



## Supervisor Burke Opens New Affordable Housing Project for Families

On an overcast afternoon in early June, Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke joined the Executive Director of the County's Community Development Commission and representatives from other companies and government agencies, at the grand opening of the Village at Willowbrook family residence development.

The project, comprised of 34 three-and four-bedroom homes, is making the two-story homes available to low-and moderate-income families at prices beginning at \$185,000.

Supervisor Burke told the audience at the grand opening: "As you know, the median price for a home in Los Angeles is well over \$300,000. This makes the prospect for home ownership a far-fetched fantasy for many hard-working local residents." She noted that homes in the new project, in the Watts-Willowbrook area, would sell at prices up to \$205,000. Nineteen homes in the development are reserved for families with incomes of no more than \$45,000 a year for a family of four. "Given the present home market in Los Angeles, that's almost incredible," the Supervisor said.

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*At the grand opening ceremony of the Village at Willowbrook, Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke commended the CDC and representatives of the project's developer and general contractor, financial backers and lending companies for their involvement.*

## Employee of the Month: Health Service's Veronica Marbella

Veronica Marbella has been with the County of Los Angeles for 15 years. She currently works as a Supervising Staff Nurse I in the Surgical/Trauma Intensive Care Unit (SICU) of the Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center (KDMC). She supervises nursing activities, delegates staff duties and provides nursing care to critically ill patients. Additionally, she trains new nurses and evaluates nursing staff competency.

In 1998, Marbella's diligent efforts contributed to the opening of the Trauma Center at KDMC. She is very proud to have been involved in the events surrounding the preparation for the opening of the Center.

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# EVENT CALENDAR

## Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 90078

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

Aug 1 - 2 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Tchaikovsky  
Spectacular with Fireworks

Aug 3 - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: My Fair Lady

Aug 5 - 7 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Berlioz &  
Salonen

Aug 6 - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: Wayne  
Shorter: Life & Music

Aug 8 - 9 - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: The Great  
American Concert with Fireworks

Aug 12 & 14 - Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra:  
Beethoven

Aug 15 - 16 - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: Romantic  
Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet

Aug 19 & 21 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Vivaldi,  
O'Connor

Aug 22-23 - Los Angeles Philharmonic: An Evening  
with Tony Bennett

## Los Angeles County Botanic Garden (Arboretum)

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

(626) 821-3222

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

Aug 7 - An Evening of Wine and Roses

Aug 21 - Hidden Treasure: Tallac Knoll

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

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

July 27 - October 13 - Old Masters, Impressionists,  
and Moderns: French Masterworks from  
the Pushkin Museum, Moscow

## Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012

(213) 628-2772

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

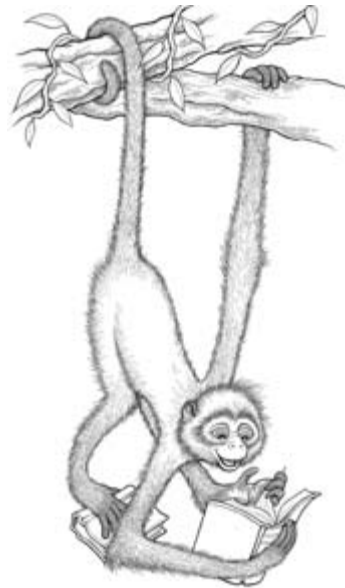
### Mark Taper Forum - Music Center

July 19 - September 7 - Gem of the Ocean

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## "It's a Jungle Out There . . . Swing into Your Library" for Summer Reading Fun

The County Library invites kids of all ages to "Swing into Your Library" and join the Summer Reading Program. Children can sign-up at any County community library. Summer activities includes stories, crafts, films, guest performers and more. Readers earn rewards while enjoying a variety of books and practicing reading skills. Each child receives a colorful reading record to keep track of books read during the summer months. Pre-readers can look at picture books and have books read to them. The jungle and animal theme will be featured in programs, prizes, and special materials. Check with your nearest County library for the program schedule. Library information and program schedules are also available on the County Library Web site at [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org).



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## Supervisor Knabe Kicks-Off Knabe Katch Kids Fishing Derby

Clear, sunny skies welcomed over 1,500 youth, ages 5 to 15, to this year's Knabe Katch Kids Fishing Derby at Cerritos Regional Park. Supervisor Don Knabe and the Cerritos Rod and Gun Club presented the annual event providing free t-shirts, food and prizes to local children and families who came to the community event.

"The fishing derbies are always fun events that kids and families look forward to and that many return to participate each year," said Knabe. "Even if a kid has never fished, there are volunteers on hand to show them the art of casting and putting a worm on a hook."

Following a pancake breakfast, children took part in free lessons on fishing techniques and angler safety. Each derby included other activities and prizes in several categories.

County Parks and Recreation staff, led by John Wicker, were an invaluable part of the planning and coordination of the event. The State Department of Fish and Game also helped make the fishing derby a success.

American Medical Response helped sponsor the event, providing first aid assistance to participants and leading the derby's kick-off with blaring sirens along with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.



*Supervisor Don Knabe congratulates Age Group 7-9 3rd place winner Damian Chister for a fish well caught.*



*Supervisor Don Knabe cooks-up a free pancake breakfast for Knabe Katch participants with the Cerritos Rod and Gun Club.*

### Knabe Katch Kids Fishing Derby Winners

#### Ages 4-6

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Alwin Nocom - Cerritos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Custodio - Torrance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joshua Davidson - Cerritos

#### Ages 7-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chance Cichos - Los Alamitos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bryan Tyson - La Palma
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Damian Chister - Corona

#### Ages 10-12

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Raquel Marshall - Compton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Maestro - Bellflower
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kimberly Wong - Pasadena

#### Ages 13-15

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chris Wong - Pasadena
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mario Contreras - Lakewood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Josh Considine - Artesia

#### Biggest fish:

Robert Morrison - Cypress

# JULY 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:** Arlene N. McCarthy, Eatedal H. Shehata, Carol D. Sweet

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Crystal Brittain, Velma J. Caradine, Penny L. Carson, Marylou Christian, Guy F. Sicurella

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Lloyd Banks

**FIRE:** Steven C. Camacho, Ronald L. King, Thomas P. Lally, Gene M. Pierson, Ted. B. Urton

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Joseph Barnes, Oscar F. Cade Sr., Lai W. Chen, Isabelle E. Harris, Bonnie L. Henry, Mayson Kodama, Dorothy Pinedo, Daniel N. Soref, Ruby L. Williams, Jewel I. Young

**HUMAN RESOURCES/OPS:** Eugene Mallett

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Louis E. Harris, Linda N. Komnick, Donald G. Pierce

**PROBATION:** Charles M. Ellis, Lynne Hopkins, Emma D. Walsh

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Sue Brown

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Pamela Buch, Howard H. Gething, Dolores Hayes, Johnetta Kay, Maurice Lewis, Cecilia T. Montoya, Pablo B. Regalado, Leola L. Speed, Frances A. Wilson

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Raymundo Ancog, Eddie K. Bailey, George F. Caro, Billy J. Nelson

**SHERIFF:** Ruben A. Bejarano, Gerald W. Carrigan, David M. Grijalva, Jessie M. Iverson, Filippo G. Loreti, Clarence E. Markham, Carla M. Shaw

**SUPERIOR COURT:** Janice A. Caler, Beulah L. Harris

*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:*

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Stanley R. Billings, Pacita C. Casabar, Billy R. Earl, Johnnie L. Finch, Wesley F. Jefferson, Jose B. Lopez, Nelia B. Pesigan

**PROBATION:** D'Artagnan Narvaez

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Julia Campos

**SHERIFF:** Steven J. Bellino, Gary L. Cooper, Rachel M. Ferguson, Ingrid Oswald, William L. Patterson, Solomon G. Patton, Marcy E. Ruffalo

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Marbella believes that her desire to always do her best is the unique characteristic that has led to her success. "It is my constant effort to be first-class in everything I attempt because it will help me conquer the heights of excellence and success. I am a self-starter who is highly motivated and energetic," Marbella said.

Her fondest memory is of her in-depth training program which has produced competent nurses for the trauma ICU that serves the residents of the South-West Los Angeles area. In 1999, Marbella received the Distinguished Service Award for her work as a preceptor in Critical Care Trauma.

"It is important that I use my critical care skills to be a productive contributor to my hospital, and I believe that I am at my best when I'm using my planning and intervention skills," Marbella said. "The most fulfilling aspect of my job is to witness the recovery of critically ill patients."

Marbella donates clothing and food to needy families in her community and is a member of the Holy Family Church in Artesia. She is an active member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the American Trauma Society.

Marbella is the fifth sibling of six brothers and sisters. She lives with her mother and her two nephews, Edward and Elton. Two of her sisters live in California, one in Artesia and the other in West Covina. Several of her family members still reside in the Philippines, where she helps family members attend school and meet other financial needs. According to Marbella, her family is very important and provides her the best motivation in the world to be successful.



## Supervisor Antonovich Dedicates David March Park, Named for Fallen Sheriff's Deputy



*Supervisor Antonovich and Terri March, widow of Deputy David March*

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, District Attorney Steve Cooley, and the Department of Parks and Recreation held a dedication ceremony for the new David March Park in Saugon on Thursday, May 29.

Antonovich's recommendation to name the park in tribute to the memory of Deputy David March was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 28, 2002.

Deputy March, a 7-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department and life-long Santa Clarita resident, was shot and killed April 29, 2002 during a routine traffic stop in Irwindale. Armando Garcia, Deputy March's alleged murderer, fled to Mexico after committing this crime.

Since Mexico refuses to extradite any suspect whose offense would be punishable by the death penalty or life in prison, Antonovich and Cooley both vowed to continue their efforts to urge Mexican officials to return Garcia and more than 60 other suspected killers sought by the County of Los Angeles to American justice.

The Supervisor approved funding for the design and construction of the first phase of the 13-acre park that has a jungle gym area for kids, picnic facilities and an open area for families to relax and play sports.

"David March Park offers area families a pleasant venue for recreation and spending time together. This is particularly appropriate considering Dave's devotion to his family," said Antonovich. "We will forever remember his dedication and sacrifice. Naming this park for him is a fitting way to honor his memory."

## Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families Community Event



Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich held his Sixth Annual "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families" event on May 24, at Arcadia County Park. Over 2,500 people were in attendance to enjoy this special day and to remember and honor our veterans.

In paying tribute to the men and women of the armed forces, Antonovich stated, "Today we remember those who have dedicated themselves to the defense of our country, willingly placing themselves in harm's way. Their service, sacrifice and courage have earned them our permanent gratitude and respect. Let us pray for those who have died, those with us today and those currently serving to advance our resolve to preserve liberty and peace throughout the world."

# ENRICHING LIVES... through Sharing A Commitment

## *ILP Graduate Achieves Academic Excellence*



On June 2, 18-year-old foster youth Barry Barrios participated in Celebration I, a ceremony honoring foster care and probation youths who are graduating from high school and have achieved academic excellence.

That evening, Barrios joined 150 other graduating foster and probation youths who participated in the County of Los Angeles

Department of Children and Family Services" (DCFS) Independent Living Program (ILP), a program designed to prepare them for the life transition to independence. For Barrios, it marked the beginning of a life journey filled with high goals.

Described by his social worker and ILP coordinator as "intellectual" and having an "iron will" to succeed, Barrios, who lives with his foster parents, has proven that he can triumph over adversity. He has already received a series of awards and commendations, including a scholarship from the Teague Family Foundation, the President's Award for Educational Excellence and the 2003 Hispanic Heritage Youth Award. He was also offered a full academic scholarship to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the fall.

"They say that 'a journey to an adventure begins with a step'," said Barrios. "The step I would like to pursue, after

majoring in Physics and Biochemistry in college, is medical school. My goal after medical school is to become a neurosurgeon because I am fascinated by the intricacy of the brain."

Barrios said his interest in medicine was sparked by his experience as a candy stripper at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, where he began volunteering during his sophomore year in high school.

Barrios has already had a taste of what his future at MIT holds. At the end of his junior year, he applied and earned admission to the university's MITE<sup>2</sup>S program. He took six classes, including Advanced Physics, Advanced Calculus, Chemistry, Internet Programming, Humanities and Mechanical Engineering. He is also attending the program this summer.

"At MIT, I achieved something I never expected to do," Barrios said. "I made friends with people from all over the United States. It was a memorable summer that I will keep in my heart forever, my activities in high school have had a great impact on me," he continued. "I am confident that all of my academic achievements will help me to achieve my life goals. They have already enriched my life."

The DCFS Independent Living Program provides foster youth between the ages of 14 and 21 years with a full range of services and funds to help the transition to becoming independent adults. Some of the services provided include mentoring, education-related costs, work-related costs, assistance with housing, and life skills training classes.

For more information on the ILP, call the DCFS Emancipation Program staff at (213) 351-0100 or (213) 351-0101

## Internal Services Department's Youth Career Development Program

The Youth Career Development program started in the year 2000 to provide emancipated foster youth with direct exposure to career opportunities within the Internal Services Department. Growing out of the need to mitigate the anticipated loss of experienced departmental personnel, the year-long program provides qualifying youth with mentoring, counseling, training, and work experience in building crafts, stationary engineering, telecommunications, and the secretarial and accounting areas. A total of 58 youth have enrolled in the program over three years, and 34 have graduated. Fifteen youth graduates currently work for the County of Los Angeles. More are scheduled for hiring from the recent graduating class.

The eight graduates from the 2002-03 class are pictured below. ISD was fortunate to have Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich as the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony on June 16.



The eight graduates with the Interim Director of the Internal Services Department Dave Lambertson, and Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (left). The names of the youth are as follows: Row One (top), left to right: Chasity Stigers, Calvin Franklin, Susana Gonzalez. Row Two (bottom), left to right: Shana Sanders, Shyshin Thomas, Jenny Arellano, Sylvia Diharce, Maria Reyes



## County of Los Angeles 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:

- ◆ responsiveness
- ◆ professionalism
- ◆ accountability
- ◆ compassion
- ◆ integrity
- ◆ commitment
- ◆ a can-do attitude
- ◆ respect for diversity

Our **position** as the premiere 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
- ◆ a pledge to always work to earn the public trust



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## Eighth Annual Community Job Fair at the Sheriff's Training Academy



Supervisor Don Knabe joined (*clockwise from left to right*) Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel; Robert Ryans, Director of Community and Senior Services; Chief William J. McSweeney; Dr. Richard Weintraub, Director of the Sheriff's Department's Professional Development Bureau; Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer; Guest Speaker David Rabner; Tony Kwok, Acting Regional Administrator for GAIN Region III; and John Oppenheim, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Children and Family Services on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sheriff's Training Academy in Whittier for the Eighth Annual Community Job Fair.



*Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke greeted attendees at the refreshment table before the grand opening ceremony of the Village at Willowbrook housing development.*

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Supervisor Burke said the project was made possible by a public-private partnership that included the Lee Group, developer and general contractor; the Century Housing Corporation, which provided some of the construction financing; the Community Development Commission, which made the land available at an affordable price to the contractor; and Fannie Mae, which provided equity financing through the American Communities Fund. Countrywide Home Loans, Essex Mortgage Company, and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles made funds available for homebuyers to borrow.

Before taking a tour of the homes, Supervisor Burke told the audience that homeowners are the social and economic anchors of neighborhoods. "They are far more likely to invest in the well-being and betterment of their community," she said. "That's a major reason why the Village at Willowbrook is truly a transformational project in this neighborhood."



## Supervisor Molina and Superior Court Expand Self-Help Legal Access Centers to Pomona



*(From right to left) Supervisor Gloria Molina, Supervising Judge George Genesta and Executive Director of Neighborhood Legal Services Neal S. Dudovitz look on as clients receive assistance at the Pomona Self-Help Center.*

Supervisor Gloria Molina, along with Los Angeles Superior Court East District Supervising Judge George Genesta and Neighborhood Legal Services, dedicated the expansion of the County's Self-Help Legal Access Centers at the Superior Court in Pomona.

The Self-Help Center in Pomona originally opened its doors in October 2001. Since then, the center has operated one day a week from the small room in the courthouse that it

has quickly outgrown. The handful of staff volunteers have assisted more than 2,000 County residents with family and housing law matters drawing a daily average of 60 clients.

Molina secured \$248,000 in January to build the new center in Pomona and expand its services from one day to five days a week.

"The success of the center indicates the overwhelming need for legal services and confirms that it is a wise investment benefiting the residents of Los Angeles County," Molina said.

Case successes include the restoration of family stability in contested dissolution/custody cases; assistance in child support orders; placement of children in stable long-term custody; child custody maintenance; visitation rights; child paternity; child guardianship; spousal support and/or property settlement; return of kidnapped children; return of children from out of jurisdiction; prevention of homelessness; and prevention of loss of subsidized and rental housing.

The Superior Court effort, which helped the County establish Self-Help Centers in Van Nuys and Inglewood, has been led by former-Presiding Judge James A. Bascue and Judge Laurie D. Zelon, who is assigned to the Criminal Courts in downtown. The Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, and the departments of Consumer Affairs, Internal Services, and Public Works helped Molina make the Pomona Center possible. For additional information, please contact (800) 433-6251.

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### LIBRARY

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*Los Angeles Sparks players Chandra Johnson and Nikki Teasley visited the Lennox Library to read to kids and give out free books as part of the Sparks "Read to Achieve" program. Over 100 kids and parents came out to meet the two popular players. Lennox Library is part of the County of Los Angeles Public Library.*



# ALL FOR THE LOVE OF KIDS

## SAVE THE DATE

Los Angeles County Supervisor  
**Michael D. Antonovich**  
and  
Department of Children and Family Services

Presents the

### 8th Annual "All For The Love Of Kids"

An awards dinner and fundraiser  
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event night.



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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich with (l-r) Fox 11 News Anchor Christine Divine, former DCFS Director Marjorie Kelly, and Barbara Barabino.

## Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich Receive "Star of the Valley" Award



Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky, *left*, and Michael D. Antonovich, *right*, received the "Star of the Valley" Award from the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley in recognition of their longstanding political representation and service to the Valley as members of the Board of Supervisors.

This year, the Alliance held its annual Valley of the Stars Gala at the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, with Mickey Mouse (*pictured here with his "date"*) receiving his own surprise tribute to commemorate 75 years in the Valley. Fellow honorees and "Stars of the Valley" joining Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich, are Angelo Mozilo, CEO of Countrywide Financial Corporation; Jolene Koester, President, on behalf of California State University, Northridge. The annual Valley of the Stars Gala raises funds to support the Alliance's various programs.



# Toy Loan

## The Program With a Heart

Bringing smiles to children's faces year 'round, while teaching lessons in character and good citizenship, is a community effort. With the support of the **Department of Public Social Services**, the **Toy Loan Program** provides a free toy-lending service to the children of Los Angeles County. Through 42 centers, Toy Loan provides a safe place to play and helps to develop a sense of self-worth through a merit system that rewards the responsible borrowing of toys. Toy Loan targets lower-income communities, where children often lack access to basic skill-building toys, which are an essential part of a child's development.

**You can help** support this worthwhile program by making a monetary contribution. Your donation will help purchase much needed *new* toys such as:

- Role-playing toys
- Interactive toys
- Science toys & equipment
- Math games & equipment
- Adaptive learning toys (for children with learning/developmental disabilities)
- Books
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- and more

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 2615 South Grand Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90007  
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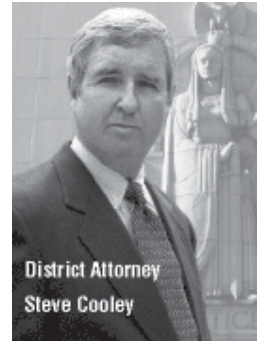
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# Share It

## Spotlight on the County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation

The County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation is staffed by approximately 235 investigators who have full peace officer status with the same jurisdiction and authority as Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs. Approximately 40 percent of these investigators are former Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs, and the rest are from various other police departments or law enforcement agencies. D.A. investigators participate in the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) program.

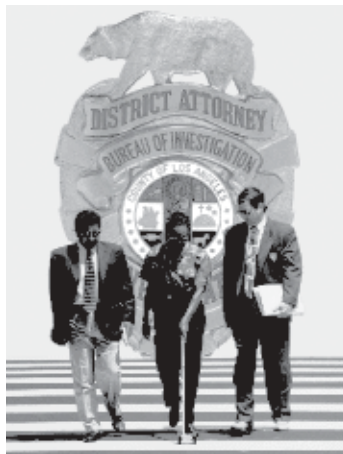
One of the primary functions of D.A. investigators is to provide prosecution support for the District Attorney's legal staff. This is accomplished by the procurement and processing of prosecution witnesses in felony trials and by conducting felony pretrial investigations, both adult and juvenile, to supplement the initial investigation and strengthen the case for prosecution.



Other responsibilities of the Bureau of Investigation include conducting initial investigations in the area of complex major frauds, insurance and worker's compensation frauds, welfare fraud, environmental crimes, and consumer fraud; investigating allegations of criminal activity by public officials; major crime investigations; investigating court related crimes (i.e. perjury, falsifying evidence, dissuading a witness, etc.); investigating charges of failure-to-provide for needy children; investigating cases of child abduction by non-custodial parents and recovery of the abducted children; and investigation of child abuse cases. In addition, special units in the Bureau of Investigation work directly with deputy district attorneys to form teams engaged in the District Attorney's specialized programs such as the Hardcore Gang Division; Justice System Integrity Division; Public Integrity Division; Organized Crimes Investigations; Hate Crimes; Stalking; Major Crimes Investigations; High-Tech Computer Crimes and the Family Violence Unit.

Rendering investigative assistance to other law enforcement agencies when requested, is considered an important function of the Bureau of Investigation. Assistance in the form of vehicular surveillance, electronic surveillance, photographic services, questioned document examinations, and graphic artist services are available to other agencies within resource limitations. One of the better known services offered by the District Attorney to local law enforcement agencies is the after-hour Command Center staffed by an investigator. When an officer needs legal advice or the services of the deputy district attorney or a judge during non-business hours, this service is available through the Command Center.

The Bureau of Investigation is one of eight bureaus in the Office of the District Attorney. It is directed by a Chief and Assistant Chief. Headquarters is located at 210 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Ten branch offices, also staffed by investigators, are located in Antelope Valley, Compton, Long Beach, Norwalk, Pasadena, Pomona, San Fernando, Santa Monica, Torrance, and Van Nuys.



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