

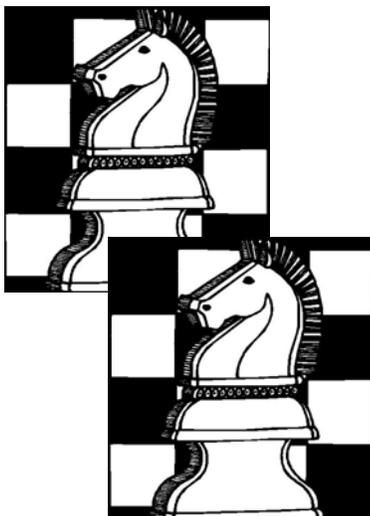


Los Angeles County Museum of Art's Campus Transformation Campaign



The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) announced that it is now able to financially undertake Phases I & II of its Campus Transformation Campaign, thanks to a \$25 million contribution from the BP Corporation. Included in the LACMA plans are the new Broad Contemporary Art Museum (BCAM), an entry pavilion at Wilshire Boulevard and Ogden Drive, an exterior landscaping and open space on the 6th Street side of the campus. Viewing the campus plans (from left to right) are Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Eli Broad, Bob Malone with BP Corporation, and Michael Govan, the CEO and Director of LACMA.

Los Angeles County Employees Chess Tournament



WHEN: April 5 to May 10, 2007
Every Thursday
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

WHERE: County of Los Angeles
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Sixth Annual Foster Youth/Community Career Fair and Resource Expo

sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

April 5, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Jackie Robinson Park
1081 N. Fair Oaks
Pasadena, CA 91103

10th Annual “Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families Past, Present and Future”

sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

May 26, 2007
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Arcadia County Park
405 S. Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006

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 www.lacma.org

Music

Apr 24 – Latin American Innovators – Sérgio and Odair Assad
May 29 – L.A. Sounds and Sights – Xtet
June 12 – Mexican Baroque – Members of the L.A. Master Chorale, with Alex Acuña, percussion
Every Friday, April through Thanksgiving – Friday Night Jazz “L.A.’s Treasures” (admission free)

Exhibitions

Through June 3 - The Modern West: American Landscapes, 1890-1950
Through June 3 - Re-SITE-ing the West: Contemporary Photographs from the Permanent Collection

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Sunday, Apr 15, 8 p.m. - Music Center Speaker Series:
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton,
42nd President of the United States
Please visit www.musiccenter.org for the ongoing Speaker Series schedule.

Ahmanson Theatre

Through May 6 - Twelve Angry Men

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Apr 28 - May 26 - The Merry Widow
May 5 - May 20 - Porgy and Bess

Mark Taper Forum

Through Apr 29 - Distracted
May 10 - Jul 1 - Yellow Face
Jun 10 - Aug 6 - Jersey Boys

Kirk Douglas Theatre

Through May 13 - Sleeping Beauty Wakes
Jun 17 - Jul 15 - A Waitress in Yellowstone

Walt Disney Concert Hall

111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012
(323) 850-2000
wdch.laphil.com

March

30 & 31 - Thibaudet plays Ravel

April

1 - Thibaudet plays Ravel
3 - Martin Chalifour and Friends
12 - Tristan Project - Act I
13 - Tristan Project - Act II
14 - Tristan Project - Act III
18 & 24 - Tristan and Isolde, complete
19-21 - Mullova plays Beethoven
22 - American Youth Symphony
26 - Il Giardino Armonico
27 - Garrick Ohlsson in Recital
28 - Salif Keita

Los Angeles Master Chorale

Apr 22 - Ignite: Haydn and Ramirez
Jun 3 & Jun 7 - Lift: Beglarian, MacMillan and Pärt

CALENDAR

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La Mirada Golf Course is Named the 2006 Los Angeles County Golf Course of the Year

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe recognized La Mirada Golf Course as the 2006 County Golf Course of the Year at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

“La Mirada Golf Course is an exceptional facility from top to bottom,” said Supervisor Knabe. “For a golf course to be selected as the County’s best course five out of seven years speaks to the outstanding services provided by the staff at La Mirada.”

County of Los Angeles golf courses compete annually for the coveted title of Golf Course of the Year, presented by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. This year, La Mirada Golf Course once again beat out its competitors, receiving the prestigious honor for the fifth time in the past seven years. La Mirada Golf Course is located at 15501 East Alicante Road, La Mirada, CA 90638.



A team of judges evaluated Los Angeles County golf courses in a number of categories, including laying conditions, appearance, quality of service provided and overall condition of the facility.

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Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles

For a list of events, please visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-3466

First Fridays: Fast Forward Friday, April 6

5:30 p.m., TOUR: Kimball Garrett

6:30pm, DISCUSSION: Michelle Wyman Pawar, Executive Director of ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability), USA Office; Margaret Wertheim, host and series curator; Hope Schneider, moderator

MUSIC: Plaid; The Submarines; DJ sets by Hoseh and DNTEL

Undoubtedly a controversial topic, but one that the Museum will approach from a special point of view: the ongoing, long-term development of the earth’s biodiversity into the future and the very essence of our collective, complex existence, say, by the end of the next century. What is likely to

happen here in California and elsewhere, notwithstanding predictions about global climate change, as well as other challenges, which all species will undoubtedly pass through?

What differences can we imagine, in both our natural and culturally constructed worlds, 100 years from now? Are there things we could be doing now to manage and sustain our development, both at home and abroad, and avoid the most unappealing aspects of possible changes in our biodiversity?

For more First Fridays programs, please visit www.nhm.org.

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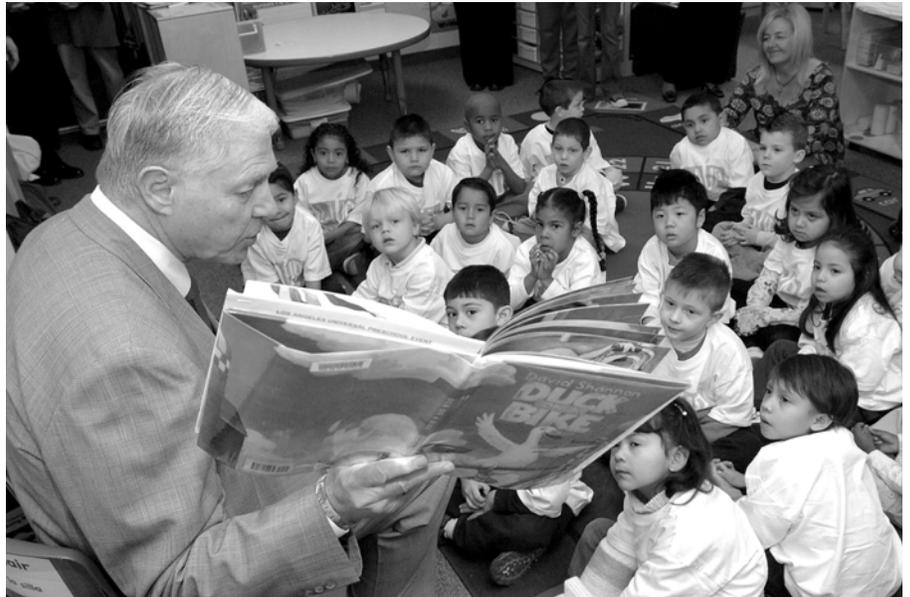
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Supervisor Antonovich Touts Success of Early Childhood Education

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, a staunch advocate of early childhood education, was awarded a plaque by Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) at Nancy Cory Elementary School in Lancaster, for his leadership which has helped increase preschool opportunities for children throughout the Antelope Valley.

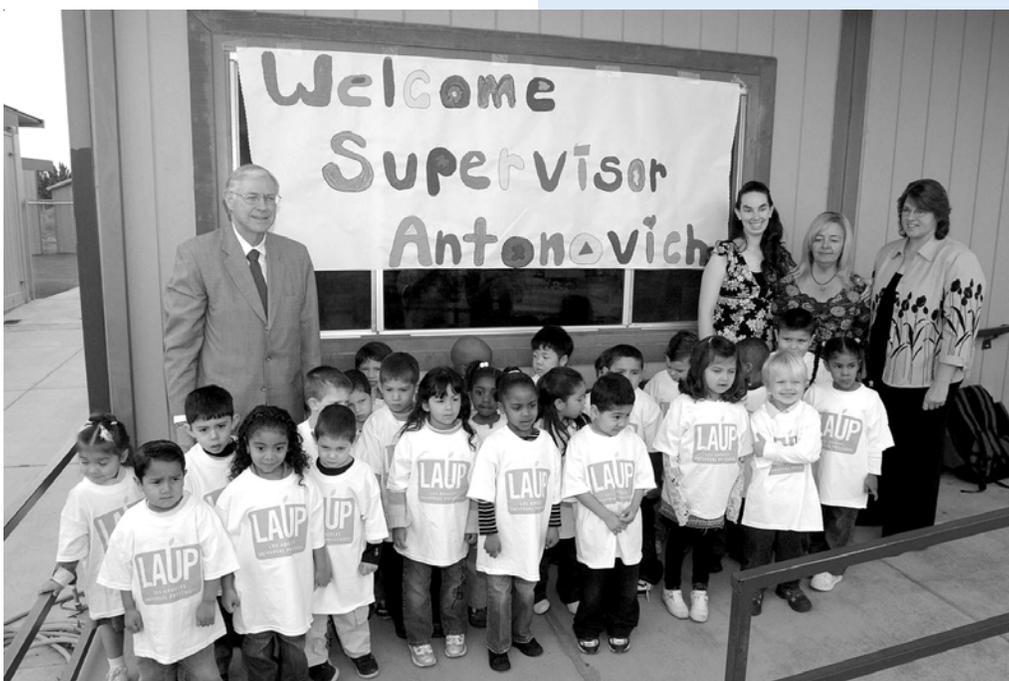
During Supervisor Antonovich's term as Chairman of First 5 LA, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of young children and families throughout the County of Los Angeles, he supported the greatest expansion of the preschool budget in the history of Los Angeles Universal Preschool and supported the development of 96 new preschool seats in Lake Los Angeles and Lancaster.



“As a parent of young children, I know how important a good education is and how a high quality preschool education helps to start that process. It is much more difficult for children to stay on course if they lack the basic skills that preschool programs, like the one we have here at Nancy Cory provide,” said Supervisor Antonovich.

“I'm very proud to say that the Los Angeles Universal Preschool organization has taken good care of the people in our communities,” added Antonovich. “They are helping preschools enhance their services all over our (Antelope) Valley and making them affordable for everyone.”

Supervisor Antonovich joined Dr. Gary Mangiofico, LAUP Chief Executive Officer, to read one of his children's favorite stories with the preschoolers.



Supervisor Antonovich Honors National Guard on 370th Birthday

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Adjutant General of the California National Guard, Major General Bill Wade who had just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq, to commemorate the National Guard on 370 years of service to the nation.

Supervisor Antonovich, a Lt. Colonel in the California National Guard, spoke on the rich history of the National Guard which traces its roots back to the earliest days of the English colonies protecting fellow colonists and later helping to win the Revolutionary War.

“From before the American Revolution to the modern day, the National Guard has remained essential to our National and Homeland defense, these citizen soldiers in the National Guard come from all walks of life, training monthly and giving selflessly of themselves to serve their country” said Supervisor Antonovich. “When disaster strikes, the Guard is our Country’s first line of defense.”

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Major General Bill Wade, California National Guard



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Supervisor Molina Opens The Santana House

On January 24, 2007, Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina joined legendary musician Carlos Santana and his wife Deborah at the official dedication of The Santana House, a picturesque facility built specifically to house Violence Intervention Program (VIP) services, which the County offers to victims of child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse.

“Carlos Santana is, without question, a true musical and artistic icon of our time with a signature style that gives countless Chicanos immense pride,” Supervisor Molina said. “In my experience, there is no wedding, prom, or quinceañera celebration without Santana’s riffs sounding of love, peace, and passion. His sounds still provide boundless inspiration for aspiring musicians—many of whom live in the hills of Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles that surround the LAC+USC Medical Center here today. I am so proud to see The Santana House materialize and to know that Carlos and Deborah remain true to their ideals that are the natural outgrowth of their music. Our community will remember their generosity for generations.”

Since 1984, VIP has provided expedited, yet thorough, assessments (both mental and physical) to family violence victims and supplied them with follow-up care in a coordinated, seamless fashion. The program was conceived by Dr. Astrid Heger, who operates The Santana House, and is renowned for offering round-the-clock, multidisciplinary evaluations to family violence victims. Though over 5,000 people annually receive VIP services, The Santana House allows the County to expand this program to another 600 individuals—primarily to those living in east and southeast Los Angeles and the west San Gabriel Valley. The Santana House is also home to the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center.

“Thanks to the generosity of Carlos and Deborah Santana, coupled with the vision and tenacity of Dr. Astrid Heger, LA County has raised the bar for treatment of children in our foster care system,” Supervisor Molina said. “No longer will abused children have to endure a series of uncoordinated doctor’s visits in different locations. No longer will their physical assessments be delayed while bruises and other evidence of abuse disappear—making it that much harder to prove that the abuse happened in the first place.”

The Santana House is located at 1733 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90031.



Supervisor Gloria Molina and other dignitaries join Carlos and Deborah Santana at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official dedication of The Santana House.

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*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"—
Gandhi*



Supervisor Burke Joins City Officials to Announce a Plan to Voluntarily Stop Trans Fat Use in Local Restaurants

On Tuesday, January 30, 2007, Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke; Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H, Director of Public Health; along with City Councilmembers Jose Huizar, Tom LaBonge, and Bernard Parks, held a news conference outside of City Hall, announcing a plan to stop trans fat use at local restaurants.

Trans fat, found in margarine, shortenings, baked goods, and fried foods, is believed to increase the risk of coronary heart disease and is thought to increase the level of bad cholesterol and decrease the level of good cholesterol. Butter and natural oils, such as soy, corn, peanut and olive, do not contain trans fat.

A Department of Public Health report, commissioned by Supervisor Burke, found that State laws regulating food establishments do not give the County the authority to ban restaurants from cooking with trans fats. In response to these findings, health officials recommend that a taskforce be established to educate the public on the harmful effects of trans fat. As part of the program, restaurants could be provided with an official decal that could be posted at the establishment based on certification by the Department of Public Health.



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke; Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director of Public Health; and Los Angeles City Councilmembers, Jose Huizar, Tom LaBonge, and Bernard Parks.

The Department also suggested establishing an incentive program to get restaurants to voluntarily stop using trans fat.

A variety of food chains have already announced plans to eliminate trans fat from their foods, including Wendy's, KFC, Taco Bell, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Arby's, Ruby Tuesday, Chili's, Loews Hotel, Royal Caribbean International, Johnny Rockets and Starbucks.

Department of Public Works Creates New Strategic Plan for 2007

On November 1, 2006, the Department of Public Works held a ceremony where the Director, Deputy Directors, and Division Heads signed a new Strategic Plan and celebrated the successful completion of a difficult job. The plan was a culmination of work by staff members at all levels in the organization, who carefully crafted the plan over a year-long period.

The process began when the Director, Donald L. Wolfe, challenged the Department's managers to work with staff members to develop a new meaningful strategic plan to guide

the Department for the next 5 years. The managers were given the following guidelines:

1. The plan should be short, to the point, and easy to read and understand.
2. There should be heavy involvement of staff who directly provide services and interface with the public and who really know what is going on, especially in the development of the Mission, Vision, and Values. (Organizational values cannot be driven from the boardroom down, they must come up through the ranks to be accepted.)

ENRICHING LIVES...

W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program Offers Year-Round Aquatic Sports

The Water Awareness, Training, Education and Recreation (W.A.T.E.R.) Youth Program of the Department of Beaches and Harbors offers a variety of popular aquatic sports programs for young people at the County beaches and in Marina del Rey. Chief among these programs are the popular week-long water sports camps that teach surfing, sailing, ocean sports, and water safety to boys and girls during spring and winter school breaks and the summer recess.

Currently, the program is offering three camps that youngsters can experience during their spring break. Boys and girls ages 11 to 17 are eligible to join surf camp held at the Venice Pier at Washington Boulevard from Monday through Friday, April 2 to 6, and at the Dockweiler Bluffs in El Segundo from Monday through Friday, April 9 to 13. Boys and girls ages seven to 14 can enjoy the ocean sports camp held at the Venice Pier at Washington Boulevard from Monday through Friday, April 2 to 6, and at the Dockweiler Bluffs in El Segundo from Monday through Friday, April 9 to 13. Both camps are held from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Youngsters ages 11 to 17 can attend beginning sailing camps, held 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Marina del Rey Boathouse, 13640 Mindanao Way, Burton Chace Park in Marina del Rey, Monday through Friday, April 2 to 6, and from Monday through Friday, April 9 to 13. Swim tests are mandatory for all who sign up for Spring, Winter, and Summer camps.



County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



"Enriching Lives"

County Vision

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

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

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

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

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

County Mission

To enrich lives through effective and caring service

Strategic Plan Goals

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

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2007 marks the 21st year of the Department's W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program. During the past 20 years, more than 60,000 youngsters, ages seven to 17, have gone through the program. This year, it is expected that 500 youngsters will attend the Spring, Winter, and Summer camps, with another 6,000 boys and girls attending the program's Ocean Safety Days, held throughout the year for special education groups, area classrooms and Los Angeles County foster children. Additionally, trips on the UCLA cruising classroom are held year-round for schools within the area, teaching oceanography and opening up new ideas for possible careers in the ocean sciences to youngsters, some of whom may never have seen the ocean before.

The program also offers after-school activities, as well as classes for boys' and girls' clubs. Annually in September, W.A.T.E.R. presents a day-long special event at Marina Beach, for boys and girls from the Los Angeles County Foster Care Program sponsored by Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke.

The W.A.T.E.R. program is designed to raise awareness of ocean and beach safety through aquatic-related sports activities. All activities are conducted by Los Angeles County current Ocean Lifeguards, with all equipment provided. Financial aid is available, based on family income; no child is ever turned away because of financial need. Free transportation is also provided from the San Fernando Valley and from South and East Los Angeles for young people whose parents are unable to drive them to the camp locations.

The W.A.T.E.R. program is sponsored by the Department of Beaches and Harbors and by Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water.

For program registration, swim tests, or to request an application, please call the W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program at (310) 305-9587 or access the W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program Web site at www.beaches.lacounty.gov.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky Announces New Anti-Gang Initiative

Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky announced an aggressive new anti-gang initiative targeting “hot spots” of criminal activity in the San Fernando Valley, where gang violence in 2006 was up 43% over the previous year, and gang-related homicides rose 30% over 2005. Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s proposal, developed at the request of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), will deploy six new Deputy Probation Officers at each of the LAPD’s Valley Division stations to work closely with the stations’ anti-gang units to increase supervision of probationers, conduct searches and handle juvenile arrests. Supervisor Yaroslavsky said the \$500,000 cost of the one-year pilot program would be shared equally between the City of Los Angeles and the County. Joining Supervisor Yaroslavsky, from the left: LAPD Deputy Chief Michel Moore; Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa; LAPD Patrol Captain Michael Williams (back); Councilmember Tony Cardenas; and Chief Probation Officer Bob Taylor.



Technology Week



Supervisor Knabe introduces Adobe CEO Bruce Chizen at the Kick-Off Event of Los Angeles County Technology Week.

A poster for the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline. At the top, a list of fraud types is shown: Contractor Improprieties, Abuse of Work Hours, Missing Equipment, Computer Fraud, Vendor Fraud, Internet/E-mail Abuse, Missing Cash, Management improprieties, and Other Improper Activities. In the center is a large octagonal sign that says "STOP FRAUD" and a rectangular sign below it that says "REPORT IT!". At the bottom, contact information is provided: Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline, www.lacountyfraud.org, E-mail: hotline@oci.co.la.ca.us, 1-800-544-6861. It also states "You may remain anonymous · 24 hours a day · 7 days a week" and provides the address: Write to: Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 51, Alhambra, CA 91803-4737, Fax: 1-626-457-9797. The poster is sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

Supervisor Antonovich Recognizes “India Republic Day” throughout the County



Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Supervisor Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, and Nalini Natarajan, from the India Association of Los Angeles to help dedicate January 26, 2007 as “India Republic Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Antonovich recognized the rich heritage, culture, food, and entertainment of the Indian community and their countless contributions to the County of Los Angeles.

January 26, 2007 marked the 57th anniversary of the signing of the Indian constitution by the Indian Constituent Assembly.

Pictured from left to right: Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Nalini Natarajan, Natarajan Annaswamy, Sivaram Natarajan, Surya Natarajan, Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Chief Medical Examiner, Los Angeles County Coroner; Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

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3. The goals must be grand in scope, challenging but realistic, and flexible.
4. The plan is not a cookbook or a long list of short- and long-term goals. That detail will come with the annual implementation plans.
5. The plan must identify those who are accountable for implementation of the goals and objectives.

The 2007 Strategic Plan clearly sets the Department’s course for the future, can be easily updated as our environment changes, and is written in plain language so everyone can understand it. According to Director Wolfe, “History clearly shows that every organization must have a compass to the future and must continually change and improve... Public Works new Mission, Vision, and Values tell the reader everything they need to know about the Department’s professionalism, pride, and dedication to improving our ability to provide outstanding Public Service.”

Mission: *“Enhancing our communities through responsive and effective public works services.”*

Vision: *“The national leader in customer satisfaction and employee excellence”*

Values:

- S**afety
- P**rofessionalism
- I**ntegrity
- R**espect
- I**nnovation
- T**he environment

The Strategic Plan contains 13 goals aimed at achieving workforce excellence, superior customer service, a higher awareness for safety, commitment to the enhancement of our communities, infrastructure that meets the needs of our customers, and assurance that Department activities provide the best results and benefits to all. Procedures are in place and the Department is aggressively implementing the new Strategic Plan in order to achieve the Public Works and County Visions.



Los Angeles County Commission for Women Celebrates 32 Years of Public Services at the 22nd Annual “Women of the Year” Awards Luncheon

On March 12, 2007, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women and the Board of Supervisors hosted its prestigious 22nd Annual “Women of the Year Awards Luncheon” at the Crystal Ballroom, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

In 1975, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was established to represent special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances, and sexual orientation. This year, 2007, marks the Commission’s 32nd year of providing public services. One of the Commission’s priorities has been to recommend programs or legislation to promote and ensure equal rights and opportunities for women. The Commission also recognizes outstanding women that have made a difference in the lives of women throughout the County of Los Angeles. A recently issued press release is available to review for more information.

The following are the 2006 Women of the Year Awardees saluted for their work to bring about social and economic change, promote women’s equality, serve as outstanding role models, work on behalf of women’s issues and demonstrate outstanding performance within their professions to further advocate women’s rights.

DISTRICT AWARDEES

1st District
Honorable Martha M. Escutia
California State Senator
30th District

2nd District
Gloria J. Davis
Executive Director
The Girls Club Of Los Angeles

3rd District
Maria Reza
Retired LA Unified School District
Assistant Superintendent for Health Services

4th District
Doris Wahl
Founder & Former Exec. Dir.
Whittier-Rio Hondo AIDS Project

5th District
Peg Ann Lee
Services Supervisor
Jackie Robinson Park
Alison Triessl
CEO, Pasadena Recovery Center
Partner, Law Offices Of Triessl And Morris

COMMUNITY AWARDEES

Janice Bryant Howroyd
Founder and CEO
ACT*1 Personnel Services

Diane Schneider, M.D.
Medical Director
Adult Protection Team

Marilyn McCoo Davis
Vocalist and Entertainer

Jeannie Stephenson
Director, Sexual Response Team
California Hospital Medical Center

Kimberly Wong
Attorney
Office of the Public Defender

6TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Captain Irma Becerra
Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department



L.A. County Staff Appreciation Days

(Valid L.A. County ID required)



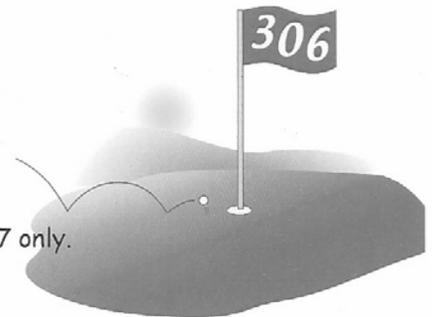
Friday, April 27, 2007
Saturday, April 28, 2007

"Thank you for playing L.A. County golf courses."
Russ Guiney, Director

FIFTY PERCENT OFF Green Fees, All Day

Tournament Play not eligible

Offer valid on Friday, April 27, 2007 and Saturday, April 28, 2007 only.
All L.A. County employees with proper identification will receive a
fifty percent discount on green fees (excluding Tournament Play)
all day, each day.



"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"



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Employees of the County of Los Angeles



LA COUNTY STARS! December 2006 - February 2007 Recipients



Service Excellence Award:
Chief Administrative Office's
David Dijkstra



Workforce Excellence Award:
Child Support Services'
David Jacobson



**Organizational
Effectiveness Award:**
Health Services'
**Clinic Redesign
Team**

*Angela Nossett,
Mauricio Flores,
Jesus Gutierrez,
Debra Cornelius,
Gina Wing, and
Helen Soto*



Workforce Excellence Award:
District Attorney's
Carlos Villamayor



Organizational Effectiveness Award:
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance's
Risk Management Section

Hayward Harris, Jr., Crystal Lewis and Destiny Hoffman



Service Excellence Award:
Public Works'
Dispatch Unit

*Miriam Mendoza, Enma De Leon,
 Jackie Gentry, Graciela Leriget,
 Glenda Medlock, Maria Moreno,
 Paul Sanchez, Nicole Mercier,
 Dac Truong, and Erick Guzman*



Organizational Effectiveness Award:
Treasurer and Tax Collector's

Secured Property Payment Exception Processing Section

*Agustin Asunsion, Presto Ferrer, Mauro Paguio, Amalia Valencia, Tomas Vaquerano, Edwina Walker, Adel Bautista,
 Michael Funches, Alice Simms, Renato Redublo, Sal Rangstipol, Hilda Garcia, Betty Reyes, Noel Granada,
 Joan Quilantip, Linette Karim-Masihi, Ariel Alejandro and Teresita Garrovillas*



**Workforce Excellence Award:
Sheriff's & Children and Family Services'
Suspected Child Abuse Report Team**

*Sheriff's Department: Yvonne T. Sanchez, Chris Minor, Daniel J. Scott, Sandy K. Hamaker, and Suzanne P. Ferrell.
Department of Children and Family Services: Joy Russell, Gary Burks, America Sosa, and Arlene Montoya.*



**Office of the Assessor
Service Excellence
Web Services Unit**
*Yvan Rodriguez,
Darlene Del Palacio,
Rex Hartline,
Amy Chen, Harry Le,
and Lisa Gibb*



LA COUNTY STARS! is an exciting new Countywide employee recognition program which replaces the Employee of the Month Program in order to expand the opportunity to recognize and celebrate exceptional achievements of County employees and to promote and reward performance consistent with the organizational goal categories of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Shared Values and Collaboration.

For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources at (213) 738-2352 or go to the Web site at <http://stars.lacounty.gov/>

Share It



Outdoor Adventures 2007 Season Offers Boating, Bird Watching



The Department of Beaches and Harbors will again offer its popular Outdoor Adventures programs in Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, beginning March 22. Bird Watching, Harbor Kayaking, and Surf Kayaking will offer exciting experiences for individuals and families.

Bird Watching will take groups to various sites in the Ballona Wetlands, where they will have the opportunity to observe various bird species compete for resources in the shoreline and vegetation habitat. They will also be taken to areas where they can observe Great Blue Heron and Black Crowned Night Heron nesting sites. 2007 dates and times are: March 22, 4 pm; April 26, 9 am; May 24, 4 pm; and June 28, 9 am. Excursions are presented at no cost, but pre-registration is essential. Each outing is approximately two hours long.

Harbor Kayaking offers leisure kayaking outings in the Marina harbor for anyone 10 years and older, including families, for whom double kayaks are available. Class size limited to 15 participants. Outings are from 11:30 am to 1:45 pm. Dates are March 24, April 21, May 26, June 16, July 15, August 25, September 22, October 27, and November 10. Cost per outing is \$25 from 10 to 18 years of age, and \$30 for participants 19 or older.

Surf Kayaking will provide participants with the opportunity to kayak through the Marina del Rey harbor and head out to the North Jetty, where they will surf the waves aboard sit-on-top kayaks. Los Angeles County Lifeguards will instruct the outing. Pre-registration is a must, as class size is limited to 10 participants. All classes are held on Saturdays from 8 am to 11 am. Dates are March 24, April 28, May 26, June 16, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, and November 10. Cost per outing is \$25 ages 10 to 18 years, and \$30 ages 19 and older.

For all programs, please call (310) 822-8530 to register or to obtain additional information.



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