



## Mayor Antonovich Proclaims “Workforce Development Professionals Month”

To honor the County of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board and all its partners who play vital roles in economic and workforce development, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed the month of May as “Workforce Development Professionals Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles on a motion by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich.

“The economic development of every region in our County and the ability of our businesses and industries to compete in the global economy are dependent on the availability and quality of a skilled workforce,” Mayor Antonovich said.

The complex and fast-paced changes in our economy and labor markets put new demands on individuals and employers at all levels. Job seekers need assistance to facilitate the employment process, while employers depend on similar professional services to assist them in recruiting and retaining a competitive workforce.



From left to right are Josie Marquez (Workforce Investment Board Director), Jerry Gaines (member, Workforce Investment Board), Helen Romero Shaw (member, Workforce Investment Board), Cynthia Banks (Director, Department of Community & Senior Services), Richard Nichols (Chair, Workforce Investment Board), and Mayor Antonovich.

## Employee of the Month Mental Health’s Carmen Gatica Sandate

Carmen Gatica Sandate has been working for the County of Los Angeles for three years and is currently employed as a Community Worker with the Department of Mental Health (DMH), where she is assigned to the Emergency Outreach Bureau. As a Community Worker, she provides emergency and homeless outreach services to individuals and families living in and around downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood.

During the Board of Supervisors meeting honoring Ms. Gatica Sandate, Chairman Pro Tem Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said, “You must be very special..., there are people who work

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Ford Amphitheatre  
2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East Hollywood, 90068  
(323) GO-1 FORD (323)461-4673  
www.fordamphitheatre.org  
BWF - Big! World! Fun! Family Shows  
SPR - Summer Play Readings

### JUNE

23-25 & 28-July 1 - 2006 L.A. Film Festival  
24 - Symphonic Jazz Orchestra (BWF)  
24 - Land of Enchantment (SPR)

### JULY

1 - Los Angeles Film Festival  
2 - Cubans in Hollywood - Stage of the Arts Symposium  
7 - Viver Brasil Dance Company - Mo Ife / Love Stories  
8,15,22,29 - Summer Play Reading - Inside the Ford (1 p.m.)  
8 - TaikoProject - Rhythm Relations (8:00 p.m.)  
9 - L.A. Jewish Symphony - "Ahava" from Israel with Love  
12-16 - Outfest Film Festival - Outfest 2006 Under The Stars  
19 - Ladysmith Black Mambazo - Rum & Humble presents  
21 - Chamber Music Under The Stars - Quintet San Francisco  
22 - KPFK Night - Cultures in Harmony Jam Fest (7:30 p.m.)  
25 - Bassiona Amorosa - International Laureates Festival  
28-29 - Gypsy Flamenco / Sonidos Gitanos  
30 - Homenaje Agustin Lara II - Star Entertainment

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

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

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

Through June 30 - Gustav Klimt: Five Paintings from the  
Collection of *Ferdinand* and *Adele*

Through August 20 - A Curator's Eye: The Visual Legacy  
of Robert A. Sobieszek

Through December 10 - Glass: Material Matters

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

Ahmanson Theatre  
July 25-Sept 10 - Curtains

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion  
Through June 24 - Giuseppe Verdi's "*La Traviata*"

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**MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH**

Mayor, Los Angeles County  
&

The Los Angeles County  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Present the 16th Annual

## Family Music Festival

Featuring...

**THE 4 KINGS**

of Rhythm & Blues  
Lloyd Price, Ben E. King,  
Gene Chandler & Jerry Butler



Also Featuring...

**Bowzer's Rock and Roll Party &  
The Lucky Otis Band**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2006**

12:00 NOON to 7:00 P.M.

Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park  
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(next to Raging Waters)

Advance Reserved Tickets \$20 (\$25 day of event)  
Advance General Admission \$12 (\$18 day of event)  
(children under 12 free with each paid general admission ticket)  
Parking \$5.00

For information call (909) 599-8411

## Parks & Recreation Month Hall of Administration Mall Event Tuesday, July 11, 2006

In recognition of Parks and Recreation Month, the Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a special event on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Los Angeles County Mall which is located between the Hall of Administration and the Superior Court Building at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles. County of Los Angeles employees will have the opportunity to learn more about the department and its many programs, employees and facilities, while visiting a variety of informative booths and participating in a number of fun filled activities.

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## Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke Joins California's First Lady Maria Shriver to Unveil New Scoreboards at Jesse Owens Community Regional Park

Supervisor Burke joined California's First Lady, Maria Shriver, at the 12<sup>th</sup> Season Opening Day of the Hollywood Indies Little League at Jesse Owens Community Regional Park on April 29. In attendance were hundreds of excited little leaguers cheering on as Supervisor Burke and California's First Lady unveiled two brand new electronic scoreboards. Also in attendance was Russ Guiney, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, who gave his assurance that the Department would maintain the upkeep of the little league fields. First Lady Shriver threw the season's first pitch to little leaguer Shaquan Ferguson. When asked how it felt to catch the first pitch from California's First Lady, Shaquan replied, "It feels good, I have been here for five years and this year I expect to win the championship and have lots of fun with my team."

Started at Helen Keller Park in South Los Angeles by Founder, Hollywood Producer Stan Brooks in 1995, Hollywood Indies Little League remains the largest Little League in the County of Los Angeles with more than 300 kids, a full staff of coaches, umpires, enthusiastic support from families and 30 sponsors. Five years ago, the program expanded to a second location, Jesse Owens Community Regional Park. The season, April through July, consists of youth 5-15 years of age. Throughout the years, the park has had a number of Major League ballplayers to cross its path in their youth, including Darrell Strawberry, formerly of the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees.

The Hollywood Indies Little League is sponsored by Stan Brooks, his entertainment industry and business associates who donated the two new scoreboards. Players participate at no cost, and uniforms and equipment are all provided, free of charge. All the money raised goes directly to pay for uniforms, umpires, and equipment.

Also directly involved with the Hollywood Indies Little League are Michael and Roslyn Flowers, who have dedicated over 12 years managing and working to keep the Little League together and flourishing.

Supervisor Burke is elated that Stan Brooks brought such a baseball tradition to two parks in the second district. "I thank Stan Brooks for bringing Little League back to the second district. Little League is just the beginning to a future of endless opportunities. It's where teamwork begins and I know someday we'll see some of these youth as professional ballplayers!"

For further information, contact Jesse Owens Community Regional Park at (323) 241-6704 or Hollywood Indies Little League at (323) 755-9966.

Let's play ball!!!



*Supervisor Burke and California's First Lady, Maria Shriver, at the 12<sup>th</sup> Season Opening Day of the Hollywood Indies Little League.*



*Supervisor Burke and Stan Brooks, Founder, Hollywood Indies Little League.*

### County DIGEST

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here for 30 years and never get considered for Employee of the Month and you’ve done it in three. Now what do you do for an encore? ...Thanks for your dedication, you’re doing very important work, ...and we wish you continued success.”

The population she serves, including downtown’s Skid Row area, is often high risk and high need. She not only excels in her day-to-day duties but has frequently volunteered and participated in special projects such as DMH’s homeless count of the downtown Los Angeles area and in being a first responder at the Metrolink train derailment last year in Glendale.

“The most fulfilling part of my job is to know that you were able to provide much needed help for a person and knowing that you didn’t go home without trying your best to find them a place to stay or help them with some other basic need,” Ms. Gatica Sandate said.



Always respectful of her clients no matter what their status or situation, Ms. Gatica Sandate is willing to meet them on their own turf, be it a run-down motel room, park or even a tent. She gives her clients, disenfranchised men, women and families, a chance to receive vital services. She performed exemplary in assisting homeless families in the downtown Los Angeles area navigate multiple service systems as she gained their trust and helped transition them to stable housing.

“Oftentimes people think that persons with mental illness who are dangerous ought to be picked up and taken away, and it is people like Carmen who are able to engage people where they are and draw them into services that lead people to recovery rather than a punitive approach. Carmen, I think you represent the future of the field of Mental Health, so we thank you for your pioneering work,” said Director of Mental Health, Dr. Marvin J. Southard.

Ms. Gatica Sandate is frequently sought out by senior staff because of her positive attitude, eagerness to learn and accept direction and most importantly her Spanish-speaking ability. She thrives in her community and is currently in the process of completing her bachelor’s degree in Psychology from California State University, Northridge.

The highest accolades are extended to Carmen Gatica Sandate in fostering a tremendous compassionate spirit and in bridging the gap between the County and those we serve. Congratulations!

## RETIREEES

***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:***

**FIRE:** Jeffrey L. Hunter

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Maria R. Hernandez, Woody H. Kirksey, Betty D. Paxton, Wilbert Victor, Joyce M. Williams

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Marvin A. Crayton

**SHERIFF:** David C. Barry

***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:** Yummy B. Agoro, Alicia A. Andrada, Maria M. Garrardo, Louise Hicks-Taylor, Carmelita Mangilit, Ludivina Risos

**PROBATION:** Robert L. Fuller

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Jeanne C. Chia, Omar Rodriguez

**SHERIFF:** Martin L. Kullman III

## Orange Line Sets New Ridership Record

The Metro Orange Line Busway continues to be a big success with Valley commuters. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) officials report that weekday passenger boardings set a new record, increasing by 2.3% to 18,700 in April from 18,270 in March, up from 15,000 in December. Supervisor Yaroslavsky noted that when the Orange Line opened for business on October 31, 2005, MTA officials predicted weekday boardings would eventually reach 20,000 by the year 2010. “We are well ahead of schedule, and I couldn’t be happier,” Supervisor Yaroslavsky said. MTA officials are weighing options to increase passenger capacity, including introduction of an 80-foot articulated bus, some 33% longer than the current vehicles now in use on the Orange Line.

## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Promotes “Bike to Work Week”

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky took the lead to promote the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Bike to Work Week” campaign in the County of Los Angeles, an effort to encourage more commuters to make bicycling an integral part of their workday commute. Supervisor Yaroslavsky noted that the County includes more than 1,250 miles of bike paths in both street lanes and designated bike paths. Metro buses, Metro Rail subway and light-rail trains, and Metrolink inter-city trains all come equipped with bike racks to assist cyclists as they bike and ride. Councilmember Wendy Greuel (pictured behind Supervisor Yaroslavsky) and other officials joined the Monday morning event, which kicked off at the Metro Orange Line Park-and-Ride Lot at Victory Boulevard and Winnetka Avenue along the Orange Line bike path.



The path is the newest addition to the County’s bikeway system, where cyclists can enjoy a 14-mile end-to-end ride adjacent to the Orange Line busway.

For further information on bike paths in Los Angeles, please call 1-800-COMMUTE or visit [http://metro.net/riding\\_metro/bikes/images/la\\_bike\\_map.pdf](http://metro.net/riding_metro/bikes/images/la_bike_map.pdf) for an interactive bike map of the entire region.

### EVENTS

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#### Mark Taper Forum

Through July 16 – Alfred Uhry’s “*Without Walls*” starring Laurence Fishburne

July 27-Sept 17 – Water & Power

#### **Hollywood Bowl**

**2301 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 90078**

**(323) 850-2000**

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

#### **JUNE**

**23** - Opening Night at the Hollywood Bowl: Carlos Santana, André Watts & Blue Man Group

**24** - 17th Annual MARIACHI USA Festival

**25** - KCRW’s World Festival: Sergio Mendes’ 40th Anniversary of Brasil ‘66

#### **JULY**

**2-4** - July 4th Fireworks Spectacular: Kenny Loggins

**6** - Belle & Sebastian with the Los Angeles Philharmonic - Shins

**7** - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Bugs Bunny on Broadway

**8** - Musica Con Sabor!

**9** - Los Angeles Philharmonic: John Mauceri, Puccini’s “Tosca”

**11** - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Beethoven’s Ninth

**12** - Jazz at the Bowl: Latin Jazz Night - India, Arturo Sandoval

**13** - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Slatkin Conducts Dvorák

**14-15** - Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: John Mauceri, Mariza, Mediterranean Blue

**16** - KCRW’s World Festival: Bollywood Night with AR Rahman & Musafir

**18** - Los Angeles Philharmonic: Summer Serenades

**19** - Jazz at the Bowl: American Songbook - John Pizzarelli

**20** - Los Angeles Philharmonic: “Amadeus” Live

**21-22** - Tom Jones, Pete Escovedo

**23** - KCRW’s World Festival: Flaming Lips, Thievery Corporation

# ENRICHING LIVES...

## DCFS Creating Job Opportunities for Former Foster Youth

*Initiative Modeled After Successful ISD Program*

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Human Resources Division is working with a coalition of County departments to roll out a revised program designed to provide more career opportunities within the County of Los Angeles to former foster youth. The program, called “Career Development Intern (CDI),” will assist former foster youth in gaining structured on-the-job training with the goal of obtaining permanent employment with the County at the end of the internship. The partnering departments are: Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Human Resources, Internal Services (ISD), Probation, Sheriff and Treasurer and Tax Collector.

The Department of Human Resources took the lead on this program by creating a new class specification and establishing a testing process for hiring former foster youth into four career fields. The four fields are:

- Office Support/Clerical Intern
- Information Technology/ Technical Support Intern
- Crafts Support Intern
- Heavy Maintenance & Operational Support Intern

In terms of implementing the internships, the departments plan to structure training programs that are based on the model developed and operated by (ISD) since Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

“The department’s philosophy is that we try to help as many of our former foster youth as we can by helping them transition into County employment,” said Sheryl Negash, DCFS Human Resources Division Director. “Our goal is to make these youth more competitive when they seek outside employment, as well.”



The CDI program consists of pre-employment training, hands-on work experience and life-skills training. The Board of Supervisors first adopted a motion establishing the program in 1994 and has issued subsequent directives to ensure the program’s implementation, including a mandate that every County department should set aside five percent of its entry level and clerical positions for this population.

“We are working with the coalition trying to get the other County departments to join in and commit to the program. This program is a continuation service that we provide to our transitioning youths,” Negash said.

Negash believes that this program will help provide the life skills and training that foster youth ordinarily would not be able to get anywhere else. As part of the program, the department is also currently seeking mentors to pair with these youth. The goal is to further support the youth once they are in the workforce. The department hopes to recruit, select, hire and train foster youth for the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2006.



# The Enhanced *Performance Counts!* Web Site



The enhanced *Performance Counts!* Web site was developed to be the County's one-stop resource for *Performance Counts!* information. County managers, supervisors, and employees, as well as the general public, can access the Web site to learn about or re-familiarize themselves with *Performance Counts!* This initial launch of the enhanced *Performance Counts!* Web site provides background information, training materials, Frequently Asked Questions, links to resources, and other useful information. In subsequent phases, the Web site will allow users to post *Performance Counts!* questions and eventually participate in a "chat room" environment.

The *Performance Counts!* Web site can be accessed at [http://lacounty.info/performance\\_counts/](http://lacounty.info/performance_counts/).



## County of Los Angeles *Strategic Plan*



### County Vision

"Enriching Lives"

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

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

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

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

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

### County Mission

*To enrich lives through effective and caring service*

### Strategic Plan Goals

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

Gloria Molina  
Supervisor  
First District

Yvonne B. Burke  
Supervisor  
Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor  
Third District

Don Knabe  
Supervisor  
Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich  
Supervisor  
Fifth District

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## Free Marina del Rey Summer Concerts Kick Off – Thursday, July 13

The sixth season of Marina del Rey Summer Concerts begins Thursday, July 13, at the waterside in Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey. Held once-weekly for eight weeks, the concerts feature classical music on Thursday evenings and pop concerts Saturday evenings. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Presenting sponsor is Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water.

The Thursday classical series features the 70-person Marina del Rey Summer Symphony conducted by its Music Director Frank Fetta. Saturday pop concerts feature major stars from the worlds of jazz and pop.

The classical season opens on Thursday, **July 13** and presents world-famed organist Samuel Soria, in a

concert that features the Joseph Jongen *Symphonie Concertante* for organ and orchestra, as well as the *Organ Symphony* by Camille Saint-Saëns and J.S. Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue* arranged by Leopold Stokowski. Classical Thursdays continue on **July 27** with "An Evening with the Los Angeles Opera," featuring three stellar singers in arias and ensemble scenes from favorite operas. **August 10** will feature the extraordinary 18-year-old violin virtuoso Hahn-Bin, who is already making a name for himself in the concert world. He will play *Romance for Violin and Orchestra* by Antonin Dvorak and *Carmen Fantasie on themes of Bizet* by Pablo de Sarasate. The orchestra has also programmed works by Paul Hindemith and Richard Strauss. The final classical evening on **August 24** features the popular young American pianist John Novacek, appearing with the orchestra in two works by George Gershwin, *Second Rhapsody* and *Concerto in F*. The Orchestra will perform the *Afro-American Symphony* by William Grant Still.



*Marina del Rey Summer Symphony  
Frank Fetta, Musical Director*

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*Cleo Laine and the John Dankworth Group*

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Pop Saturdays begin **July 22** with Davis Gaines, the award-winning Broadway star of *Phantom of the Opera* and other hit musicals, appearing in concert with his instrumental ensemble. **August 5** brings a return of the very popular Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, conducted by its Artistic Director Patrick Williams, Los Angeles Philharmonic Assistant Conductor Joana Carneiro, and Justin DiCioccio; with special guest artists: pianists Bill Cunliffe, clarinetist Eddie Daniels, saxophonist Tom Scott, and singer Amanda McBroom present a jazz symphonic program and a special tribute to Johnny Mercer and The Great American Songbook. Patti Page, a legend in America's musical history, appears **August 19** to sing her most famous hits of the past, as well as music from her recent Grammy award-winning album. The season ends **September 2** with a return visit from the great Cleo Laine and the John Dankworth Group in a reprise of their sensational appearance last season at the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts.

Supervisor Don Knabe and the Department of Beaches and Harbors invite County employees to enjoy the free Marina del Rey Summer Concert experience. Picnic on the grass beside the Marina's main channel, watch the sun set over the water and listen to your favorite music performed by world-class artists. Take the WaterBus from six Marina locations directly to and from the concert site, or catch the Playa Vista Beach Shuttle, which will operate with special hours to deliver and pick up concertgoers on Thursday and Saturday concert nights.

Supervisor Don Knabe and the Department of Beaches and Harbors invite County employees to enjoy the free Marina del Rey Summer

For more information, call the Department's information line at (310) 305-9545 or access its Web site at [www.labeaches.info](http://www.labeaches.info).

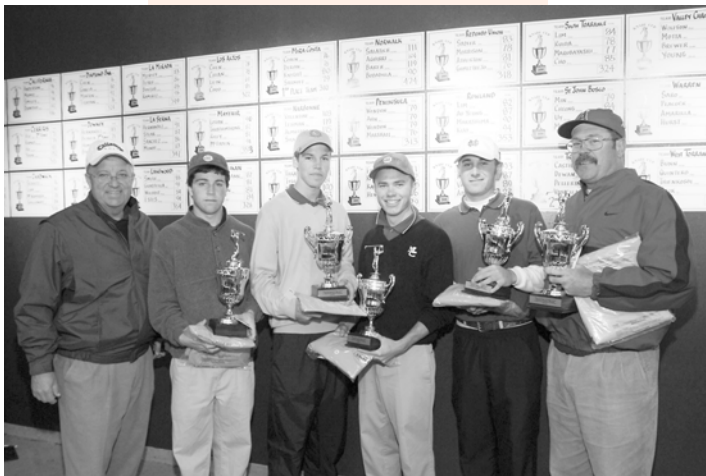


## Golf Teams from Local High Schools Participate in Ninth Annual Knabe Cup

High school golfers from across County of Los Angeles' Fourth District competed recently at Supervisor Don Knabe's Ninth annual Knabe Cup Golf Tournament.

Thirty six high school teams, comprised of four players per team, competed at Lakewood Country Club in an individual and team tournament for individual honors and a chance to dethrone two-time defending team champion Gahr High School of Cerritos.

Gahr High School's reign finally came to an end as the Mira Costa High School team from Manhattan Beach took first place with a team score of 310. The individual champion was Rory Hie of Cerritos High School who shot a 71.



"It constantly amazes me how the competition has gotten better and better as the years have gone on," Supervisor Knabe said. "I am excited that this tournament is viewed as the precursor to the league and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Championships."

The tournament, sponsored each year by Supervisor Knabe, allows student-athletes to engage in friendly competition, regardless of their high school's respective league affiliation.

Each player received a free lunch provided by McDonald's, range balls and tee prizes. Additionally, first, second and third place finishers received trophies and windbreakers.

Supervisor Knabe spoke with players at noon, followed by the start of the tournament.

## Marina del Rey Fireworks Spectacular Set for Fourth of July

Marina del Rey's traditional fireworks spectacular will take place Tuesday, July 4, starting promptly at 9 p.m. and lasting approximately 20 minutes.

The famed Zambelli fireworks will be delivered from a barge in the main channel. The Zambelli pyrotechnics originated more than 100 years ago in Italy and follow the Italian tradition of huge finales. The fireworks show will be choreographed to patriotic music that will be broadcast in sync with the display over FM radio KXLU, 88.9 on the dial. Those watching can listen on their FM radios. The music will be relayed over loudspeakers in Burton Chace Park for onlookers there.



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

The July 4 fireworks are presented at no charge to the public by Supervisor Don Knabe and the Department of Beaches and Harbors. We want to thank the many agencies that assist us with the fourth of July tradition: County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, California Highway Patrol (CHP), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Sheriff, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Loyola Marymount University.

Additional information is available by calling (310) 305-9545 or by visiting the Beaches and Harbors Web site at [www.labeaches.info](http://www.labeaches.info).



## 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 the County of Los Angeles. Through the more than 50 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

For more information, you may call (213) 744-4344 or visit the Toy Loan program Web site at [www.ladpss.org/dpss/toyloan/default.cfm](http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/toyloan/default.cfm).

Your donations are strictly voluntary and greatly appreciated. (Cut along dotted line)

Please make checks payable to:  
**Toy Loan Advisory Board**  
2615 South Grand Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
**Please do not send cash!**

**Yes! I would like to support the Toy Loan Program. Please accept my tax-deductible donation of:**

\$5 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_

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Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing/Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### LACERA Elections

General Members are encouraged to vote in the upcoming LACERA elections for the Third Members of the Board of Retirement and the Board of Investments. The elections will be held on Tuesday, August 8.

Using the employee’s address on the Auditor-Controller’s master file, ballots will be mailed via US mail on Tuesday, July 11.

If you do not receive a ballot, you may request a duplicate ballot through your Departmental Election Coordinator no later than Thursday, July 27.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk must receive voted ballots before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8. The Board of Supervisors will certify the election results at its meeting on Tuesday, August 29.

For more information, contact your Departmental Election Coordinator.

## Free Self-Help Legal Access Center Opens at the Long Beach Courthouse

Supervisor Don Knabe joined Superior Court leaders to commemorate the much-anticipated grand opening of the Self-Help Legal Access Center at the Long Beach Courthouse, located at 415 West Ocean Boulevard.

On August 2, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the funding for this center, which is the Fourth District's first such Self-Help Center. There are currently four other Self-Help Centers like this one located throughout the County. Since the first facility opened in the Van Nuys Courthouse in 2000, these centers have combined to serve over 100,000 County of Los Angeles residents.

The new Self-Help Center will be staffed with an attorney, paralegal and trained volunteers, and will be managed by Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS). While the employees and volunteers of the center will not be able to provide legal advice or offer direct representation, staff members will be able to provide information on preparing forms, courtroom procedures and appropriate courtroom demeanor.



All residents of the County of Los Angeles with business at the Long Beach Superior Courthouse are eligible to access the Self-Help Legal Center, regardless of income. The new hours of the center, which will be located inside of the Law Library, are as follows: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Mayor Antonovich Recognizes Vital Work of County's Volunteers at Annual Luncheon



Mayor Michael D. Antonovich gave remarks and presented scrolls to award recipients at the recent County Volunteer of the Year luncheon.

“Our County volunteers are strengthening our communities by filling vital service roles and showing concern for their neighborhoods and communities, but they are often not properly recognized,” Mayor Antonovich said. “I initiated the volunteer program in 1981, and we hold our recognition awards each year to honor their vital contributions. Today, we thank our County of Los Angeles volunteers for their vital work on behalf of all County residents and encourage others to join the effort.”

Last year, 53,000 volunteers donated a total of 3.5 million hours to a wide range of County programs. Those hours represent a \$64 million savings to County of Los Angeles taxpayers. Serving in every

County department, these outstanding individuals provide a broad range of public services – from lawyers donating courtroom hours to caring citizens fighting to keep County of Los Angeles streets clean of graffiti.

Mayor Antonovich also presented President's Volunteer Service Awards to actress Betty White (*right*) and Hollywood Mayor Johnny Grant (*center*). The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes volunteer efforts which demonstrate values that make our nation strong and help build a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility.



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## Identity Theft

### 10 Simple Ways to Protect Yourself



A federal study reports that more than 3.6 million people fall victim to identity theft each year. What is more, 80% of those victimized do not know how their identity was stolen. For these reasons, it is important to understand how your financial information can be stolen and what you can do to protect yourself.

#### **How it can happen**

Identity thieves are not always strangers; they can be your neighbor, a friend, or even a family member. Here is how they get your information and use it to open new accounts or make charges to your existing accounts:

**Dumpster diving:** Identity thieves are not afraid to get their hands dirty digging through your trash. They look for bank statements, credit card bills, or credit offers you forgot to shred. They use what they find to open new accounts in your name or charge items to your current accounts.

**Shoulder surfing:** Identity thieves like to look over your shoulder when you are using an ATM or conducting financial business on your home computer or laptop. Be aware of your surroundings when viewing sensitive information. Be extra careful when using your laptop in a public place.

**Mail theft:** Your mailbox is filled with important financial information. Thieves know this, so keep your mailbox locked and pick up mail as soon as possible.

**E-mail:** Identity thieves like to send you e-mails that look just like the ones you might receive from your own bank or credit card company. These e-mails ask you to verify your information by sending your Social Security number, driver's license number or other personal financial information. Be aware that your bank and credit card company will not ask you for personal information by e-mail. If you get one of these e-mails, call your bank and talk to them directly.

#### **10 Ways to protect yourself**

1. Shred bank and credit card statements.
2. Review your credit card and bank statements as soon as you get them. If you do not recognize the charges, make sure you dispute them.
3. Review your credit report at least once a year. You can get a free credit report at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by phoning (877) 322-8228.
4. Collect your mail right away and do not send bill payments from home. Thieves can steal outgoing mail and your financial information with it.
5. Guard your Social Security number. Do not carry your Social Security card or Social Security number in your wallet.
6. Always take receipts. Do not leave ATM, credit card or gas station receipts behind.
7. Keep an eye on your credit card. Criminals can use small devices called skimmers to collect the information on your card.
8. Be careful about giving out your financial information. If a salesclerk or cashier asks for your social security number or drivers license, ask why that information is needed. Also, ask about their privacy policy and if your information will be shared with others.
9. Get off the telemarketer's list. Register with the "Do-Not-Call" list at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)
10. Do not give out personal financial information over the phone.

For more information or to file a complaint, call the Department of Consumer Affairs at (800) 593-8222 or visit them online at [lacountydca.info](http://lacountydca.info).



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