

County DIGEST



JULY 2008 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke's Annual Ministers' Breakfast

"Partnering in Vision to Strengthen our Community"

There were 150 attendees of inter-denominational clergy present, representing the very ethnic and diverse community of the Second District at the USC Radisson Hotel for Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke's Annual Ministers' Breakfast on May 19. Some of those in attendance were of Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Muslim, Episcopalian, Islamic, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Protestant denominations. KJLH's "L.A. Speaks Out" Radio Host, Jacquie Stephens, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Inspiring musical selections were performed by Neuhaus Entertainment's group, Trilogy. The invocation was given by Reverend Eric P. Lee, President/CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles.

A number of County department heads were present, including Cynthia Banks, Director of Community and Senior Services; Philip L. Browning, Director of Public Social Services; Janice Fukai, the Alternate Public Defender; Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel; Pastor Herrera Jr., Director of Consumer Affairs; Dean C. Logan, the Registrar-Recorder; Patricia Ploehn, Director of Children and Family Services; and Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer.

Supervisor Burke gave remarks regarding the positive improvements at King/Drew Medical Center. She recognized the dedication and hard work of Dr. Robert G. Splawn, recently appointed as Interim Chief Medical Director. Very encouraging remarks were made by Dr. Splawn regarding the state of healthcare in Los Angeles County.

In addition, Supervisor Burke emphasized the importance of consumer protection services, especially in light of the record levels of homes in Los Angeles County entering the foreclosure process. She encouraged clergy to attend one of the workshops preceding the breakfast on the topics of Consumer Protection and Community and Economic Development.

Trained staff from the Department of Consumer Affairs and subject matter experts from Comerica Bank, Washington Mutual and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services gave presentations on services and programs that promote lifelong homeownership and stable

communities. Clergy also learned how faith-based organizations can play a critical role in the economic vitality of our community from representatives of the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, and such agencies as Comerica Bank, Force of Hope EDC, Growth Capital Associates, Infinity Financial Consultants, and Special Service for Groups (SSG).

The event sponsors, Comerica Bank; Inglewood Park Cemetery/Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary; USC Transportation Services; and Washington Mutual Bank were all commended by Supervisor Burke and presented with plaques.

The program closed with a benediction given by Reverend E. Winford Bell of the Inglewood Park Cemetery/Mortuary, before participants retreated into selected workshops.

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"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

EVENT CALENDAR

Ford Amphitheatre

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www.fordamphitheatre.com

August

- 2 - Angahara Dance Ensemble - PANCHATANTRA
- 2 - Kollaboration Acoustic 2
- 3 - Tia Chucha's Celebration of Community & Culture
- 8-9 - FOCUSfish Flying Circus, GUSH-E.D.
- 9 - Diavolo Dance Theater, Pas-Sages
- 10 - An Evening of Independence
- 14 - 2008 Stars for the Arts Celebration of Latin Jazz, José Rizo
- 15 - Celebracion Angelina 2008 con PABLO MONTERO
- 16 - Kayamanan Ng Lahi
- 16 - Fiesta Argentina: Siempre Tango

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068

(323) 850-2000

www.hollywoodbowl.org

August

- 3 - KCRW's World Festival: Reggae Night VII
- 5 - Nothing But Beethoven
- 7 - French Masters
- 8-10 - Les Misérables In Concert
- 12 - Glass & Elgar
- 13 - Etta James & The Roots Band
- 14 - Percussion, Planets, and Pictures
- 15-16 - A Night in Old Havana
- 17 - JVC Jazz
- 19 - Joshua Bell à la Française

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 Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Arts

Through September – BCAM Inaugural Installation
Through Nov 2 – Tradition as Innovation in African Art

Music

Through September – Latin Sounds, Saturdays 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Through November – Friday Night Jazz, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sundays Live – Every Sunday at 6 p.m.

Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211

www.musiccenter.org

Walt Disney Concert Hall

www.musiccenter.org

August

- 1 - Seoul National University Alumni Association Chorale
- 3 - LA National Symphony
- 8 - Dance Downtown featuring TLou and his Superhot Zydeco Band
- 9 - Drum Downtown
- 9 - Los Angeles Symphony
- 10 - Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall
- 15 - Friday Night Sing-A-Long
- 15 - Artists for Kids - Armenian Navy Band
- 17 - Idyllwild Music Festival
- 22 - Dance Downtown
- 23 - Korean American Youth Symphony Benefit Concert
- 24 - Cal Phil at Walt Disney Concert Hall
- 25 - Gay Men's Chorus

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

September 3-Oct 19 – 9 to 5: The Musical

Mark Taper Forum

Aug 30-Oct 19 - The House of Blue Leaves

Kirk Douglas Theatre

Sept 20-Oct 26 - This Beautiful City

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County Internship Program Benefits Veterans



VETERANS' INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



In August 2006, Supervisors Don Knabe and Michael D. Antonovich joined together in calling for the creation of the Veterans' Internship Program (VIP), which is now available to military veterans who have been honorably discharged. The program provides veterans with special access to employment and internship opportunities in the County. Participants are hired into paid internships in various County departments, lasting up to 24 months, and receive benefits and additional job training throughout their internship. VIP participants are then eligible to compete for permanent County positions.

On May 14, Kunny Yin became the first permanent County employee hired through the VIP when he was appointed as an Information Technology Support Analyst II within the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector. Yin is a Long Beach resident and was initially hired into the internship program in December 2007. Once he was hired as a permanent employee, he jumped 18 steps on the County pay scale. He served in the Army National Guard for three years, and was trained as a computer information analyst.

"The program really helped me get my foot in the door towards permanent employment," said Yin. "My whole experience throughout the internship was nothing but a good thing." In addition to Yin's appointment, there have been four other veteran interns who have gained permanent employment during their participation in the VIP.

A total of 63 veterans have been hired into the VIP Program and are currently working in internships across the County in 13 different departments, including 14 in the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, 13 in the Probation Department, and 11 in the Department of Public Social Services. The County was also honored as an "Employer of the Year" by the California Employer Advisory Council for providing outstanding employment services to veterans.

"Our veterans have served our nation and sacrificed their lives for our freedom," said Supervisor Antonovich. "This program provides our veterans the opportunity to apply their skills, learn new ones and compete effectively for employment."

"The County has jobs available in many areas that require very special skills or training, the same skills or training that veterans often receive during their service to our nation," said Supervisor Knabe. "Matching the wonderful talents of our veterans to the needs of the County, in the form of a permanent job, is a great way to honor the service of our nation's veterans."

Anyone interested in the Veterans' Internship Program is encouraged to visit <http://dhr.lacounty.info> and click onto the direct link to the program or call (213) 639-6385.

The Los Angeles County Learning Academy Announces Its Fall 2008 Programs

Certificate Programs

- Administrative Analyst/Assistant
(September, DPW)
- Budget and Finance
(September, CSULA)
- Division Chief
(September, CSULA)
- Staff Assistant (ongoing, various)

Workshops/Seminars

- Cash and Cash Equivalents Fraud
- Conflict Management and Negotiations (CSULA)
- Designing and Managing Workplace Teams (CSUDH)
- Ethical Decision Making and Conduct in the Public Sector (USC)
- Fraud Awareness and Prevention

Math and Writing Classes (ongoing, various locations)

County of Los Angeles employees can learn more about these programs and others by visiting www.losangelescountyacademy.org or by calling the Learning Academy hotline at (213) 738-2870.

RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after **40** or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL: Gregory M. Brooks

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Lavidia M. Lane

HEALTH SERVICES: Elizabeth Crawford, Karen Horton

PROBATION: Dorothy M. Simmons

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Carol A. Swensen, Valarie R. Travis

SUPERIOR COURT: Robert Gunn

*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: Maria B. Fowler, Vivian L. Ramsey

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Joseph Fields

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Phil H. Aghbashian

HEALTH SERVICES: Theodore V. Benson, Dolores S. Duran, Bruce R. Ellinoy, Gloria D. Haro, Grace Herrera, Patricia Jefferson, Shirley J. Johnson, Paula J. Leibowitz, Sylvia Rebrovich, Lorraine Robinson, Portia Roberson, Trudie Smith Junya K. Srisam Ang

HUMAN RESOURCES: Annette M. Brown, Travis J Howland

INTERNAL SERVICES: Frank Y. Hsia, Samone Souksamlane

PROBATION: Katherine L. Brooks, Edward J. Krol, Harry Suzukawa, Dennis N. Trani

PUBLIC HEALTH: Grace Buero, David A. Edmond, Thurston Reese

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Virgilio S. Angeles, Mary E. Lewis, Dennis C. Martin

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Geraldine D. Ford, Elizabeth L. Lopez, Tawanda Miles Collin, Bertha Soto, Paulette A. Wilkerson

PUBLIC WORKS: George V. Gates

SHERIFF: Orlando R. Atencio, Patricia L. Kubel

SUPERIOR COURT: Lillian F. Mosses

*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:*

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Louise M. Young

FIRE: Micheal E. Botenhagen, William C. Gussman

HEALTH SERVICES: Maria P. Monterrosa, William Rogers, Frances Soto, Jaqueline White, Claudette Wiltz

PROBATION: Robert C. Giles, Tracy L. Pepper, Wardine J. Willis

PUBLIC HEALTH: Rochelle Abramovitz, Sylvia Moreno, Norma A. Ng

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Andrietta Lewis-Hill

PUBLIC WORKS: Ruben Barajas, Douglas Meadows

SHERIFF: Charles J. Dery, Jeffrey S. Ray

SUPERIOR COURT: Kevil Martin



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Supervisor Antonovich Delivers Commencement Address at Antelope Valley College



Delivering the commencement address to the more than 1,200 members of the Antelope Valley College’s 78th graduating class at the Palmdale Amphitheater at Marie Kerr Park, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich encouraged the graduates to embrace the opportunities available to them in the County.

Calling on the graduates to continue their commitment to learning, maintaining a strong work ethic, and treating others as they would like to be treated, Supervisor Antonovich asked the audience, “Did you know that Los Angeles County is the 17th largest economy in the world?”

“Our County is the nation’s leader in business, entertainment, manufacturing, technology and trade – with \$442 billion in annual output. In terms of annual production, we rank 24th on a list of the world’s nations – larger than Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden and Austria. We have over 200 institutions of higher learning. Our two ports serve as the nation’s number one gateway to the global economy, handling more than 70 percent of all freight traffic on the west coast. Our own Antelope Valley is larger than the state of Connecticut and home to over 13,000 businesses.”

“So each of you has opportunities at every turn – the question is which turn are you going to take?” Supervisor Antonovich also emphasized to the students not to be discouraged when they had setbacks while pursuing their goals.

“The difference between winners and losers is winners get up after being knocked down. Thomas Edison went through 1,000 experiments before he developed the light bulb. Abraham Lincoln lost eight elections before he won the presidency. These men had ambition, perseverance, and refused to be discouraged. They were winners who got up after being knocked down.”

Lastly, Supervisor Antonovich added “that while you are achieving your career goals, don’t forget your family and friends.”

“In the last century, the American diplomat Charles Francis Adams took his son fishing. Adams noted in his diary, ‘spent the day fishing with my son – a day wasted.’ But that night, his son Brook wrote in his diary, ‘went fishing with my father today – the most wonderful day of my life.’”



Supervisor Antonovich with Dr. Jackie Fisher, President of Antelope Valley College



El Proyecto del Barrio Opens Child Development Center

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky joins staff and visiting officials to help celebrate the grand opening of a Child Development Center operated by El Proyecto del Barrio, a nonprofit organization that for some 30 years has provided community health and human services and at-risk youth programs to the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. The new facility is located at 9140 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys.

ENRICHING LIVES...

“Steps to Healthier Lifestyle Initiative”

On May 20 at the Board of Supervisors Hearing, Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke announced, “For 2008, the Commission for Women will provide County employees with complimentary classes on fitness, nutrition and a weekly exercise program of walking and/or running to complement the healthy lifestyle programs currently sponsored by the County’s Wellness Program.” She also encouraged any County department that is tasked with wellness or health promotion to partner with the Commission for Women and develop an innovative program that will encourage staff participation.



Free Classes on Fitness for County Employees

This summer, the Commission for Women is offering complimentary classes to County employees on fitness, diet, how to select the perfect shoes, and how to begin a walking/running regiment. David Levine, Head Training Coach for City of Angels Half Marathon, is the instructor. He is also a coach with a triathlon group in Southern California and certified with the USA Triathlon organization and is willing to come to your department to candidly discuss fitness and a wellness program. For more information, call the Commission office at (213) 974-1455.

Free Weekly Walking & Running Training

The Commission for Women and the Department of Parks and Recreation are offering complimentary training at various sites throughout the County of Los Angeles.

District	Location	Day/Time	Phone Number
1 st	Griffith Park (located on Zoo Drive between Travel Town and the LA Zoo)	Sundays 7:30 a.m.	(213) 9741455
3 rd	El Cariso Park 13100 North Hubbard St. Sylmar, CA 91342	Wednesday 8-9 a.m.	(818) 3677050
5 th	Loma Alta Park 3330 N. Lincoln Ave Altadena, CA 91001	Thursday 5-6 p.m.	(626) 3985451
5 th	George Lane Park 5520 West Ave. 18 Quartz Hill, CA 93536	Monday-Friday 9-10 a.m.	(661) 7227780
5 th	Jackie Robinson Park 8737 East Ave. R Littleton, CA 93543	Monday-Friday 9-11 a.m.	(661) 9442880

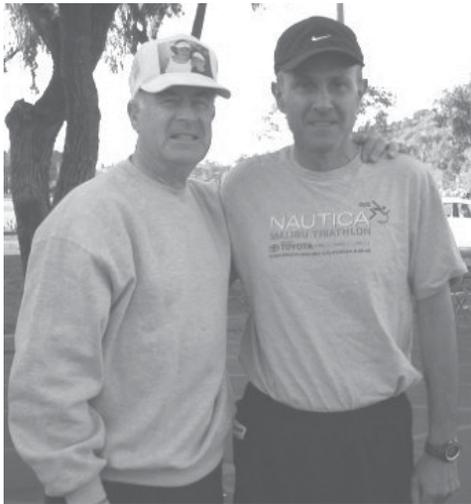
Join Us at LA County Run for Health 10th Annual 5K Run/Walk – 10K Run & Wellness Expo September 13, 2008

At this event you will have the opportunity to put your training efforts into action by participating in the Board of Supervisors and Commission for Women’s **LA County Run for Health “10th Annual 5K Run/Walk- 10K Run & Wellness Expo” on Saturday, September 13 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.** This race, “**An Ernie Van Leeuwen Memorial Run,**” is in honor of the late beloved runner who ran 13 Los Angeles Marathons up until his death at the age of 93 in 2007. Every entrant will receive a quality dry fit t-shirt, goodie bag, food and drinks. The Wellness Expo will open at 6:30 a.m. and feature over 70 vendors with informational brochures and giveaways. Plenty of free parking will be available. The race course is a scenic and fast route around the Rose Bowl and Brookside golf course that is sanctioned and certified by the USTA Track & Field. We are known as the official warm-up race for the City of Angels Half Marathon and the Los Angeles Marathon.



The 5K Run/Walk race will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and the 10K Run at 8:30 a.m. Timing chips will be used for accurate race timing. There will be cash prizes for elite runners in both the 5K and 10K run. Overall winners will be awarded a trophy and a free entry for the 2008 City of Angels Half Marathon and the 2009 Los Angeles Marathon.

Robert Hickey,
Race Director,
and Sheriff Baca



All race finishers will receive a commemorative dog tag pendant in celebration of the tenth anniversary. Awards include: a medal for the top three men and women in all age divisions for 5K/10K Run and 5K Walk; “#1 Kid” Ribbons to all Kiddie-K Fun Run finishers; award plaques for the top three 5K and 10K teams.

Throughout the morning door prizes, complimentary sports massages, and live entertainment will be provided. Celebrity guests will partake in the activities.

Northrop Grumman, Title sponsor for the 10th Year in a row has made it all possible.

All proceeds for this event will go towards \$1,000 college scholarships to qualifying young women. To date 188 scholarships have been awarded to Girls-at-Risk for a grand total of \$188,000.

Please support our fundraising efforts to provide education scholarships for Girls At-Risk by participating in this worthy event. Pre-registration is available through www.active.com for \$25 through September 6. The entry forms are available on the Commission’s Web site, www.laccw.info. For additional information, call us on our race hotline at (213) 974-2034.

County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



County Vision

“Enriching Lives”

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

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

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

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

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

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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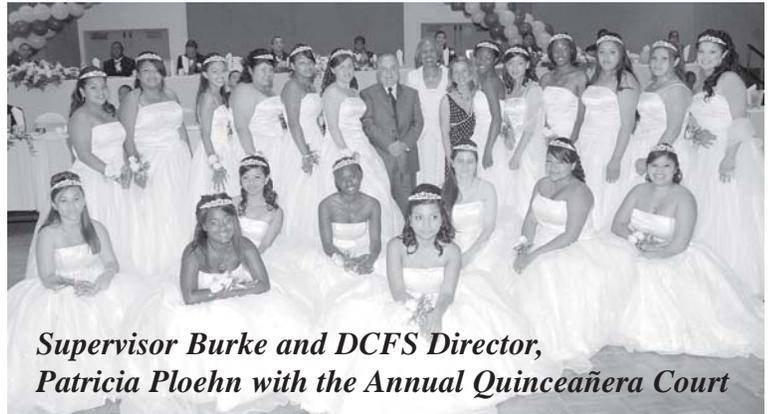
County Lifeguard Beach Patrol Goes “Green” With New Bright Yellow Fuel-Efficient Ford Escape Hybrids

Thanks to a generous donation by the Ford Motor Company, continuing a decades-long partnership with the County of Los Angeles, the County’s Lifeguard Beach Patrol fleet is going “green.” The auto maker is providing 45 customized Ford Escape Hybrid Beach Patrol vehicles, which if purchased otherwise would have cost the County \$1.5 million. Considered the most fuel-efficient SUV on the market, the Ford Escape is a full hybrid, switching between electric and gasoline power for efficiency and performance that rivals a conventional V-6 engine, with a travel range of up to 500 miles on a single tank of gas. Officials estimate fuel savings of more than \$200,000 annually – and as Supervisor Yaroslavsky noted at a press event to announce the vehicles’ arrival, “the more expensive gas becomes, the more money we save.”



Annual Second District Quinceañera: Helping Girls Transition Into Young Womanhood

Friends and family came together for a very special event held on May 18 at the Carson Community Center to witness an emotional and moving Quinceañera ceremony. Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, along with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), hosted the annual event to allow the 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 and DCFS Director, Patricia Ploehn with the Annual Quinceañera Court

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 because it not only included young ladies, but also young men from all ethnic backgrounds. In order to partake in the 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 young ladies and their escorts participated in eight weeks of waltz practice. They went through etiquette training, which was later beautifully portrayed by the participants. To assist the young ladies and men, instructors conducted presentations on goal setting, career development and social skill enhancement. Each participant wore beautiful, tailor-fitted dresses, while their escorts were suited in black tuxedos, as they danced the waltz across the banquet floor (pictured).

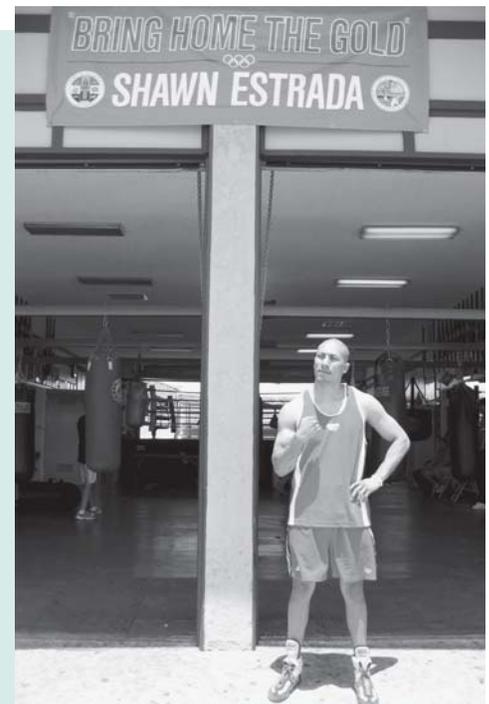


The Mistress of Ceremonies, air personality Josefa Salinas of Hot 92, joined Supervisor Burke, Second District volunteers, the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Public Social Services to contribute to the experience of each young lady. Also in attendance were past Quinceañera 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!

Supervisor Gloria Molina Congratulates East L.A.'s Shawn Estrada For Joining U.S. Olympic Team

Local boxer Shawn Estrada made East Los Angeles proud by joining the U.S. Olympic Team for the 2008 Summer Olympics, which will be held in Beijing, China from August 8 through August 24. Since the age of 11, Estrada has devoted countless hours to the sport to get a shot at representing our nation in the Olympics. He's trained at the Eddie Heredia Boxing Club, which is operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, under the guidance of coach Rodrigo Mosquera.

"This is a fantastic achievement made all the more exciting given that Shawn Estrada hails from East Los Angeles," Supervisor Molina said. "Everyone at the Eddie Heredia Boxing Club is so proud of him and all of East Los Angeles will be rooting for him. We know Shawn Estrada will make us proud during the 2008 Summer Olympics and beyond."



With over 200 boxing matches to his credit, the 165-pound, 23-year-old Estrada took home the Middleweight Division Championship title after boxing undefeated during the weeklong Olympic Trials in Houston, Texas. He officially became the ninth American to qualify for the Beijing Olympics when he beat a Brazilian middleweight in the Americas Qualifier in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

The third youngest of 15 brothers and sisters, Estrada is a graduate of Lynwood High School and previously attended East Los Angeles College. He hopes to continue his boxing career while pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

The Eddie Heredia Boxing Club is located at 5127 E. Olympic Blvd. in East Los Angeles. It is open Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call (323) 267-2413.

Supervisor Antonovich's Trail Dusters a Hit Once Again

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosted his semi-annual trail ride on Sunday, June 8, through the scenic trails of Los Pinetos in Sylmar. 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, a barbecue lunch was served, and participants relaxed while being entertained by a live band.



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Clean Out Your Closet and Return The Books! Fine-Free Week - August 11 to 17

Clean out your closet and return those long overdue books, DVDs, magazines and library materials during the County of Los Angeles Public Library's Fine-Free Week campaign. The County Library is offering borrowers a chance to return overdue library materials and clear their library accounts. The Library's Fine-Free Week begins August 11 and continues through August 17.

Shirts for County Day at the Fair

The Public Information Office will be offering polo shirts and T-shirts for the LA County Day at the Fair, with the inscription "Star Performers" under the County seal, and "lacounty.gov" on the sleeve.



Polos come in sizes small to 2-x, men's and women's cuts. Cost is \$29.50, including tax. Colors are navy, dill, black, French blue, red, stone and white. T-shirts come in same sizes and are \$9.75 for colors and \$8.50 for white. If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please contact Ricky Espinoza of the Public Information Office at (213) 893-9776 or respinoza@ceo.lacounty.gov.



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Ford Amphitheatre Summer Season Highlights “Fiesta Argentina 2008”

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and his colleagues recently honored Guillermo and Joyce Bordarampe, South American music promoters and producers of “Fiesta Argentina 2008,” to showcase one of the many exciting programs coming up as part of the John Anson Ford Amphitheatre’s 2008 Summer Season. Scheduled for the evening of August 16, “Siempre Tango” will be the third annual Argentinean music and dance festival presented at the Ford. The concert will include a troupe of six dancers led by dancer-choreographers Sandor & Parissa, Argentine pianist Mario Parmisano’s Quartet, and the LA Tango Quintet, preceded by an Argentine crafts bazaar and other activities. For full event information, please visit <http://www.fordtheatres.org>.



Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe Proclaim the Month of June As “Scleroderma Awareness Month”

To help raise awareness for one of the least known but common diseases in the nation, Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Don Knabe, joined Assemblywoman Sharon Runner (36th District) and representatives from the Southern California Chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation (*pictured*) to proclaim the month of June as “Scleroderma Awareness Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles.



“Derived from the Greek words ‘sklerosis,’ meaning hardness and ‘derma,’ meaning skin, scleroderma literally means hard skin,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “As the skin thickens and tightens the body becomes deformed, skin around the body’s joints allow for less and less bending.”

“In worst cases, the hardening can reach into the internal organs, with potentially life-threatening results. The kidneys, lungs, heart, gastrointestinal tract and vascular system can become compromised, their normal processes hindered or halted as the organs grow rigid.”

“Unfortunately, the disease typically strikes in the prime of patients’ lives, when they are 30 to 50 years old,” said Supervisor Knabe. “As many as 10,000 patients die every year from the most serious form of the disease, and the exact cause or causes of scleroderma are still unknown.”

Assemblywoman Runner who was diagnosed with the disease 20 years ago appreciated the Board’s effort to get the word out about scleroderma. She encouraged potential organ and tissue donors to visit www.donatelifecalifornia.org an online registry. According to the Web site, each organ donation could save the lives of eight individuals, and tissue donations could enhance the lives of another 50 individuals.

An estimated 300 people per million in the United States suffer from scleroderma, with 12 to 20 new cases per million diagnosed annually. Although not any less prevalent than Multiple Sclerosis, scleroderma receives ten times less funding.

For more information on scleroderma please visit the Southern California Chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation’s Web site at www.scleroderma.org/chapter/southernca/index.htm.

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Television is Going Digital



In less than a year, the country will change the way it sends television signals. Here's what you need to know.



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