



Young Anglers Enjoy Fishing Derby at Cerritos Regional County Park



Nearly 1,000 children participated recently in the 2009 Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby at Cerritos Regional County Park. The annual event was sponsored by Supervisor Don Knabe, along with the City of Cerritos, the County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Cerritos Rod and Gun Club.

“This fishing derby is always a fantastic event that children and families look forward to every year,” said Supervisor Knabe. “Even if a child has never fished before, volunteers are on-hand to show them the art of fishing.”

The event began with a free pancake breakfast, followed by the fishing derby. Children could also participate in free fishing and angler safety lessons. Each child received a free T-shirt and was eligible to compete for prizes in other categories. Nearly 1,000 children attend the fishing derby annually, including nearly 200 foster children and over 100 children being transported in from parks throughout Supervisor Knabe’s District.



Celebrating Juneteenth

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is celebrated on June 19 in the United States, commemorating the end of slavery. The holiday originated in Galveston, Texas; for more than a century, the state of Texas was the primary home of Juneteenth celebrations. More recently, however, its observance has spread across the nation. Though the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect on January 1, 1863, it had little immediate effect on most slaves’ day-to-day lives, particularly in Texas, which was almost entirely under Confederate control. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived on Galveston Island to take possession of the state and enforce slaves’ new freedoms.

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Ford Amphitheatre

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www.fordamphitheatre.com

August

- 1 - Big!World!Fun! Hip Hop Handbook
- 1 - Fountain Theatre Forever Flamenco: LA Olé!
- 2 - Tia Chucha's Celebration of Community & Culture: ¡Si Se Puede!/Yes We Can!
- 6 - Stars for the Arts Celebration of Latin Jazz
- 8 - Big!World!Fun! DreamDance II
- 8 - Bahay Kubo Center for Philippine Culture & Arts
- 9 - Los Angeles Jewish Symphony L'Chaim (To Life!): A Musical Celebration of Eastern European Culture
- 10 - J.A.M. Sessions: Hip Hop Get Down
- 15 - Big!World!Fun! Celtic Spring
- 15 - Concierto Tequila con Limon: Homenaje a Manuel Esperón
- 16 - Gregorio Luke at the Ford: Life-size Murals of Miguel Covarrubias
- 22 - Big!World!Fun! Helios Dance Theater
- 22 - Kollaboration: Acoustic 3
- 23 - Upright Cabaret's Wicked Summer Nights: Stephen Schwartz: Making Good
- 24 - J.A.M. Sessions: ¡A Bailar Son Jarocho!
- 29 - Big!World!Fun! Hula Halau Ka Lehua Uluwehi I Ka Lani
- 29 - Ke Po'okela Cultural Foundation: Na Ali'i: Hawaiian Monarchs

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068

(323) 850-2000

www.hollywoodbowl.org

Los Angeles Philharmonic

www.laphil.com

(323) 850-2000

July

- 28 - Mahler's Fifth with the L.A. Philharmonic
- 30 - Shaham Plays Beethoven with the L.A. Philharmonic
- 31 - Guys and Dolls in Concert with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra

August

- 1-2 - Guys and Dolls in Concert with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra
- 4 - An Evening of Brahms with the L.A. Philharmonic
- 5 - Miles Davis / Gil Evans: Still Ahead
- 6 - Slatkin Conducts Tchaikovsky with the L.A. Philharmonic
- 7-8 - Herbie Hancock & Lang Lang with the L.A. Philharmonic
- 9 - Reggae Night VIII
- 11 - Mozart Under the Stars with the L.A. Philharmonic
- 12 - Buddy Guy • Dr. John & The Lower 911 • James Cotton
- 13 - Mozart Under the Stars with the L.A. Philharmonic

14-15 - Tchaikovsky Spectacular with the L.A. Philharmonic, plus Fireworks!

16-17 - Depeche Mode

18 - Tovey Conducts Bernstein with the L.A. Philharmonic

19 - Patti LaBelle

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

Art

Through September 20 - Your Bright Future: 12 Contemporary Artists from Korea

Through October 4 - Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture around the Bay of Naples

Music

Sundays Live – Every Sunday at 6 p.m.

For more information on LACMA's Music Programs, please call (323) 857-6115

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Public Health Officials Launch STD Home Test Kit Campaign

As Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, County Public Health Director Dr. Jonathan Fielding and Sexually Transmitted Disease



(STD) Program Director Dr. Peter Kerndt listen, three youth volunteers with the County's "Don't Think, Know" public awareness campaign for sexually transmitted diseases explain the program's innovative home test kit feature. That gives young women the ability to request the kits on-line, receive them by mail, submit sample specimens by return mail, and receive a free confidential County Public Health lab analysis on-line or by phone. Those in need can then discreetly seek further treatment in person as necessary. The "Don't Think Know" Home Test Kit can be ordered through the program's Web site at <http://www.dontthinkknow.org/> or through the STD telephone hotline at (800) 758-0880. English and Spanish speaking health educators are available at the hotline number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012
(213) 972-7211

www.musiccenter.org

Walt Disney Concert Hall

www.musiccenter.org

Center Theatre Group

www.centertheatregroup.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Through September 6 – Spamalot
September 8-October 18 - August: Osage County
November 13- January 10 – Mary Poppins

Mark Taper Forum

Through Sept 6 - The Lieutenant of Inishmore
Sept 24 to Nov 15 - Parade

Kirk Douglas Theatre

Sept 13 to Oct 18 - Eclipsed

Los Angeles Opera

(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

www.losangelesopera.com

The 2009-2010 season will open on September 15.

Los Angeles Master Chorale

www.lamc.org

Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007

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

The Department of Beaches and Harbors to Present Free Marina Movie Nights

In cooperation with the Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Department of Beaches and Harbors is presenting "Free Marina Movie Nights" in Burton Chace Park this summer on the Thursday and Saturday nights that the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are not scheduled. Dates are Thursday, July 30; Saturday, August 8; Thursday, August 13; and Saturday, August 22. All feature films are presented free to the public.

A large inflatable screen with state of the art sound will be set up by Fun Flicks in Burton Chace Park to show each film, which will begin at 8 p.m. Films to be shown this summer will be:

July 30: Grease

August 8: Madagascar 2: Escape 2 Africa

August 13: March of the Penguins

August 22: E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

Café Petra in the Park will be open for dinner or snacks during and before the film, and chairs can be rented on site or by calling Danielle at (310) 924-0217. The Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Department of Beaches and Harbors invite all County employees to bring film lovers of all ages out to Marina del Rey to picnic and watch Hollywood's best at "Free Marina Movie Nights" this summer.

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:

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PROBATION: David M. Davies, Cynthia Ellis, James A. Gomez
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Judith French
PUBLIC HEALTH: James Fountain
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Rose M. Anderson, Nedra L. Hinckley, Sharon F. Mason
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR: Ola Lemelle

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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INTERNAL SERVICES: Kyu C. Lee, Eugene Y. Liu, Mona L. Patrick, Mary Rinaldi

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PARKS AND RECREATION: George Aceves
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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:

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Department of Parks and Recreation Announces Modified Summer Hours for County Nature Centers and Three Public Lakes' Swim Beaches

The Department of Parks and Recreation modified its summer hours for public lake swim beaches and close three of its public lakes for swimming on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays through September 7, 2009. There will be no lifeguards on duty at the swim beaches on the days the lake swim beaches will be closed. Signs will be posted at park entrances and various locations near the lakes advising the public of the swim beach closures. Hours for the County of Los Angeles Nature Center buildings and displays have been modified and the buildings and displays will be closed on non-holiday Mondays. The Nature Center facilities will remain open for all other access such as hiking and picnicking.

County of Los Angeles lakes that will be closed for swimming are:

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
15501 East Arrow Highway in Irwindale
Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park
120 Via Verde Drive in San Dimas
Castaic Lake State Recreation Area
32132 Castaic Lake Drive in Castaic

Although swimming will be restricted, the lakes and the surrounding resort areas will remain open for picnicking, boating, fishing and all other recreational activities. The

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Fun and Good Music at County's 19th Annual Family Music Festival

Nearly 2,500 people attended the 19th Annual Family Music Festival at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park which featured food, carnival games, warm weather, and great performances by the legendary Charlie Daniels Band (*pictured*), Gary U.S. Bonds, and the Georgia Satellites.



Sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the Department of Parks and Recreation, proceeds from the event helped support the County's Junior Lifeguard program which trains young people ages 9 to 17 to become future lifeguards.



From left to right: Christine Hu, wife of Supervisor Antonovich; Gary U.S. Bonds; Supervisor Antonovich; Michael Jr. and Mary Christine

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County Nature Center buildings and displays will be open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although the Nature Center buildings will be closed on non-holiday Mondays, the Natural Areas will still be open for hiking and picnicking. The Nature Center buildings that will be closed on non-holiday Mondays are:

Deane Dana Friendship Community Regional Park & Nature Center

1805 W. 9th Street in San Pedro
(310) 519-6115

Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area

28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road in Pearblossom
(661) 944-2743

Eaton Canyon Nature Center

1750 N. Altadena Drive in Pasadena
(626) 398-5420

Placerita Canyon Natural Area & Nature Center

19152 Placerita Canyon Road in Newhall
(661) 259-7721

San Dimas Canyon Community Regional Park & Nature Center

1628 N. Sycamore Canyon Road in San Dimas
(909) 599-7512

Vasquez Rocks Natural Area & Nature Center

10700 W. Escondido Canyon Road in Agua Dulce
(661) 268-0840

Whittier Narrows Nature Center

1000 N. Durfee Avenue in South El Monte
(626) 575-5523

The closure of these County Regional lakes and Nature Centers on certain days is due to the reduction in staffing hours because of County budget curtailments. There will be no lifeguards on duty at the swim beaches on the days the public lake swim beaches will be closed. The County of Los Angeles appreciates the public's cooperation and compliance to these restrictions.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Serves as Fundraiser Chair for Annual Relay for Life of Baldwin Hills 2009



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate.

Remember.

Fight Back.

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas served as this year's fundraiser chair and his "Team Ridley-Thomas" joined more than a dozen other volunteer relay teams and supporters who participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life of Baldwin Hills 2009" at the Ladera Little League Baseball field.

The annual fundraiser was an overnight team event that raises awareness about cancer in the community and much-needed funds to fight the disease. The Relay for Life of Baldwin Hills coordinator, Troy Green, started the event in memory of his wife, Kim, who died of cancer. The event helps family and friends to honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to the disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 150,000 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed nationally among African-Americans in 2009 and about 63,360 African-Americans are expected to die from cancer this year.

The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event, taking place in more than 4,200 communities across the country. The teams represent local businesses, community organizations and individuals, who raise funds by keeping at least one member walking or running on the track at all times . . . because "cancer never sleeps."

In California, more than 270 communities hosted Relay for Life events and encouraged residents to take part in the fight against cancer. Funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society's patient service programs, cancer research, advocacy and community education.

As homage was paid to cancer survivors and remembrance of those we've lost to the disease, we also celebrate life and the opportunity to join the American Cancer Society in their mission to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families by the year 2015.

Adult Care Network User-Friendly Web Site for Seniors

The County of Los Angeles and City of Los Angeles Area Agencies on Aging have collaborated to create a “user-friendly” Web site called Adult Care Network, designed for those seeking services geared for the age 60 and over population. The Web site, at www.losangeles.networkofcare.org/ has special features that enable users to create personal information records on-line. “This is truly a ‘one-stop’ virtual resource center that contains information about services and programs for the elderly and disabled in Los Angeles County,” said Cynthia Banks, Director, Community and Senior Services.

To coincide with Older Americans Month, the Board of Supervisors recognized the collaborative Web site project and the May launching of the Web site at the local City and County public libraries throughout Los Angeles County. (see photo).

Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, said, “To facilitate easy access, the Adult Care Network Web site address printed on bookmarkers (pictured) will be distributed at resource desks. The Web site is being launched at our local Los Angeles City and County neighborhood libraries because this is where people go to find information,” she added.

“The Los Angeles Public Library is pleased to make this valuable resource available through our Web site, www.lapl.org,” said Los Angeles Interim City Librarian Kris Morita. “People can access the Adult Care Network through our 2,300 computers and free Wi-Fi service at our 72 libraries or from their own personal computers at home, school, or work,” she added.

“We are receiving more and more calls from out-of-state caregivers. This Web site is a perfect tool to assist out-of-state caregivers in planning care for their parents who live in Los Angeles County. For example, family members can help elderly parents, aunts and uncles find housing, assisted-living facilities, in-home care and other essentials to improve their loved ones quality of life,” said Banks.

Laura Trejo, General Manager, Los Angeles City Department of Aging said, “We are hopeful that by getting the word out about the new virtual resource center Web site at the public libraries, more of our services will be utilized.” Educational information on matters such as diseases, medications and treatments, care management issues, prevention, early intervention, planning, consumer advocacy and protection, and the ability to keep a record of personal and medical information on-line are also features of the site. For more information about the Adult Care Network Web site, contact Sylvia Zuniga at (213) 351-5055 or (800) 510-2020.

Find information about services for you or your loved one that is fast and simple. Introducing an easy-to-use directory of community services at your fingertips on the Internet.

www.losangeles.networkofcare.org/aging

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Funded by the Older Americans Act

ENRICHING LIVES...

County Presents First Green Leadership Awards

Board of Supervisors Recognizes Outstanding “Greening Our Environment” Projects

The Board of Supervisors recognized five community groups selected as recipients of the first annual Green Leadership Awards. The County created the program in 2008 to recognize outstanding energy conservation and environmental efforts made by individuals, public agencies, businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Don Knabe said the projects benefit the residents of Los Angeles County by creating opportunities to inspire other organizations to adopt the best “green” practices in their communities. The County program is important, he said, because it helps promote environmental awareness and responsibility for the sustainability of communities, and enhances the County’s role as a leader by honoring local outstanding environmental programs. The five award-winners were selected for the following accomplishments:

Interior Removal Specialist, Inc., South Gate
Interior Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Project

Interior Removal Specialist is the leader in Los Angeles County in diverting and recycling materials such as drywall, carpet, ceiling tile and manufactured lumber. Its 80% diversion efforts extend the life of existing landfills and reduce the environmental impact of construction and demolition debris. Additionally, the donations made by recycling furniture and other materials reintroduce nearly 100 tons of materials back to the community.



Grand View Elementary School, Manhattan Beach
Planet Pals Project – Trash Free Tuesdays

Students at Grand View Elementary School bring their lunches to school in reusable trash-free lunchboxes each Tuesday. This, as well as composting and recycling measures, enabled the school to generate a record low of one-half bag of trash for more than 700 students, opposed to 40 bags previously. Grand View has diverted more than 1,500 large bags of trash from landfills. This program has been rolled out to seven other elementary schools, reaching 8,500 kids.



Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, Torrance
Citizens for a Cleaner City Project

Residents of Torrance accepted the mayor’s challenge to contribute to a safe, clean and well-maintained city. Volunteers from age 6 to 85 began a bi-monthly Saturday clean-up day concentrating on the highest payoff areas, such as entrance and exit areas to the city. Since 2006, they have removed more than two tons of trash and debris and recycled items like aluminum cans. The cost benefit to the city is evident by the number of volunteer hours donated, freeing city employees to take on other essential services. This is a model program for other cities.



City of Monrovia Environmental Accords

The City of Monrovia created a “Green Team” responsible for implementing green projects and policies. In less than two years, the city reduced lighting energy consumption by 20% by replacing regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps. The city installed cool roofs at their historic museum and the police department, reducing air pollution and smog formation. Installation of 22 waterless urinals in city facilities led to an annual savings of 888,000 gallons of water. The newly built energy-efficient library provides an improved working environment for library patrons and staff and sets the precedent for future construction trends.



City of Pasadena On-Line Green Training project

Through an interactive, Internet-based design, Pasadena’s 1,880 full-time employees receive training on the *Green City Action Plan* while receiving inspirational and practical tips for going “green” at work and at home. The city benefits from having a workforce educated and engaged in environmental stewardship. Visitors who complete the green training gain knowledge about available local resources, services and rebates that will help them reduce their utility bills, eliminate waste, and cut their transportation costs.



County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



Enriching Lives
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County Mission

- To enrich lives through effective and caring service

County Values

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

- **Accountability** – We accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Can-Do Attitude** – We approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Compassion** – We treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Customer Orientation** – We place the highest priority on meeting our customers’ needs with accessible, responsive quality services, and treating them with respect and dignity.
- **Integrity** – We act consistent with our values and the highest ethical standards.
- **Leadership** – We engage, motivate and inspire others to collaboratively achieve common goals through example, vision and commitment.
- **Professionalism** – We perform to a high standard of excellence. We take pride in our employees and invest in their job satisfaction and development.
- **Respect for Diversity** – We value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** – We take the action needed in a timely manner.

Strategic Plan Goals

1. **Operational Effectiveness:** Maximize the effectiveness of the County’s processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.
2. **Children, Family and Adult Well-Being:** Enrich lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services.
3. **Community and Municipal Services:** Enrich the lives of Los Angeles County’s residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs; ensure quality regional open space, recreational and public works infrastructure services for County residents; and deliver customer oriented municipal services to the County’s diverse unincorporated communities.
4. **Health and Mental Health:** Improve health and mental health outcomes and efficient use of scarce resources, by promoting proven service models and prevention principles that are population-based, client-centered and family-focused.
5. **Public Safety:** Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

Gloria Molina Supervisor, First District Mark Ridley-Thomas Supervisor, Second District Zev Yaroslavsky Supervisor, Third District Don Knabe Supervisor, Fourth District Michael D. Antonovich Supervisor, Fifth District

County DIGEST Questionnaire

The *County DIGEST* continues to serve our readers with useful information. As we continue to make improvements to this publication, we would like to hear from you. Please take the time to share your thoughts and feelings with us through our questionnaire.

1. Do you find the contents of the County Digest informative?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Not really

2. Why do you read the *County DIGEST*?

- Learn of Supervisor's accomplishments in the District
- Learn of Supervisor's efforts to improve the community
- View calendar of events
- View names of retirees
- Learn about current County policies or issues that could impact employees
- Learn about County departments and the roles they play
- Learn how the County is implementing the Strategic Plan (center spread)
- Learn about County jobs
- To familiarize yourself with current events/general interest stories
- Other _____

3. What type of stories would you like to see in the *County DIGEST*?

- Supervisor's accomplishments in the District
- Supervisor's efforts to improve the community
- "Who's Who" in the County of Los Angeles
- Major accomplishments/milestones of County employees
- Highlights of departmental operations
- Other _____

4. How often do you visit the *County DIGEST* Web site?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Not really

5. What suggestions can you offer to help us improve the *County DIGEST*?

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Supervisors Antonovich and Ridley-Thomas Recognize the Department of Regional Planning

Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Mark Ridley-Thomas recognized members of the Department of Regional Planning (pictured below) on their outstanding effort in securing two grants from the Southern California Association of Governments for projects in the Florence-Firestone and Antelope Valley Area, in addition to winning awards from the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Housing Element and Town & Country plans.



Town & Country, an ongoing effort to update the County’s Antelope Valley Area Plan, received the 2009 “Public Outreach Award” from the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association. Each year, this award is granted to an individual, project, or program that uses information and education about the value of planning and how planning improves a community’s quality of life.

Supervisors Antonovich and Ridley-Thomas present a plaque to Jon Sanabria, Acting Director, recognizing the Department of Regional Planning on its hard work.



Supervisor Knabe Hosts Regional Water Summit

Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and the Southern California Water Committee recently partnered together to host the Los Angeles County Water Summit at the Queen Mary in the City of Long Beach.

The event focused on the condition of water in Southern California. The summit was sponsored by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Central Basin Water District,

Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, MWH, Water Replenishment District of Southern California, West Basin Water District, and the Building Industry Association of Southern California.

“Make no mistake about it, we stand at a crossroads in California’s water history,” said Supervisor Knabe. “I am an optimist by nature so, for my part, I predict that we will step outside of the box and we will develop aggressive water conservation and recycling programs that will reshape demand in Southern California.”

High Risk Breast Cancer Spanish Speaking Patients Receive Education of the Importance of Genetic Testing

The City of Hope Department of Clinical Cancer Genetics and the Avon Cares for Life Program partnered with ValleyCare Olive View-UCLA Medical Center to bring *Honорamos A Todas Nuestras Madres Con El Don Del Conocimiento* to Spanish speaking patients at high risk for breast and ovarian cancer. This educational event provided patients with an opportunity to educate both themselves and their loved ones regarding the importance of genetic testing and steps they can take to reduce their risk for or detect cancer early. Funding was made possible with the support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women after skin cancer and is the second leading



cause of cancer deaths in women after lung cancer. Many women with breast cancer have family members with a history of breast cancer, and scientists believe that vulnerability to breast cancer sometimes has a genetic (inherited) component. Women who have a family history of breast cancer and are interested in being tested for an inherited gene mutation should be referred to a genetic counselor. Genetic counselors are trained health professionals who can interpret a woman's family history of breast and ovarian cancer as well as the results of genetic testing.

For several years, the City of Hope, in collaboration with the Division of Medical Oncology at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, has administered a genetic risk assessment and counseling program for high risk patients through various grant funding. The program provides high risk women with both testing and a discussion of guidelines to help lower cancer risk or to find cancer at an early stage. Having a higher chance of cancer may be distressing and this program provides staff available to discuss these risk reduction guidelines with patients.

Jeffrey Weitzel, M.D., Chief of the Division of Clinical Cancer Genetics and Director of the Cancer Screening & Prevention Program at City of Hope and Nancy Feldman, M.D. (pictured), Chief of Hematology/Oncology at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center welcomed over 60 patients, who have participated in this counseling program, and their family members.



The event included lectures from Dr. Benjamin Paz, M.D., Surgical Oncologist, City of Hope who discussed surgical and screening options and Charité Ricker, MS, CGC, Genetic Counselor, LAC+USC Medical Center who discussed the management of a high risk diagnosis and a patient-panel that was moderated by Martin Perez, Ph.D. Exhibit booths featured organizations such as Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE), American Cancer Society, Young Survivors Coalition, Disability Rights Legal Center, City of Hope Biller Patient and Family Resource Center, Susan G. Komen, and Avon Cares for Life at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, a program of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Supervisor Molina Unveils Aquatic-Themed Artwork at Four County Pools in East L.A.

Supervisor Gloria Molina announced that County pools have opened for the summer season, and that four of them feature whimsical aquatic-themed artwork thanks to a partnership between the First District, the Arts Commission’s Civic Arts Program, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.



Atlantic Avenue Park, Belvedere Community Regional Park, City Terrace Park, and Eugene A. Obregon Park pools now display fanciful aquatic-themed paintings by artist Sonia Romero. Titled *The Water Cycle: Eternal Flow / El Ciclo del Agua: Eterno Manantial*, Romero’s artwork brings attention to the importance of fresh water through symbols of the water cycle, representations of water gods and protective nymphs from a variety of cultures, as well as images of swimmers, divers, and other human activities. Youth from the Los Angeles Conservation Corps provided the paint labor.

“We understand that for millions of families—many of whom simply cannot afford a home—public pools and parks take the place of private backyards,” Supervisor Molina said. “Although California’s budget deficit threatens to close state-run lakes and pools, County pools will remain open all summer long since we’ve balanced the County’s budget carefully for years.”



Romero’s paint scheme also helps the County abate graffiti. If the buildings are tagged in the future, staff will use

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stencils already on-hand to recreate Romero’s designs quickly—and proactively. For information on County pools located nearest to you, call (626) 369-1021.

Perform Marriage Ceremonies for Loved Ones and Friends

Los Angeles County residents wishing to perform marriage ceremonies for loved ones and friends can have their requests fulfilled by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC). The (RR/CC) has a program that allows individuals to be deputized for a day to perform a civil marriage ceremony. Persons requesting to be deputized should fill out the form provided on the RR/CC Web site www.lavote.net or send a letter to the RR/CC detailing:

- the full name of the person to be deputized
- the telephone number and address to contact that person
- the name of the parties
- the date of the wedding
- the location of the wedding

The letter or application must be mailed with a check or money order for \$35, made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, two months prior to the wedding. Applications received less than two months prior to the wedding may be rejected. Mail the letter or application to:

Kathy Treggs, Division Manager
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 5001A
Norwalk, CA 90650

Once the letter or application and fee are received a confirmation letter of approval will be sent to the sender. The confirmation letter will request the individual who is to be deputized to contact the RR/CC and make an appointment to be sworn in. Individuals are deputized on Thursdays only, at 11 a.m. and only by appointment. No appointments will be issued without the fee being paid.

Individuals to be deputized should expect to spend an hour at the RR/CC. Deputies are welcome to bring a guest; however, because space is limited, we ask that there be no more than one guest. The \$35 fee is non-refundable; however, it can be applied to another deputy appointment within the same calendar year. Additional questions can be directed to the RR/CC Public Records Division at (562) 462-2081. Applications for Deputy Commissioner for a Day may be found on the RR/CC Web site at www.lavote.net.

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Don't miss this year's A-List ATTRACTIONS!

Flower & Garden Pavilion:

Gateway to Africa

Take a virtual safari to the deserts, rainforests, grasslands and savannahs that make up the world's second largest continent. In the gardens behind the pavilion, an African safari brings you face-to-face with live camels, zebras, ostriches, spiders and snakes indigenous to Africa.

Jurassic Planet

presented by at&t

Amateur paleontologists will meet animated dinosaurs, explore our planet's prehistoric inhabitants at Fossil Fun, an interactive paleontological dig and T-Rex Learning Center. Chomp Swamp features live alligators. Don't worry, they're well fed!

Millard Sheets Center for the Arts:

The Making of Art Through the Ages

Explore how art is created and how artists' knowledge and need to invent have led to an understanding of the world and the formation of life-changing scientific methods. Interactive displays explore ceramics, glassblowing, weaving, printing, painting and more.

Going Green:

Making a World of Difference

Explore the layers of the rainforests and learn how rainforests protect and enrich our environment. State-of-the-earth exhibits, activities, attractions and vendors bring you the latest info and products on how to protect, respect and enjoy our planet.

Wine & Spirits Marketplace

presented by Ralphs

Relax and enjoy a sampling of award-winning wine, spirits, beer, olive oil, cheese and ice cream. Shop at the Crushed Grape and learn about wine and food pairings in our daily education programs.

Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing

presented by MORONGO VALLEY RACING TRACK

Thrill to 15 days of racing, Thursday, Sept. 10-Monday, Sept. 28 (dark Mondays, Sept. 14 & 21 & Tuesdays). Watch for special giveaways, Wiener Dog Races and California Classics Day. Admission is free with general Fair admission ticket.

End of Summer Concert Series

Presented by TOYOTA

The biggest names in country, R&B, Latin and rock 'n' roll, along with extreme monster truck and motocross action, light up 19 nights of groove. Best of all, limited general admission seating for the concerts is FREE with general Fair admission. Premium seating is also available, so prepare to get down at the End of Summer Concert Series.



Limit of two (2) FREE Fair admissions when you buy two adult Fair admissions at the regular price per L.A. County Day discount card. L.A. County Day discount card may be used one time only and must be presented and surrendered at time of ticket purchase to receive discount. Not valid with any other offers. Offer valid Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009 only. Benefits and nighttime entertainment subject to change by the Los Angeles County Fair Association

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Celebrates the Revitalization of a New Compton

On Saturday, June 20, it was not just an ordinary day at Roy Campanella Park in Compton. It was a day of “revitalizing and empowering Compton through people, parks and programs.” Over 400 community members attended the Revitalizing and Empowering Compton event, Resource Fair and Grand Re-Opening of the Roy Campanella swimming pool.



In attendance were 30 County departments with resource tables and valuable literature and information; as well as 24 private agencies and community based organizations, who offered food and beverages, information on protecting homeowners against foreclosure, an expungement workshop, emergency preparedness, preventing identity theft, free health screenings, and child immunizations.

In addition, Department of Public Social Services Director, Philip Browning, Chief Probation Officer, Robert Taylor and

Compton City Council Member, Barbara Calhoun showed their support for this worthwhile community event.

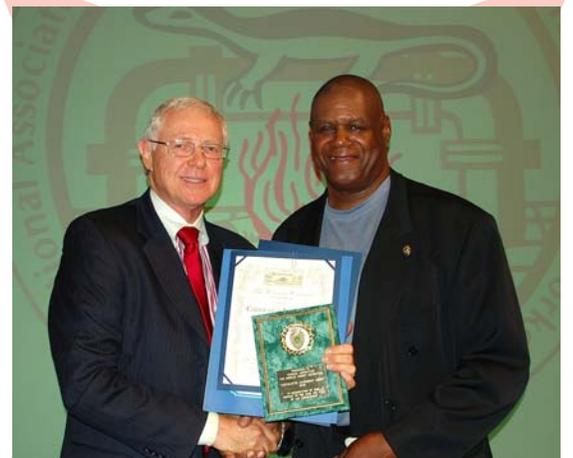
At any given time throughout the day, children of all ages were witnessed playing in the ‘Kid Zone,’ which included two bouncers, face painting, snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn and an exceptional pro-nutrition/dance performance by GoodLife with Gabby performers.



A special dedication by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Russ Guiney was made to Annie Payne, a 30-year volunteer at Roy Campanella Park. Beginning in the late 70’s, Ms. Payne saw the need for the improvement of recreation programs in her community and spearheaded and organized a group of residents known as the “Friends of Youth.” The group offers alternatives to gangs, drugs, violence, unemployment and welfare dependency.

Supervisor Antonovich Receives Legislative Leadership Award from Deputy Probation Officers

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (*pictured left*) received the prestigious 2009 “Legislative Leadership Award” from Ralph Miller (*pictured right*), President of the Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officer’s Union, AFSCME, Local 685, in recognition of the Supervisor’s support for law enforcement.



Share It

County Implements Mass Alert System

County officials announced the implementation of an emergency mass notification system to alert residents and businesses by phone, text, and e-mail of emergencies in their area. Called *Alert LA County*, the system will allow the Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center to activate local and regional alerts by drawing the boundaries of the area to be notified on a computer map. Recorded and written alerts will provide information on the nature of the emergency and necessary actions, such as evacuations.



The system is so precise it will allow the exclusion of a single home, useful in situations involving hostages or crimes in progress. The County's 7.1 million land-line phone numbers are programmed into the mass notification system, but the public must register Voice over IP lines, cell phones and e-mail addresses. Registration of this information can be done on the County's Alert.lacounty.gov Web site. Each telephone number and e-mail can be associated with only one street address.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Don Knabe said the system was tested in areas of each of the five supervisorial districts and the results were impressive. If a call is picked up by an answering machine when an alert is being issued, a recorded message will be left. If the number is busy or does not answer, the number will be redialed twice. The system has the ability to detect and communicate with telecommunication devices for the deaf (TTY/TDD).

The *Alert LA County* system project was approved by the Board of Supervisors at a \$1.97 million cost over five years. Sheriff Lee Baca cautioned that people should not wait for or rely exclusively on a call for evacuation directives if they believe they are in danger. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said similar systems have worked well in other areas, including in San Diego County where more than 500,000 people were evacuated during the 2007 wildfires. "The County presently has no consistent way to contact residents and businesses in case of regional or local emergencies, so the new system will assist in making the communities safer," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

"The notification system," said Supervisor Gloria Molina, "will improve the County's ability to communicate faster, better and more reliably, providing the ability to target messages and follow-up information to residents in affected areas, and reduce the potential for miscommunication by distributing accurate and consistent messages." Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich said "the new system will improve public safety for all residents and those in the more rural areas of the County in case of regional or local emergencies."

Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman said "wildfires have been increasingly threatening in the County, and the fire season is now a year-round reality instead of just several months." The new alert system is a component of the overall emergency notification plan and is not meant to replace existing systems. The County will coordinate its efforts with cities, and those having their own systems may continue issuing alerts in their area independent of the County.

Land-line numbers will be refreshed on a monthly basis to ensure accuracy and numbers registered on the Web site will be added to the database on a nightly basis.



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