ALTA meetings, and was sought out by many who considered themselves her friends. Her impact on ALTA will continue, through her influence on current members. There has been extensive press coverage of her death, and *American Libraries* is publishing an article about her life.

ALTA members who have suggestions of ways to honor her contributions are welcome to get in touch with President Marguerite Ritchey or Executive Director Kerry Ward.

Trustee Citation Awards *continued from page 4*

"Lyons exemplifies the best traits needed in a public library trustee," said Jean Wilkins, director of the Illinois State Library.

Lyons has served as board president at both the local library and system level. He has worked steadfastly to improve libraries at the local, regional system, and state level and has helped to pass a number of bond and funding referenda over the years, all of which passed by a large margin. He is

the 2002 recipient of the Illinois Library Association Trustee Citation award.

The awards will be presented during the Opening General Session of the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. During each ALA Annual Conference, up to two trustees are presented with citations in recognition of distinguished service to library development.

Welcome these new members of ALTA!

Gordon Baker, McDonough, GA

George Barnes, Utica, MS

Bibliothèque Nationale Du Quebec, Montreal, Quebec

James Colgan, Elk Grove, IL

Robert Gorin, Niceville, FL

Lutha Grigsby, Farmers Branch, TX

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Lotsee Patterson, Norman, OK

Joyce Porter, Columbus, MO

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Kelly Pridgen, Columbus, GA

Nancy Russell, Princeton, NJ

Danny Simmons, Brooklyn, NY

Chris Skaugset, Longview, WA

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Maggie White, Jackson, MS

Antonia Williams, Brooklyn, NY

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ALTA Schedule, 2005 Annual Conference June 23-27, 2005

(updated April 12, 2005)

Numbers below refer to meeting rooms

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005

Committee Meetings

2:00-4:00 P.M.

Executive Committee Meeting
#200941 HYATT, "Soldier Field"

5:00-7:00 P.M.

ALTA Board of Directors Meeting
#200942 HYATT, "Grand BR C South"

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2005

9:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M. *ALTA Preconference*

"Grassroots Library Advocacy:
Creating Raving Fans"
#200287 SHER, "Chicago BR X"

Committee Meetings

4:00-5:00 P.M.

Education of Trustees Committee Meeting
#200943 MAR, "Kansas"

5:00-7:00 P.M.

Leave open for hotel changes

7:30-10:00 P.M.

2nd National Advocacy Honor Roll Banquet
#200326 INTER, "Renaissance"

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005

9:00-11:00 A.M. *ALTA Opening Session*

"Elected Officials: How to Get
their Attention on Library Needs"
#200952 MAR, "Chicago BR A-B"

Committee Meetings

12:00-1:00 P.M. *All Committee Meeting*

Intellectual Freedom, Membership,
President's Program, Advocacy,
Local Arrangements
#200947 MAR, "Denver/Houston, Kansas City"

HOTEL ABBREVIATIONS

MAR-Chicago Marriott Downtown

HRM-Hyatt Regency McCormick Place

EMB-Embassy Suites Lakefront

INTER-Intercontinental Chicago

FAIR-Fairmont Hotel

MER-Le Meridien

*HIL-Chicago Hilton and Towers

MCP-McCormick Place

HOL-Holiday Inn City Center

PALM-Palmer House Hilton

HYATT-Hyatt Regency Chicago

*SHER-Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers

*co-headquarters

1:30-3:30 P.M.

ALTA President's Program

"Advocacy: The New Frontier"
#200300 MAR, "Chicago G-H"

Committee Meetings

4:00-5:30 P.M. *All Committee Meeting #2*

Specialized Outreach Services, Action
Development, Legislation, Publications
#200946 MAR, "Denver/Houston, Kansas City"

4:30-5:30 P.M.

Nominating Committee Meeting
#200945 CLOSED MAR, "Scottsdale"

5:30-7:00 P.M.

ALA Opening General Session
No-conflict time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2005

9:30-11:00 A.M. *Education of Trustees Program*

"The Taste: Space Planning for Technology"
#200953 MAR, "Kansas"

12:00-2:00 P.M. *ALTA SOS Luncheon Program*

"Twix and Tweens: Library Programs
to Motivate Youth"
#200299 MAR, "Chicago G-H"

2:30–4:00 P.M. *Legislation Program*
“Guess Who’s Here?”
#200330MAR, “Chicago BR A-B”

4:00–4:30 P.M.
ALTA Business Meeting
#200949MAR, “Chicago BR A-B”

Committee Meetings

5:00–6:00 P.M.
Conference Program and Evaluation
Committee Meeting
#200948 MAR, “Scottsdale”

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

8:00–10:30 A.M.
2004–05 ALTA Board of Directors Meeting
#200951 MAR, “Los Angeles/Miami”

10:45–11:30 A.M.
2005–06 ALTA Board of Directors Meeting
(same # 200951) MAR, “Los Angeles/Miami”

11:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.
2005–06 ALTA Executive Committee Meeting
(same #200951) MAR, “Los Angeles/Miami”

To register for the Annual Conference and any ALTA event, go to:
www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences0/annual/2005a/registration.htm

ALTA 2005 Annual Conference Program Descriptions

This is a reminder for all ALTA members that advance registration for the 2005 ALA Annual Conference closes on May 20, 2005. Members returning their forms after that date will be charged a higher registration fee. When completing your form, don’t forget these three special ALTA events:

ALTA Preconference: “Grassroots Library Advocacy: Creating Raving Fans”

Friday, June 24, 2005; 9:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

How do you influence everyone from voters and taxpayers to city hall and county officials? What is the difference between libraries that limp along and those that sprint? Grassroots library advocacy! Many trustees and Friends know how to call and write elected officials, but they need help forming teams of grassroots advocates who can effectively influence policymakers. This preconference will provide you with the tools and knowledge you need.

Participants will learn how to develop a comprehensive team, practice delivering key mes-

sages with a diverse team, and work in small groups to develop “My Own Action Plan” to take back to their libraries.

Speakers: Ellen Miller (KS) and Patricia Fisher (MD).

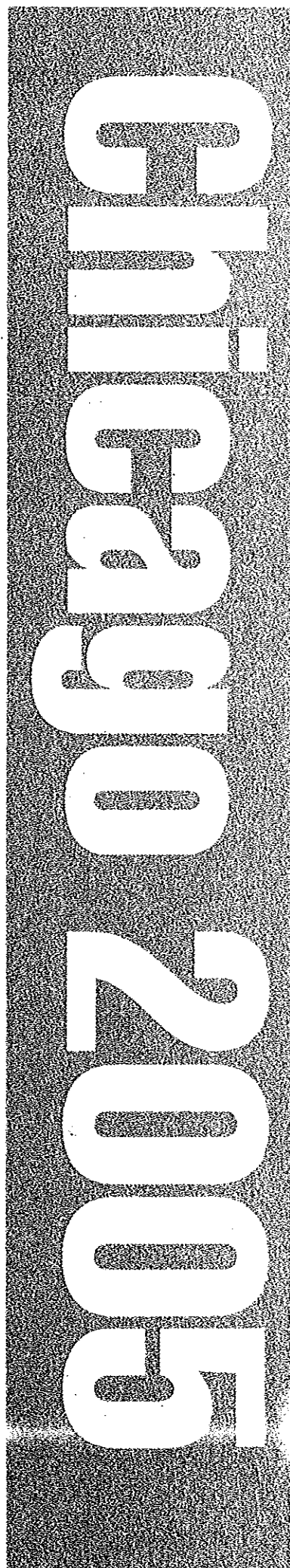
Tickets (includes lunch): ALTA member: \$150; ALA member: \$200; Nonmember: \$245; Student/Retired Member \$150.

2nd National Advocacy Honor Roll Banquet Friday, June 24, 2005; 7:30–10:00 P.M.

Please join ALA, ALTA, and all the states of the nation in honoring the achievements of extraordinary library advocates. The 1st National Advocacy Honor Roll Banquet, held in 2000, honored 20th century library advocates. This second banquet will identify and celebrate the achievements of library advocates during the last five years and in all 50 states. Because advocates come from many walks of life and contribute to libraries in very different ways, each state chooses its own honorees. Plan now to be part of this opportunity to call attention to library advocacy and to recognize those who have worked so hard on behalf of America’s libraries.

Tickets: \$75.

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ALA's Secret Weapon *continued from front page*

Emily spends much time dealing with Congress and regulatory agencies: the Department of Education, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the First Lady's Office, and even the IRS. Another chunk of time goes to information technology issues. The rest is spent on ALA business, and the important job of keeping libraries in the forefront of public awareness, via coalitions and the media.

This summer, Emily will oversee the move to a new workplace. Starting in early fall, the new location of ALA's Washington Office will be at 1615 New Hampshire Avenue, two blocks north of DuPont Circle. Once there, the staff will turn to the pleasant task of throwing a 60th Birthday Party for the Washington Office.

Program Descriptions *continued from page 7*

SOS Luncheon: "Twix and Tweens: Library Programs to Motivate our Youth"

Sunday, June 26, 2005; 12-2:00 P.M.

This luncheon program will focus on the lost generation teens who are too young to be adults and too old to be children. We will discuss how to motivate and market the library as a means of support, information, and fun for these young people between the ages of twelve to nineteen. We will be forging an old frontier with new ideas that work. Come and get an earful of great programs that will carry out this task.

Speaker: Monroe Smith (MO).

Tickets: \$50.

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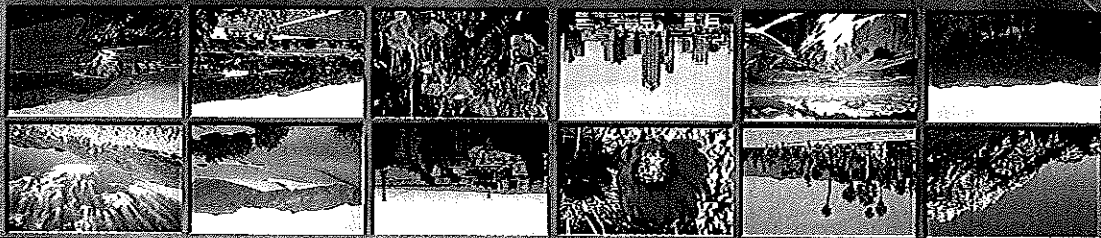
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What is LAFCO?

An Introduction to Local Agency Formation Commissions



History

After World War II, California experienced dramatic growth in population and economic development. With this boom came demands for housing, jobs, and public services. To accommodate these demands, the state approved the formation of many new local government agencies, often with little forethought as to the ultimate governance structures in a given region. The lack of coordination and adequate planning led to a multitude of overlapping, inefficient jurisdictional and service boundaries and the premature conversion/loss of California's agricultural and open-space lands.

Recognizing this problem, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Sr. appointed the Commission on Metropolitan Area Problems in 1959. The Commission's charge was to study and make recommendations on the "misuse of land resources" and the growing complexity of local governmental jurisdictions. The Commission's recommendations on local governmental reorganization were introduced in the Legislature in 1963, resulting in the creation of Local Agency Formation Commissions, or "LAFCOs," operating in each county except San Francisco.

From 1963-1985, LAFCOs administered a complicated series of statutory laws and three enabling acts: the Knox-Nisbet Act, the Municipal Organization Act (MORGA), and the District Reorganization Act. Confusion over the application of these laws led to a reform movement that produced the first consolidated LAFCO Act, the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985. In 1997, a new call for reform in local government resulted in the formation, by the Legislature, of the Commission on Local Governance in the 21st Century. After many months canvassing the state, the Commission recommended changes to the laws governing LAFCOs in its comprehensive report "Growth Within Bounds." These recommendations became the four-

main pillars of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKKH Act), an act that mandates greater independence for LAFCOs and further clarifies their purpose and mission.

In response to both the passage of the CKKH Act and local needs to address certain service provision issues, San Francisco LAFCO was formed in 2000. Today, there is a LAFCO in each of California's 58 counties.

Objectives

To Encourage the Orderly Formation of Local Governmental Agencies

LAFCOs review proposals for the formation of new local governmental agencies and for changes in the organization of existing agencies. There are 58 LAFCOs working with nearly 3,500 governmental agencies (400+ cities and 3,000+ special districts). Agency boundaries are frequently unrelated to one another and sometimes overlap at random, often leading to higher service costs to the taxpayer and general confusion regarding service area boundaries. LAFCO decisions strive to balance the competing needs for efficient services, affordable housing, economic opportunity, and conservation of natural resources.

To Preserve Agricultural Land Resources

LAFCO must consider the effect that any proposal will have on existing agricultural lands. By guiding development toward vacant urban land and away from agricultural preserves, LAFCO assists with the preservation of California's valuable agricultural resources.

To Discourage Urban Sprawl

Urban sprawl can best be described as irregular and disorganized growth occurring without apparent design or plan.

A publication of CALAFCO

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

To learn more about LAFCOs and to obtain contact information for each LAFCO, we invite you to visit:
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This pattern of development is characterized by the inefficient delivery of municipal services (e.g., police, fire, water, and sanitation) and the unnecessary loss of agricultural resources and open space lands. By discouraging sprawl, LAFCO limits the misuse of land resources and promotes a more efficient system of local governmental agencies.

Composition

The composition of LAFCO varies from county to county. Nearly all LAFCOs are composed of two members from the Board of Supervisors and two members from the city councils in that county. Many commissions also have two members from the independent special districts in that county. In turn, these members select a representative of the general public—an individual who is not seated on any elected body. For each category represented on LAFCO, there is an alternate member. Alternate members may attend LAFCO meetings and participate in the discussion of items, but they only vote on items when a regular member from their category is absent. Through special legislation, some LAFCOs, including Los Angeles, Sacramento, Santa Clara, and San Diego, have reserved a seat on the Commission for a representative from the county's major city.

Each agency that is eligible to have one of its officials seated on the Commission must contribute to the LAFCO budget. The amount of this contribution is determined by statute and varies in each county.

Responsibilities

Each LAFCO is responsible for coordinating logistical and timely changes in local governmental boundaries, conducting special studies that review ways to reorganize, simplify, and streamline governmental structure, and preparing a sphere of influence for each city and special district within its county. The Commission's efforts are directed toward setting that

services are provided efficiently and economically while agricultural and open-space lands are protected. To better inform itself and the community as it seeks to exercise its charge, each LAFCO must conduct service reviews to evaluate the provision of municipal services within its county.

Authority

Boundary Changes

LAFCOs regulate, through approval or denial, the boundary changes proposed by other public agencies or individuals. LAFCOs do not have the power to initiate boundary changes on their own, except for proposals involving the dissolution or consolidation of special districts and the merging of subsidiary districts.

Typical applicants might include:

- Individual homeowners requesting annexation to a sewer district due to a failing septic system.
- Developers seeking annexation to cities in order to obtain urban services for new housing.
- Cities wishing to annex pockets of unincorporated land, or "islands," located within their borders in order to avoid duplication of services with the county.

Sphere of Influence Studies

In 1972, LAFCOs were given the power to determine spheres of influence for all local governmental agencies. A sphere of influence is a planning boundary outside of an agency's legal boundary (such as the city limit line) that designates the agency's probable future boundary and service area. Factors considered in a sphere of influence review focus on the current and future land use, the current and future need and capacity for service, and any relevant communities of interest. With the passage of the CKH Act, spheres are reviewed every five years.

The purpose of the sphere of influence is to ensure the provision of efficient services while discouraging urban sprawl and open space lands by preventing overlapping jurisdictions and duplication of services. Commissions cannot tell agencies what their planning goals should be. Rather, on a regional level, LAFCOs coordinate the orderly development of a community by reconciling differences between agency plans so that the most efficient urban service arrangements are created for the benefit of area residents and property owners.

Service Reviews

Service reviews were added to LAFCO's mandate with the passage of the CKH Act in 2000. A service review is a comprehensive study designed to better inform LAFCO, local agencies, and the community about the provision of municipal services. Service reviews attempt to capture and analyze information about the governance structures and efficiencies of service providers and to identify opportunities for greater coordination and cooperation between providers. The service review is a prerequisite to a sphere of influence determination and may also lead a LAFCO to take other actions under its authority.

Initiation of Special District Consolidations

As of July 1, 1994, LAFCOs have the authority to initiate proposals that include the dissolution or consolidation of special districts or the merging of existing subsidiary districts. Prior to initiating such an action, LAFCO must determine that the district's customers would benefit from the proposal through adoption of a sphere of influence or other special study.

Out of Agency Service Agreements

Cities and districts are required to obtain LAFCO's approval prior to entering into contracts with private individuals or organizations to provide services outside of the agency's boundaries.

Adoption of Local Policies

Each LAFCO may adopt local policies to appropriately administer the CKH Act in its county. LAFCOs must act in accordance with any locally adopted policies.

Public Involvement

Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend regular LAFCO meetings and state their views during public hearings on proposals before the Commission. In addition, the meetings provide an excellent opportunity for citizens to familiarize themselves with the growth, development, and interjurisdictional issues facing their county. Copies of the meeting agendas, minutes, and staff reports can be obtained by contacting the county's Local Agency Formation Commission office.

CALAFCO

Founded in 1971, the California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO) is an organization dedicated to assisting member LAFCOs with technical resources that otherwise would not be available. The Association provides statewide coordination of LAFCO activities, serves as a resource to the Legislature and other bodies, and offers a structure for sharing information among the various LAFCOs and other governmental agencies.

The Association is governed by the Executive Board composed of fifteen (15) LAFCO Commissioners: four city members, four county members, four special district members, and three public members. CALAFCO staff consists of an Executive Director, Executive Officer, and Legal Counsel, plus a number of other support positions. The membership of CALAFCO consists of 56 of the 58 LAFCOs, as well as a number of associate members from agencies and organizations throughout California.

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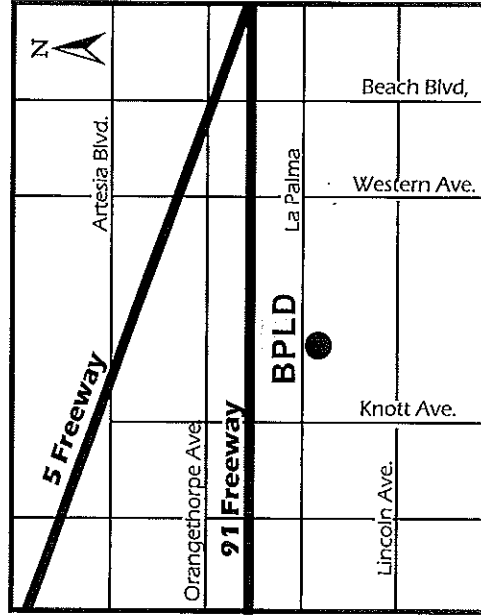


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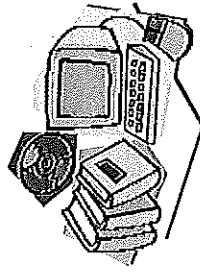
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- Programs throughout the year including the Summer Reading Program
- Homework Help Computer
- Newbery and Caldecott award books
- Beginning Reader and Preschool areas



Volunteer Guild of the Buena Park Library District

The Guild Used Bookstore, located on the 2nd floor of the Library, features used books of all types. Additional services include coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks.

The Bookstore is staffed entirely by volunteers. All profits go directly to the Buena Park Library District, especially children's programming and our Summer Reading Program.

Teen Services

We are pleased to offer an area of the library with material geared to the needs of young adults.

- Programs throughout the year including the Teen Poetry Coffeehouse and the Teen Summer Reading Program
- Fiction and Non-fiction books
- Classic Paperbacks, Cliffs Notes
- Magazines
- Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets regularly and suggests programs

How do I get a Library Card?

Your library card is free to individuals who have identification and proof of current address, such as a valid driver's license. Children, ages 17 and under, must have a parent/legal guardian present when obtaining a library card.

Apply for a card at the Check-out Desk, or online at www.buenapark.lib.ca.us.

Media

We offer an assortment of multi media items for adults and children

- Books on Cassette and CD
- Educational and Feature Films in VHS and DVD
- Music on CDs - pop/rock, jazz, classical, country and other styles



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To effectively serve the citizens of Orange County,
LAFCO facilitates constructive changes to public agencies,
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and leads with an eye towards the future.

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Twenty Years of
California Library Literacy Services
1984-2004

A RETROSPECTIVE

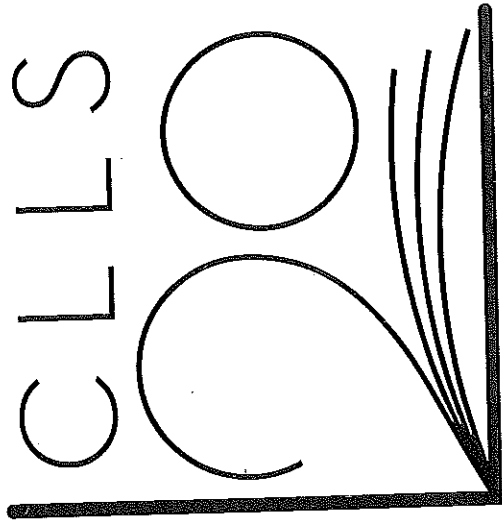
www.literacyworks.org/clls

1984

The California Literacy Campaign (CLC) is born. The California State Library under State Librarian Gary Strong distributes seed money to 27 public libraries from the federal Library Services and Construction Act.

1985

The State Legislature establishes support for library literacy services under the California Library Services Act.



Twenty Years of
California Library Literacy Services
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1989



Five new library literacy programs in the San Francisco Bay Area meet to form BALit, the Bay Area Literacy Network.

1986

Southern California Library Literacy Network

The Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN) is created.

1987

State Senator Bill Baker sponsors a successful bipartisan bill to fully fund new literacy programs for five years.

The State Library hosts the first statewide literacy conference for literacy coordinators and library directors at Asilomar.

A literacy chapter of the California Library Association (CLA) organizes. In 2004, it will be designated a "section" with 150+ members.

1988

The Families for Literacy Initiative (FFLI) is funded by the State legislature to help libraries reach the children of adult literacy learners.



The first "New Reader" conference is held in Oakland; the "Bay Area New Reader Council" is formed.

1990

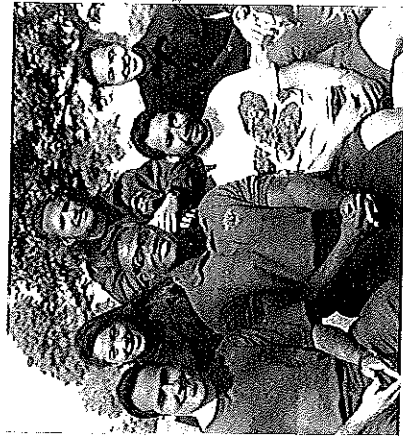
Redwood City Public Library holds the

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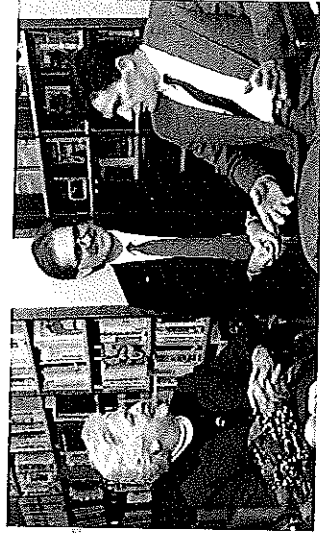
"Banking on Literacy."

1990

First Lady Barbara Bush visits Southern California libraries to show her support of the CLC.

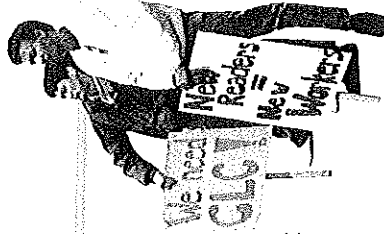


fund-raising event for CLC programs.



statewide FFL conference in Napa.

ongoing legislative support for library literacy services.



The New Readers Council rallies on the steps of the State Capitol to encourage support for library literacy services.

The Entertainment Industry Foundation partners with SCLLN on an 8-year multi-media publicity campaign.

1991

An Ethnic Tutor Recruitment Campaign is initiated by San Diego Public Library. In the next year this outreach program will be expanded into a statewide effort.

1992

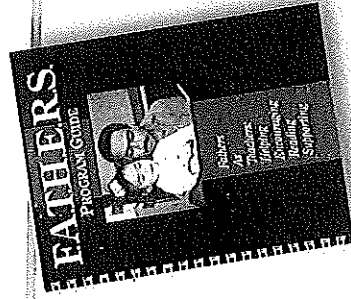
A Families for Literacy documentary short is produced by the State Library to raise awareness.

Honoring Diversity: A Multi-dimensional Learning Model for Adults is published by literacy staff at the South San Francisco/Daly City Libraries.

1993

The CLC's first "Adult Learner on Staff" is hired by Alameda County Library.

The F.A.T.H.E.R.S. Curriculum is developed for incarcerated dads by a former FFL Coordinator.



1994

The first *Easy Reader Voter Guide*, a nonpartisan guide for "new and busy voters," is produced. The original



1994

The Northern California Literacy Coalition (NCLC) is established with an Irvine grant from California Literacy.

The documentary short "Enrique's Story," narrated by James Earl Jones, premieres at a statewide conference marking the 10th anniversary of the CLC.



1995

"California's Gold" producer and star Huell Howser

1996

The Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Foundation selects six CLC libraries to

The first and only statewide Adult Learner Conference

million will circulate for the 2004 election.

Families for Literacy.

development.

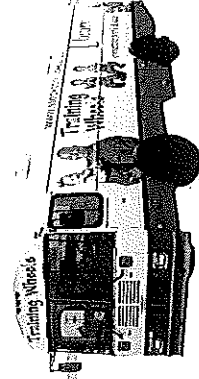
Resource Center.

1997

After field-testing in several FFL programs throughout the state, the P.A.R.E.N.T.S. Curriculum Guide is produced.

1998

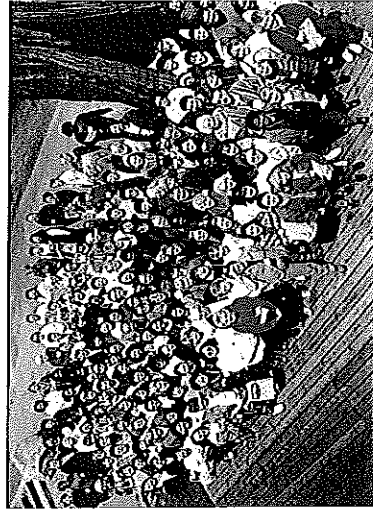
Mobile Library Literacy Services start to roll thanks to a \$2.1 million grant from the California Children and Families Commission (First 5 California).



Starbucks initiates a partnership with Families for Literacy programs as part of its All Books for Children (ABC) campaign.

1999

The CLC Convocation at Stanford University's Sierra Camp marks 15 years of library-based literacy services.



2000

The California legislature funds the English Language Literacy Intensive (ELLI) program.

2001

The Songs Inspired By Literature (SIBL) Project is launched.

Writer to Writer, a writing contest for adult learners sponsored by the State Library and the California Center for the Book, gets its start.

2002

The campaign is over! State Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr officially renames the California Literacy Campaign: "California Library Literacy Services (CLLS)."

2003

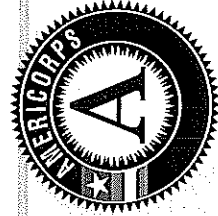
CLLS partners with California Literacy and Verizon on the "Cities That Read" campaign.

467 adult learners participate in a book discussion program supported by LSTA mini-grants.

"Reach Out and Read," a pediatric literacy program, allies with CLLS to prescribe reading.

2004

The State Library, in partnership with National City Public Library, Literacyworks and Wal*Mart, secures AmeriCorps funds. In six months, 1,200 new volunteers are recruited.



CLLS commemorates its 20-year anniversary at the CLA Conference. State Librarian Susan Hildreth and T.V. personality Huell Howser chair the special event; author Isabel Allende is the keynote speaker.

2005

The legacy and the vision continue...

California's Libraries Change Lives!

California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) makes it possible for Californians to reach their literacy goals. These learner-centered, volunteer-based programs are dedicated to empowering low-literacy adults in all areas of their lives – as workers, parents, community members and lifelong learners.

Last year 106 library jurisdictions in California served over 100,000 adults and children with customized literacy services delivered primarily through trained volunteers. Using a combination of one-on-one tutoring, small group activities, and family programming, CLLS programs have opened up new possibilities for people who previously had few options.

In addition to being effective, CLLS is a good value for the State of California. Since the inception of library literacy services, the State Library's funding formula has rewarded those programs that develop local support and has served as leverage for local fundraising.

California Library Literacy Services include:

Adult Literacy Services (ALS)

To help English-speaking adults reach their reading and writing goals

- Customized, one-to-one and small group tutoring for adults in a library setting
- Volunteer-based instruction

Families for Literacy Services (FFL)

To foster an intergenerational love of reading and books

- Interactive library programs and story-times designed for adult learners and their families
- Quality children's books given away to participating families

English Language & Literacy Intensive Program (ELLI)

To boost the academic performance of at-risk schoolchildren

- After-school and in-school tutoring for children who are learning to speak English
- Family component involves parents and siblings in fun, library-based programs

Mobile Library Literacy Services (MLLS)

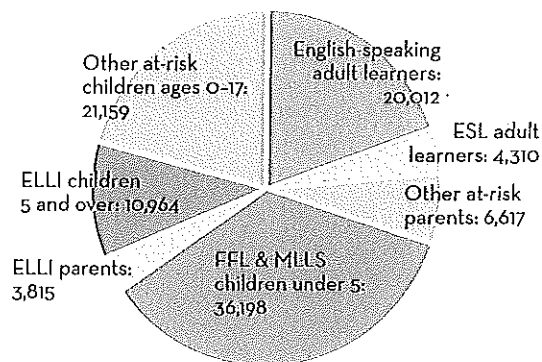
To bring library literacy services to underserved communities

- Mobile libraries help overcome the barriers of isolation and lack of transportation
- Provide at-risk families with a variety of preschool experiences to support school readiness

2003-04 Facts At a Glance:

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| Adults and Children Served | 103,075 |
| Volunteer Hours Donated to All Literacy Services | 825,209 |
| Books Given Away to At-Risk Adults and Families | 212,380 |
| State Contribution | \$5.3 million |
| Local Contribution | \$19.5 million |

Population Served, 2003-04



Volunteer Contribution to Adult Literacy Services

| | 2000 | 2004 | Net Change |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Talent & Support Hours Donated | 106,416 | 140,086 | +31% |
| Instructional Hours Donated for Adult Literacy Services | 557,827 | 574,700 | +3% |
| Total Hours | 664,243 | 714,786 | +8% |
| Dollar Equivalent* | \$11.9 million | \$14 million | |

* Dollar equivalent is calculated using the average hourly wage in California as determined by the California Employment Development Department. In 2000 the average hourly wage was \$17.94; in 2004 it was \$19.70.

For more information or to find a library with literacy services near you, visit www.literacyworks.org/clls.





A Message from Susan Hildreth, State Librarian of California...

My sincerest congratulations to California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) on its 20th anniversary. Having fostered literacy programs in libraries where I have worked since 1984, I am well aware of the value of literacy services to new readers, their libraries and their communities.

Although CLLS has made a definite difference in the lives of its participants, there is still a long way to go! A 2004 study of Los Angeles County showed that 53% of working-age residents have trouble reading street signs or bus schedules, filling out job applications or understanding utility bills.

The good news is that CLLS changes the lives of its learners and their families. Annually, CLLS serves over 20,000 adult learners and over 100,000 adults and children in its adult literacy, family literacy and allied programs. As a result of participation in CLLS:

- 39% of the adults surveyed are now able to support their children's formal and informal education. They can share a book with their children; help their children with homework; participate in school activities and events; communicate with the school; help in their children's classes; and are able to participate in parent organizations like the PTA.

- 25% have dramatically improved their job prospects. They have secured a job; been promoted on the job; have interviewed for jobs; or, for the first time, have filled out applications and created a resume.

- 20% are now able to manage their home finances. They can write checks; pay bills; create a budget; use the ATM and read advertisements.

- 10% are now reading the newspaper for the first time.
- 9% have registered to vote or have voted for the first time.

Although CLLS is doing a great job, I know that we could reach out to many more learners and their families with additional funding. I wish CLLS continued success and know that we can achieve that with our dedicated tutors and students.

CLLS RETROSPECTIVE COMMITTEE:

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Steve Armstrong, Corona Public Library
Jackie Clary, Nevada County Library (retired)
Cheshire Dave, Designer, Literacyworks
Valerie Reinke, California State Library

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The Year California's Public Libraries Entered California Library Literacy Services...

1984: Alameda County Library • Carlsbad City Library • Commerce Public Library • Contra Costa County Library • Fresno County Free Library • Imperial County Free Library • Kern County Library* • Los Angeles County Public Library • Los Angeles Public Library • Merced County Library* • Modoc County Library* • Monterey Park (Bruggemeyer Memorial Library) • Napa City/County Library • Oakland Public Library • Pasadena Public Library • Placentia Library District • Richmond Public Library • Sacramento Public Library • Salinas Public Library • San Bernardino County Library • San Diego County Library • San Francisco Public Library • Santa Ana Public Library* • Shasta County Library* • Siskiyou County Public Library* • Ventura County Library Services • Watsonville Public Library

1985: Alameda Free Library • Auburn/Placer County Library • Butte County Library • Downey City Library • Hemet Public Library • Humboldt County Library • Long Beach Public Library* • Marin County Free Library • Mendocino County Library* • Menlo Park Public Library • National City Public Library • Palm Springs Public Library • Riverside Public Library • San Luis Obispo City/County Library • San Mateo Public Library • Santa Clara County Free Library • Santa Paula (Blanchard Community Library) • South San Francisco/Daly City Libraries • Stockton/San Joaquin County Public Library • Woodland Public Library

1986: Benicia Public Library • Berkeley Public Library • Chula Vista Public Library • Colusa County Free Library • Glendale Public Library • Hayward Public Library • Huntington Beach Library • Livermore Public Library • Monterey County Library • Orland Free Library* • Redwood City Public Library • San Diego Public Library • San Mateo County Library • Santa Barbara Public Library • Santa Fe Springs City Library • Sonoma County Library • Tehama County Library • Willows Public Library

1988: Alpine County Library* • Altadena Library District • Colton Public Library • Del Norte County Library District • El Dorado County Library • Kings County Library* • Lake County Library • Lassen County Library* • Lompoc Public Library • Newport Beach Public Library • Pomona Public Library • San Bernardino Public Library • San Rafael Public Library • Santa Monica Public Library*

1989: Madera County Library* • Mariposa County Library* • San Jose Public Library • San Leandro Community Library • Upland Public Library

1991: Escondido Public Library • Orange County Public Library • Plumas County Library

1992: Beaumont District Library* • Burbank Public Library • Glendora Public Library • Orange Public Library*

1993: Alhambra Public Library • Beverly Hills Public Library • Corona Public Library • South Pasadena Public Library* • Sutter County Library

1994: Amador County Library • Azusa City Library • Solano County Library

1995: Rancho Cucamonga Public Library • Santa Clara Public Library • Tuolumne County Free Library

1996: Sierra County Library • Stanislaus County Library

1997: Anaheim Public Library • Calaveras County Library • Oceanside Public Library • Susanville District Library

1998: Arcadia Public Library* • Covina Public Library • Nevada County Library • Riverside County Library • Yuba County Library

2000: Lodi Public Library • Monrovia Public Library • Oxnard Public Library • Porterville Public Library • San Juan Bautista City Library • Tulare County Free Library • Tulare Public Library

2001: Palmdale City Library • Redlands (A. K. Smiley Public Library)

* No longer a CLLS participant.

