



Gone Fish'n: Supervisor Knabe Hosts Fishing Derby for Children

Bringing together the children of Los Angeles County, Supervisor Don Knabe hosted over 1,000 children at Cerritos Regional Park on Saturday, June 12, for a morning of fishing and fun.

Along with the Cerritos Rod and Gun Club and the City of Cerritos, Supervisor Knabe provided a unique opportunity for children, by filling the lake at the Cerritos Regional Park with 4,000 pounds of catfish on the evening prior to the event. "Since video games are the reality for today's children, the Derby is a fantastic and fun way for kids to get back in touch with the outdoors, their peers and their families," Supervisor Knabe said.



The morning began with a free pancake breakfast at 7:00 a.m. followed by a three hour period of fishing where volunteers from the State Fish and Game Program assisted children with their fishing. Fishing rods, bait and T-shirts were provided for all the participating children, as well as a cookbook with catfish recipes. At the end of the morning, prizes were given to children who caught the largest and heaviest fish. "This is a really fun event for me because I get to see children and their families, as well as foster children and their families, come together for a morning of bonding, learning, and some good old fashioned fishing," Supervisor Knabe said.

In addition to the Fishing Derby, Supervisor Knabe hosts the Knabe Katch in La Mirada every September.

Employee of the Month: District Attorney's Jake Paccione

Over the years, Jake Paccione seems to have been a true inspiration for many that he has worked with. As testament to this, a large group of co-workers, family, and friends came out to support and take part in the Board of Supervisors' ceremony honoring him on July 20.

Having over 10 years of service with the County of Los Angeles, Jake Paccione is currently a Witness Assistant I, DA with the District Attorney's Office, assigned to the Long Beach courthouse. In his current capacity, Paccione provides assistance to deputy district attorneys by ensuring the appearance, at the designated time and place, of all witnesses required to testify for the prosecution. "I will do whatever it takes to get the job done, stay late, arrive early, work weekends, etc," Paccione said.

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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the Department of Children and Family Services present the 9th Annual “All for the Love of Kids” event.

September 23, at the new Edwards Renaissance 14 Theatre
1 East Main St., Alhambra 91801

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Christina Saryan
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County of Los Angeles Wellness Fair

September 29, Department of Health Services
5555 Ferguson Drive, Commerce 90022
Conference room

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www.fordamphitheatre.org

BWF - Big! World! Fun! Family Shows

SEPTEMBER

- 4 – Herbert Siguenza “Cantinflas”
- 5 – Brazilian Summer Festival 2004
- 10 – Celtic Arts Center “Solas”
- 11 – Rangoli Foundation for Art and Culture “Planting of Sequoia”
- 12 – Musica Angelica “New World Baroque”
- 13 – Calder Quartet & Claude Frank
- 17-18 – Sonidos Gitanos/Gypsy Flamenco
- 19 – Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra
- 24-25 – Boleros Under the Stars
- 26 – Fiesta Mexicana

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 90078

(323) 850-2000

www.hollywoodbowl.com

Sept 5 – The Big Picture – The Films of MGM/UA

Sept 12 – American Roots

Sept 25 – Seal

Sept 26 – AIR with Orchestra

Sept 28-29 – Sting/Annie Lennox

Tuesday Masterworks - Los Angeles Philharmonic

Sept 7 – The Planets Align

Sept 14 – Tchaikovsky Fourth

Sept 21 – Lord of the Rings Symphony

Jazz at the Bowl

Sept 1 – Van Morrison

Sept 15 – B.B. King Blues Festival

United’s Thursdays - Los Angeles Philharmonic

Sept 2 – Royal Fireworks Music

Sept 9 – The Appalachian Spring of Martha Graham

Sept 16 – Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Mosolov

Weekend Spectaculars

Sept 3-4 – From Bluegrass Roots: The New American Acoustic

Sept 10-11 – Paradise Calling: A Night in the Tropics

Sept 17-19 – Fireworks Finale: A Night at the Moulin Rouge

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Sheriff’s Department Lieutenants Receive NACo Award for Service to Inmates

The Sheriff’s Department currently houses an average of more than 17,000 inmates daily. To assist in the daunting task of providing services and meals to inmates, the Department looks to its Inmate Services and Food Services Units. Lieutenant Robert Hudson, who commands the Inmate Services Unit, and Lieutenant Alice Scott, commander of the Food Services Unit, were recently announced as recipients of the National Association of Counties’ (NACo) Achievement Awards for 2004.

Through the efforts of the Inmate Services Unit, significant innovations have been made to help improve the safety of inmates and staff within the jails. The unit also helps impact community safety by facilitating programs in life-skills training and therapy interventions, community transition activities that pair inmates with service providers for housing, health, counseling, job placement, and education outside the jail environment. These programs demonstrated that they directly lower the number of disturbances in the jail, while the number of inmates attending school programs on a full-time basis has risen dramatically.

The Food Services Unit is responsible for overseeing the preparation and distribution of more than 51,000 meals each day. The nutritional content of these meals is set forth by state regulations to ensure inmates eat properly. In 2003, the Food Services Unit instituted a “Cold Breakfast Program,” replacing the hot breakfast meal with a cold breakfast similar to one enjoyed outside the jail environment. With the budget constraints of the County of Los Angeles, this transition has been responsible for an approximate annual savings of \$1.5 million, while still complying with the food regulations.

These two units epitomize the resourcefulness of Sheriff’s Department members. Acknowledging the need to constantly re-evaluate the way the Sheriff’s Department operates, the Inmate Services and Food Services Units will continue to lead the way into the future of jail operations.



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Back-To-School Safety Reminder from the Sheriff's Department

As students assemble on school campuses throughout Los Angeles County and school bells ring in another new school year, parents should discuss safety rules with their children, and motorists should remember to be alert for children near schools and bus stops. "Although we need to be aware all year long, we especially need to remind ourselves that school is back in session and these children and young adults will be traversing our streets, sidewalks and intersections in great numbers. We need to slow down, drive extra carefully and most importantly keep an eye on our children," said Sheriff Lee Baca in discussing back-to-school safety.

Thousands of children are injured or killed in accidents involving pedestrians and automobiles in California every year. These unnecessary tragedies can be prevented if we all do our part. Parents, friends and mentors should take the time to discuss a few simple safety rules with children. Motorists should re-familiarize themselves with traffic laws and the safe operation of motor vehicles, especially those pertaining to school zones. One of the easiest things for motorists to do is drive with their headlights on during all

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art
5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036
(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

Through Oct 3 – Experiments in Form, 1940s-70s
Sept 12 - Jan 9, 2005 – Trajectories: The Photographic Work of Rebbert Flick

Oct 17 – Jan 9, 2005 – Renoir to Matisse: The Eye of Duncan Phillips

Music Center
135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012
(213) 972-7211
www.musiccenter.org

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
Sept 8-26 – *Idomeneo* (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
Sept 12-Oct 2 – *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Richard Strauss)
Mark Taper Forum
Through Sept 12 – "Intimate Apparel"

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

Supervisor Antonovich Joins Rock & Roll Legend Little Richard at the 14th Annual Family Music Festival

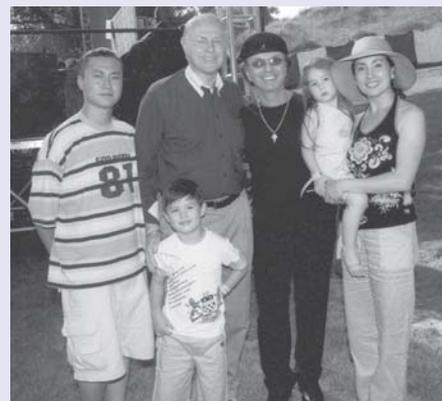
On Sunday, June 20, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and family attended the 14th Annual Family Music Festival held at Frank G. Bonelli Regional County Park in San Dimas.

Festival attractions included carnival rides and games, food, booths, and a classic car exhibit. The proceeds from the summer concert event, sponsored by Supervisor Antonovich, were donated to the Los Angeles County Junior Lifeguard Program.

The main draw of the fun-filled day was an exciting performance by Little Richard, who played classics such as *Tutti Frutti* and *Good Golly Miss Molly* and wowed the crowd with his energy and flair on the piano. Dion, of *The Wanderer* fame, also performed along with the Platters, the Coasters, and the Drifters.



Supervisor Antonovich and family with Little Richard



Supervisor Antonovich and family with Dion

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:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Cato R. Fiksdal

ASSESSOR: Danilo M. Feliciano, Albert Rodriguez

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: Yolanda T. Pahua, Dean Smith

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Sumitra Murthy, Alice M. Ruben

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Sylena M. Carter, June D. Smith

***HEALTH SERVICES:** Carol Beardmore, Alicia Buendia, Daisy I. Campbell, Albert E. Compher, Margaret Cormier, Miguel Fernandez, Angela Freire, Luis M. Gomez, Billie R. Green, Jerrie M. Harris, Melba L. Havard, Gloria Henry, Carrie S. McKinley, Charles McMullen, Roberta P. Miller, Jeanene Morimoto, Naomi L. Nandino, David Noguchi, George Pamaran, Julia J. Peralta, Addie Phillips, Carol A. Poncar, Judy M. Ross, Shirley Salazar, Robert H. Settlege, Ernest H. Smith, Elizabeth A. Stitt, Carolyn Taylor, Gregory Thompson, Rene Topalian, Tina D. Wall, Dennis W. Wong, Lanny R. Yakel, Chatman C. Yee

INTERNAL SERVICES: Jack Carlton, Priscilla R. Harvey

MENTAL HEALTH: Dale Hata

PROBATION: Stephen D. Hinkle, Lynda Hubbard, Thomas B. Mageean, Herman A. Meschwitz, Emma Walsh

PUBLIC WORKS: James A. Noyes

SHERIFF: Joseph T. Garagliano, Laforrest F. Jackson, Frank J. Majchrzak, Hal B. Mowery, Ruth Murray, Harry C. Porter

SUPERIOR COURT: Valerie J. Johnson, Sharon D. Kramer, Don E. McKinney, Gloria D. Williams

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:

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL: Takeshi Tomatsu

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: Peter L. Henkels

FIRE: Ronald E. Oatis, Howard A. Trippy, Phillip S. Walker

MENTAL HEALTH: Levander Stone II, Juanita Wagner

PROBATION: Esperanza M. Luna

REGIONAL PLANNING: Loretta Lopez

SHERIFF: Ronald Eggleston

**Additional retirees from March 2004*

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He is regarded as a role model for many employees, well-respected by his co-workers, deputy district attorneys, judges, and witnesses. Judging from the numerous commendations he has received, Paccione is thought of as having a wonderful work ethic, a positive, upbeat approach to his work, and a knack for finding witnesses that no one else can find. According to Paccione, "What is unique for me is that I give out my personal cell phone number to almost all of the witnesses I deal with. I let them know that I can be reached 24 hours a day."

Many employees who have worked with Jake believe that he is the hardest working employee in the County. His workload is considered to be enormous, yet he constantly seeks and accepts more to do, regularly working 12-hour days. One deputy district attorney calls Jake "the shovel" due to his ability to unearth the most hidden witnesses. When a deputy sheriff disregarded a subpoena to testify and went on vacation, Paccione somehow tracked him down on a cruise ship in Alaska. He was looking into a helicopter to bring the witness back when the defendants decided to plead guilty.

Paccione works on the sexual assault cases in his office. "Most of the civilians we need to come to court are victims of rape, molestation, or some other crime, and these are the most difficult and time consuming cases to work on. Getting guilty verdicts on these cases is the most fulfilling part of my job," Paccione said. "I really enjoy working with my co-workers as a team to help the people of our community seek justice," he added. In 2003, Paccione was awarded the Jemison Award for Distinguished Public Service. This award provides District Attorney personnel with an opportunity to recognize their most outstanding employees.

As a Witness Assistant I, Paccione has undergone extensive training in order to perform his job duties efficiently and with professionalism. Based on his family history, it appears that he was destined for employment with the County. Both of Jake's parents work for the District Attorney's Office. His mother, Paulette, is a Deputy District Attorney, and his father, John, is an Assistant Director of the Management and Budget Bureau.

Two words seem to aptly sum up the work ethic of Jake Paccione, "service excellence," and we extend hearty congratulations on such a well-deserved accolade!



Supervisor Molina Marks an Eastside Renaissance Milestone

It was a bright sunny morning on Saturday, July 17 as Supervisor Gloria Molina helped break ground on the long-awaited Gold Line Eastside Extension. The line will run aboveground from downtown Los Angeles' Union Station into the Little Tokyo/Arts District, then continue briefly via tunnel under the historic, densely-populated Boyle Heights neighborhood. Finally, it will emerge aboveground to end at the East Los Angeles Civic Center.

"Today marks the official beginning of an Eastside renaissance," Supervisor Molina said. "Now that the Gold Line will end at the East L.A. Civic Center, our community truly will be connected to the rest of our light rail system and, in effect, the rest of our County."



Supervisor Gloria Molina officially breaks ground on the Gold Line Eastside Extension. Accompanying her are (from left to right): Pico Rivera Councilwoman Beatrice Proo, Master of Ceremonies Tony Plana, State Senator Gloria Romero, L.A. Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Supervisor Molina, Duarte Councilman John Fasana, L.A. Councilman Tom LaBonge, Santa Monica Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, Metropolitan Transportation Authority CEO Roger Snoble, Review Advisory Committee Vice Chair Diana Tarango, and Review Advisory Committee Member Ross Valencia.

Four hundred thousand people live in East L.A. Its population density is seven times higher than the rest of Los Angeles County. The area also contains a higher percentage of residents without access to a vehicle than residents state- and County-wide combined. Not surprisingly, the MTA anticipates that 23,000 riders per day will use the six-mile, \$898-million light rail extension. After almost two decades of planning, construction is set to start this fall and projected

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Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections Acquires New Leadership

Mrs. Sybil Brand, philanthropist, civic leader and advocate for incarcerated women, and founder of the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (Commission) recently passed away. Mrs. Brand chaired the Commission since the early 1960s. After Mrs. Brand's passing, Eleanor R. Montaño (*pictured*)



was elected to chair the Commission and Helen Stathatos was elected as vice-chairperson.

Eleanor R. Montaño was appointed to the Commission by then Supervisor Deane Dana on March 2, 1993, and subsequently re-appointed by Supervisor Don Knabe. Ms. Montaño has worked tirelessly as a Commissioner to ensure that the safety and well-being of children placed in custodial residential settings, group homes, and detention camps is enforced.

Ms. Montaño is known as the quintessential volunteer and has volunteered for various welfare organizations for more than 60 years, in addition to volunteering with law enforcement agencies for 36 years. She sits on more than 29 community boards, commissions, advisory councils and committees; and is currently serving in her 22nd year on the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission. Ms. Montaño was the first Latina and second woman in 44 years to serve as President of the Human Relations Commission, which is celebrating 60 years in operation.

Much of Ms. Montaño's energy is devoted to dealing with gangs and the repercussions of gang violence. She relates to local gang members, as well as corporate executives, law enforcement officials and politicians. Ms. Montaño serves with *Women Against Gun Violence* and the ADHOC Committee on Gang and Juvenile Justice, and is the current President of *Mothers and Men Against Gangs*. She is also a member of an LAPD Crisis

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Foster Care Heroes of the Department of Children and Family Services



Twenty years ago, **Jessica Ambroz** was bouncing from one homeless shelter to another, living on the streets with a mentally ill mother. She was eventually taken into the child welfare system and placed in a series of foster homes. Despite this chaos, Jessica always managed to do well in school. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Child Psychology and a minor in Spanish, which she speaks fluently. She completed her Master's degree from USC in May and is now pursuing her license for Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Jessica specializes in Voluntary Family Maintenance. She has a typically high caseload of 26, working at the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), but takes the time to nurture every child and family. She takes an extra interest in all her families, accompanying children to school, providing needed beds, or even getting bus passes, if necessary. In March, Jessica ran the Los Angeles Marathon and raised money for the DCFS Children's Trust Fund. She dedicated each mile to the families she works with. Jessica continues to be an inspiration and mentor by speaking to former foster youth and telling them they *can* succeed. "Foster kids need to see foster kids being successful," she says.

Patricia Curry is a tireless advocate who exemplifies the ability of a single person to shape the entire Los Angeles foster care system in a very positive way. Ms. Curry currently serves on the Commission for Children and Families, which she chaired for two years, and is a member of the Emancipation Program Partnership, where she focuses on the Department of Children and Family Services' redesign of emancipation services. For more than a decade, Ms. Curry has dedicated herself to making sure the needs of former foster youth are not forgotten as they turn 18 and leave the system. She chaired the Emancipation Committee for 12 years and, during that time, advocated for a Web site, transition centers, transitional housing for emancipating youth including housing for youth with mental health problems, jobs, emancipation services for probation youth, and integration of County service to assist emancipating youth. Ms. Curry has worked consistently to ensure that youth leaving foster care have a support system to rely on. She has, in fact, inspired so many other people to become advocates for foster youth that they are often referred to as "soldiers in Trish's army."





Social Worker **Robert Hirschhorn** brings a special passion for families to his job. He specializes in Family Group Decision-Making emancipation conferences, which support youth in achieving their goals as they get ready to leave the foster care system. He created an emancipation protocol to establish short-term goals for youth and then expanded the concept to include future life plans. For the past 10 years, Mr. Hirschhorn has been successful in reunifying many children with their parents, providing “safety plans” for children so they are not hurt in care, and coming up with creative visitation plans. Mr. Hirschhorn advises other social workers to, “Stay hopeful, and realize that you do make a big difference in the lives of our children.” Mr. Hirschhorn’s own success is measured by the youth he served, such as a young girl Mr. Hirschhorn began to work with when she was 15 years old. Although she had been severely abused, the youth believes Mr. Hirschhorn’s nurturing character helped her regain her trust in men and flourish as a successful young adult. Now reunited with her mother and serving as a nursing home volunteer, the young woman says, “Somebody took the time to listen and help me. Now it’s my turn.” Many of the youth Mr. Hirschhorn helped over the years continue to stay in contact with him and depend on this devoted social worker as a mentor and friend.

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hours; studies have shown that vehicles with their lights on during the day are significantly easier to see by pedestrians than those without lights on. Also, persons operating motor vehicles should be aware of clues that children might be present, including crossing guards, school buses, and playgrounds. Finally, motorists should remember that the speed limit is reduced in school zones. Children 12 and under should not ride in the front seat of a car, whether it has front passenger airbags or not. Children under 6 years of age, or weighing less than 60 pounds, must ride in an approved child restraint device.

If your child rides a bicycle to school, make sure he or she knows the rules of the road and follows them. Parents, whose children bicycle to school, should ensure they wear a helmet and that the bicycle is working properly. Children who walk to school should always walk in groups, and parents should remind them not to take shortcuts through dirt fields or alleys. Pedestrians should cross at designated crosswalks, following the old rule of looking to the left, to the right, and to the left again before crossing the street. Extra caution should be exercised in bad weather by motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike.

Personal safety rules are of utmost importance and should be emphasized to children over and over again. Remind them to yell or scream and run away if an unknown person tries to grab them. They should never speak to strangers in public or on the Internet, nor should they believe a message from a stranger. As soon as children are able to do so, have them memorize their address, phone number, and full name. Parents should carry a current picture of their child and be ready to provide an accurate physical description at a moments notice including, height, weight, hair and eye color, identifying marks or characteristics and clothing. Be familiar with your child's friends and acquaintances and their contact information including addresses and phone numbers. "If we all take the time and the interest in the safety of our children and help educate them, we will ensure their safety from strangers and moving vehicles alike all year long," concluded Sheriff Baca. "In addition, if you see something out of the ordinary or you discover a child is not where he or she is supposed to be, call your local Police or Sheriff station immediately."

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for completion in 2009. During this period, the project will create 46,000 jobs regionally, according to the MTA.

Immediately following the groundbreaking ceremony, Supervisor Molina headed to the civic center to join festivities already underway adjacent to the facility at Belvedere Park Lake, which officially reopened to the public. The lake shimmered with 2,000 pounds of catfish as local fishers of all ages competed for the biggest catch of the day.

Big plans are in the works for the civic center. A new county hall and library will open there this September and in late 2005, respectively. By early 2006 all improvements should be complete with a new central plaza and water feature on Mednik Avenue as well as a two new playgrounds, pathways, pedestrian lighting, and public art by local artists affiliated with design company Self-Help Graphics.

With its refurbished band shell, Belvedere Park Lake will serve as the centerpiece of the \$28 million restoration effort. A fitting symbol of East L.A.'s ongoing revitalization, the lake dazzled onlookers as Supervisor Molina emphasized how the park "will be a rebirth for East L.A. This will be a park that you can not only be proud of but that you will want everyone to come and visit."



Supervisor Gloria Molina officially opens the newly refurbished Belvedere Park Lake. Standing alongside her is First District Deputy Carrie Sutkin, who was instrumental in ensuring the success of the project. In the distance is the East Los Angeles Civic Center.

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Response Team in the Harbor area; and is on call 24-hours a day, ready to rush to the scene of a violent crime or death. With great compassion as social liaison and interpreter, she is there to console the victims and help direct them to appropriate community support services.



Helen H. Stathatos was appointed by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich on May 17, 1983. Since then, she has worked to ensure the safety and well-being of children in custodial placement settings. Ms. Stathatos was born in New York and raised in Los Angeles where she graduated from UCLA with a degree in Sociology. She was a social worker for the County of Los Angeles from 1947 to 1951.

As a young woman, Helen was repeatedly told by her grandmother, “The more you are given, the more you must give.” Helen took these words to heart and has been committed and involved in volunteer service for civic and charitable boards for over 58 years. While still in college, Ms. Stathatos drove for the Junior Blind and worked at the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. Later, she became a charter member of the UCLA Medical Auxiliary and through the years, has been a member of many organizations which include the Women’s Council of KCET, National Charity League, Assistance League, Para Los Niños, Philoptohos Society of St. Sophia, and Achievement Reward for College Scientists (ARCS). In 1992, Helen was the recipient of the “Afternoon with Eve” Award presented by the Mannequins of Assistance League. Ms. Stathatos has also been a Footlighter for 43 years; and as philanthropy chairman, helped to establish the Footlighter Child Life Center building addition at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Supervisor Burke Hosts Annual AFMLA Fundraiser

Hundreds of guests poured into the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to honor four immortal sportsmen and sportswomen at the 9th annual Salute to Champions Awards Luncheon. The event, always a draw for corporate sports fans, is the major fundraiser held by the Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles (AFMLA), which has the mission to build public awareness of the physical and mental benefits of swimming, in addition to the establishment and promotion of water programs for all age groups in the Second Supervisorial District.

One of the 2004 honorees was distance swimmer Lynne Cox, who has broken three world records, for both men and women, for swimming the English Channel. She was the first person to swim the 10-mile Cook Straits in New Zealand, has swam the shark-infested waters off the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, and most recently swam in the freezing waters off the shore of Antarctica. She has also swam across Lake Baikal in Siberia and Lake Titicaca from Bolivia to Peru at 12,500 feet above sea level.

Another honoree was Cathy Rigby McCoy, who won 12 Olympic medals, including eight gold medals, in gymnastics in the 1968 and 1972 summer games. Swimming coach Mark Schubert, who has coached top American swimmers in national, international and Olympic competitions, was

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Supervisor Burke (2nd from left) was joined by (from left to right) Stan Lee, AFMLA Executive Director; Cathy Rigby McCoy, holding her Champion’s Award; and David Cruz, Master of Ceremonies and NBC-Channel 4 newsman.

honored for the dedication and excellence that has led to being named Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee and other national associations, and to his induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Marlin McKeever, who along with his twin, Mike, was a football legend at the University of Southern California (USC), was honored for his great career with the Los Angeles Rams and for the academic excellence he kept up while playing at USC (his brother died in 1967 from car accident injuries).

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Supervisor Antonovich Re-Dedicates Lancaster Juvenile Justice Center

On Wednesday, June 30, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich celebrated the re-dedication and opening of the Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center in the newly renovated Lancaster Superior Court building.

Serving the residents of the Antelope Valley, the new center will house a courtroom for the delinquency, dependency, and juvenile traffic courts, substantially reducing the need for children and their families to travel to the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, or the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park.

Additionally, the center will meet the community's juvenile justice legal needs by providing offices for the Department of Children and Family Services, the Children's Law Center, District Attorney, Public Defender, and Alternate Public Defender all in one location. As well as meeting an immediate need, the two additional courtrooms built into

Mrs. Pauline McCourtney accepts a scroll from Supervisor Antonovich.



From left to right: Paul Higa (Probation Department), Presiding Judge Robert A. Dukes, Supervisor Antonovich, Mrs. Pauline McCourtney, Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts, Presiding Judge Michael Nash, Dr. Charles Sophy (Interim Chief Deputy Director, DCFS).

the facility will allow this center to meet the future needs of the community.

The two-story facility was named for the late Honorable Alfred J. McCourtney, a man of vision and pioneering spirit who was committed to creating a justice system that represents the needs of all Antelope Valley residents.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky Dedicates Briar Summit Open Space Preserve

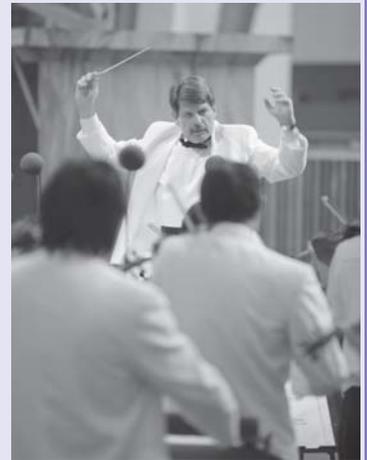


Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, *second from left*, dedicated Briar Summit Open Space Preserve in the Hollywood Hills, capping a 20-year effort to save the 52-acre site from proposed development. Funding for the acquisition came from Prop. A – Yaroslavsky's 1996 voter-approved County measure, in addition to a variety of other state and local voter-approved measures and private donations. Briar Summit Mountain is a key property in the chain of natural areas that allows wildlife populations to thrive in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains and roam into Griffith Park, including several vantage points offering spectacular views of the Los Angeles basin and San Fernando Valley. Joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky, *from the left*, are Wendy Dytman,

neighborhood activist; Jerome C. Daniel, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) board chair; Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Director, SMMC; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning, SMMC; Assemblymember Paul Koretz; State Sen. Sheila J. Kuehl; Stephen A. Harris, Mountains Restoration Trust; and Gillian Nettman, neighborhood volunteer. For further information about the open space preservation district, please visit www.preserveopenspace.org, and for more information about Southern California parkland and open space preserves, visit www.lamountains.com.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky Conducts Los Angeles Philharmonic

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, *pictured*, takes a turn at the baton as Guest Conductor for the Los Angeles Philharmonic on Tuesday, July 13, leading the orchestra in “The Star-Spangled Banner” to open the evening program. Under the baton of Music Director Esa-Pekka Salonen, the Philharmonic performed a revival of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” accompanied by Felix Mendelssohn’s incidental score, dramatized by Glendale-based theatrical troupe “A Noise Within.” Recalling the legendary 1934 production staged by internationally renowned German emigré director Max Reinhardt, the evening’s special guest of honor was 84-year-old actor Mickey Rooney, who memorably reprised his role as Puck/Robin Goodfellow in the original Bowl production for the classic 1935 Warner Bros. film version the following year.



Rhythms of L.A.

Experience a Night of Light, Motion, and Dreams at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County



After museum hours, dance the night away in the beautiful grand foyer and adjoining mammal halls of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. The Rhythms of L.A. is a participatory evening of live music and dance that represents L.A.’s rhythmic history and diversity. Featuring Los

Angeles’ own music and dance styles from Samba, Salsa and Tap, to Moroccan, Funk, Jazz, Techno and Electronica, Hip-Hop, New Orleans R&B and Tango. The evening also features a very special tribute to L.A. jazz legend Buddy Collette. The Rhythms of L.A. is the continued celebration of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County’s live performance series inspired by the groundbreaking new exhibition *L.A.: light / motion / dreams* which will remain open to guests throughout the evening. Free Salsa dance lessons kick off the night at 7:30 p.m.

Producer: Mr. B (Barrence Baytos)—an L.A.-based, internationally known choreographer, composer and musician who formed the house band, The Men of the Big Bamboo.

When: Friday, September 10, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Where: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County’s North American and African Mammal Halls, and the Grand Foyer, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, California, 90007

Cost: General admission \$15, Museum members \$12, and \$10 Students (with ID). Tickets are available online at www.ticketweb.com or by phone at (866) 468-3399. For additional information, call 213-763-DINO or visit www.nhm.org. Cash bar provided for by Wolfgang Puck Catering & Events.

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The luncheon raised net funds of more than \$80,000 that will be used to support swimming programs run by AFMLA for seven schools: Towne Elementary, Caroldale Alternative Middle School, Stephen White Middle School in Carson, Compton Avenue Elementary, 96th Street and 99th Street Elementary schools, and St. Francis Catholic School. In addition, AFMLA funds keep the Ted Watkins pool open after it closes on Labor Day, from September through October, and pay for keeping Victoria Park Pool open from the day after Labor Day (when the County season ends) through the day before the County summer season begins (around June 21) for AFMLA programs. In addition to school programs, the AFMLA also runs a Masters Swim program that includes senior water aerobics classes and lap swimming classes for students of any age, these programs cost each participant \$10 a month.

At the event, Supervisor Burke noted that the AFMLA has placed special emphasis on teaching inner-city and low-income children to swim and train for national and international competitive swimming. She said the success of AFMLA is due to the alliance between business leaders, foundations, community members and the outreach of inspirational champions, working with the government to make it happen.

Later, the Supervisor recognized the champions who have been personally honored at the Salute to Champions in earlier years including Muhammad Ali, Florence Griffith Joyner, Hideo Nomo, Warren Moon, Rafer Johnson, Mal Whitfield, Dr. Sammy Lee, and Jenny Johnson-Jordan, participant in the 2000 Women’s Beach Volleyball Olympic games and daughter of Rafer Johnson.

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Sixth Annual Race is On



Excitement, planning and participation are all lining up for the “6th Annual 5K Run/Walk & Health Expo for Girls At-Risk,” to be held on Saturday, September 18, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The theme for this prestigious event is “Run/Walk for Fitness” presented by the Commission for Women and the Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Northrop Grumman Corporation, DiversityInc., EEO & Contributions Programs, as the Title Sponsor.

All proceeds from this event are used to provide college scholarships for girls at-risk, giving them the best opportunity to improve their quality of life. Last year, the “5th Annual 5K Run/Walk & Health Expo” netted 25 scholarships and this year it is

hoped that more funds will be raised. Again this year, Robert A. Hickey will officiate as Race Director for this United States of America Track and Field (USATF) sanctioned Race and official Warm-Up Run for the Los Angeles Marathon.

There are many exciting Race award categories, such as the “Kiddie-K Run,” and extra features including a T-shirt and “Goodie Bag” for each registrant; an aerobics warm-up prior to the Race; food and drinks galore; sports massage and live entertainment. One of the many highlights of the day will again be the Korean Airlines’ sponsored raffle for a chance to win 2 economy round-trip tickets. Carl’s Jr. and The Ice House Comedy Showcase in Pasadena, are the first to “line-up” as Door Prize contributors.

To date, donor participants include Don Francisco’s Gourmet Coffee, with 2,000 samples of gourmet coffee and, IN-N-OUT Burgers are offering hamburger/cheeseburger and french fries cards. Bronze Sponsor, Morrison Food & Nutrition Specialist will also be presenting their magnificent catered display of food and drink for the V.I.P. dignitaries. The Bobby Sherman Volunteer E.M.I. Foundation will be providing emergency medical services to those requiring assistance.

Anyone wishing to participate in this outstanding charitable cause to help these deserving young women, maybe as a “Goodie Bag” donor, an exhibitor, sponsor, or a volunteer, should contact the Commission’s Run/Walk Hotline at (213) 974-1792 or at www.laccw.info. Race entry forms are available or you may register through www.active.com by credit card. Adults are \$18 and children for the Kiddie-K Run are \$10. A helping hand, and in this case, also feet is all a motivated young girl needs to find a life of unlimited potential. Please remember to save the date, September 18.



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