



Topanga Summer Beach Bus Kicks off at Orange Line Warner Center Station

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Dennis Zine were on hand to help kick off the Topanga Canyon Summer Beach Bus service on Monday, June 25, offering canyon and Valley residents a convenient and inexpensive way to enjoy the surf, sand, and surroundings at Topanga State Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Santa Monica State Beach. Fares are 50 cents one way for children and adults, and 25 cents for seniors and people with disabilities. New for the service this year is a connection to the Orange Line Busway, the Valley's shortcut. Further information on Orange Line beach bus connection can be accessed at http://www.metro.net/news_info/press/metro_121v.htm. For a handy printable schedule, go to http://ladpw.org/PDD/Beach_Bus/TOPANGACNYN.pdf.



Sunday, September 9 is the Third Annual Los Angeles County Day at the County Fair in Pomona

Elected officials and department heads will join employees in celebrating this special day, which allows the County to showcase its services and the great team of employees who deliver those services. Last year Supervisors Don Knabe and Zev Yaroslavsky participated in the festivities as did District Attorney Steve Cooley and thousands of employees. District Attorney Cooley has already confirmed his attendance for this year.

Activities will include a parade featuring County vehicles and employees, an all-day Expo with informational booths staffed by departments, and a horse race in honor of the County.

Employees will be receiving discount coupons, good on September 9, for one free admission for each paid admission. Coupons will be provided with employees' paychecks on August 15 and will be available from the County Public Information Office at the Hall of Administration, (213) 974-1311.

The theme of the event this year is "County of Los Angeles: Masters of Public Service." Shirts with the County Seal and words "Master of Public Service" inscribed underneath the seal will be sold in the Public Information Office.

The event theme each year is tied to the County's exhibit at the fair. This year's exhibit theme is: "County of Los Angeles: A Masterpiece. Transforming Los Angeles County Through Art." For the first time, it will be located in the Millard Sheets Art Gallery and will highlight art, including the Los Angeles County Art Museum "transformation" building and renovation project, the County's civic art program, the Metropolitan Transportation Agency's station art, and the Community of Angels civic art program

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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

Every Friday, through Thanksgiving – Friday Night Jazz “L.A.’s Treasures” (free admission)

Exhibitions

Through August 12 - Dan Flavin: A Retrospective

Music Center

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211
www.musiccenter.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Through Aug 5 - Jersey Boys

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 90007

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

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue

Hollywood, CA 90068

(323) 850-2000

www.hollywoodbowl.org

July

19 - Beethoven & Brahms

20 & 21 - Cool Britannia! with Jamie Cullum

22 - Savion Glover: On Tap

24 - Sultry Spanish Nights

25 - Jazz at the Movies

26 - Chang Plays Bruch

27 & 28 - Viva Las Vegas: An Evening with Gladys Knight with Fireworks

29 - Spirit of Armenia!

31 - Beethoven’s 9th!

August

2 - Bernstein, Copland, Gershwin

3 - 5 - South Pacific with Reba McEntire and Brian Stokes Mitchell

7 - The Grand Tour: London

8 - Benny Carter’s 100 Years of Music

9 - The Grand Tour: Venice

10 & 11 - Sgt. Pepper’s at 40...a Beatles Celebration

12 - Reggae Night VI

14 - The Grand Tour: Paris

15 - Lee Ritenour & Friends

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Supervisor Knabe Serves Up Lunch at Rancho's Employee Appreciation Day

Supervisor Don Knabe joined others in leadership roles at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey to serve lunch to employees in recognition of Rancho's Annual Employee Appreciation Day.

"It is my pleasure to be a part of Rancho's Employee Appreciation Day," said Supervisor Knabe. "The work that many of these employees do every day often goes without a thank you. I am extremely happy to be able to express my gratitude for the job that all of these wonderful individuals do."

In addition to serving lunch, Rancho honored the 2006 Employees of the Month and announced Jerry Ramirez, of Facilities Management, as the 2006 Employee of the Year. Supervisor Knabe presented each Employee of the Month with Board certificates at the annual Employee Appreciation Day Ceremony attended by Rancho employees.

Established more than 100 years ago, Rancho Los Amigos is known nationally and internationally as a pioneer in research and innovative treatment. Rancho is ranked in the top 10 among rehabilitation medical centers in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is the only top-rated center in California.



Supervisor Yaroslavsky Opens New San Fernando Legal Access Center

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was joined by Yvonne Maria Jimenez, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Legal Services-LA, and North Valley District Supervising Judge Alice C. Hill at the official opening ceremony for the Self-Help Legal Access Center (SHLAC) at the San Fernando Courthouse, the latest addition to the County's growing complement of offices to assist residents handling their own legal work in family and other minor matters.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky pioneered the concept with a highly successful pilot SHLAC program launched at the Van Nuys Court in 2000. A joint project of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Bar Association and NLS-LA, the drop-in legal centers teach people to access justice for themselves. The Center's professional staff and volunteers help people navigate through the court system, from filling out the appropriate forms, to how and what to say before a judge.

The Centers provide assistance with small claims, evictions, family law and other civil litigation. Internet access, computerized court forms and Alternative Dispute Resolution are also available.

RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

ASSESSOR: William C. Athon, Regina I. Harvey
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Crecia L. Barber, Mattie L. Vorise, Wilma J. Reed
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Barbara Tipton
FIRE: Richard D. Waugh
HEALTH SERVICES: Annie R. Braziel, Henny M. Datoon, Lydia E. Goodwyn, Gloria Myles, Petra Reynaga, Margaret Rodgers, Paz T. Vergara
HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY: Michael S. Daniels
INTERNAL SERVICES: Laurel T. Bowers, Hazel T. Cole-Givens, William F. Detlof, Robert Pawluk, Terry D. Tull
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PROBATION: Curlin R. Haggerty, Marvin C. Lowe
PUBLIC DEFENDER: William McCallister Jr.
PUBLIC HEALTH: Deborah C. Daniels, Bettye M. Holland, Rogelio Stone
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Alfredo Gonzalez, Carol Swenson
SHERIFF: Bill D. Conley, William H. Fairchild, Shirley L. Fisher, Matthew R. Kapp, Michael P. McCravy, Karen L. Ruiz, David M. Briggs, Retta J. Matthews, Carrie L. Williams
SUPERIOR COURT: Kathryn D. Elkerdany

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:

ASSESSOR: Edward Ray
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Stephen Hostetler
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Beatrice M. Mendoza
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Rosemarie Estrada
CORONER: Lloyd E. Mahanay
FIRE: Bryan Harper
HEALTH SERVICES: Mary L. Coleman, Richard Esparza, Gerald N. Ho, Salome M. McCoy, Eloise J. Nordland
MENTAL HEALTH: Margaret Gioustromes
PROBATION: Laurie E. Pope
PUBLIC HEALTH: Shirley S. Rausch
PUBLIC LIBRARY: Karen L. Jefferson, Andres H. Palacios
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Donna Roseman
PUBLIC WORKS: James H. Cathey, Rodney B. Heckman, Macario Magdaleno, Clyde Parker
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Vickey Dunn
SHERIFF: Normal M. Campbell Jr., Didiel Castro, James S. Crider, Ramon Ovalle, Kathleen A. Olsen
SUPERIOR COURT: Beatrice Payton, Betty W. Wong

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19 - JVC Jazz
21 - Dvorák and Prokofiev
22 - Dave Brubeck
23 - French Masters
24 & 25 - Jump, Jive and Swing! with Big Bad Voodoo Daddy with Fireworks
26 - Macy Gray
28 & 30 - The Russians Are Coming
29 - Nancy Wilson 70th Birthday Celebration
31 & Sep 1 - The Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks

September

2 - The Big Picture: The Films of Paramount Pictures
4 - Diavolo Dances Salonen
5 - B.B. King Blues Festival
6 - Boris at the Bowl
7 & 8 - Daryl Hall & John Oates
9 - Underworld
11 - American Originals
13 - From the Old World to the New
14 - 16 - Fireworks Finale: Pink Martini at the Coconut Grove
23 - Rufus Wainwright Plays Judy Garland
30 - Big Top Bowl: A Global Circus Celebration



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Supervisor Antonovich Breaks Ground on New Penny Lane Facility for Youth



Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Lancaster City Mayor Henry W. Hearn, Penny Lane President Arthur Barr, and community members in the Antelope Valley for the Penny Lane Family Center groundbreaking event.

Supervisor Antonovich was also awarded the *Blue Skies Award* for his support of foster youth in the Antelope Valley.

“Each year, more than 1,300 youth emancipate from the County of Los Angeles. As youth who leave their families depend upon the continued support of their parents, so do youth emancipating from foster care,” added Supervisor Antonovich. “Emancipation without necessary support is government sanctioned child abuse. Without permanency or a connection to a committed adult, young people risk unemployment, homelessness, substance abuse, incarceration and death.”

Penny Lane anticipates serving 16,800 clients annually in the Antelope Valley.



Public Works Employee Makes Earth Day an “Every Day” Event

Think you have to “go off the grid” to be an environmentalist? Not true, says County Public Works employee Dan Sharp. A few simple (and not so simple) changes in lifestyle have led to big reductions in his family’s greenhouse gas emissions, energy use, and waste.

With about \$500 of equipment, some research, and a little know-how, Dan and his wife, Maya, are running their cars on vegetable oil—that is, after Dan converts it to bio-diesel using a homemade processor. Dan estimates this alternative fuel process costs about \$1 a gallon.

“I’m not usually an early adopter, but if it’s environmental, I’m willing to make that jump,” Dan said with a big grin. “Some of the other things we do, like turning off lights when we leave a room, composting, and gardening with drought-resistant plants, are just as important and a lot more doable.”

As an Associate Civil Engineer in the Watershed Management Division of the Department of Public Works, Dan works with communities to increase natural habitat and recreational spaces along the Los Angeles River, while keeping local communities safe from flooding. His daily focus on the impacts of urban life on the environment serves as a constant reminder to continue his search for ways to make a difference.

“It can’t remain the norm for us to consume resources the way we do,” Dan said. “If there’s anything that I want people to know, it’s this: living an environmental-lifestyle doesn’t have to be hard. It really comes down to being more aware of what you purchase and consume. Just focus on one thing at a time.”



Public Works employee Dan Sharp and his family were featured in the April 27 issue of People magazine for living a “Green” lifestyle. In addition to making their own bio-diesel fuel from used vegetable oil, the Sharps power their household appliances using a photovoltaic (solar) energy system and have colored their yard with drought tolerant, California-native plants.

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New County Program Is Finding Homes for the Homeless

Homeless men and women from across the Los Angeles area are finding permanent homes thanks to an effort by Supervisor Don Knabe and a successful collaboration of several County agencies and departments.

The very first participant in the Access to Housing for Health (AHH) program was 45-year-old Lloyd Robinson, who had been homeless for nearly three years. In early June, Robinson received the keys to his own apartment in Whittier.

Lloyd Robinson was just the first of many men and women who will benefit from the AHH program that will create permanent housing opportunities for dozens of homeless individuals and families. Supervisor Knabe proposed the program and it was approved by the Board of Supervisors in December 2006. It utilizes \$1.5 million of \$80 million in funding for Countywide homeless prevention initiatives that were approved by the Board of Supervisors last year.

The primary goal of the program is to dramatically improve housing options for homeless men and women who seek care at County hospitals by connecting

them with permanent housing opportunities once they leave the hospital. Upon leaving County hospitals, homeless clients are referred to Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, which provides case management services. The clients receive temporary housing, and either a Section 8 housing voucher or a public housing unit, and are then linked to supportive services designed to help them successfully remain in housing.

The pilot program is designed to place up to 115 homeless clients into permanent housing. The Housing Authority of Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles City Housing Authority each set aside 50 of their Section 8 vouchers for the program and Del Richardson and Associates assists AHH clients with finding suitable housing. In addition, the County Housing Authority has set aside 15 public housing units.

Lloyd Robinson became the first participant in the program after learning about it while being treated for pneumonia at Rancho Los Amigos – a County-operated rehabilitation hospital.

“A social worker at Rancho Los Amigos told me about the County program and I

thought that it might be a chance for me to finally get off the streets,” said Robinson. “If it wasn’t for this program I would still be living on the street.”

Robinson officially enrolled in the program on March 8, 2007, and is now connected to a network of County support services, including case management, housing locator services, counseling, ongoing medical care, and Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. He received the keys to his new apartment on April 24 and moved in a few weeks later.

“Before this program, we had virtually no way to ensure that homeless men and women leaving our hospitals would receive safe housing or appropriate care,” said Supervisor Knabe. “Mr. Robinson was a wonderful story of redemption and courageousness and I look forward to hearing similar stories as this program continues.”

“The program helped me gain my health back and gave me the opportunity to look forward to a better life,” said Robinson. “I now have a beautiful home that I can call my own.”

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Some of the simple changes that Dan and Maya recommend are:

Cut back on paper waste in the home:

By using cloth napkins instead of paper for meals and household cleanups, you reduce the amount of paper that goes to local landfills and the trees used to produce them. Simply wash the napkins and reuse.

Research before you purchase an appliance:

Most full-sized ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use 18-25 gallons of water per load, compared to the 40 gallons used by a standard machine. ENERGY STAR washers clean clothes using 50% less energy than standard washers. Find rebates and special offers at www.energystar.gov

Landscape with California native plants:

With watering the yard and filling the swimming pool or hot tub, outdoor water needs consume about 70% of the water used in a typical single-family home. Conserve water use by landscaping with California native plants. Place mulch around your plants, along walkways, and on top of other bare areas to reduce water use and prevent weeds. Keep soil rich and fertile by composting. Visit www.smartgardening.com for more tipstips.

Retire your old gas-powered mower:

Running a standard gas mower for one hour releases as many common air pollutants as driving a new car from Los Angeles to Sacramento. Trade-in your inefficient gas-powered mower for a push reel, electric or low-emission mower.

Supervisor Gloria Molina Celebrates Earth Day with El Monte Youth

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina proudly joined youth from Twin Lakes Elementary School in El Monte as they officially dedicated a new, outdoor eco-classroom and recreation area at the school this past Earth Day. The schoolchildren also planted over 350 trees, shrubs, and seedlings native to California.

“Adding green space to our neighborhoods becomes a higher priority each year as regions that were once considered on the outskirts become more densely-populated,” Supervisor Molina said. “Because of today’s efforts, what was just a dry dirt path along the San Gabriel River is being transformed into another green oasis along the ‘Emerald Necklace’ of rivers and green space gracing the San Gabriel Valley.”

The bike path running along this patch of green space connects bicyclists to the Arrow Highway Gateway, the Santa Fe Dam, and the Azusa foothills to the north and to the Thienes Gateway Project and Whittier Narrows Nature Center to the south. Runners, equestrians, and pedestrians can use the path, too. Community partners in this effort include the non-profit organization Amigos de los Rios, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, as well as staff and administrators from both the Mountain View School District and Twin Lakes Elementary School.



Supervisor Gloria Molina and children from Twin Lakes Elementary School in El Monte plant a tree on Earth Day.



Children from Twin Lakes Elementary School plant trees, shrubs, and seedlings native to California with Department of Public Works staff.

Common Ground Honors Supervisor Yaroslavsky with Humanitarian Award

The Westside HIV Community Center, formerly known as Santa Monica AIDS Project, celebrated 15 years of providing vital HIV/AIDS services to the Westside community with a benefit to raise money and awareness for its prevention and care services for persons at risk or impacted by HIV/AIDS. Supervisor Yaroslavsky, with entertainer Paula Poundstone, was honored with a Humanitarian Award for his contributions, efforts and activism on behalf of people impacted and affected by HIV/AIDS. Common Ground was founded in 1992 and today concentrates on three core programs: peer education for high school-age youths, case management for people living with HIV/AIDS, and outreach services for homeless individuals. Its services include mental health, treatment advocacy, outreach to women and people of color, youth drop-in services and direct medical care linkage. All services are provided in both English and Spanish.

ENRICHING LIVES...

Free Classes on Fitness for County Employees

This summer, the County of Los Angeles Commission for Women is offering complimentary classes to County employees on fitness, healthy diet, how to select the perfect shoes, and how to begin a walking/running regiment. David Levine, Training Coach for City of Angels Half Marathon, is the instructor; he is also a Director with the LA Running Club; a coach with a triathlon group in Southern California and certified with the USA Triathlon. He is willing to come to your department to candidly discuss fitness and a wellness program.

Free Weekly Training

In addition, Mr. Levine is offering complimentary training on long distance walking and running. The training will start on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at Griffith Park from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and continue every Sunday leading up to September 15, 2007. The training will start with one to two mile distances and expand each week depending on their comfort level. For those interested, there will be group stretches available. The meeting location is down the hill from Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park at 5200 West Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Look for signs and people with volunteer T-shirts. There is no fee for the 5K training and bottled water will be provided.



2006 Health Expo

Join the LA County Run for Health

9th Annual 5K Run/Walk & Wellness Expo
“The Victory Race”
September 15, 2007

At this event, you will have the opportunity to put your training efforts into action by participating in the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Commission for Women’s L.A. County Run for Health 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk & Wellness Expo (formerly known as Girls At-Risk) at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on Saturday, September 15, 2007. This race is “An Ernie Van Leeuwen Memorial Run.”



Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Kiddie-K participants during aerobic warm-up.



At the Victory Race, every entrant receives a t-shirt, goodie bag, and refreshments. The Wellness Expo will open at 6:30 a.m. and will feature over 50 vendors with informational brochures and giveaways. There is an aerobic exercise session just before the race and plenty of free parking. Complimentary sports massages will be offered to everyone present and door prizes will be given away throughout the morning. It is scenic and a fast course around the Rose Bowl and Brookside golf course that is sanctioned and certified by the USA Track & Field. It is known as the official warm-up race for the Los Angeles Marathon and the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

The race will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. A trophy and a free entry for the 2008 Los Angeles Marathon will be awarded to the top male and female 5K Run finishers. A \$25 gift certificate from Snail's Pace Running Shop in Pasadena will be awarded to the top men and women 5K run finishers in each age group.

Other awards will include: a medal for the top three men and women in all age divisions for the 5K Run and 5K Walk; "#1 Kid" Ribbons to all Kiddie-K Fun Run participants; award plaques for the top three teams for overall runners and special plaques for public safety agencies that sign up as a team.

All proceeds for this event will go towards \$1,000 college scholarships to qualifying girls. To date, 167 scholarships have been awarded to Girls At-Risk for a grand total of \$167,000. Special thanks to Northrop Grumman for being the Title Sponsor nine years in a row making this event possible.

Please support the fundraising efforts to provide educational scholarships to Girls At-Risk by participating in this worthwhile event. Pre-registration is available through www.active.com for \$18 through September 9th. The entry forms will become available on the Commission for Women's Web site, www.laccw.info, in mid July 2007. In addition, people may donate to the Girls At-Risk Fund by sending checks made payable to LACCW and mailing them to Los Angeles County Commission for Women, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383, Los Angeles, CA 90012. For additional information please call the race hotline at (213) 974-2034.

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 |

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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Supervisor Antonovich Welcomes United Airlines' First Flight Serving LA-Palmdale Airport

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and officials from the cities of Palmdale, Lancaster and Los Angeles, and County Fire Fighters welcomed the first flight of United Airlines serving San Francisco from the LA-Palmdale Airport.

"The future is now – and United Airlines' service out of LA-Palmdale Airport is a big step in the development of a truly regional air transit system for Los Angeles County," said Supervisor Antonovich. "Our County can no longer rely solely on the Los Angeles International Airport to meet the air travel needs of 10 million County residents in 88 cities and 134 unincorporated communities."

"A regional approach is the only rational way to deal with the more than 78 million new air passengers expected in Southern California by 2020," added Supervisor Antonovich.



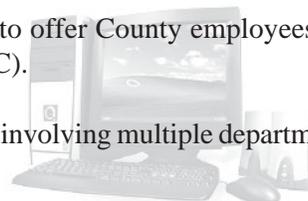
Supervisor Antonovich praised United Airlines for bringing a strong national presence to the LA-Palmdale Airport. "Unlike the small-scale providers in the past, United Airlines will help LA-Palmdale expand as the future economic hub of the High Desert region – the fastest growing area in California," said Supervisor Antonovich.

2007 Employee Computer Purchase Program

Significant Discounts on Selected Computers Available to County Employees!!!

Until October 15, 2007, the County and leading computer manufacturers have teamed up to offer County employees and their families' discounts on selected new desktop, laptop, and tablet personal computers (PC).

These discounts were negotiated with manufacturers through a consolidated County purchase involving multiple departments. Only seven PC business models as used by the County are available through this offer.



No County financing or payroll deductions will be available under the program. Employees will be solely responsible for the purchasing and financing of the PCs.

A web page has been established on the County's intranet page at <http://web.co.la.ca.us/lacounty/ecpp.htm> for more information on the program. If you are unable to access this web page, you can contact the computer manufacturers directly using the information below:



<http://dell.com/epp/lacounty>
(800) 695-8133
Member ID: SS41670731



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Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles Presents Honorees at the 7th Annual *Salute to Champions* Awards Luncheon

Honoree Jim Ellis, subject of the movie Pride, receives a Lifetime Achievement Award

Approximately 300 hundred guests arrived at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on June 6, 2007 to join Honorable Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke in a presentation to honorees at the 7th Annual *Salute to Champions* Awards Luncheon.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to living legend Jim Ellis, swimming coach phenomenon, along with Inspiration Awards presented to Olympic Gold Medalist Eric Fonoimoana, NBA Champion A.C. Green, and sports broadcasting legend Jim Hill.

The Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles (AFMLA), in collaboration with Supervisor Burke, come together every year and honor outstanding individuals who are acknowledged, due to their efforts of inspiring thousands of young people, to one day aspire to championship behavior.

KCAL Channel 9/KCBS Channel 2 anchor/reporter Dave Clark was the Master of Ceremonies for this year's Annual *Salute to Champions* luncheon. The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Jawane Hilton, City on the Hill Church in Carson, California. In addition, Russ Walker, president of AFMLA, gave the official introduction.

Other participants in the program included the Executive Director of the Aquatic Foundation, Stan Lee, who gave the opening remarks.

Earlier in the week, Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree, Jim Ellis had the opportunity to greet over 150 youth swimmers at Jesse Owens Aquatic Center. Presented with a welcome sign made by youth of Victoria Park and Jesse Owens Park, Ellis gave an inspiring pep talk to group a of AFMLA swimmers.

Supervisor Burke joined Ellis and congratulated the swimmers on their accomplishments thus far and their decision to use swimming as a positive outlet to gangs and other negative activities. Both Supervisor Burke and Ellis joined in hearing several swimmers give testimonies and inspirational stories, as well as watching their practice at the Aquatic Center.

The mission of the AFMLA is to build public awareness of the physical and mental benefits of swimming and to establish and promote water programs for all age groups. Supervisor Burke, along with the gracious Sponsors, helped to ensure the mission of the AFMLA maintain a strong foundation and that youth are able to obtain infinite possibilities through the Aquatic Foundation.



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and 7th Annual Salute To Champions Award Honorees (from left to right); AFMLA Executive Director Stan Lee, Olympic Gold Medalist Eric Fonoimoana, Supervisor Burke, Channel 2 Anchor/Reporter Jim Hill, Legendary Swim Coach Jim Ellis and NBA Champion A.C. Green.



Supervisor Burke and Legendary Swim Coach Jim Ellis are joined by youth swimmers at the Jesse Owens Park Aquatic Center.

Free Access To County Facilities For Veterans With Special License Plates

In honor of veterans, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to waive parking fees for veterans at County-operated parking lots, beaches and parks. The vote exempts vehicles with valid veterans special license plates from the payment of parking fees at all County-owned and operated public parking lots, including vehicle entry fees at County parks, beaches and County-enforced parking meters.

Valid veterans' license plates include Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, Purple Heart, Prisoners of War, Survivors of Pearl Harbor, and Disabled Veterans. The fee waiver will not be valid on weekends and holidays, other than Veterans Day.

“Through this effort the County is expressing its gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished service of our veterans,” said Supervisor Don Knabe. “We owe them many freedoms that we have today and they truly deserve the honor and respect of their fellow Americans.”

Supervisor Antonovich Hosts 10th Annual “Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families”

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich recently hosted the 10th Annual “Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families” event at Arcadia County Park, co-hosted by KNBC-4 Weatherman Fritz Coleman.

Over 5,000 participants attended the day-long presentation of free services to veterans and their families from 135 agencies, including County departments and governmental, independent and private agencies. Attendees received an abundance of information and resources regarding health, employment, child support, and legal services.

A special tribute to our armed forces began with a presentation of colors, a 21-gun salute and the playing of “Taps.” Vintage World War II era planes and a Pasadena Police Department helicopter flew over the park, and skydivers descended from an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Participants brought copies of photos of loved ones to place on the “Wall of Remembrance,” along with American flags and other mementos. “Antonovich’s Children’s Village” provided a specialized area for youth, complete with face painting, arts and crafts, games, entertainment, display of wild animals and free popcorn. Numerous participants set up booths at the park offering a wide range of services and information. There were also displays of military vehicles and equipment, free tetanus vaccinations, haircuts and manicures.

“This day gives us the opportunity to remember the service men and women who sacrificed all for freedom and to share our respect for the veterans still living in our community,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “Today we remember veterans from World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the worldwide war on terror – thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who dedicated themselves to the defense of our Country, willingly placing themselves in harm’s way. We will never forget.”

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County Library Awarded Prestigious 2007 NACo Achievement Award

The County of Los Angeles Public Library has been awarded a prestigious 2007 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for its ground-breaking program: Family Place Libraries Jumpstart Early Learning! Family Place is a center for early childhood information, parent education, emergent literacy, socialization and family support. The program is a national, collaborative project established in 1996 by Libraries for the Future and the Middle Country Public Library. The initial pilot and funding of six County of Los Angeles Public Library sites was provided by the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission.

The Family Place program has provided families with a greater knowledge of the programs and services available in the community to aid in the healthy growth and development of young children. Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, stated “We are honored to receive a 2007 NACo Achievement Award for Family Place Libraries Jumpstart Early Learning!, a program that builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parent involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children’s growth and development.”



Each Family Library features the following core elements:

- A bright, colorful, and welcoming space for young children and their parents.
- A collection of books, toys, videos, music and other materials for babies, toddlers, parents and service providers.
- Access to resources that emphasize emergent literacy, reading readiness and parent education.
- Developmentally appropriate programming, such as baby and toddler storytimes, for young children and their parents.
- Outreach to new and underserved populations.
- A five-week parent/child workshop featuring local professionals, such as nutritionists, speech and language therapists, and child development experts, as resources for parents.

The Family Place program has filled an important gap in the County of Los Angeles Public Library’s services to families with infants and toddlers. Staff, community partners, and families have embraced the program. It has introduced families to the importance of play in the development of a young child, the joy of sharing stories and books, and a knowledge of the vast resources available in the public library.



To learn more about the Family Place program, please visit the County Library Web site at www.colapublib.org.

NACo will host the 11th Annual Awards Ceremony during their 2007 Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia on Sunday, July 15, 2007.

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Annual Second District Quinceañera: Helping Girls Transition into Young Womanhood

Supervisor Burke, along with the Los Angeles County's Foster Care System, helps young ladies transition into womanhood through the traditional ceremony, Quinceañera.

Friends and family came together for a very special event held on May 20, 2007 at the Carson Community Center to witness an emotional and moving Quinceañera Ceremony. Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, along with the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, hosted the annual event to allow girls to show their transition from childhood into womanhood. A Quinceañera is a traditional rite of passage for Hispanic girls turning 15 years of age. The court chosen were able to display their classic grace and elegance in acknowledgement of their transformation into young adulthood.

Supervisor Burke truly believes that this event provides foster youth with an opportunity to have a more normalizing experience, as well as exposing the youth to the varied cultural customs of our diverse communities.

A Quinceañera is special in its own right because it not only included young ladies, it also included participation by young men from all ethnic backgrounds. In order to participate in

this event, participants were required to compose an essay explaining how important it was to them to have a Quinceañera.

To prepare for their special day, the girls went through etiquette training which was later beautifully portrayed for those in attendance. In addition, each participant wore beautiful, tailor-fitting dresses, and their escorts were fitted in black tuxedos, as they danced the Waltz across the banquet floor.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, air personality Josefa Salinas of Hot 92 Jamz, joined Supervisor Burke, Second District volunteers, the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Public Social Services to contribute to the experience of each young lady. Also attending were past Quinceañera participants who shared how they have grown since their time in foster care. Overall, the occasion was heart-warming and encouraged the youth to look away from their past and into a brighter future. It was an evening to remember!

Probation on Fire

Probation Week July 15-21, 2007

The Probation Department in the County of Los Angeles is rebuilding lives and making communities safer. Between July 15 and July 21, 2007, the County will celebrate the work accomplished by thousands of probation officers and personnel to restructure lives and support families.

Chief Probation Officer Robert Taylor describes his workforce as "people caring about people." In fact, "Community Corrections" best describes the type of probation that the Department is involved in throughout the County.

Probation is an integral part of the criminal justice system, and a formal probation grant in most cases can turn lives around which benefits people and the community. Take, for example, the Probation Department's Camp Louis Routh, also known as Fire Camp 15.



Recently a great deal of attention was focused on the devastating fires at Griffith Park and Gorman. Camp Routh youth and staff were part of the fire fighting efforts on these fire operations. Indeed, over the last several weeks, the Camp Routh fire crews have logged almost 1,000 hours of fire fighting and fire suppression activity. This includes a variety of projects such as weed abatement, brush clearance, and construction in the community. In the winter months, the crews often perform sand bagging and emergency flood control duties.

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Supervisor Antonovich's Trail Dusters A Hit Once Again

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosted his semi annual trail ride on Sunday, June 10th at Placerita Canyon Nature Center in the Santa Clarita Valley. The ride was enjoyed by 100 inexperienced and seasoned riders alike.

Supervisor Antonovich, an advocate of the equestrian lifestyle, spoke on the need to protect the County's trails. "Our County's trails and open spaces are vital for families to enjoy the outdoors," said Supervisor Antonovich.

After the trail ride, the participants relaxed with a barbeque lunch while being entertained by a live band.



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Camp Routh Director Mark Garcia is quick to point out that Camp Routh offers a unique program where court wards can participate in wild land (brush) fire suppression and prevention. Specialized fire training is conducted by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and is identical to the training received by employees of the Fire Department. After the successful completion of an 80-hour fire suppression-training program, probation youth are assigned to 14-man crews who work under the direct supervision of Fire Department personnel during fire operations.

The Probation Department works in partnership with government agencies and community groups to promote prevention and intervention to rebuild lives, strengthen families and build community capacity in your neighborhood. On July 15th they will begin a weeklong celebration to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Probation Department and their accomplishments. For more information regarding probation services programs, please visit the Web site at <http://probation.co.la.ca.us>.

Summer Beach Bus Services

Services from the following areas travel to Santa Monica State Beach:

- Altadena
- Antelope Valley
- Charter Oak
- East Los Angeles
- La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge
- Santa Clarita Valley
- Topanga Canyon (also serves Topanga State Beach and Will Rogers State Beach)

Service from South Whittier travels to Long Beach.

Please call our toll free number (888) 769-1122 or visit www.LAGoBus.info for more information on individual routes, schedules, and fares.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich sponsors the Altadena, Antelope Valley, and Charter Oak services. Supervisor Antonovich and the City of La Canada Flintridge sponsor the La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge service. Supervisor Antonovich and the City of Santa Clarita sponsor the Santa Clarita Valley service. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky sponsors the Topanga Canyon service. Supervisor Gloria Molina sponsors the East Los Angeles service. Supervisors Gloria Molina and Don Knabe sponsor the South Whittier service.

Share It



Keep the Taste and Lose the Calories: Become a Smart Snacker!

How often do you stare at a vending machine wishing it contained a few items that you wouldn't feel guilty about eating? How often have you been at a meeting or other event where you just couldn't resist the cookies and other sweets being served, but later regretted caving in?

To make healthier eating an easier option at our workplace, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Los Angeles County Food Policy and its accompanying *Smart Snackers* campaign. Beginning in August 2007, at least 25% of products in County-contracted vending machines will follow *Smart Snackers* nutrition guidelines. While you will still be able to choose your favorite snack from your workplace vending machine, you will now also have the option of selecting a healthier snack. Healthier snack options may include baked chips, crackers, granola bars, water, and unsweetened iced tea. Easier yet, these snacks will be readily identifiable with the *Smart Snackers* apple logo.

Smart Snackers also encourages employees to provide healthier snacks at meetings and to sell healthier food items as a part of workplace-based charitable fundraisers. For instance, at your next meeting, offer air popped popcorn, fruit salad, or nuts. When planning a charitable fundraising event, consider selling non-food items or at least a healthier food item. Your co-workers will thank you for considering their taste buds and their health!

You may be thinking, why is the County telling me what to eat? *Smart Snackers* is not about restricting what you eat, it's about giving you choices. Healthier choices. You are free to bring your favorite foods and drinks to work, as you have always done.

For more information about the *Smart Snackers* campaign, including ideas for healthier snacks to serve at meetings and charitable fundraisers, and how to become a *Smart Snackers* site champion, visit the *Smart Snackers* website www.lapublichealth.org/place (launching in late July 2007), or call Louisa Franco at (213) 351-7828.

Gotta run. There's a bake sale fundraiser on the next floor and I'm craving a cupcake. Um, make that a mango and blueberry salad!

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