



## African American Heritage Month: Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke “A Woman of Firsts” Exhibit at the Los Angeles City Hall

On February 8, the Los Angeles City Council observed African American Heritage Month with the unveiling of “A Woman of Firsts” exhibit featuring the life of Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke that was displayed throughout the month of February.

This exhibit, coordinated by Los Angeles City Councilman Herb Wesson’s Office, in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles photo and graphic arts departments, is a tribute to Supervisor Burke, who is due to retire later this year.

Over the many years of service she has dedicated in the public sector, she has amassed numerous “firsts” and innumerable awards and honors, both as an African American and a woman.

- The First African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress from California in 1972
- Served as Vice Chair of the 1972 Democratic National Convention
- In 1993, became the first African American to serve as Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- In 1953, became the First African American woman admitted to USC’s School of Law since 1928
- First member of congress to give birth while in office



*Supervisor Burke reflects as she views the Los Angeles City Hall Exhibit, displaying her “Many Firsts.”*

These are just a few of the “many firsts” of Supervisor Burke. The display is planned to appear throughout the County until her retirement in December.

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**LA COUNTY SUPERSTARS!**



**INDIVIDUALS  
AND  
TEAMS**

**Coming in May!**

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**Supervisor Antonovich and the County of Los Angeles  
Presents:**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembering Our Veterans:  
Past, Present and Future**

Saturday, May 24  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arcadia County Park  
405 S. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia 91006  
(626) 967-1441

**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](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623

**Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036  
(323) 857-6000  
[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)**

## Arts

Through Mar 30 – SoCal: Southern California Art of the 1960s  
and 70s from LACMA's Collection

Through Nov 2 – Tradition as Innovation in African Art

**Music Center/Disney Concert Hall  
(323) 850-2000**

**Los Angeles Philharmonic  
[www.laphil.com](http://www.laphil.com)**

## March

25 – Green Umbrella with Ursula Oppens  
26 – Chamber Music with Gustavo Dudamel  
28 - 30 – Dudamel conducts Berlioz  
30 – USC Thornton Wind Ensemble

## April

1 – Europa Galante  
2 – Andras Schiff Plays Beethoven – III  
3 - 6 – Leila Josefowicz Plays Bartok  
8 – Anne-Sophie Mutter in Recital  
9 – Andras Schiff Plays Beethoven – IV  
11 & 12 – Beethoven and Strauss  
12 & 19 – Berlioz's Fantastic Symphony  
13 – Midori in Recital  
15 – Chamber Music with Jean-Yves Thibaudet  
16 – Bobby McFerrin/Chick Corea/Jack DeJohnette  
17 - 20 – Thibaudet Plays Grieg  
24 - 26 – Bruckner's Sixth  
27 – Asha Bhosle

## May

1, 2 & 4 – Andsnes Plays Brahms  
3 – Kronos Quartet: 'Nunavut'  
6 – Philharmonia Orchestra - I  
7 – Philharmonia Orchestra - II  
9 - 11 – Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde  
11 – High School Jazz Ensembles  
13 – Chamber Music with Eric Owens  
15 - 18 – Beethoven's Eroica  
16 – The Movement Revisited  
21 – Baroque: Ades & Couperin  
22 – China Philharmonic Orchestra  
23 - 25 – Bartok and Stravinsky  
25 – Organ Recital: Terry Riley  
27 – Green Umbrella with Thomas Ades  
29 - 31 – Salonen's Piano Concerto

## Center Theatre Group

[www.centertheatregroup.org](http://www.centertheatregroup.org)  
Through Apr 13 – No Child...  
Through Apr 6 – Sweeney Todd  
May 11 – Jun 8 – Keep Your Pantheon  
May 11 – Jun 8 – Duck Variations

## Los Angeles Opera

[www.losangelesopera.com](http://www.losangelesopera.com)  
May 17 – Jun 21 – Tosca  
Jun 7 – 28 – La Rondine  
Apr 20 – Bryn Terfel in Recital

## Los Angeles Master Chorale

[www.lamc.org](http://www.lamc.org)  
Apr 6 – Hayden & Gorecki  
May 4 – Almost a cappella  
May 18 – Great Opera Choruses

## Natural History Museum

**900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007**

For a list of events please visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org) or call  
(213) 763-DINO

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Visit <http://dhr.lacounty.info>  
for information on  
employment opportunities  
with the  
County of Los Angeles

## Financial Investment in Youth Creates Over 3,400 Jobs Countywide

Over six months after the County of Los Angeles allocated funds to create jobs for the local youth, the investment has yielded over 3,400 jobs. The motion, introduced by Supervisors Don Knabe and Zev Yaroslavsky during the County’s budget hearings, was unanimously approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors this past summer.

On June 18, 2007, the Board approved an allocation of \$6.5 million to fund the Youth Jobs Program, and directed the Department of Community and Senior Services to use the money to enter into contracts with appropriate Youth Jobs providers throughout the County, including the seven local Workforce Investment Boards. To date, 3,436 jobs have been filled Countywide.



“There is a tremendous need for our youth to be meaningfully engaged in positive activities in our communities, and employment is vital to that experience,” said Supervisor Knabe. “I am very pleased at the success of this program, but our work is not complete. We will be working very hard to press this point at the State and Federal level that job programs for young people is a priority that all of us will benefit from.”

“It’s a great testament not just to our program, but to the energy and commitment of our community’s young people,” said Supervisor Yaroslavsky. “Efforts like this are a win-win for all of us and I hope we can all build on this experience for everyone’s benefit in the future.”

**CALENDAR**

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**Active Arts at the Music Center Kicks Off Day-Long “A Taste of Dance”**

*From Korean Fan Dance to 80’s Warm Up to Viennese Waltz, Event Gives Los Angeles a Chance to Dance for a \$1 a Lesson*

Celebrating the diverse dance heritage and cultures of Los Angeles, Active Arts at the Music Center invites you to join us for a great day of dance on the Plaza and sample a variety of dance styles for a dollar a lesson.

Dance styles include:

80’s Warm Up, Bachata, Caribbean, Korean Fan Dance, Music Video Choreography, Pop & Lock, Scandinavian Folk Dance, Tinikling (Philippines), Viennese Waltz, Zapateado and more!

No prior dance experience necessary. Limited class sizes. Dress in comfortable clothes/shoes, some classes may be danced barefoot.

Active Arts at the Music Center ignites your creative spark! Active Arts offers a series of low or no-cost events for the artist in everyone. Come sing, dance, play music, and tell stories downtown. Be Active.

**When:**

Saturday, March 29 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Music Center Plaza  
135 N. Grand Avenue  
Downtown Los Angeles

**Cost:**

Admission \$1 per lesson, 20 minutes long. Purchase tickets on the day of the event (cash only), on sale beginning at 10:30 a.m.

**Parking:**

Drivers can park in the Music Center Garage for \$8. Additional parking may be available at the Department of Water and Power and the Cathedral of Our Lady Angels.

**Contact:**

(213) 972-3660 or [activearts@musiccenter.org](mailto:activearts@musiccenter.org)

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# 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:*

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## Supervisor Antonovich Announces “Most Improved” in County’s Restaurant Grading System

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich held a press conference touting the success of the County’s restaurant grading system and recognized Adana Restaurant, on receiving a letter “A” grade for food safety and sanitation — up from a “C” when the system began.

Initiated by Supervisor Antonovich in 1997, the County’s Restaurant Food Grading provides consumers with vital information to make informed choices on the food establishments they choose to patronize.

The Journal of Environmental Health has found a 13% decrease in food borne disease hospitalizations in the County of Los Angeles as a result of the program.

In 2006-2007, 83% of all County restaurants received a letter “A” grade, up 40% since the launch of the program a decade ago. Additionally, an October 2007 survey by the Department of Public Health revealed that 91% of County residents like the restaurant grading system, and 65% of residents say they are influenced by the letter grades.

The Department of Public Health’s Environmental Health Division inspects 38,457 retail food facilities; 25,054 restaurants; 12,382 food markets; and 21 retail food processors in 77 cities in the County of Los Angeles each year.



*(from left to right) Terrance Powell, Environmental Health; Esther Moo, Environmental Health; Supervisor Antonovich; Edward Khechemyian, owner of Adana Restaurant.*



*(from left to right) Supervisor Antonovich, chefs from the Adana Restaurant, and Edward Khechemyian, owner of Adana Restaurant.*

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#### **DANCE AT THE MUSIC CENTER – American Ballet Theatre**

American Ballet Theatre (ABT) returns to perform the world’s most beloved ballet Swan Lake, a romantic tale of love, betrayal and forgiveness. This stunning production offers breathtaking choreography, lavish costumes, visually spectacular sets and Tchaikovsky’s glorious score – a grand presentation Los Angeles audiences are sure to enjoy! Join Elizabeth Kaye, author of American Ballet Theatre: A 25-Year Retrospective, for a pre-performance discussion beginning one hour prior to curtain in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Grand Hall.

#### **When:**

Thursday, March 27 – Sunday, March 30  
30-minute pre-performance discussion begins one hour prior to each performance in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Grand Hall.

#### **Where:**

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

#### **Cost:**

Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion box office, Ticketmaster.com or (213) 365-3500.

#### **Parking:**

Drivers can park underneath the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion for \$8 a day. Additional parking is available at the Department of Water and Power and the Cathedral.



## Department of Consumer Affairs Provides Assistance to Homeowners Facing Foreclosure



As the number of homes entering the foreclosure process reaches record levels in the County, the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is available to assist with Real Estate related problems. DCA's trained counselors and investigators are here to help you and all of our services are free to the public.

- If you are buying a new home, speak with one of our counselors who can help you make wise choices about the biggest purchase of your life.
- If you are refinancing a loan, speak with one of our counselors and let them review your loan documents before you sign.

- If you are facing foreclosure, call our counselors to learn more about your options.
- If you have been a victim of foreclosure consultant fraud, our investigators can help you resolve the issue.

Contact the Department of Consumer Affairs' Real Estate Fraud and Information program by calling (800) 973-3370 or visit us on the Web at [dca.lacounty.gov](http://dca.lacounty.gov).

### RETIREES

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## Supervisor Molina Announces New Playgrounds at Dalton and Sunshine Parks

Supervisor Gloria Molina announced that two new playgrounds have opened in the San Gabriel Valley: one at Dalton Park in unincorporated Azusa and another at Sunshine Park in unincorporated Valinda.

“For so many children in the County of Los Angeles – especially those whose families simply cannot afford to buy homes – public parks take the place of private backyards,” Supervisor Molina said. “So we take park and green space development very seriously. Last summer, we prioritized the construction of splash pads at First District parks and the creation of green space along our rivers. More such projects are on the horizon. But in the meantime, we are pleased to open these two new playgrounds to the public.

Both playgrounds offer children between the ages of two and 12 a new colorful structure on which to play – and rubber tile surfacing, which ensures our kids play safely. Look for news of more First District park improvements in future editions.



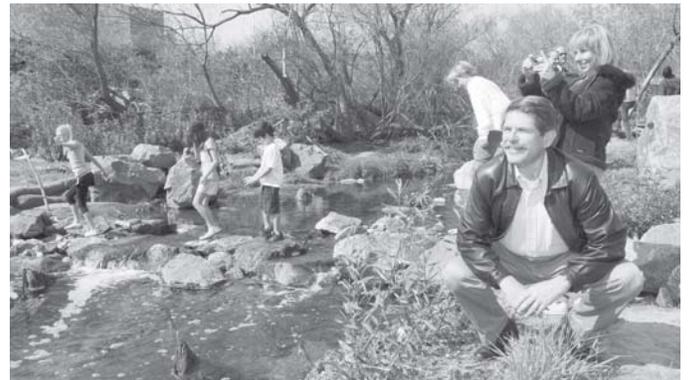
*Sunshine Park*



*Dalton Park*

## Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project Grand Opening in Calabasas

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky recently joined the mayor of Calabasas and other elected officials and community members to dedicate a newly restored portion of Las Virgenes Creek. The seven-month restoration project involved a 400-foot stretch of creek between the 101 Freeway and the Agoura Road bridge, entailing removal of more than 1,500 tons of concrete from what had been a flood-control channel, and planting native vegetation instead to return it to a more natural state. Funding for the \$1.24 million project was shared among the state Water Resources Control Board, the California Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Water Resources, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Calabasas. Mountains Restoration Trust will assist the city with monitoring conditions for the flora and fauna in and alongside the restored streambed.



### Celebrate Earth Day

at Department of Public Works Headquarters

900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra

April 30, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Information on Ridesharing, Energy Saving,  
Water Conservation and Recycling.

For more information, please call (888) CLEAN-LA  
or visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com)

# This spring, *Stop and Smell the Flowers!* at the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Four Arboreta and Botanic Gardens

March is the perfect time to stroll through gardens and admire the new blooms arriving with spring. Come see what unique and beautiful plants thrive in the diverse arboreta and botanic gardens that the County of Los Angeles makes available to you. While you're at it, take a brisk walk in the fresh air and become more physically and mentally fit.

Be sure to check out the events below:

## Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Dr.  
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011  
(818) 949-4200



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Through May 31	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Family Adventure Trail
Through May 15	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Boddy House Heritage Exhibit
March 22 – 23	9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Easter Family Brunch
March 22	9:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
March 22	10:00 a.m. to Noon	Containers Full of Spring Flowers
March 23	9:30 a.m.	Easter Baby Animals
March 25	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Leave Your Lawn Classes Begin
March 28 – 29	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Descanso's Spring Plant Sale
March 29	7:00 a.m.	Spring at the Flower District
Through – April 3	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Kertes, Drobner and Del Pesco Exhibit at Descanso Gardens
Through May 31	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Family Adventure Trail
Through May 18	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Boddy House Heritage Exhibit
April 3	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Landscape in Acrylics, Classes Begin
April 5 – 6	11:00 a.m. to Noon	A World of Good: Salad Demonstrations
April 5 – 6	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	A World of Good Weekend Kids' Veggie People Craft Table
April 5	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	A World of Good Weekend: Robby Longley
April 6	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	A World of Good Weekend: Banshee in the Kitchen
April 8	8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Spring Tai Chi Class, Begins
April 11 – 13	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Mt. Sac Plant Sale
April 12	10:00 a.m. to Noon	GreenSpeak Lecture: What is Environmentalism? On the Banks of the L.A. River



## South Coast Botanic Gardens

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274  
(310) 544-1948

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 30	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Dahlia Lecture
April 6	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Rare Fruit Lecture
April 12 – 13	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale
April 18	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Annual Spring Sale

## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Honored by Alliance to Keep Kids Tobacco Free

Pictured left to right with Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (second from left) are Michael Franklin, Community Organizer with Inglewood Citizens to End Youth Access to Tobacco; Mike Pedro, Outreach Specialist with Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA); and Alisha Lopez, Director of Tobacco Prevention Program, Valley Community Clinic. The trio visited Supervisor Yaroslavsky to thank him in person for sponsoring the tobacco retail licensing ordinance to crack down on underage tobacco purchases in the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. Supervisor Yaroslavsky's office is working to encourage the County's 88 cities to follow suit and toughen tobacco-purchase enforcement throughout the entire County.



### FLOWERS

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#### Virginia Robinson Gardens

1008 Elden Way  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
(310) 276-5367

Date	Event
March 29	Superintendent Garden Tour and Class
April 4	Superintendent Garden Tour and Class
April 24	"Persian Rugs...Magic Carpets", Lecture and Luncheon

#### Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Ave.  
Arcadia, CA 91007  
(626) 821-3222

Date	Time	Event
March 29 - 30	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Orchid Show and Sale
April 2	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Introduction to Colored Pencil Techniques Class
April 3	9:30 a.m. to Noon	Thursday Garden Talks with Lili Singer
April 5	10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Spring Iris Show
April 5	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Las Artistas De Flores Exhibit
April 5	7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Santa Anita Park 5K Run & Walk
April 5	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Family Bird Walk
April 6	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Las Artistas De Flores Exhibit
April 7	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Botanical Watercolor Workshop
April 12 - 13	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Korean Garden Festival



*Stop and Smell the Flowers!* is a part of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's Play for Life! A public information campaign encouraging families, youth, seniors and everyone in between to be active, be healthy and Play for Life! at one of the more than 140 beautiful County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreational facilities. For more information, visit [www.lacountyparks.org](http://www.lacountyparks.org).

# ENRICHING LIVES...

## Music Center Honors Top Arts Educators at BRAVO Awards Gala

*Winners are Angela Gottschall, Janet Barker, Safini Convey,  
Colfax Avenue Elementary and San Marino High School*

The Music Center of Los Angeles County, a national leader in arts education, announced the winners of the 26th Annual BRAVO Awards on February 27, 2008 at a gala dinner at the historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The BRAVO Award honors teachers and schools for exemplary education in the arts. The awards are an integral part of the Music Center's leadership in supporting quality arts education for all students.

Colfax Avenue Elementary in Valley Village and San Marino High School in San Marino tied for the school award and each received \$5,000. Janet Barker from Parras Middle School in Redondo Beach and Safini Convey from Mount Washington Elementary in Los Angeles tied for the generalist award and each received \$2,000. Angela Gottschall from Hale Middle School in Valley Village won the arts specialist award and received \$4,000. All winners also received a BRAVO sculpture designed by artist Bill Crutchfield.

The gala dinner, emceed since the events inception by acclaimed producer/director Garry Marshall, showcases the hard work and dedication these educators have given to their students' arts education, their profession and their communities.

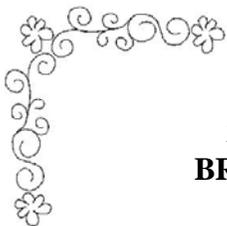
In addition to the BRAVO Awards, the evening recognized the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for their vision and commitment to strengthen arts education. "School districts play an essential role in establishing the policies and providing the resources needed to make arts education a priority and a reality for all students," states Mark Slavkin, Music Center Vice President of Education. "No other large urban district nationally has achieved this same breadth, depth and sustained commitment. The LAUSD is truly a leader in the field."

The Music Center BRAVO Award was established in 1982 to recognize teachers and schools for innovation and excellence in arts education. The BRAVO Awards honor educators who use the arts to revitalize teaching, enhance student achievement and foster self-esteem, teamwork and cross-cultural communication and understanding.

The 2008 BRAVO Awards Program is made possible, in part, by a grant from The William Morris Agency. Teacher cash awards are generously donated by Robert Haft, Elinor Turner, Grace Labatt and Sue Tsao. The BRAVO Awards Program is a project of Club 100, a group of dynamic women dedicated to supporting arts education programs at the Music Center. Club 100 dues and donations provide support for the BRAVO Awards gala. Joan Boyett and Marjorie Bender are Club 100 co-presidents and 2008 BRAVO co-chairs are Sheila Poncher and Janice Wallace.



*2008 BRAVO Finalists and Club 100 Co-Presidents and Co-Chairs  
Seated (l-r) Janice Wallace, Angela Gottschall, Thomas Cooper  
Standing (l-r): Loren Kleinrock (San Marino High School), Joni  
(Colfax Avenue Elementary), Lisa Jenks, Marjorie Bender, Joan  
Susan Gomez (Colfax Avenue Elementary)*



**2008 Music Center  
BRAVO Award Winners**

**ARTS SPECIALISTS**

Angela Gottschall  
Hale Middle School  
Grades: 6-8  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
(818) 313-7400

**GENERALISTS**

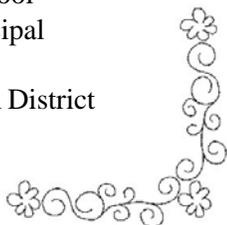
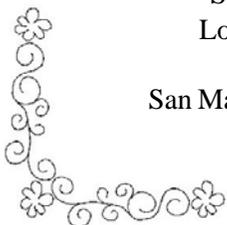
Janet Barker  
Parras Middle School  
Grade: 8  
Redondo Beach Unified School District  
(310) 798-8616 x201

Safini Convey  
Mount Washington Elementary  
Grade: 3  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
(323) 225-8320

**SCHOOLS**

Colfax Avenue Elementary  
Joanie Freckmann, Principal  
Grades: PreK-5  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
(818) 761-5115

San Marino High School  
Loren Kleinrock, Principal  
Grades: 9-12  
San Marino Unified School District  
(626) 299-7020



...irs:  
(Sycamore Elementary), Janet Barker  
Swenson, Sheila Poncher, Joanie Freckman  
an Boyett, Safini Convey, Paul Stephenson,

**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**:

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- **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.

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- 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                     |

<b>Gloria Molina</b> Supervisor First District	<b>Yvonne B. Burke</b> Supervisor Second District	<b>Zev Yaroslavsky</b> Supervisor Third District	<b>Don Knabe</b> Supervisor Fourth District	<b>Michael D. Antonovich</b> Supervisor Fifth District
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## Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market Opens in Compton

Prince Andrew, British trade representative, joined by Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke and City of Compton Mayor, Eric Perrodin, attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly opened Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market in the City of Compton. The market is located at 2175 W. Rosecrans Avenue, at the corner of Central Avenue.

Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market is a local, neighborhood store that provides fresh, wholesome food at affordable prices to its consumers. They provide great food you can trust!



*Prince Andrew, British trade representative, Supervisor Burke, Compton Mayor Perrodin and community members attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly opened Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market in Compton.*

The Fresh & Easy chain is owned by the British supermarket giant Tesco. They have now applied for permits to open at least 70 more locations throughout Southern California.



*The new Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market located at 2175 W. Rosecrans Avenue.*

## Grand Opening for Hart Village Affordable Housing Project

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky celebrated the grand opening of Hart Village, a new affordable housing development in Canoga Park. The project is home to 47 working families, and its “green building” features include a solar energy system, Energy Star-qualified appliances and energy-efficient building materials. Residents also benefit from on-site after-school programs, job-skills training and a computer lab.



*(From left to right) Cecilia Estolano, Chief Executive Officer, Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA); Dennis Zine, Los Angeles City Councilmember; Allyne Winderman, Board Chairperson, Los Angeles Community Design Center; Supervisor Yaroslavsky; and Robin Hughes, President, Los Angeles Community Design Center.*

## Supervisor Antonovich Kicks Off “Technology Week” In Los Angeles County

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined former astronaut and the first woman in space, Sally Ride, to officially kick off the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Technology Week”, January 28 through February 1, throughout the County of Los Angeles.

“The goal of ‘Tech Week’ is to highlight economic development and technology that is improving the quality of life in our County. The County of Los Angeles has a long history of developing innovation and technology.”

“Dr. Sally Ride is with us today celebrating 50 years in space. The space shuttle was developed in the County of Los Angeles – in the Antelope Valley. The Internet was not invented by Al Gore; however, the ‘domain name system’ that makes it user-friendly was invented in the County of Los Angeles.” The laser beam, satellite TV, and many other innovations were all conceived in the County of Los Angeles.



(from left to right) Mark Lieberman; Supervisor Antonovich; Sally Ride, former NASA astronaut; CIO Jon Fullinwinder; Jim Schaefer.

The County of Los Angeles is also home to many of the premier research facilities in the world – Caltech and JPL, USC and UCLA, Edwards Air Force Base, the City of Hope, the Doheny Eye Institute, and the House Ear Institute. With the expansion of the Gold Line, the San Gabriel Valley is fast becoming the region’s new high tech corridor.

### Events at the Natural History Museum

#### **Thomas the *T. rex* Lab Opens!**

Sunday, March 30, 2008

Visit the new Thomas the *T. rex* Lab, a working paleontological laboratory devoted to the preparation of the Museum’s most famous *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Scientists and researchers, led by Dr. Luis Chiappe, Director of the Museum’s Dinosaur Institute, excavated the creature nicknamed Thomas during field expeditions in Montana between 2003 and 2005. With a skeleton that is nearly 70% complete, he was a rare discovery and now an integral part of the National History Museum’s remarkable *T. rex* growth series. As its work continues, the Thomas the *T. rex* Lab will surely unlock mysteries about this fascinating species – how and where it lived, grew and died.

#### **Fieldwork Discovery Series: Hidden Life in Tropical Rain Forests**

Sunday, March 23, 2008; 1 p.m.– 2 p.m.

Entomology Curator Dr. Brian Brown recounts some of his experiences in search of strange, previously unknown insects in the tropical rain forests of Central America, South America, and Asia. He will show how a scientist, facing the “green wall” for the first time, begins to make discoveries that have far-reaching effects on our understanding of the dynamics of life in a tropical forest. If you have ever wondered how curators explore far-away places, this presentation will show you some of the challenges that they encounter, but also the excitement and satisfaction of new discoveries.

#### **Camp Geotrek Family Overnight Adventure**

Friday, March 28 – Saturday, March 29

Ever wonder what happens in the Museum at night? Find out as we tour the Museum’s Gem and Mineral Hall, explore some of the ancient fossils in our collections, and take an up-close and personal look at some live relatives of creatures that roamed the Earth millions of years ago. Bring your sleeping bag, air mattress and flashlight and fall asleep surrounded by animals in our diorama halls. Snack and light breakfast is provided for all participants. Ages 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Reservations required, call (213) 763-3536. Members \$40; Nonmembers \$45.

## Supervisor Antonovich Kicks Off Chinese New Year and Honors Miss LA Chinatown 2008 Court

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 29, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented scrolls to participants in the Miss Los Angeles Chinatown 2008 pageant and officially kicked off Chinese New Year celebrations throughout the County of Los Angeles.

“For more than 35 years, the Miss Los Angeles Chinatown Pageant has been one of the most anticipated events in the Los Angeles’ Chinese community,” said Supervisor Antonovich.

The young ladies participating in the pageant spend 10 weeks learning techniques on public speaking and presentation, as well as the history and current affairs surrounding the Chinese American community.

The crowned Miss Los Angeles Chinatown and her court represent the Chinese American community as goodwill ambassadors to communities throughout Southern California. The queen and her court will have the opportunity to attend the Chinese New Year festivities including the annual golden dragon parade, and Chinese New Year banquet.



*(from left to right) Jackie Tsang, Third Princess; Karin Yi Chieh Lin, Second Princess; Supervisor Antonovich; Sharon Isadora Ha, Queen.*

### “It’s A Wrap!” for TV News Anchor Linda Alvarez

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Gloria Molina recently honored television news anchor and reporter Linda Alvarez at a Board of Supervisors meeting after Alvarez announced her retirement from the news business that she had worked in for almost 30 years.

“Linda Alvarez is a familiar face to so many television news viewers throughout the County of Los Angeles, and we will miss her professional reporting and her smooth delivery,” Supervisor Molina said. “She has served as an inspiration to the Latino community – especially our young women – and has inspired countless young people to pursue careers in journalism. We wish her the best.”

Linda Alvarez has worked at KNBC Channel 4, KCBS Channel 2, and KCAL Channel 9. She has earned numerous awards, including 12 Emmys, various Press Club honors, and Golden Mike awards.



#### FIRSTS

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*Los Angeles City Councilman Herb Wesson, joined by former Los Angeles City Councilman Nate Holden, Supervisor Burke, and Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard Parks, announces the unveiling of the L.A. City Hall Exhibit “A Woman of Firsts.”*

## Supervisor Burke Welcomes World Famous Harlem Globetrotters as Part of County’s Black History Month Observance

*Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 15-17  
as “Harlem Globetrotters Weekend” in the County of Los Angeles*

On Friday, February 8, Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke observed African American Heritage Month by welcoming current and past members of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters, and proclaiming the weekend of February 15-17 as “Harlem Globetrotters Weekend” in the County of Los Angeles.

On hand representing the Globetrotters were “Sweet” Lou Dunbar and Globetrotters’ forward “Wildkat” Edgerson.

A former Pac-10 All-Academic team honoree, Edgerson has become a favorite among teammates and fans with his retro style, work ethic, personality and energy. During his collegiate career at the University of Arizona, Edgerson appeared in two NCAA final fours (1997-2001), winning the NCAA Championship in 1997.

Dunbar’s on-court comedy routines captured the hearts of thousands of fans, traveling three times around the world, playing in front of more than 10 million people on six continents. Now in his 28th season with the organization, he is passing that love and considerable knowledge on to a new generation of Globetrotters as a coach and in player development.

Supervisor Burke recognized the Globetrotters’ organization for its long involvement in Los Angeles County communities, hosting basketball clinics for children residing in



*Supervisor Burke with Globetrotter Coach, “Sweet” Lou Dunbar and forward, “Wildkat” Edgerson.*

Hawthorne, Inglewood, Long Beach, Pacific Palisades, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, Santa Monica and South Los Angeles.

The team brought their 2008 “Magic As Ever” World Tour to the Southland the weekend of February 15-17 with a doubleheader on Saturday, February 16 at the Honda Center in Anaheim and on Sunday, February 17 at the STAPLES Center in Los Angeles.

The Globetrotters have toured the world bringing smiles and joy to people of all ages, crossing barriers between cultures, societies and people from all walks of life for more than 82 years, playing in an unprecedented 118 countries on six continents entertaining more than 125 million fans, including heads of state, prime ministers, kings, queens, royalty, presidents, governors, mayors, board of supervisors and the Pope.

Nationwide, the Globetrotters have visited over 1,000 elementary schools presenting their “Cooperation, Healthy Minds and Body, Effort, Enthusiasm and Responsibility (C.H.E.E.R.)” program to hundreds of thousands of students.



*Supervisor Burke showing her own hidden talent of balancing and spinning a basketball on one finger, alongside Globetrotter Coach, “Sweet” Lou Dunbar and forward, “Wildkat” Edgerson.*

## Beaches and Harbors' Outdoor Adventures Presents Birdwatching and Kayaking

Beaches and Harbors is offering another season of "Outdoor Adventures" in educational birdwatching, harbor kayaking, and surf kayaking in Marina del Rey.

All birdwatching sessions meet Thursdays once-monthly through June at the Burton Chace Park Community Room. Participants are then taken to various sites in the Ballona Wetlands to observe various bird species compete for resources in the shoreline and vegetation habitats. Participants will also be given the rare opportunity to see some of the Great Blue Heron and Black Crowned Night Heron nesting sites. Birdwatching excursions are free to the public, but registration is required. Though this activity is geared towards adults, children who do not require a car seat or stroller are welcome to join in.

Dates and times of birdwatching excursions:

March 27: 4:00 p.m.  
April 24: 9:00 a.m.  
May 15: 4:00 p.m.  
June 26: 9:00 a.m.

For registration, call (310) 628-2135.



Harbor and surf kayaking sessions begin March 29, 2008. All sessions will meet at the Boathouse in Burton Chace Park. Those who wish to participate in harbor kayaking will experience a leisure kayaking outing in the Marina harbor. Surf kayaking is for the more adventurous, as participants will get the opportunity to kayak through Marina Harbor and head out to the North Jetty. The group will get to surf the waves aboard sit-on-top kayaks. Both kayaking activities provide a great opportunity for families to experience a fun-filled outdoor adventure.

Pre-registration is a must for all kayaking sessions and they are available to ages 10 and up. Surf kayaking will require previous kayaking experience, and participants must be recommended by one of the instructors. All kayaking sessions are held Saturdays from 8 to 11 am. Dates are:

March 29  
April 26  
May 17  
June 28  
September 27  
October 25  
November 22

For registration and payment information, call (310) 305-9587.

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## Safe Surrender Program Off to a Successful Year



Just a few months into 2008, the County of Los Angeles Safe Surrender Program is already off to another successful year with three newborns having already been safely surrendered. These recent surrenders also included the unique occurrence of two surrenders happening on the same day. With the three surrenders since the beginning of the year, a total of 65 newborns have now been safely surrendered since the program began in 2001.

The first surrender of 2008 was a baby girl who was brought to the County of Los Angeles Fire Station 20 in the City of Norwalk on January 9. She was the 63rd safely surrendered baby. Baby 64 was a newborn boy surrendered at an urgent care facility in the City of Huntington Park on January 20. That same day, another baby girl was surrendered at a hospital in the City of Monterey Park.

This is not the first time multiple surrenders have happened on the same day. Last year, two babies were surrendered in different parts of the County on January 17, 2007. Two different surrenders also occurred on February 10, 2007.

The County of Los Angeles Safe Surrender Program was initiated by Supervisor Don Knabe and approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors in 2001. It allows someone to surrender an infant that is no more than three days old, as long as the infant shows no signs of abuse.




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**Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich  
Los Angeles County**

*at his 11<sup>th</sup> annual event*

## **“Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families Past, Present and Future”**

**Saturday, May 24, 2008**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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# Share It



## Department of Beaches and Harbors Offers W.A.T.E.R. Camps for Young People During Spring Break

The Water Awareness, Training, Education and Recreation (W.A.T.E.R.) Youth Program of the Department of Beaches and Harbors is offering three of its most popular aquatic sports camps for boys and girls, ages 7 to 17, during spring break.

Camps available for the spring program are surf and ocean-sports camps, and beginning sailing. To be eligible for the camps, boys and girls must have passed the W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program's required swim test.

Eligible youngsters, ages 11 to 17, can join Surf Camps, held at Venice Pier at the end of Washington Boulevard, Monday through Friday, March 24-28; and at Manhattan Pier in Manhattan Beach, Monday through Friday, April 7-11. Camps are held from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm.

Eligible boys and girls, ages seven to 14, can join Ocean-Sports Camps, held at Venice Pier Monday through Friday, March 24-28, and at Manhattan Pier April 7-11. Camps begin at 8:30 am and end at 2:30 pm.

Beginning Sailing Camps will be held for youngsters, ages 11 to 17, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Marina del Rey Boathouse, 13640 Mindanao Way, First Floor, at Burton Chace Park in Marina del Rey. Dates are Monday through Friday, March 24- 28 and April 7-11.

The W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program, designed to raise awareness of ocean and beach safety through aquatic-related sports activities, is conducted by County of Los Angeles Ocean Lifeguards who have received special training in working with young people.

All equipment is provided and fees range between \$100 and \$135 for the week-long sessions. Financial aid is available, based on family income. Free transportation is provided from non-beach areas during camp weeks.

For information or to request an application, please call the W.A.T.E.R. Youth Program at (310) 305-9587.



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