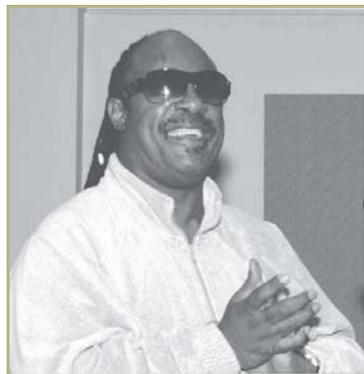




KJLH 102.3 Radio Hosts Its 8th Annual Women's Health Forum

The theme of this year's 8th Annual Women's Health Forum was focused on obesity in African-American women. The free event was held on April 19 at the Los Angeles Convention Center's Petree Hall/ West Hall.

The forum addressed the contributing factors of obesity, including the lack of healthy eating habits, lack of moderate exercise and problems with managed health care which cause serious life-threatening health issues. According to a 2007 report, 35.4 percent of adult African-American women are overweight. However, depending on the source of information, the numbers are closer to 60 to 70 percent of women who are overweight or obese and lead to serious and life-threatening health issues.



"Providing this type of ongoing education is the key to leading women down the road to living healthier and longer lives," said KJLH 102.3 News and Public Affairs Director Jacquie Stephens, who along with help from a network of voluntary community health professionals founded the concept for the event. The radio station is owned by Stevie Wonder (*left*) who also attended the event.

This year's event featured a participant list of celebrities and elected officials, including Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, actress Wendy Rachel Robinson, City Councilmember Jan Perry, and singer/actress Della Reese.

A special tribute was made to Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke for her many years of service and for inspiring women to pursue their dreams in all professions. Other health issues addressed included HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), breast health, and general gynecology. On-site services provided hair and scalp and body fat analysis, rapid HIV testing in addition to mammography, diabetes, cholesterol, and blood pressure screenings.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and KJLH News and Public Affairs Director Jacquie Stephens at the 8th Annual Women's Health Forum, hosted by KJLH Radio on April 19.

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Antonovich Foster Youth event August 7

SAVE THE DATE ! Supervisor Antonovich will host the 13th annual *All for the Love of Kids* event at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7th at Edwards Renaissance Theatre in Alhambra. We hope that you will be able to attend and help support this wonderful program which provides much needed funding for the needs of foster youth that are not covered by government funding. There will be delicious food, a silent auction, entertainment and a very special raffle. Look for more information in July's County Digest. We hope to see you there !

Ford Amphitheatre

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www.fordamphitheatre.com

June

29 - Los Angeles - Yerevan Sister City Summer Concert - VISA, Nersik Ispirian, Daron Band, Armen Movsisyan and more!

30 - J.A.M. Session: Bollywood in Hollywood

July

5 - 10 a.m. Big!World!Fun! Viver Brasil

5 - 8:30 p.m. The Gift on the Water-Omi Odara

7 - J.A.M. Session: Hip Hop Shock

11 - Reprise Theatre Co

12 - Big!World!Fun! Jose Luis Orozco

12-13 - Taikoproject

14 - J.A.M. Session: Do the Tango

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068
(323) 850-2000
www.hollywoodbowl.org

Los Angeles Philharmonic

www.laphil.com
(323) 850-2000

July

2-4 - July 4th Fireworks Spectacular: A Ball at the Bowl with the LA Dodgers

5 - Warner Bros. Presents Bugs Bunny on Broadway

7 - Stevie Wonder

8 - Carmina Burana

9 - Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and special guest appearance by Natalie Cole

10 - Fantastique Berlioz

11-12 - Some Enchanted Evening: A Night of Romance with Special Guest Chris Isaak

13 - Bizet's Carmen

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Los Angeles/Yerevan Concert Under the Stars

Featuring VISA,
Nersik Ispirian and Daron Band
Armen Movsessian

Sunday, June 29, 2008, 7:00 PM

John Anson Ford Amphitheatre

2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Los Angeles, CA



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Los Angeles Philharmonic Unveils 2008 Hollywood Bowl Summer Season

The Los Angeles Philharmonic (LA Phil) has announced the concert lineup for the 2008 Summer Season at the Hollywood Bowl, recently named by Pollstar Magazine as “Best Major Outdoor Concert Venue” in the nation for the fourth year in a row. As always, the program is an exciting and eclectic mix of classical, world music, jazz, spectaculars and special events.



This year marks the farewell for long-time LA Phil Music Director and principal conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen, who departs at the conclusion of the 2008-09 season to devote more time to composing. In the meantime, we welcome as special guest conductors – pictured here with Supervisor Yaroslavsky, *from left to right* - Bramwell Tovey, wielding the baton for the Philharmonic at the Bowl, and Thomas Wilkins, presiding over the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. Full ticket information may be found at <http://www.hollywoodbowl.com/tickets>.

Summer Beach Bus Services

Summer is here and it will be time to gather our beach gear and head to the shore! The Department of Public Works is making that trip easier for everyone living in several unincorporated areas. Come join the fun. How? It's easy... **RIDE the SUMMER BEACH 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 Cañada Flintridge sponsor the La Crescenta/La Cañada 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.

RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after **40** or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

HEALTH SERVICES: Johnny I. Marchany
PROBATION: Calvin R. Hicks

*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:*

BEACHES & HARBORS: Stanley Wisniewski
FIRE: Darryl L. Coe, Joseph L. Griffin, James P. McCoy
HEALTH SERVICES: Joyce E. Bermejo, Timothy S. Greaves, Patricia Herrera, Janice B. Longobardi, Margaret Mittler
INTERNAL SERVICES: Roger L. Stefan
MENTAL HEALTH: Norma Eulano, John P. Tobin
PUBLIC WORKS: William J. Alexander, Mee L. Quan
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Genevia Metoyer

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Savita Datta, Debra S. Zimmerman
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PROBATION: Alfredo Velez
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SHERIFF: Audrey C. Bagshaw, Joseph W. Dyer, Janet Johnson, Francisco J. Ramirez, Henry Robinson III

Supervisor Antonovich Commemorates “Earth Day” by Planting Trees with Loma Alta Students

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined representatives from the Department of Public Works and students from Loma Alta Elementary School in hosting the annual Earth Day celebration at the Las Flores Sediment Placement Site in Altadena. Supervisor Antonovich and the students commemorated the special event with the planting of native trees and shrubs.



“Earth Day provides a great opportunity to educate our young people about environmental preservation and instill good stewardship of our natural resources,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “By taking pride in our community and creating innovative public private programs, we can reduce litter, sponsor recycling events, stop illegal dumping and raise environmental awareness.”



In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, the native plants will require less water than non-native plants and will help prevent erosion.

Historic Wetlands Project Complete Along Los Angeles River in Long Beach

Supervisor Don Knabe (*pictured*) joined other local elected officials recently in Long Beach for the opening of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands. The \$7 million treatment wetlands and spreading grounds project is the latest in a series of regional, multi-benefit projects implemented by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. At peak capacity, the new wetlands will naturally remove pollutants and other harmful chemicals from over one million gallons of storm water every day before that water reaches the ocean or returns to the ground water supply.

The wetlands project is the first of its kind in Los Angeles County. It maintains the integrity of flood protection along the urban lower reaches of the Los Angeles River, while introducing new water quality elements, groundwater recharge, restoration of native habitat, pedestrian and equestrian trails, environmental education, and river bike trail enhancements. The project encompassed extensive renovation of two preexisting Flood Control District spreading grounds, located along both the east and west sides of the Los Angeles River between Del Amo Boulevard and the 405 Freeway.



Enhancements to the 37-acre East Basin include one mile of constructed, treatment wetlands, pedestrian and horseback trails, two bird observation decks, woodland and riparian habitat, and a bike trail rest station. The wetlands are designed to naturally treat from 2-3 cubic feet per second (1.3 to 3.2 million gallons a day) of storm water and urban runoff, the rough equivalent of five Olympic-size swimming pools. The result will be a significant reduction in the amount of pollution, heavy metals, organic carbons, and oils and greases found in runoff within the system. Trash booms will collect floatable trash, allowing it to be removed before it can foul the wetlands. Once treated, the runoff

will be moved underneath the Los Angeles River by a pump system to the project's West Basin for groundwater recharge.

The 15-acre West Basin remains a functional spreading ground that, with new project improvements, will allow as much as 450 acre-feet a year of water to permeate into the underground aquifer of the West Coast Groundwater Basin. In simplified terms, one acre-foot of water is approximately the volume of a football field filled one foot deep with water. Both the East and West basin areas are lush with a plant palette of shrubs, trees, brush and wildflowers native to the lower Los Angeles River, selected especially for this project by the County's project consultant, CH2M Hill.

Historically, the Los Angeles River has been impaired by pollutants from local and regional storm drains that carry storm water and urban runoff away from city streets and communities within the Los Angeles River Watershed. Polluted runoff is the result of harmful human activities like littering, illegally dumping lawn clippings and automobile fluids into catch basins, and over-watering lawns. These activities, among others, have led to stringent federal regulations (known as Total Maximum Daily Load allocations or TMDLs) that restrict the amount of trash and other pollutants that may enter designated receiving waters. By 2016, cities and County areas within the Los Angeles River Watershed must effectively have zero trash going into the Los Angeles River.

"This is a great project for Los Angeles County and for its water quality partners," said Supervisor Knabe. "The project's open space, water quality improvements, and groundwater recharge make it a cost-effective solution for addressing some of the County's toughest regional issues."

Director of Department of Children and Family Services Receives Distinguished Alumna Award from California State University, Long Beach



Patricia S. Ploehn, the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), was named the 2008 Distinguished Alumna by the California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) College of Health and Human Services. Ploehn graduated from the university in 1989 with a master's degree in social work.

Each year, the CSULB Alumni Association presents the award to an alumnus from each college who is an outstanding example of accomplishment and distinction. Ploehn was honored at the CSULB alumni awards banquet and commencement ceremony in May.

"I am truly honored by this award. As the Director of DCFS, I am proud to be a part of the important work of Los Angeles County, serving our most vulnerable citizens – child victims of abuse and neglect. I thank CSULB for providing me with a strong foundation and for the excellent job they do in preparing students for careers in social work," Ploehn said.

Patricia S. Ploehn was appointed Director of DCFS on September 20, 2006. Since that time, DCFS has shown progress in key areas including decreasing the time it takes for children to be reunified with their families or to be adopted, decreasing the number of children in temporary and long-term foster care and the amount of time children spend in out-of-home care and decreasing the number of children who ran away from care. She has also worked with staff to expand several innovative programs such as the Permanency Partners Program (P3) which helps find permanent homes for older youth who were previously destined to grow up in long-term foster care.

"Under Ploehn's superb leadership as Director, her management and consensus-building skills are ensuring that the momentum of improved outcomes for children and excellence in service delivery continues," noted Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, who represents the fifth district. "An adoptive mother herself, she is a shining example of one whose passionate dedication has touched the lives of

countless young people in our foster care system – some of Los Angeles County's most vulnerable population."

"As Director of one of the nation's largest and most diverse child welfare departments, Ploehn has established herself as a critical player, not only in local children's services agencies, but in national forums. We appreciate her work with our graduate students in the department of social work and is a source of pride for our alma mater," added Marnos Lelesi, president of the CSULB Alumni Association.

Ploehn is the first Director to be selected from within the department since its inception in 1984. She began her career with the department in 1979, prior to its current structure, as a treatment counselor working with children and youth at the MacLaren Children's Center. She then went on to work as a social worker and supervisor until 1989 when she was promoted to management. After serving in various administrative positions including Training and Education, Emancipation Services, Strategic Planning, Adoptions and Permanency Services, Ploehn served as Deputy Director from 2003 to 2006.

Ploehn currently directs all operations which are necessary for the administration of protective services, foster and out-of-home care, adoption and treatment for children in Los Angeles County. She frequently cites the critical key three outcomes expected for all children of Los Angeles County which include increased safety, reduced reliance on detention and out-of-home care, and decreased timelines to permanency. As DCFS Director, she is committed to ensuring that all Los Angeles County children have the opportunity to grow up in safe, permanent and loving families.

Established in 1984, DCFS is the public agency charged with ensuring that children grow up safe, physically and emotionally healthy, educated and in permanent homes. DCFS works to ensure that all children have a connection to family, friends, schools and neighborhoods and provides services to children and their families when they are at-risk due to actual and potential child abuse, abandonment, neglect or exploitation. With an annual budget of over \$1.5 billion and a diverse staff of more than 7,000 employees, DCFS serves children and families through 17 offices located throughout the County.

Supervisor Antonovich and Sheriff Baca Launch Public Awareness Campaign Promoting Adoption

County Sheriff Deputies Adopting Foster Youth Setting the Example by Becoming Heroes To Children in Need of Loving Families

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Sheriff Lee Baca and Trish Ploehn, Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, to unveil a new billboard and public information campaign encouraging adoption of County foster youth in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department.



The billboard reads: “There’s more than one way to be a hero,” and features Deputy Enrique Munoz, a 24-year veteran of the Sheriff’s Department and his wife Grace who adopted their son Eric, who is now 11. They also have daughters Ashley and Amber. Deputy Munoz and his wife Grace became foster parents when Eric was just one year old. He joined their daughters in creating a family when Eric was adopted at age five.

“We are honored to have this family setting an example to let other families know that there are children waiting to be adopted,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “There are over 8,000 children living in foster homes or group homes in Los Angeles County – who, for one reason or another, have no parents, no homes.”

“Nearly 600 children are waiting to be adopted. These children are waiting for families to give them the love and support they need. Most are between the ages of five and 15. My office has worked to streamline the cumbersome adoption process by cutting red tape and reforming the system. To stop the proliferation of gangs and violence, our children need to grow up in stable, loving homes. They need to know the difference between right and wrong. This will enable them to have the ability to say no to destructive lifestyles.”

“Our children are our future leaders or they are future criminals – we can make a difference. We need to encourage more families to come forward to be adoptive parents.”

Marina del Rey Fireworks Spectacular Set for July 4th

Marina del Rey's traditional fireworks spectacular will take place Friday, July 4th, starting promptly at 9 p.m. and lasting approximately 20 minutes. The famed Zambelli fireworks will be delivered from a barge in the main channel. The Zambelli pyrotechnics originated more than 100 years ago in Italy and follow the Italian tradition of huge finales. The fireworks show will be choreographed to patriotic music that will be broadcast in sync with the display over FM radio KXLU, 88.9 on the dial. Those watching can listen on their FM radios. The music will be relayed over loudspeakers in Burton Chace Park for onlookers there.

Spectators will be able to view the fireworks from anywhere in the Marina however, premier viewing locations are Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way; and Fisherman's Village, 13755 Fiji Way. Parking is available in County lots throughout the Marina at reasonable rates. For those interested in a unique experience, the Marina WaterBus will operate on July 4th from 11 a.m. to midnight, running to and from seven Marina locations, at \$1 per person one way.

The July 4th fireworks are presented at no charge to the public by Supervisor Don Knabe and the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

We want to thank the many agencies that assist us with this July 4th tradition: Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, California Highway Patrol (CHP), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Sheriff, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Loyola Marymount University.

Additional information is available by calling (310) 305-9545 or by visiting the Beaches and Harbors Web site at <http://beaches.lacounty.gov>.



Supervisor Antonovich Honors Michael Ramirez on Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (*left*) honored cartoonist Michael Ramirez (*right*) on receiving the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning – journalism's most prestigious award. (*pictured with Maria Fumiko Ramirez, center*)

Supervisor Antonovich praised Ramirez for combining his insightful commentary with a captivating drawing style that consistently produces cartoons which are frank, provocative, humorous, and thought-provoking. "Michael was the preeminent cartoonist for the Los Angeles Times, but when they moved to the left, they thought Michael should go, so he did, but only to end up winning the Pulitzer Prize for the Investor's Business Daily."

"An editorial cartoon is a fine instrument of journalism – it's sharp and refined, its message cutting quickly to the point," said Ramirez. "Some of my cartoons will make you laugh, some will make you cry, but hopefully all of them will make you think."

Michael Ramirez also recently won the 2007 Sigma Delta Chi Award; it is the fifth award he has won this year. Of the five major awards of journalism and editorial cartooning, he has now won three and was a finalist for two.



Ramirez currently serves as Senior Editor/Editorial Cartoonist with Investor's Business Daily. His cartoons are printed in 450 newspapers and magazines world wide including the New York Times, the New York Post, the Washington Post, Time Magazine, US News and World Report. He is also a regular contributor to the News Hour with Jim Lehrer on PBS television.

Supervisor Gloria Molina Officially Dedicates the East Los Angeles Civic Center

On Saturday, May 15 Supervisor Gloria Molina held a day-long celebration to officially dedicate the East L.A. Civic Center.

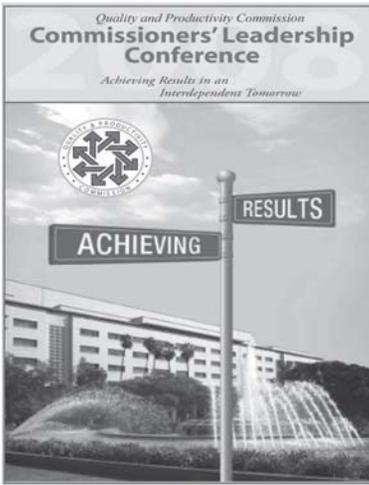


Clockwise from left: *The legendary Little Willie G of Thee Midnighters performs to a packed audience at the Belvedere Park Amphitheatre. A resident gets his blood pressure taken at a Healthy Living Pavilion, which was a key component of the East L.A. Civic Center Grand Dedication. Magician “Rafael” and his assistant “Katia” entertain a crowd full of youngsters with a fun magic act outside the East L.A. Library. A troupe of young jazz dancers smile for the camera prior to performing on stage at the Belvedere Park Amphitheatre. Tony Plana of the hit T.V. show “Ugly Betty” welcomes East L.A. residents to a day-long concert at the Belvedere Park Amphitheatre. A young boy is delighted to be among the hundreds of children who received a free “Frijolitos” toy as part of the day’s festivities. Supervisor Gloria Molina stands proudly before a quilt she made by hand — evoking the famed Whittier Boulevard arch — specifically for the East L.A. Civic Center Grand Dedication.*

ENRICHING LIVES...

2008 Commissioners' Leadership Conference:

“Achieving Results in an Independent Tomorrow”



The Quality and Productivity Commission held the sixth annual Commissioners' Leadership Conference, *Achieving Results in an Interdependent Tomorrow*, on Wednesday, May 21. The purpose of the conference was to highlight how collaboration across departments and other agencies results in effective and efficient delivery of services to County residents.

More than 150 commissioners, department heads, and managers attended the event which was held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Music Center. Commission Chair Algird Leiga, Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich, Yvonne B. Burke and Don Knabe gave welcoming remarks.

The Commission took the opportunity to honor and thank a very special leader in the County, Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, who has been a steadfast supporter of the Quality and Productivity Commission and its mission for 16 years. The Commissioners honored

the Supervisor as a visionary leader who achieves results, advocates for services for the public, and has made countless contributions to enriching lives for the people in our County. The audience was treated to a short video which showcased innovative projects sponsored by Supervisor Burke and recognized by the Quality and Productivity Commission.

Steven Golightly, Director of the Child Support Services Department, started off the conference with an energetic presentation on *Successes and Strategies in a Changing Governmental Environment*. He emphasized the importance of collaboration among County departments.

The unprecedented growth of Los Angeles County has presented a unique challenge to County departments. Cynthia Banks, Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services, spoke about *Changing Demographics – Communication into Tomorrow*. Ms. Banks presented information on what we can expect in the near future with the increasing numbers of senior citizens, identifying potential problems and collaborative solutions.



Another example of collaboration, honored with the Quality and Productivity Award Bronze Eagle last October, is the *Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP)*. Dr. Marvin J. Southard, Director of the Department of Mental Health, detailed how *CAMP* successfully collaborated with the Los Angeles Police Department to proactively address target populations of special concern.

Michael P. Judge, Esq., Public Defender, and John Ruegg, Director, Information Systems Advisory Body, presented information on *Collaborating for Digital Archiving and Case Management Systems*.

Sheriff Leroy D. Baca spoke about collaboration, leadership and the benefits of learning. His inspirational message, *Empowering Creativity*, received high marks by attendees.

The Department of Children and Family Services won the Quality and Productivity Silver Eagle Award for MART (Multi-Agency Response Team). Patricia S. Ploehn, Director, described how County departments, the Commission for Children and Families, and community partners came together for this project. Eric Marts, Deputy Director of Children and Family Services, Emilio Mendoza, MART team member, and Lt. Ralph Ornellas, Deputy Sheriff, took part in the presentation. This collaborative effort helps make Los Angeles County a safer place for children and families.

Chief Deputy, Chief Executive Officer Sharon Harper thanked the Commission for sponsoring the event and offered an opportunity for all County commissioners to come together to share information and ideas. She focused on the integration of County services, emphasizing that the key to success of the organizational model is collaboration and coordination among partners.

Quality and Productivity Commissioners and Productivity Managers hosted tables at the networking luncheon. The Commissioners and Managers facilitated discussion, providing a forum to learn about the County and generate new and collaborative ways of improving services to the people of the County of Los Angeles.

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 |

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Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor
Third District

Don Knabe
Supervisor
Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor
Fifth District

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Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

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

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Arts

Through August - A Connoisseur's Delights: Indian Paintings from the Nasli and Alice Heeramanek Collection

Through August - A Masterpiece Restored: LACMA's Tibetan Painting of Yama and Yami

Through September - BCAM Inaugural Installation

Through September - The Age of Imagination: Japanese Art, 1615-1868, from the Price Collection (right)

Music

Through September - Latin Sounds, Saturdays 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Through November - Friday Night Jazz, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sundays Live - Every Sunday at 6 p.m.

For more information on LACMA's Music Programs, please call (323) 857-6115

Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012

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www.musiccenter.org

July 11 - Dance Downtown featuring Bollywood/Bhangra

July 12 - Drum Downtown

July 18 - Friday Night Sing-Alongs featuring Broadway
(Walt Disney Concert Hall)

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Through July 6 - A Chorus Line

July 8-20 - The Drowsy Chaperone

Mark Taper Forum

Aug 30-Oct 19 - The House of Blue Leaves

Kirk Douglas Theatre

June 29-July 27 - Of Equal Measure

Los Angeles Opera

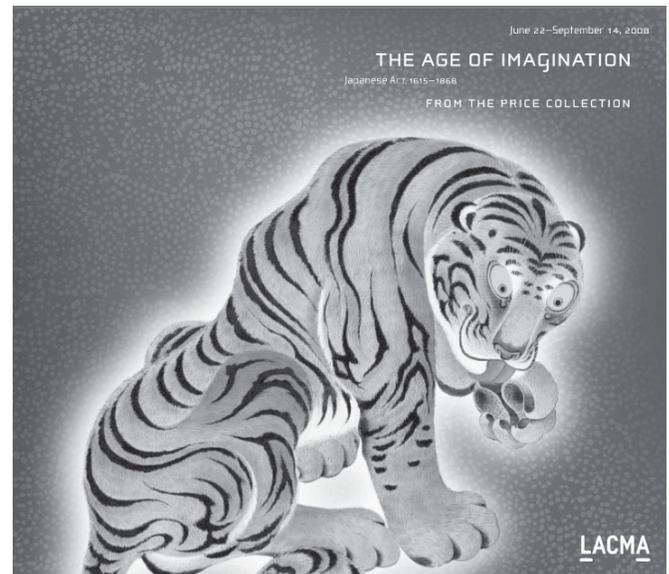
www.losangelesopera.com

Through June 28 - La Rondine

Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007

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



Cell Phones and Driving New Law in California Effective July 1, 2008

Effective July 1, 2008, California Law will:

- Prohibit the use of "hand-held" cell phones among drivers 18 years and older, except for emergency calls to law enforcement and public safety agencies, and for certain commercial vehicles for which the law's effective date is July 1, 2011.
- Prohibit drivers under the age of 18 years from using any wireless device, even if equipped with a hands-free or mobile service device, except during an emergency.

Violating this law includes a base fine of \$20.00 for a first offense and \$50.00 for each subsequent offense.

While California Law will soon make it illegal for drivers 18 years and older to use a hand-held device while driving, drivers can still use an earpiece, headset, speaker phone, or Bluetooth device. However it is your responsibility as a driver to understand that talking on a cell phone, talking to passengers, eating, changing compact discs/radio stations, or using on-board navigation systems while driving significantly reduces your reaction time, decision making, and ability to control speed, throttle control and position on the road. This increases the risk for serious injury or death. For these reasons, the new California Law also makes it illegal for drivers younger than 18 years of age to use any wireless hand-held or hands-free device, except for emergencies.

Risks While Driving?	What are Your Options?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drivers must take eyes off the road while driving in order to dial or utilize text messaging. • Drivers take their attention off the road when they are engaged in conversation on cell phones, thus affecting their ability to concentrate on the act of driving (<i>Insurance Information Institute, 2007</i>) • Not only do cell phones create a risk for serious injury or death, but so do other driver distractions. (See Distracted Driving Fact Sheet) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilize a hands-free cell phone device while driving (<i>Except for drivers under the age of 18</i>). 2. Never have a stressful conversation while driving. 3. If your mobile phone rings while you are driving, let voicemail answer. Call back when you are in a safe location and no longer driving. 4. If you need to make a call, pull over to a safe location. 5. When driving, it is your responsibility is to maintain and operate your vehicle. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  <p style="margin: 0;">Not While Driving!</p> </div>

Attention Parents & Drivers "Under" The Age of 18

While California Law will soon make it illegal for drivers 18 years and older to use a hand-held device while driving, drivers younger than 18 years of age, will not be allowed to use any hand-held or hands-free device while driving (Except for emergencies). While a cell phone is distracting for both adults and for teen drivers, phone conversation is even more of a distraction for inexperienced young drivers due to the attention required to both drive and talk, and makes it difficult for them to keep their attention on the road.

Attention Employers

If an employee is involved in a motor vehicle accident while making a work-related cell-phone call, both the employee and employer can be liable (*Business and Legal Reports, 2007*). Employers are advised to:

- Check State/local laws, and company/organizational policy to instruct employees in writing regarding cell phone use while operating motor vehicles.
- Instruct employees never to use cell phones while driving (or hands-free).
- If an employee must use a cell phone when driving, it is safest to pull off the road to a safe location to make a call.

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LA COUNTY STARS! March - May 2008 Recipients



Service Excellence:
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March 2008

Service Excellence:
Regional Planning's
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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/>

April 2008

**Service Excellence:
Community and Senior Services'
Adult Protective Services Crisis Response Team**

Team members are: Ashot Arakelyan, Mary Saavedra-Burnett, Kimala Carter, Wendy Contreras, Brenda Curiel, Rafael DeAguiayo, Rosio Diaz, Roberto Fonseca, Deedra Gamboa, Amani Gayed, Jose Hernandez, Mechelle Johnson-Carter, Johnetta Jordan, Mardik Khudatyan, Sasha Lala, Thuy Tammy Le, Monique Martin, Julio Martinez, Vincent McCormack, Olga Molina, Alejandro Ostos, Murad Rahman, Deborah Riggan, Jesse Rivas, Jorge Salcedo, Lorenza C. Sanchez, Kevin Scott, Marilyn Shepherd-Leake, Joanne Shoho, Rlynn Smith-Thomas, Ashot Tadevosian, Reyna Tapia, Lanlet Tuazon, Silvia Valdivia, Anthony Vasquez, Armando Vera, Monique West, Richard Franco, Gabrielle Burgess



May 2008

**Organizational Effectiveness:
Department of Coroner in collaboration with Public Health and Internal Services
Los Angeles County Electronic Death Registration System Implementation Team**

Team members are:

- Sarah Ahonima*
- Amy Chan*
- Brian Cosgrove*
- Raffi Djabourian*
- Silvia Gonzalez*
- Brian Hill*
- Greg Mercado*
- Ruben Pena*
- David Smith*
- Michelle Walker*
- Danita Wallace*





2007

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Service Excellence - Individual
Parks and Recreation's
Sandy Dininger

Service Excellence - Team

Office of the Assessor in collaboration with Internal Services
Web Services Unit

Team members are: Yvan Rodriguez, Darlene Del Palacio, Rex Hartline, Amy Chen, Lisa Gibbs, Harry Le, Lupe Garcia, Sanjeev Naikawadi, John Arastoozad



2007
LA COUNTY SUPERSTARS!



Workforce Excellence - Individual
Child Support Services'
David 'Jake' Jacobson



Workforce Excellence - Team
Health Services'

EMS Agency - Disaster Management Section

Team members are:

- Roel Amara
- Kathy Egan
- Chiyaukaa Archer
- Gertha Benson
- Gary Chambers
- John Celentano
- Jim Crabtree
- Jerry Crow
- Laura Debler
- Jim Eads
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- Dolores Hill
- Peggy Matthews
- Floyd Neal
- John Ospital
- Steven Rosales
- Jacqueline Rifenburg
- Sandra Shields
- Millicent Wilson
- Richard Zoraster
- Ralph Torres





Organizational Effectiveness
Individual
Mental Health's
Sussan Hivand



Organizational Effectiveness - Team
Department of Public Social Services in collaboration with Internal Services
El Monte Annex Emergency Redeployment/Response Team

Team members are: John Armour, Joel Flores, Frank Reyes, Waldo Salazar, Michael Cornelius, Mike Homan, Robert Mengel, Edwin Morales, Pennye King Younger, Lorene Cleveland, Ralph Rodriguez, Richard Banks, James Chapman, Glenn Alapag, Narinder Kumar, Joseph Brambila, Rudy Ramos, John Guendling, Gary Akopyan, Jose Hernandez, Daniel Garcia, Steven Dang, Henrik Avedian



2007

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Fiscal Responsibility Award - Team

**Fire Department in collaboration with Human Resources and Internal Services
2007 Firefighter Trainee Exam Team**

Team members are: Carla D. Williams, Inas Awad, Debra Thomas, Susan Denise Cambron, Nick Apeles, Marc Shartzter, Jeff Kane, Dana Luu, Samuel Komolafe, Danny Chu, Anderson Mackey, Arsen Mkrтчhyan



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Free Marina del Rey Summer Concerts 2008 Kick Off Exciting Season Thursday, July 10

With gasoline at a premium and food prices soaring, what better way to spend glorious evenings this summer than at the free Marina del Rey Summer Concert series, presenting Thursday evening classical concerts featuring the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony with world-class artists and Maestro Frank Fetta conducting; and, on alternate weeks, Saturday evening pop concerts, bringing to the Marina internationally famed artists from the worlds of pop and jazz.

The series kicks off Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m., waterside in Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey, with a concert featuring the 75-person Marina del Rey Summer Symphony conducted by its Music Director Frank Fetta, performing works by Hindemith, Poulenc and Ravel, and presenting as soloist cellist Marek Szpakiewicz performing Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor. New this year will be "A Night at the Opera" on July 24, presenting some of the nation's most important young operatic talents – finalists in the famed Loren L. Zachary National Vocal Competition, which has introduced to the operatic world such celebrated talents as Thomas Hampson, Deborah Voigt, Ruth Ann Swenson, and Aprile Mollo.

Other classical Thursday concerts will feature music by Shostakovich, Debussy, Gershwin, Ravel, the exciting "Roman Festivals" by Respighi, and pianist John Novacek as soloist in Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto no. 2," all with the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by its Music Director, Frank Fetta.

Pop Saturdays are particularly exciting this year, opening on July 19 with one of the most compelling singer/songwriters in contemporary music, Melissa Manchester; followed on August 2 by Steve March Tormé, a consummate entertainer whose stylish singing has led critics to predict that he could become the Sinatra of his generation; on August 16, The 5th Dimension who, with their distinctive sound, have performed and recorded some of the greatest hits in American pop music history; and closing the season on August 30, a return appearance by jazz royalty, Dame Cleo Laine and Sir John Dankworth, in one of the most popular musical events ever presented at these concerts.

Supervisor Don Knabe and the Department of Beaches and Harbors invite County employees to enjoy the free Marina del Rey Summer Concert experience. Sample a delicious summer menu at the new and exciting Café Petra in the Park or picnic on the grass beside the Marina's main channel; watch the sunset over the water and listen to your favorite music performed by these world-class artists.

Take the WaterBus from seven Marina locations directly to and from the concert site, or catch the land-based Beach Shuttle, which will operate with special hours to deliver and pick up concertgoers on Thursday and Saturday concert nights. Reasonably priced parking is available at County lots 4 on Mindanao Way or lot 5 on Bali Way. For more information call the department's information line (310) 305-9545 or access the event's Web site at <http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov>



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