



## City, County Aerial Firefighters Honored in Griffith Park Fire Effort

On Tuesday, May 15, 2007, Board Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky and his colleagues paid tribute to Los Angeles County and City aerial firefighters for their courageous and skillful all-day and night-time performance in containing and suppressing the 817-acre Griffith Park brushfire that began on Wednesday, May 9. Thanks to their efforts, and those of their colleagues in the ground firefighting units, no lives or homes were lost and only one home was partially damaged.



Pictured here, left to right, are: Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Varela, LACoFD; Pilot Tom Short, LACoFD; Pilot Vance Colvig, LACoFD; Fire Paramedic Ron Massie, LACoFD; Fire Helicopter Mechanic Andy Jung, LACoFD; Chief of Maintenance Dave Eastham, LACoFD; Battalion Chief Anthony Marrone, LACoFD; Chief P. Michael Freeman, LACoFD; Supervisor Yaroslavsky; Deputy Chief John Tripp, LACoFD; Battalion Chief Joseph Foley, LAFD; Pilot Paul Shaksted, LAFD; Pilot Dave Nordquist, LAFD

## Summer Beach Bus Services

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  - Altadena
  - Antelope Valley
  - Charter Oak
  - East Los Angeles
  - La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge
  - Santa Clarita Valley
  - Topanga Canyon (also serves Topanga State Beach and Will Rogers State Beach)
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# EVENT CALENDAR

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep L.A. Running

5K Walk/Run, 10K Run and Coastal Fun Bike Cruise

Sunday, July 15, 2007

Dockweiler Beach, Playa del Rey (end of Imperial Highway at Vista Del Mar)

[www.villagerunnerracing.com](http://www.villagerunnerracing.com)

Time: 7:30 a.m., Fun Bike Cruise

8:00 a.m., 5K Run/Walk

8:30 a.m., 10K Run

9:30 a.m., Kids-K Fun Run

## Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Gardens

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623.

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

## Music

Every Friday, through Thanksgiving – Friday Night Jazz “L.A.’s Treasures” (free admission)

## Exhibitions

Through August 12 - Dan Flavin: A Retrospective

## Music Center

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211

[www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org)

## Ahmanson Theatre

Through Aug 5 - Jersey Boys

## Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

July 12 - July 15 - American Ballet Theatre

## Mark Taper Forum

Through July 1 - Yellow Face

## Kirk Douglas Theatre

Through July 15 - Come Back, Little Sheba

## Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue

Hollywood, CA 90068

(323) 850-2000

[www.hollywoodbowl.org](http://www.hollywoodbowl.org)

## June

22 - Opening Night at the Bowl

24 - Jurassic 5

30 - Sing-A-Long Sound of Music

## July

2 - 4 - July 4th Fireworks Spectacular

7 - The Decemberists with the Los Angeles Philharmonic

8 - Mozart’s Magic Flute

10 - Tchaikovsky Fireworks

11 - Queen Latifah

12 - Haefliger Plays Ravel

13 & 14 - John Williams: Maestro of the Movies

15 - Café Tacuba

17 - Classics under the Stars

18 - 50 Years of Stax

19 - Beethoven & Brahms

20 & 21 - Cool Britannia! with Jamie Cullum

22 - Savion Glover: On Tap

24 - Sultry Spanish Nights

25 - Jazz at the Movies

26 - Chang Plays Bruch

27 & 28 - Viva Las Vegas: An Evening with Gladys Knight with Fireworks

29 - Spirit of Armenia!

31 - Beethoven’s 9th!

## August

2 - Bernstein, Copland, Gershwin

3 - 5 - South Pacific with Reba McEntire and Brian Stokes Mitchell

7 - The Grand Tour: London

8 - Benny Carter’s 100 Years of Music

9 - The Grand Tour: Venice

10 & 11 - Sgt. Pepper’s at 40...a Beatles Celebration

12 - Reggae Night VI

14 - The Grand Tour: Paris

15 - Lee Ritenour & Friends

16 - The Grand Tour: Mozart in Vienna

17 & 18 - From This Moment On: An Evening with Diana Krall

19 - JVC Jazz

21 - Dvorák and Prokofiev

22 - Dave Brubeck

23 - French Masters

24 & 25 - Jump, Jive and Swing! with Big Bad Voodoo Daddy with Fireworks

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## Parks in the Second District Up for “Adoption”

*Private Sector Invited to Sponsor County’s Oldest Parks*

Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation recently unveiled a plan to allow private businesses to adopt the County’s oldest parks in South Los Angeles. The program will allow businesses to sponsor various Beautification Projects, Capital Projects, Educational Programs, Youth Recreation Programs, Senior Programs, Healthy Parks and In-Kind Donations.

“We all know that productive activities, whether sports or art, have a proactive effect on keeping youth occupied, and more importantly, off the streets and out of trouble. Parks are a great place for kids and families, and make a big difference in the lives of people in our communities, especially our children in the Second District,” said Supervisor Burke.

- Mary M. Bethune Park  
1244 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90001  
(323) 846-1895
- Ted Watkins Memorial Park  
1335 East 103<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90002  
(323) 357-3032
- Victoria Community Regional Park  
419 East 192<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Carson, CA 90746  
(310) 217-8370

For more information about the Adopt-A-Park program, please contact Maritiza A. Washington with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation at (213) 738-2972.

Parks available for adoption include:

- Athens County Park  
12603 South Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90061  
(323) 241-6700
- Colonel Leon H. Washington Park  
8908 Maie Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90002  
(323) 586-7205
- Earvin “Magic” Johnson Recreation Area  
905 East El Segundo Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90059  
(323) 241-6709
- Helen Keller Park  
1045 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90044  
(323) 241-6702
- Jesse Owens Community Regional Park  
9651 South Western Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90047  
(323) 241-6704



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and Russ Guiney, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation are joined by (from left to right), Young and Restless Actor Allen Maldonado; Executive Director/CEO of British Academy of Film and Television Arts Los Angeles (BAFTA-L.A.) Donal Haber; Former San Diego Charger Reggie Berry; Former St. Louis Rams and Denver Bronco Running Back Robert Delpino; Former Los Angeles Dodger Outfielder “Sweet” Lou Johnson; Stan Lee; and Former Minnesota Viking Fred McNeil as they unveil a plan to allow private businesses to Adopt-A-Park in South Los Angeles.

# RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**ASSESSOR:** Richard F. Pruitt, Rita E. Kline  
**BEACHES AND HARBORS:** Emilio Chavez  
**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Marilyn L. Puskarov  
**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:** Loretta V. Hogg  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Margaret Rodgers  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Pedro S. Perez  
**PROBATION:** Ronald M. Daniels  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Sharon E. Hodge, Tharinee Premsrirath  
**SHERIFF:** Raymond H. Peavy Jr.

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Patti J. Fairbanks, Diane E. Harris  
**FIRE:** Karl K. Nobuyuki  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Cheri L. Allmond, Judy A. Bauer, Dorothy A. Frazier, Edna Pugh, Yvonne Ritchie, Rosalinda N. Rosal  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Saundra L. Bridges  
**PROBATION:** Leslie Hartwell  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Miguel A. Alvarado, Hoang Bao, Mariana Salazar

## EVENTS

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**26** - Macy Gray  
**28 & 30** - The Russians Are Coming  
**29** - Nancy Wilson 70th Birthday Celebration  
**31 & Sep 1** - The Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks

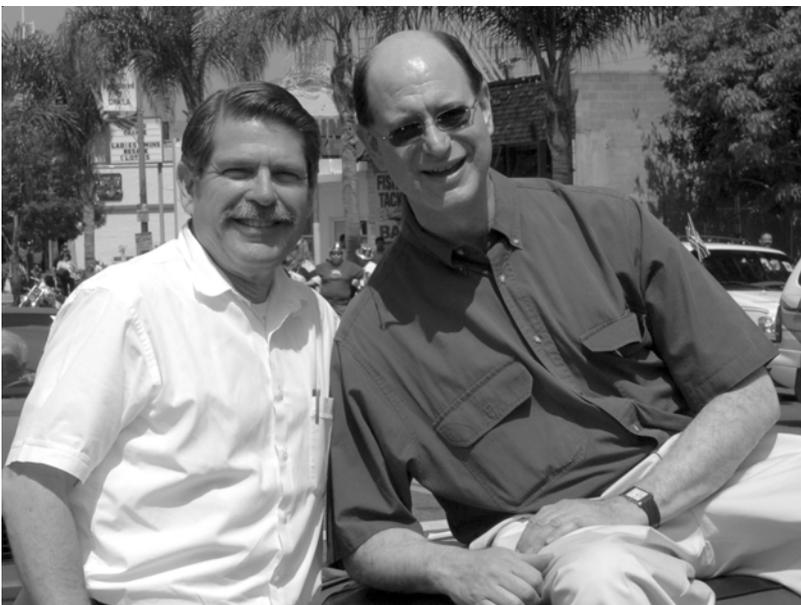
## September

**2** - The Big Picture: The Films of Paramount Pictures  
**4** - Diavolo Dances Salonen  
**5** - B.B. King Blues Festival  
**6** - Boris at the Bowl  
**7 & 8** - Daryl Hall & John Oates  
**9** - Underworld  
**11** - American Originals  
**13** - From the Old World to the New  
**14 - 16** - Fireworks Finale: Pink Martini at the Cocomat Grove  
**23** - Rufus Wainwright Plays Judy Garland  
**30** - Big Top Bowl: A Global Circus Celebration

## Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007

For a list of exhibitions, please visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org) or call (213) 763-3466

## Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Congressman Sherman Honor Nation's Veterans



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Los Angeles) were among the many elected officials and civic leaders who took part in the 19th annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade, a popular community event featuring marching units, youth groups, antique and classic cars, brass bands, equestrians, and other participants sponsored by the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council in honor of the nation's military personnel serving at home and overseas.

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## Dockweiler State Beach Dedication Ceremony

Supervisor Don Knabe took part in a dedication ceremony for the new facilities at Dockweiler Beach. The \$14 million project was jointly funded by County of Los Angeles Proposition A and State of California Proposition 40 bond funds, as well as additional County of Los Angeles funding.



Improvements include replacement of four restroom buildings, an entry kiosk, refurbishment of maintenance and lifeguard facilities, a concession building, new playground equipment, upgrades to the recreational vehicle park with conversion of all spaces to full hook-ups, and parking lots. Additionally, a new entry sign, informational signage and new landscaping at the site, will enhance recreational enjoyment and increase public awareness of the beach.

“I am very excited about the improvements that have been completed at Dockweiler,” said Supervisor Knabe. “They will enhance the experience of the more than three million patrons who visit the beach every year.”



## Supervisor Antonovich Unveils New Community Street Signs for Altadena

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich unveiled the new community street signs for Altadena at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Boston Street in front of Eliot Middle School.

The new signs incorporate larger lettering, bright colors, and the County of Los Angeles Seal that will distinguish the unincorporated areas apart from surrounding cities.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works’ project includes over 612 signs to be installed throughout the Altadena area and includes 226 intersections. The project is part of the County program to increase the visibility of street name signs along roadways with speed limits of 30 mph or greater.

The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$135,000.



*Pictured from left to right: bottom row – Phil Doudar, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; Ken Balder, Chair of the Altadena Town Council; middle row – Eugene Sund, Altadena Town Council; top row – Captain Bill Dance, CHP; Captain Roosevelt Blow, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.*

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## Condition A - Condition B

### Why Do We Do Strategic Planning?

David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer

Over the past several months, I have been asked by many people whether we are going to continue the strategic planning effort because of the current budget situation. Others have raised questions about how the plan relates to the individual jobs of front line workers in the County. Because the process of planning can become very complex very quickly, I thought I would try to simplify the subject by focusing on its underlying purpose and core elements, as I see them.

There are three statements I often use in my speeches that are apropos to this discussion:

1. If you don't know where you are going, any path will get you there.
2. Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't – you are right.
3. The only sustaining quality of any successful organization is its ability to learn (and a learning organization is one that is continually expanding its capacity to create its future).

Our strategic planning effort in the County is all about taking control of our future by changing conventional thinking, changing conventional behavior and changing results.

In 1998, we began this journey of transformation by asking ourselves:

- What is our vision of the future?
- What kind of County organization do we want?
- What behaviors will we expect from ourselves?
- How will we know when we arrive at our destination?

In my mind, this is a process of moving from Condition A (where we are) to Condition B (where we want to be). The short hand version is as follows:

<u>CONDITION A</u>		<u>CONDITION B</u>
Personal Power	⇒	Model Collaboration
Silo Thinking	⇒	Systems Thinking
Reactive	⇒	Proactive
Needs-Based	⇒	Strengths-Based
Logical	⇒	Creative
Past-Referenced	⇒	Future-Oriented
Independent	⇒	Interdependent
Inputs/Outputs	⇒	Results/Outcomes
Mechanistic	⇒	Learning Organization

The strategic plan's basic purpose is to transform the culture of the Los Angeles County organization. As complicated as the details of any plan may be, our success will be apparent when we:

- ❖ Collaborate with each other and stakeholders when solving our problems.
- ❖ When our actions reflect our stated values.
- ❖ When we can positively answer the question with respect to our services: *Is anyone better off as a result of our intervention?*
- ❖ When every employee is enrolled in helping us achieve Condition B.

There is an inherent presumption in Condition B that it will:

1. Result in more cost-effective services because people are working together.
2. Result in better decisions about those services.
3. Result in better outcomes because services are interdependent.
4. Result in better interactions with people we serve, and thus improve respect for government and enhance its legitimacy.

Now, how do you move an organization with over 100,000 employees, 39 departments, five elected Supervisors who are responsible for both legislation and administration, and an elected Sheriff, District Attorney and Assessor? As I see it, one way to accomplish that is through a strategic planning process that:

- Adopts a vision and a set of values.
- Defines a mission.
- Establishes goals and objectives.
- Measures results.
- Shares and celebrates our progress.

We have done some of those things and are well on our way to doing them all:

- Our vision is to “improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County...”
- Our mission is “to enrich lives through effective and caring service.”

*\* This article was first published in the September 2005 issue of the County DIGEST and will be reprinted in future editions from time to time.*

## Supervisor Antonovich Receives Award from The Salvation Army of Glendale

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich received the prestigious “Others” Award from The Salvation Army of Glendale. The award was presented to Supervisor Antonovich by Lieutenant Colonel Paul Bollwahn.

Supervisor Antonovich praised The Salvation Army for its ongoing advancement of education, the relief of poverty, and its many charitable efforts. “The Salvation Army is a successful example of a public/private partnership that works in conjunction with the community to address homelessness and poverty,” said Supervisor Antonovich.

The “Others” Award is one of the highest awards that may be conferred upon an individual by The Salvation Army. The award honors an individual exemplifying an extraordinary spirit of service to others. It recognizes and honors exceptional service benefiting The Salvation Army and the community as a whole.



Pictured from left to right: Supervisor Antonovich and Lt. Colonel Paul Bollwahn, The Salvation Army of Glendale.

## 10th Annual Los Angeles River Master Plan Earth Day

Jordan High School students, local residents and partnering organizations joined Supervisor Don Knabe in Long Beach to plant various native trees and shrubs in celebration of the 10th annual Los Angeles River Master Plan Earth Day Event.

The Earth Day event also included a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate a decorative gate designed by local river artist Michael Amescua. The installation of the decorative gate was sponsored by Supervisor Knabe and the Port of Long Beach.



This year’s Earth Day was part of a larger Public Works comprehensive project called the Wrigley Greenbelt Project. The Wrigley Greenbelt area is a stretch of County owned land between Willow Street and Wardlow Avenue along Deforest Avenue. The goal of this project includes landscape enhancements to help improve the urban air quality and increase health benefits to the neighboring communities. This project will also add educational elements such as native habitat gardens and interpretive signage to promote public information and awareness about the watershed and the surrounding environment. In addition, the proposed water quality enhancements include water retention features to collect, filter and percolate storm flows from the adjacent residential areas.

## Music Center Spotlight Award Finalists Honored

Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky honored Third District resident Alexandria Mitchell, 16, a junior and scholar of distinction at Keystone National High School. Alexandria was among the outstanding students recognized by the Board of Supervisors as one of this year's finalists in the Music Center Spotlight Awards, a nationally acclaimed performing and visual arts educational programs for teens first established in 1988. She studies ballet, and has already had the privilege of attending American Ballet Theater, N. Y. and Royal Academy of Dance in London summer programs on scholarship, and last year studied in the Extreme Ballet Program at Kaatsbaan International Dance Center. This summer, Alexandria studies with Miami City Ballet and then returns to the Extreme Ballet Program. Best of luck, Alexandria!



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### BUS

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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich sponsors the Altadena, Antelope Valley, and Charter Oak services. Supervisor Antonovich and the City of La Canada Flintridge sponsor the La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge service. Supervisor Antonovich and the City of Santa Clarita sponsor the Santa Clarita Valley service. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky sponsors the Topanga Canyon service. Supervisor Gloria Molina sponsors the East Los Angeles service. Supervisors Gloria Molina and Don Knabe sponsor the South Whittier service.

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## Legendary Skateboarders Join Supervisor Molina and Youth in Opening of Second Deepest Skate Bowl Park in the State

*Supervisor Molina and County Department of Parks and Recreation Add Skatepark to Belvedere Park and East Los Angeles Civic Center Campus and hold first class dedication – Professional and Amateur Skateboarders of all Ages from throughout Southern California joined East Los Angeles Youth and Community in Inaugurating Belvedere Skatepark.*

The second deepest skate bowl park in the State opened in East Los Angeles with professional skateboarders Z-Boy Tony Alva, Ryan Johnson and Ben Schroder joining Supervisor Gloria Molina, County Parks and Recreation Director Russ Guiney, and local youth and parents in the celebration on Saturday, May 19, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Professionals Alva and Johnson joined in a skateboarding exhibition to officially dedicate the new \$1.1 million state-of-the-art Belvedere Skatepark. Supervisor Molina helped build.



Others joining the dedication festivities included Congresswoman Hilda Solis, Sheriff’s East Los Angeles Station, rock band “Upground”, the Tony Hawk Foundation, KDAY-FM 93.5 DJ Julio G, Super Estrella-FM 107.1, Sheriff’s

East Los Angeles Station, East LA Boys and Girls Club, Boarding for Breast Cancer and Safe Kids LA. Other activities and entertainment included instructional and safety lessons by skateboarders and other demonstrations by professional skateboarders.

“The Belvedere Skatepark is a dream come true for local youth who lobbied the County and worked with our Parks Department and the Sheriff’s East Los Angeles Station for this facility” said Supervisor Molina. “In addition, professional skateboarders such as Ben Schroder and the youths also contributed to the design of the park by participating in the project design workshops.”



Funded through Propositions 12 and 40, the 18,000-sq ft concrete in-ground skatepark facility includes spectator bleachers, sports lighting, a picnic area, refurbished restroom building, landscaping and tubular fencing. Skatepark construction broke ground February 2006.

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# ENRICHING LIVES...

## 2007 Commissioners' Leadership Conference: *Leading Edge Leadership in Times of Change*

The fifth annual Commissioners' Leadership Conference, *Leading Edge Leadership in Times of Change*, was held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Music Center on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. Commission Chair Jeanne L. Kennedy and Conference Chair, Commissioner Algird Leiga welcomed more than 200 Commissioners, department heads and managers. Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich, Yvonne B. Burke and Don Knabe gave welcoming remarks.



Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman and Dr. Frank Pratt, Medical Director, shared information on the innovative award-winning program, *12-Lead Electrocardiogram (EKG)*. This new program provided equipment and training for paramedics for fast detection of changes in cardiac activity and heart attacks, propelling pre-hospital cardiac care 25 years ahead.

The Probation Department has designed an approach to managing a massive workload and utilizing partnerships to solve problems. In their presentation, *Behind the Gridiron Gang*, Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer and Gabriella Holt, President of the Probation Commission, spoke about their experiences with effective partnerships and working together to identify juvenile crime trends and approaches in dealing with critical issues.

Creative use of technology can improve service delivery in neighborhood and business planning decisions. Bruce McClendon, Planning Director, and Dan Hoffman, also of Regional Planning, demonstrated *Digital Aerial Imagery*, a 3D graphical display of County homes, building, parks, transportation, utilities and

topography. This imagery allows planners to quickly determine the effects of proposed changes. The Department of Regional Planning has made a concerted outreach to be sure this information is available to all agencies and cities of the County of Los Angeles.

Steve Cooley, District Attorney, spoke about creating a *Legacy of Leadership* in the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney has embarked on a deliberate effort, through education, recruitment, innovative prosecution techniques, and new technology, to create a culture of unprecedented leadership.

Technology today touches every aspect of our lives and is the foundation of our future. Jon Fullinwider, Chief Information Officer, shared his vision of the future of technology and how it *Changes the Way We Do Business*. He spoke about benefits to the County organization and the enhancement of services to the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

One of the ways in which technology touches our lives is electronic voting machines. Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Conny B. McCormack addressed the benefits and fears of using this new technology in elections in her presentation, *New Voting Equipment: What's All the Fuss?*

Another "change agent" making a difference through technology is Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors. She spoke about her vision of the *Virtual Office of the Future*, providing easily accessible information both for the County residents and the department.

Chief Administrative Officer, David E. Janssen, congratulated the Quality and Productivity Commission for its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Commissioners' Leadership Conference, *Leading Edge Leadership in Times of Change*. Mr. Janssen spoke in detail about the new *Los Angeles County Administrative Structure* and the positive impact it will have on the County in the future.

At the networking luncheon, Quality and Productivity Commissioners and Productivity Managers hosted tables, facilitating discussion and providing a forum to learn about the County and generate new and creative ways of doing business.

# County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



"Enriching Lives"

## County Vision

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

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

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- A capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

## County Mission

*To enrich lives through effective and caring service*

## Strategic Plan Goals

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Service Excellence           | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence         | 6. Community Services                |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health          |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility        | 8. Public Safety                     |

Gloria Molina Supervisor First District	Yvonne B. Burke Supervisor Second District	Zev Yaroslavsky Supervisor Third District	Don Knabe Supervisor Fourth District	Michael D. Antonovich Supervisor Fifth District
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## Supervisor Antonovich Joins Local Officials in Groundbreaking for Pomona (60) Freeway High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane Project

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Caltrans and MTA officials in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Pomona (60) Freeway High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) construction project. The \$155 million project will construct two 11-mile carpool lanes along the Pomona Freeway to the 605 freeway. The completed carpool lanes on the 60 Freeway will extend from the 605 to 15 Freeway in Riverside County.

“These vital lanes will provide new capacity on this freeway, eliminating the choke point that occurs when carpool users must merge back into the mixed flow lanes,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “Increasing capacity on the 60 Freeway will also improve the movement of goods by truck on this heavily-used corridor. Moving goods between the ports and their national destinations gives this project a measure of national significance in addition to the regional value.”



“With the 210 Freeway fully equipped with carpool lanes, the San Gabriel Valley is going to be much closer to having a fully operational carpool lane network on all of its freeways,” added Supervisor Antonovich. He also noted that the San Gabriel Valley will benefit from similar efforts underway on the 10 Freeway between the 605 and the 57.

“This project is one more piece of the regional, integrated transportation network that the San Gabriel Valley needs to maintain its quality of life and to thrive in the years to come.”

## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Speaks at 2007 Women’s Health Policy Summit

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was an honorary co-chair and featured speaker at the 2007 Women’s Health Policy Summit. This was a day-long event billed as an opportunity for discussion, developing policy recommendations and networking,



sponsored in part by the County Office of Women’s Health. The Office was established in 1998 to improve the health status of women in the County of Los Angeles by serving as the focal point for strategic planning, promoting comprehensive and effective approaches to improving women’s health, and promoting the expansion of funding for research activities. This year’s theme was “Building Multicultural Women’s Health: Setting an Agenda for Los Angeles.”

## Department of Parks and Recreation Junior Golf Program Expands to Twelve Los Angeles County Golf Courses this Summer

The Department of Parks and Recreation will double its Junior Golf Clinics this summer with an additional six locations across the County. Celebrating its sixth year introducing youth to the game of golf, the L.A. County Junior Golf Program will offer free, one-week golf clinics for youth ages 4 to 18, giving youth the opportunity to practice and learn the game of golf from professional golfers.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Program sessions are from 9-11 a.m.; noon-2 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the following Los Angeles County Golf Courses:

<u>Golf Course</u>	<u>Program Dates</u>
Lakewood Golf Course 3101 East Carson Street Lakewood, CA 90712	June 25-29
Santa Anita Golf Course 405 South Santa Anita Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006	June 25-29
Alondra Golf Course 16400 South Prairie Avenue Lawndale, CA 90260	July 9-13
Knollwood Golf Course 12040 Balboa Boulevard Granada Hills, CA 91344	July 9-13
Los Amigos Golf Course 7295 East Quill Drive Downey, CA 90242	July 16-20
Whittier Narrows Golf Course 8640 East Rush Street Rosemead, CA 91770	July 16-20
Victoria Golf Course 340 East 192nd Street Carson, CA 90746	July 30-August 3
El Cariso Golf Course 13100 Eldridge Street Sylmar, CA 91342	August 6-10

Los Verdes Golf Course  
7000 West Los Verdes Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
August 13-17

Marshall Canyon Golf Course  
6100 North Stephens Ranch Road  
La Verne, CA 91750  
August 13-17

Chester Washington Golf Course  
1930 West 120th Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90047  
August 27-31

Mountain Meadows Golf Course  
1875 Fairplex Drive  
Pomona, CA 91768  
August 27-31

For more information or to enroll in the program, contact Los Angeles County Junior Golf Director Mike McMonegal at (626) 821-4648.

### LACERA Elections

- Safety Members are encouraged to vote in the upcoming LACERA elections for the Seventh Member and Alternate Member of the Board of Retirement, and the Fourth Member of the Board of Investments. The elections will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2007.
- Ballots must be received by Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2007. The Board of Supervisors will certify the election results at its meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.
- For more information or to read the Candidate's Statements of Qualifications you may visit the Board of Supervisors' LACERA Election Information web page at [http://bos.co.la.ca.us/lacera\\_election.htm](http://bos.co.la.ca.us/lacera_election.htm) or you may contact your Department Election Coordinator.

## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Keynotes New Directions' 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast

Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky presented New Directions founder and Executive Director Toni Reinis with a County plaque to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the nonprofit agency's service to the region's veterans community. Supervisor Yaroslavsky was the featured keynote speaker at a special celebration breakfast hosted by New Directions, a drug and alcohol recovery program for homeless veterans. Following the meal, guests toured New Directions' Regional Opportunity Center, which offers detox programs, permanent housing for elderly and disabled vets, long-term inpatient rehab and recovery programs, vocational training, employment counseling and several other programs. The center is located on the West LA Veterans Administration Campus. You can visit [www.newdirectionsinc.org](http://www.newdirectionsinc.org) for more information about their services.



### Work Study in Public Agencies Program



The Work Study in Public Agencies (WSPA) program provides CalWORKs students enrolled in a community college with a part-time paid internship at a public agency. The WSPA program is a collaborative effort among the community colleges, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the County Department of Mental Health and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

The student is matched to a job opening from any of the partnering agencies above that reflects his/her course of study. The student will attend a formal interview and begin the assignment if the student and job opening are a good fit. Upon completion of the Work Study assignment, the student will have acquired a wealth of skills and knowledge increasing his/her marketability in the job market.

On March 7, 2007, the Belvedere Workforce District Office #05 hired Luis Morelos. Morelos is a Business Administration student at East Los Angeles Community College and on the Dean's List. He immediately adopted the role and responsibility of a DPSS employee and has proven to be dedicated and hard-working. He is punctual and professional in all aspects. Morelos has become an invaluable asset to the Belvedere District!

#### SKATEPARK

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Other event sponsors and participants include Boarders, DVS Shoe Company, Girl Skateboards, Glaceau/Vitamin Water, Haa Lambos, Homeboy Industries, IDS Boardshop, Immortal Skateboards, Jarritos, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety, Lakai Limited Footwear, Maravilla Business Persons Association, Matix Clothing, Nike, Podiu, Distribution, Politixs Skateboards, and Thrasher Magazine.

Belvedere Skatepark is located at 4914 Cesar Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, 90022. For more information regarding skatepark hours and regulations, contact (323) 260-2360, or [gliedsack@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:gliedsack@parks.lacounty.gov).



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## LA COUNTY STARS! Spring 2007 Recipients



Service Excellence Award:  
**Public Health's  
Rene Rothrock**



Service Excellence Award:  
**Public Library's  
Betty Marlow**



Organizational Effectiveness Award:  
**District Attorney's  
Juvenile Offender  
Intervention Network (JOIN)**

*James Miller, Robert Barker, Joseph Chester,  
Edward Desario, Sheilah Holley, William King,  
Robert Knapp*



**Service Excellence Award:**  
**Child Support Services'**  
**Communications and**  
**Marketing Division**

*Carlos Aceves, Rick Apostol, Marty Branscomb, Oralia Cordova, William Dimas, Vivion Mais, Cindy Sam, Donna Ware, Manoush Sarhad, Al Reyes*

**Service Excellence Award:**  
**Public Social Services'**  
**Skid Row Assessment**  
**Team (SRAT)**

*Dolores Chavez, Manuel De La Cruz, Angelica Gallegos, Kouji Zeron, Cesar Valdez, David Mayorga, Brian Zambrano, Lucia Navarro, Jose Chavez, Yolanda Wisco, Patricia Torres, Reginald Njoku, Frances Godoy*



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**Human Resources'**  
**Los Angeles County Learning Academy**



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**Workforce Excellence Award:**  
**Mental Health's**  
**Julie Valdez**



**Workforce Excellence Award:**  
**Human Resources'**  
**Rodney Hoston**



**Service Excellence Award:**  
**Chief Administrative Office's**  
**Dr. Robert Goldberg**



**Workforce Excellence Award:**  
**Public Works'**  
**Claims and Litigation Section**

*Allan Abramson, Therese Batungbacal, Carol Chaparro, Melissa Estrada, Mychi Hoang, Denise Jeanson, Alan Morrison, Albert Navas, Rachael Seals, Dena Venegas, Jeff Wingate*



**Service Excellence Award:**  
**District Attorney & Fire's**  
**RESCUE Youth Coordinators**

*Joe Barrios, Steve Bowie, Jake Ching, David Christian, Michael Chuck, Stan Fung, Mario Gonzales, James Guess, Brian Leong, Ricardo McBenttes, Julian Mercado, Patrick Meyer, Sixto Victor Padilla, Gabriel Ramirez, Joe Rivera, Jim Roy, Jayd Swendseid, Steve Timboe, Angela Valenzuela, Shari Wright*



**Workforce Excellence Award:**  
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**Tina Katz**



**Organizational Effectiveness Award:**  
**Mental Health's**  
**Wendi Tovey**



**Organizational Effectiveness Award:**  
**Public Safety's**  
**Los Angeles County**  
**Police Recruitment Team**

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**Service Excellence Award:  
Internal Services'  
Cuong Luong**

**Workforce Excellence Award:  
Child Support Services'  
Jennifer Spielvogel**



**Organizational Effectiveness Award:  
Chief Administrative Office's  
Loss Control and Prevention Section**

*Roberto Chavez, Jim Day, Jeff Howard, Doug Iwanaga, Maria Moya,  
Steven NyBlom, Estella Prendez, Christie Ramirez*



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

For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources at (213) 738-2352 or go to the Web site at <http://stars.lacounty.gov/>.

**Organizational Effectiveness Award:  
Sheriff's  
Karen Anderson**



# Share It



## County of Los Angeles HIV Counseling and Testing Week (HCTW) 2007

National HIV Testing Day will be observed on June 27, 2007. It is designated in the County of Los Angeles as HIV Counseling and Testing Week (HCTW) from June 25-June 30, 2007.

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), based in Washington, D.C., initiated the annual campaign marking National Testing Day in 1994 to encourage individuals to receive voluntary HIV counseling and testing. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the County of Los Angeles has participated in and organized efforts to observe HCTW.

The purpose of National HIV Counseling and Testing Day is to promote and encourage early detection and treatment of HIV, educate the public that sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) increases the risk of HIV infection, and promote awareness of risky behaviors that increase the risk for HIV infection.

The County of Los Angeles has been critically impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, with nearly 30,000 residents who have died from AIDS and approximately 58,000 individuals who are known to be living with HIV and AIDS. In 2005, persons of color accounted for approximately 75 percent of AIDS cases diagnosed in the County of Los Angeles.

It is important for people to be tested and to know their HIV status early so that they can access treatment and monitor their health sooner. Recent medical advances in HIV treatment indicate that early diagnosis and treatment can prolong and improve the lives of persons living with HIV and AIDS. Unfortunately, studies show that many persons, especially persons of color, are not benefiting from early detection and are being diagnosed with AIDS at the time they test for HIV.

HCTW is a critical component of the County's public health response to stopping the spread of HIV and AIDS and promoting the health and welfare of County residents. To that effect, the County of Los Angeles is sponsoring an initiative with local community agencies to provide education, counseling and testing services to those most at risk for HIV infection.

County employees can help in this effort! Get yourself tested and then encourage your clients, your coworkers, your friends, and your family to get tested. There are several ways to get tested. You can ask for a HIV test from your doctor, or you can visit the Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS Programs and Policy website at [www.lapublichealth.org/aids](http://www.lapublichealth.org/aids) or [www.hivla.org](http://www.hivla.org) to find locations where testing is available. There will be multiple special events throughout the County sponsoring free HIV testing during the week of June 25-30; however, free testing is always available all year long. In addition to the websites, individuals



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