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BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Giving Foster Youth an Education Advocate

The Gloria Molina Foster Youth Education Program is a program that was born out of Supervisor Molina’s dedication to the youth receiving foster care services in Los Angeles County. She wanted to give them a fighting chance at succeeding in their own communities once they are no longer in the foster care system. Supervisor Molina and her committed staff developed a solid program that addresses the educational needs of foster youth. According to the Supervisor, a program such as this was necessary because while youth were becoming lost in “the gaps in all of these well-intentioned programs, which have money and are available... if you don’t have an advocate, you are relying on foster parents who may not know or care about [academics], or schools that may not deal with you in any way but discipline.” Supervisor Molina emphasized “...how critical it is for social workers to coordinate all services and commitments made to each foster child — by teachers, tutors, coaches, counselors, school administrators, mental health professionals, and caregivers.”

What started with one school district in 2008 has now grown to six local school districts that have committed to serving the needs of the foster youth in their schools. There are approximately 11 social workers that provide extraordinary services through Supervisor Molina’s program. They advocate for the youth on a frequent basis and champion their cause. Three of these dedicated individuals serve as the lead social workers on the team: Rocio Angeles-De Loera, Arlene Barrios, and Elvia Mendez.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Angeles-De Loera worked with seven seniors to ensure that they graduated from high

school and transitioned to a post-secondary plan. Mary*, a student in the program, worked incredibly hard her senior year to graduate on time after attending three different schools. She improved her GPA quite a bit, earned her



Social workers attending a foster care educational reform workshop give feedback to Supervisor Molina on the challenges they face while participating in the foster care educational training pilot program.

diploma and enrolled in a community college this summer. Mary said “I had to make up my horrible grades from before; I had to make up many of them so I can get into the school I want. Eventually, I would like to become an aerospace engineer.” Terri* is another youth who benefitted greatly from being in the program. She was connected with the appropriate special education services in her school and graduated with a high school diploma instead of a Certificate of Completion.

Arlene Barrios has been working with youth in Montebello Unified for the last few years. Ernie*, one of the graduates she worked closely with this year, faced some tough academic challenges. He was not that interested in staying in school

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036
(323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Through October 31 – Tim Burton

Through September 5 – Gifts of the Sultan: The Art of Giving at the Islamic Courts

November 20 – February 26, 2012 – Contested Visions in the Spanish Colonial World

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Mark Taper Forum

September 7 – October 16 – Poor Behavior

November 2 – December 18 – Vigil

Kirk Douglas Theatre

July 30 – August 28 – THIS

Los Angeles Opera

(performances at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

www.losangelesopera.com

September 17 – October 9 – Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*

September 18 – October 8 – Mozart's *Così fan tutte*

November 6 – 26 – Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*

February 11, 2012 – March 4, 2012 – Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*

February 25, 2012 – March 17, 2012 – Britten's *Albert Herring*

May 12, 2012 – June 2, 2012 – Puccini's *La Bohème*

Kodak Theater

Now open – Cirque du Soleil: IRIS

Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007
(213) 763-DINO

www.nhm.org

Now open – Dinosaur Hall

Through September 5 – Butterfly Pavilion

September 25 through November 6 – Spider Pavilion

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for information on employment
opportunities with the
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and found himself having quite a bit of difficulty in a comprehensive school setting. He was engaging in confrontations with school staff due to his emotional needs. He was then moved to a specialized school that was able to address his behavior in a smaller setting. Through hard work, Ernie graduated in February with his high school diploma. He received these intensive services due to Barrios' tireless advocacy work and knowledge of the rights of foster youth. Ernie will be attending a local community college in the fall and has been connected with the Disability Services office on that campus. At his graduation, Ernie said "thank you [Barrios] for all your support. I appreciate it."

Elvia Mendez has also been working with youth in Montebello Unified. This year, she worked with a young lady, Amelia*, who needed some assistance with understanding her options for college, how to pay for school, and how to apply. Amelia started out with Ds and Fs when Mendez began working with her. By the time June 2011

came around, Amelia was ready to graduate with all of her high school credits and a significantly higher GPA. Amelia said "I will be the first of my family to have finished high school, but my accomplishments will not end with my high school diploma. I will attend community college until I have earned my associates degree. Soon after, I plan on attending a university that provides a great program for my major which will be one that allows me to pursue my dream career as a children's social worker...."

These youth are inspirations to the remaining youth in the program and are overcoming their obstacles. Now, they have a fighting chance at success thanks to Supervisor Molina's program!

*Names of youth have been changed to protect their identity.



County Public Library Provides Live Homework Help

What is Live Homework Help?

You can get free homework help from a live, online tutor. All you need is a County of Los Angeles [library card](#) and an Internet connection. You can use Live Homework Help from home, school and even the Library.

Who can use Live Homework Help?

[Live Homework Help](#) is available for three different age groups:

K-12

Students can get help in [English](#), [Spanish](#) or [Vietnamese](#) in a wide range of subjects including math, science, English, social studies and essay review.

College

College students can get help in [English](#), [Spanish](#) or [Vietnamese](#) for their college level courses including English, science, math, social studies, and essay review. Tutors are also available to assist with GED preparation, and career services such as resume review, job searching and interview preparation.

Adult Learners

Adults can get help in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Vietnamese](#). Tutors are available for career help, including resume review, job searching and interview preparation. Tutors can also help with GED and Citizenship preparation, and essay review. Additionally tutors can help adult learners with back to school needs.

Hours:

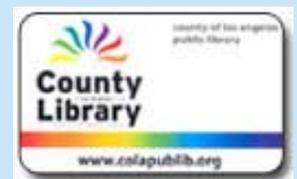
English and Spanish: Everyday from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Vietnamese: Everyday from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Closed:

New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

How to Get a County of Los Angeles Public Library Card

To get a library card, fill out an application available online at <http://www.colapublib.org/aboutus/librarycard.html> and bring it to a County Library along with a valid ID. Library cards are valid for three years and can be renewed by calling or visiting a County Library.



Library cards are available for free to permanent and temporary residents of California. With a County of Los Angeles library card, you can:

- check out books, magazines, DVDs and CDs
- place holds and access your account online
- access library databases from home
- download audiobooks, eBooks, and music
- use the Library's public computers and Internet
- connect to wireless Internet at all 85 County Libraries

DPSS Child Care Centers = First Steps to Educational Success

In June, the Expo Kids Children's Center, El Monte-Annex, El Monte-Telstar, and Crossroads Montessori Child Care Centers held their Pre-K and kindergarten graduation ceremonies. Each center's graduation ceremony was a huge success!

The DPSS Child Care Centers' Class of 2011 consisted of 88 graduates (79 preschoolers and 9 kindergarteners). They performed songs and dances before an audience of family and faculty as part of their year end celebration and commencement to kindergarten and elementary grade levels.

Each graduate received a certificate of completion and gifts following a slide presentation of them performing various school activities that showcased their achievements from their year at the centers. The ceremonies were highlighted when each graduate was given an opportunity to say "When I grow up I want to be"

To everyone's delight, the children spoke enthusiastically while their parents were snapping pictures and videotaping

with pride. Clearly, both teachers and parents have done an excellent job working together to build strong foundations for these children to have the best possible start, one that leads to success in both school and life.

For more information on the DPSS Child Care Centers, visit http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/child_care/default.cfm.



Opening Fall 2011: New Starbucks and Grand Avenue Ramps!



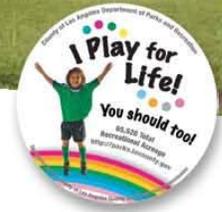
Photo credit: Chief Executive Office-Photo Unit

Counter clockwise:
Current construction of the Civic Park dated July 2011; architectural rendition of the new Starbucks building and Civic Park.





COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE 2011



JOIN US FOR THESE FUN FAMILY EVENTS

CHILL OUT!

Power walks and cooking demonstrations

Saturday, August 20

8 a.m. to noon

Burton Chase Park

13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292

TAKE A HIKE!

A day of family fun featuring fitness hikes

Saturday, September 10

7:30 a.m. to noon

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area

4100 South La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90056

PLAY FOR LIFE!

A day of family fun at the beach featuring bicycle fun rides, power walks and cooking demonstrations

Saturday, October 1

7:30 a.m. to noon

Dockweiler Youth Center

12505 Vista del Mar, El Segundo, CA 90245

BE ONE WITH NATURE!

Bird walks and nature hikes

Saturday, October 8

7:30 a.m. to noon

Placerita Canyon Natural Area

19152 Placerita Canyon Road, Newhall, CA 91321

For more details, please visit <http://dhr.lacounty.info>



The Works

Public Works has become one of the first County departments to launch its very own iPhone application.

Called *The Works*, the free application allows users to request and track pothole repairs, graffiti removal and street sweeping, and to report illegal dumping.



Developed by the Department's own Information Technology Division (ITD), *The Works* also allows users to upload photographs to help identify the service request and provides appropriate contact information if the request is not within the County's jurisdiction.

It also keeps users up-to-date with the latest news and alerts on County road closures and recycling events and can also locate other County services in the area.

Public Works Director Gail Farber said the new iPhone application would provide the kind of streamlined efficiency and mobility demanded by customers.

"*The Works* is an outstanding example of how we can utilize new technology to make our services more convenient and accessible to County residents at the click of a button," Farber said.

Users can download *The Works* through iTunes or from the Public Works homepage at www.dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks.

For more information on *The Works*, or if you have comments on how to improve the application, contact Khaled Tawfik of ITD at (626) 458-4108.

What To Do About a Bee Swarm Attack

As your loved ones make their way to school, regardless of their means of transportation, advise them to always be aware of their surroundings. In the event that they come across a swarm of bees (and not the cute yellow ones you see on television or the movies), here are a few handy tips from the Agricultural Commissioner/Department of Weights and Measures:



- **Do** run. Run away as fast as possible. Get into a building or vehicle if you can.
- **Do** try to cover your face and head as you run.
- **Do** call 911.
- **Do** start removing stingers from your skin once you are away from the bees. You can remove them by scraping, pulling, or using sticky tape. Do not leave the stingers in any longer than necessary, as they will continue to pump venom.
- **Don't** stop to remove stingers until you are safely away from the attacking bees.
- **Don't** jump into water. That only works in cartoons! The bees will see you and wait for you to come up for air.
- **Don't** panic.

Beware of Red Imported Fire Ants

Now that you've been advised what to do when a swarm of bees attack, here's information parents need to know to tell their children about ferocious ground dwellers while on the playground or attending a school assembly—RIFA or Red Imported Fire Ants.

RIFA are distinguished from other ants by the multiple sizes of colony members, ranging from one-sixteenth to one-fourth inch. They are reddish-brown in color; require moisture, and prefer open, sunny turf areas. RIFA often build distinctive mounds in landscaped areas (possibly to 18 inches wide), which appear as small piles of fine soil with small holes (no single entrance).

Red Imported Fire Ants are known for their quick, fierce response to any disturbance of their nest. Each ant can sting numerous times, injecting venom that feels like a poke with a hot needle. Each sting will hurt for about an hour, and forms a blister-like sore filled with fluid.



For more information, visit <http://acwm.lacounty.gov/scripts/rifa.htm>



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL
SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM



Do you have concerns about potentially vicious or problematic dogs in your neighborhood?



COUNTY OF
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 AND CONTROL

The Department of Animal Care & Control is committed to making your neighborhood as safe as possible. If you have problems with dogs that aggressively charge fences or potentially may be able to escape their yards, please contact us. Our Safe Neighborhoods patrol staff will respond by contacting the dog's owner to resolve the conflict and make your community a safer place for you and your family.

SHELTER LOCATIONS

Downey Shelter
 11258 S. Garfield Ave.
 Downey, CA 92042
 (562) 940-6898

Carson Shelter
 216 W. Victoria Street
 Gardena, CA 90248
 (310) 523-9566

Baldwin Park Shelter
 4275 N. Elton Street
 Baldwin Park, CA 91706
 (626) 962-3577

Lancaster Shelter
 5210 W. Avenue "I"
 Lancaster, CA 93536
 (661) 940-4191

Castaic Shelter
 31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd.
 Castaic, CA 91384
 (661) 257-3191

Agoura Shelter
 29525 Agoura Road
 Agoura Hills, CA 91301
 (818) 991-0071

Vaccinate:

The New Pertussis-Booster School Requirement



When middle and high school students return to school this year, they will be bringing backpacks, books, and proof that they received a dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. A new California school immunization requirement compels all 7th through 12th graders in public, charter, and private schools to show proof that they received a pertussis booster (Tdap) vaccine before they can begin the 2011-2012 school year. Please confirm that children in your family who will be entering grades 7 through 12 have received their Tdap vaccine. If they haven't, make an appointment with your health care provider today.



Now is also the time for parents of incoming kindergarten students to get up-to-date with any missing vaccinations. You will need to show proof that your children are up-to-date with several vaccines that can protect them from sometimes serious diseases. Let's see how you score on this immunization pop quiz.

True or False? Pertussis symptoms can last for weeks.

True. Pertussis, which is sometimes called Whooping Cough, causes severe coughing attacks that can last for months. While adolescents typically have milder pertussis symptoms than younger children, they can have a cough for as long as 10 weeks, be hospitalized for pneumonia, and miss weeks of school. Teens can also spread pertussis to infants who can become very ill from pertussis. In 2010, four infants died from pertussis in Los Angeles County. The best thing that teens can do to protect themselves, siblings, infants they babysit and others is to get vaccinated.

True or False? California is experiencing a pertussis epidemic.

True. In California, there were more cases of pertussis in 2010 than in any other year since 1947, and we continue to see a higher-than-usual number of cases. You can help end the epidemic by making sure that everyone in your family is vaccinated against pertussis. Tdap vaccines are routinely recommended at 11-12 years of age and for any adult who has not yet been vaccinated. Infants and young children should receive the DTaP vaccine to prevent pertussis.

True or False? A Td (tetanus shot) meets the school requirement.

False. The Td vaccine prevents tetanus and diphtheria. It does NOT meet the new school requirement because it does not prevent pertussis. To meet the requirement, adolescents must have received a Tdap shot on or after their 7th birthday.

True or False? Vaccines are not required until 7th grade.

False. Vaccines are required for kindergarten entry. To enter school, parents of incoming kindergarteners will need to show proof that their child received the DTaP vaccine, along with the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), hepatitis B, polio, and varicella (chickenpox) vaccines.

Putting your knowledge to the test... Get your children vaccinated.

If your 7th through 12th grader has not received a pertussis booster (Tdap) shot or your incoming kindergartener has not received all recommended vaccines, make an appointment for your child to be vaccinated by his/her regular health care provider today. The longer you wait, the harder it may be to get an appointment.

If a child you know does not have a regular health care provider or insurance coverage:

- Ask a local provider office if it participates in the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). This program provides vaccinations at a reduced cost to eligible children who do not have insurance.
- Visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip or dial 2-1-1 (Los Angeles County Information Line) for a list of low-cost and no-cost immunization providers.

Save the immunization record, sometimes called a yellow card, to show to the school as proof of vaccination.

Do your homework.

To learn more about the vaccinations that are required for school entry and the diseases they prevent, visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip and www.shotsforschool.org.

Extra credit. Help Public Health spread the word.

Please encourage clients, patients, and parents in your community to arrange for vaccination of their children now so they are protected from serious diseases and are ready to start the school year.

Thanks for your efforts to encourage vaccination in your family and community. You've earned an "A" and move to the head of the class!

Be Prepared: Request A Birth Certificate Copy NOW



The new school year is fast approaching and many Los Angeles County parents will find that a birth certificate for their child is needed to complete the school registration process or for their child to participate in team sports activities. How do you proceed?

If your child was born in Los Angeles County, a copy of the birth certificate is obtainable through the County’s Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RRCC). In most cases, an Authorized Certified copy of a birth certificate is required. There is pertinent information to be aware of prior to requesting an Authorized Certified copy. As outlined in the California Health and Safety Code, only specific individuals are allowed to receive an Authorized Certified copy of a birth record. These individuals include, but are not limited to, the parents, grandparents or legal guardian of the child. You must submit an Application for Birth Record and a Certificate of Identity both of which can be downloaded from the RRCC website www.lavote.net. An Authorized Certified copy of a birth record will be provided for a \$19 fee, per copy. To obtain an Authorized Certified Copy:

In Person – Same day service is available for births 1964 to present. Births prior to 1964 will be mailed within 20 working days. Authorized Certified copies may be obtained by visiting RRCC Headquarters in Norwalk or one of the RRCC branch offices found on the RRCC website. A valid photo identification (ID) will be requested when a birth record is requested. Payment for requests can be made by cash, check, money order or credit card. There is a \$1.75 service charge

for credit card use. If paying by check, valid ID of the signer is required and must be presented at the time of request. Out of state checks are accepted.

By Credit Card – Place your request over the Internet if you have one of the following credit cards: MasterCard®, Visa®, American Express® or Discover®. The RRCC does not have the ability to accept credit cards or online orders; however, for your convenience, you can process online requests through VitalChek Network, Inc. (VitalChek), an independent company that the RRCC has partnered with to provide you this service. VitalChek can be reached through its website www.vitalchek.com. An additional fee is charged by VitalChek for using this service. Emergency orders will be processed within 10 working days of receipt of the Certificate of Identity. Credit card orders will be returned by regular mail unless Express Mail or UPS delivery is requested which costs an additional \$18.50. A \$6 special handling fee will be charged on all credit card orders in addition to the copy fee.

By Mail – Visit www.lavote.net to download an Application for Birth Record and a Certificate of Identity which must be notarized. Payment for mail requests can be made by check or money order payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. Send to Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Birth Records, P.O. Box 489, Norwalk, CA 90651-0489. Most mail requests are processed within 20 working days from the date request is received by the RRCC. Processing time does not include the delivery time to and from the RRCC, weekends or holidays.

LET GO this Summer at the Music Center!

DANCE DOWNTOWN (FREE!)

6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Music Center Plaza

August 26 – Zydeco
September 9 – Samba

FRIDAY NIGHT SING-ALONGS (FREE!)

Select Fridays: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Keck Foundation Amphitheatre at Disney Concert Hall

August 19 - Rat Pack Night: Frank, Dean, Sammy et al.



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DPSS Promotes Much Needed Services to Help Families Make Smooth 'Back to School' Transition



With the end of summer near, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is helping families access much needed resources to make their transition back to school a little easier.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that homes lacking adequate food negatively impacts the intellectual, physical, and emotional development of children.



The <http://dpss.lacounty.gov> website also offers a directory of child care providers, including a handy checklist to help parents select quality child care services. The site instructs users on what to look for and questions to ask when searching for a provider. The www.LACountyHelps.org website provides families with information about 26 different health and human services programs.



In an on-going effort to promote the importance of good nutrition and reduce food insecurity in public schools, DPSS is educating parents about the benefits of CalFresh, the supplemental nutrition food benefit formerly known as Food Stamps.

Much in line with DPSS' intent to provide useful resources in pursuit of a healthier state of well-being for its own employees and their families, the department equally encourages families in L.A. County to make healthy eating and exercise a vital part of their lives.

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DRUM DOWNTOWN (FREE!)

Select Saturday Mornings: 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Music Center Plaza

September 3 - Tones & Drums: Pitches + Percussion = FUN!

A TASTE OF DANCE

September 24 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Music Center Plaza

For more information about summer events, visit www.musiccenter.org or call (213) 972-3660.



5,6,7,8

A Taste
of Dance

Celebrate National Grandparents Day in September and Everyday

A great way to celebrate National Grandparents Day is with a lesson in respect. Who will care for us when we are old and frail? Will we be treated kindly?

Ramona Moreno Winner's book titled **The Wooden Bowl** or *El bol de madera* is a story about a grandfather or *abuelo* who comes to live with his son, his daughter-in-law, and his grandson, Diego. The boy is thrilled to have *abuelo* come live with them. He finds he and *abuelo* are similar in many ways. Caring for *abuelo* becomes stressful for Diego's parents and they begin treating him poorly.

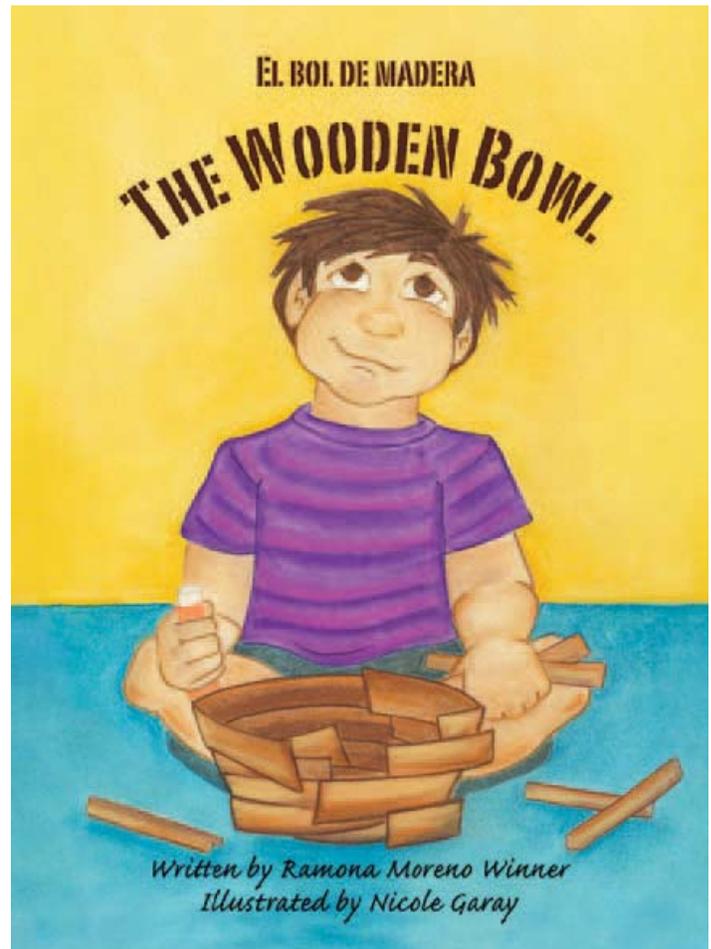
Diego teaches his parents a lesson on respect. The way they are treating *abuelo* now is how they can expect to be treated when they grow old and frail and are in need of care.

Book Reviews:

- Library Journal.com.
"This book has an important message that should be heard." Rhonda Jeffers, Coweta Public Library System, Newnan, GA
- National Center for Study of Children's Literature.
"The story, written in English and Spanish, is a positive lesson for readers of all ages. The Wooden Bowl teaches children and adults to help, not hinder or hurt, the elderly. The book includes discussion questions, writing assignments, and vocabulary words. There is also space for children to place pictures of their loved ones. The heartwarming tale conveys an important message for all of us." Kristina Blake
- Maria Shriver author of *What's Happening to Grandpa?* and *What's Heaven?*
"It's wonderful that you have written a book that encourages respect that elderly people deserve. Amazing things can happen when people extend a helping hand to those in need. Children, as well as adults, can benefit from your message and hopefully will pass it along to others."

Book Awards

- 2010 International Latino Book Award - Parenting/Family Book - Spanish or Bilingual
- 2010 National Parenting Publications Honors Award
- 2010 International Book Award Finalist - Children's Picture Book and Family/Parenting



See how children respond to this wonderful story by visiting <http://brainstorm3000.wordpress.com/2010/08/12/how-see-old-people>

Winner is a publisher and author of several award winning children's bilingual books. She resides in Goleta, CA with her husband and two sons.

For more information or to order a copy of *The Wooden Bowl* or *El bol de madera*, please contact BrainStorm3000.com.

WeTip
WELFARE FRAUD
1 (800) 87-FRAUD

Retirees

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after their service to the residents of Los Angeles County:

45+ Years:

PUBLIC HEALTH: Elizabeth A. Bonner
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Rose M. Bass

40+ Years

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Brenda J. Cotton
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Jo Anna Dorn
HEALTH SERVICES: Peggy J. Caldwell, Zack Franklin, Cheryl E. Guinn, Tennie A. Harris, Dorothy A. Johnson, Alma Ramirez, Delia L. Tapia, Sherry L. Trotter
INTERNAL SERVICES: Doris L. Downs
PROBATION: Carolyn G. Myles, William Weinhart
SHERIFF: Gwendolyn M. Addison
SUPERIOR COURT: Ronna J. Zagon

30+ Years

ASSESSOR: Yung J. Kim
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: John M. Hartnett
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Gail N. Tierney
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Anthony K. Kirkland, Helen Mosby, Shelia D. Weems
COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES: Patricia A. Owens
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Roxane Carvajal
FIRE: Sinuri I. Akib, Fernando Bojorquez, Francisco O. Cervantes, James J. Mejia, Rock A. Schumacher, Robert L. Smith
HEALTH SERVICES: Sylvia Armijo, Beatrice E. Armstrong, Robabeh A. Azari, Subramaniam Balasubraman, Carl T. Boylen, Alicia R. Cerda, Federico Chavez, Arthur Conley, Yvonne De Leon, Henry R. Dominguez, Maurillo Esqueda, Lupe Ezrre, Carolyn L. Fernandez, Maura A. Fitzgerald, Beverly U. Gedney, Ruth J. Gomez, Eloise Gonzalez, Marva J. Groves-Melbo, Estelle A. Haskell, Michael S. Heyn, Alice M. Hodge, Doris R. Hogbin, Gliceria S. Huliganga, Raymond A. Kempf, Cheryl J. Kincaide, Virginia M. Mattson, Patsy A. McGee, Shela K. Mckoy, Nancy M. Medley, Margaret Mitchell, Miguel Ortiz-Marroq, Mary S. Mungaray, Ambujam Panchanathan, Althea A. Penner, Doloreta P. Primero, Fannize Richard, Margaret Riley, John P. Rodriguez, Mila Chy Rosario, Charrie A. Smith, Linda L. Snipes, Cynthia P. Winter, Roylee Young, Linh Vo
HUMAN RESOURCES: Burton T. Wong
INTERNAL SERVICES: Mary L. Fuqua, Bobby C. Gory
MENTAL HEALTH: Mary Ballard, Janice K. Cabrera, Carmen Hernandez

PROBATION: Robert C. Glorae, Robert D. Phillips, Sandee Sandrik-Burt
PUBLIC HEALTH: Iris S. Aguirre, Maria Alvarez, Gwat Yen J. Chan, Terry Guillen, Maria A. Martinez
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Doris Haller
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Martha Acuna, Sharon L. Drew, Mitchell Epps, Lewana A. Guidry, Eula L. Haws, Kathleen Hurley, Sarah Jernigan, James H. Kauffman, Judy Martell, Linda Navakowski, Rosa L. Smith, Irwin Turek, Lavern Washington
PUBLIC WORKS: Robert D. Gaffney, Joe P. Jenkins, Gregory F. Nard, John H. Unsell
SHERIFF: Rick G. Allen, Scott G. Chew, Henry J. Ramirez, Donald J. Shively, Jack R. Smith Jr., Owen Tong
SUPERIOR COURT: Mildred A. Atkins, Frederick D. Coulter, L.C. Grays, Yamira M. Guerrero, Theresa C. Scotto, William R. Torres

25+ Years

ASSESSOR: Fernando O. Umali Jr.
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Brenda E. Berryhill, Rose M. Fabian, Marlina C. Poles
FIRE: James P. Forrest, George L. Gonzalez, Paul W. Tippin, John R. Whiteside
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FUN IN THE SUN
CHILI COOK★OFF



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ENTRY

\$ 5.00

Children 7-14

\$3.00

INCLUDES

**1 CHILI
 CARD**

**Children 6 & under
 FREE**

Time: 11:00am ~ 4:00pm

Date: 10/01/11

- CHILI BOOTHS
- GAMES
- VENDORS
- FOOD
- 50/50 DRAWING
- FUN FOR THE FAMILY
- KID ZONE
- LIVE MUSIC

Additional Fun In the Sun Chili Cook-off "chili cards" will be sold the day of the event for \$5 each, entitling tasting of the various event entries.

The Jack Bones Equestrian Center is accessible via the Parker Road exit off the northbound Interstate 5 to Castaic Road south. Continue 2 miles to Tapia Canyon Road east, and follow the signs to the event.

Additional sponsorships and vendors for the event are welcome, and are encouraged to contact Tabitha Youngstrom at 661-294-6309, or via email at

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**Jack Bones Equestrian Center
 26983 Tapia Canyon Road
 Castaic, CA 91384**

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Know Your s When Doing Back-to-School Shopping

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) suggests you follow these important tips when you hit the stores

It's back-to-school season. For children, it means the end of a long, carefree summer. For adults, it means it's time to open their wallets. And for stores, back to school means back to doing big business.

In just one month's worth of back-to-school shopping, American consumers spent \$7.2 billion at family clothing stores alone! (Aug. '09) And that doesn't even include books, supplies and other materials your kids will certainly need.

If your child is heading to college that list is even longer, with expensive textbooks and dorm room necessities.

When it's time to spend, it's also time to be extra careful. Consumers can fall into traps during busy buying seasons.

The DCA wants you to get passing grades this back-to-school season. So when you hit the stores, remember these simple tips like your A-B-Cs.



Always keep your receipts

Keep a file at home for your store receipts. When that laptop doesn't work properly or that mini-refrigerator doesn't stay cool, you'll likely need a receipt to get your money back.

Ask about store policies

When it comes to returns, some stores offer a full refund, while others offer only a store credit or no refund at all. Avoid problems later by knowing these policies ahead of time.



Budget wisely and stick to it

It's hard to say no when your young one wants the coolest new clothes and gadgets. But creating a budget before you head to the stores is the best way to stay out of a financial mess. Use cash whenever possible to avoid overspending.

Books

When students head to college, they'll get a rude awakening when it comes to the costs of books. Consider used books, but be careful when buying from a third party. You might get the wrong edition. Some books come in bundles. But before you buy, contact the professor or the appropriate department to find out exactly what's necessary and what might be a waste of money.



Credit cards

Like any time you use your credit card, think before you swipe. Know your card's rules, regulations and limits. If possible, stick to one card so you can keep better tabs on your expenses.

Compare prices

Stores will offer big sales during back-to-school season. Don't wait until the night before school starts. Clip coupons and compare advertised prices for several stores. When you buy sale items, check your receipt before you leave the cash register.

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