



# DIGEST

## CHARITABLE GIVING DRIVE LAUDED

During activities of the 1983 Third Annual Los Angeles County Charitable Giving Awards Program held October 25 in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, the Department of Public Social Services received the coveted Department of Distinction Award.

This award is a perpetual bestowal presented to the County department that best exemplifies the objectives of the Charitable Giving Campaign. Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich made the presentation to Eddy S. Tanaka, Director, Department of Public Social Services.

The Department of Public Social Services achieved a high percentage of participation and effectively organized and coordinated a campaign to reach nearly 10,000 employees in 64 offices spanning the entire area of the County. Department of Public Social Services employees participated in twenty (20) charity fundraisers resulting in an astounding \$123,713 while still maintaining a high rate of giving through payroll deduction.

The Department of Distinction Award also is public recognition for those County employees, labor unions and department managers who perform



*TOP AWARD — During the 1983 Third Annual Charitable Giving Awards Ceremony, Eddy S. Tanaka, (2nd from left) Director, Department of Public Social Services, displays the coveted Department of Distinction Award won by his Department for its outstanding achievements and contributions. Public Social Services employees participated in twenty (20) charity fundraisers resulting in an astounding \$123,713 while maintaining a high rate of giving through payroll deduction. Taking part are, from left, Joseph P. Wetzler, Chairperson, Coalition of Los Angeles County Unions, V.C. "Bud" Mathis, Executive Secretary of Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council, and Gordon W. Treharne, Public Administrator and President, Los Angeles County Management Council.*

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significant roles in helping the County make outstanding achievements in its giving efforts. Runners up for this year's award were the Department of Data Processing, Edgar Hayes, Director, and the Department of County Engineer-Facilities, Stephen J. Koonce, County Engineer.

At the Ceremony, Supervisor Antonovich, who also served as Chairman for the 1983 Charitable Giving Campaign, said, "It's a pleasure to give recognition to the County employees for their outstanding contributions in

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# JOHN ANSON FORD REMEMBERED



The man called "the elder statesman of Los Angeles County," former Supervisor John Anson Ford died November 3, 1983, five weeks after his 100th birthday celebration. Ford was known for his many contributions to the County. He died in a Los Angeles hospital after a long illness.

Ford was a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for the 3rd District from 1934 to 1958, when he retired.

Ford is credited with being a prime mover in the County's acquisition of the Descanso Gardens in La Canada/Flintridge, the restoration of Olvera Street, and the revitalization of the Hollywood Bowl. He initiated the establishment of the Fort Moore Memorial at Bunker Hill, the founding of the Department of Senior Citizens Affairs, and the Human Relations Commission.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the only member of the current Board of Supervisors to serve with Ford, said his former colleague, "was concerned for the poor, the elderly and those who need County government for health and welfare services."

Supervisor Ed Edelman, who now holds Ford's seat, said, "John Anson Ford was the elder statesman of Los Angeles County. He was a great inspiration to all those who came in contact with him and he set a high example for all elected officeholders to follow."

Supervisor Edelman was instrumental in changing the name of the Pilgrim Theater to the John Anson Ford Theater.

Supervisor Pete Schabarum said, "We are so fortunate he lived in our midst. The many results of his commitment to his community will be a lasting tribute to his life. John Anson Ford will never be forgotten."

"The people of Los Angeles County have lost a true friend and elder statesman," said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. "John Anson Ford's career was marked by important contributions to a constituency much larger than that of any single supervisor. From his lifetime interest in the arts and cultural life, we are all much richer for his having passed this way."

Supervisor Deane Dana said, "John Anson Ford made a lasting impression and important contributions to all of Los Angeles County, both as a Supervisor and as a human being. He provided leadership and a great sense of caring for all people."

As a former County Supervisor, Ford was particularly interested in projects involving the cultural needs of the community. Among them were the building of the Los Angeles Music Center, the reorganization of the County Art Institute, and the restoration of the Los Angeles Plaza and El Pueblo State Park. He served three terms as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, was chairman of the Civic Center Authority, and was a member of the California Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Born September 29, 1883 in Waukegan, Ill. Ford with his late wife, Lois Goldsmith Ford, came to Los Angeles in 1920, after having worked as a free-lance writer and reporter for several newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune. He once had his own advertising and public relations business, and managed a number of political campaigns.

Ford is survived by his son, John Arnold Ford, and four grandchildren.

## RETIREES . . .

The following people have retired in recent months after more than thirty years of service to the County:

Public Social Services: Addie M. Daniels, Eva P. Fox.

Flood Control: Donald Griffiths, Charles J. Ruth.

Fire Protection: Jack L. Burger, Jerome J. Gschwend, William J. Sutton.

Sheriff: Paul B. Fitzgerald, Fred E. Stemrich.

Also: William J. Edison, County Clerk; Juanita M. Garber, Hospital Administration; Louise Payne, Data Processing; Berry J. Slater, General Hospital.

The following have retired with over twenty-five years of County Service:

District Attorney: Charles D. Sheldon, Gloria Silva.

Building Services: Mercedes Robinson, Isadore Stoudmire.

Also: Michael J. Sange, Beaches and Harbor; Calma L. Bolden, Tax Collector; Willie Collins, Parks and Recreation; Beverly Herman, Harbor General; John F. Kawaski, Animal Control; Linwood Pearce, Agriculture Commission; James C. Lawrence, Marshal; Edith Cochran, Superior Court Reporter; Earnest Cooks, Medical Center Services; Helen M. Krueger, Compton Municipal Court; Gordon H. Marion, Engineer; Darrell G. Pearson, Engineer Airport; Ruth P. Walter, MD, Mental Health; Betty U. Shishido, Road; James M. Whitfield; Jimmie M. Dunn, Martin Luther King Hospital; Cecilia I. Wilson, Adoptions; Howard Woo, Public Library; Thomas R. Lang, Flood Control; Carl H. Nelson, Sheriff.



*WHAT'S UNDER THE FEATHERS? A look "inside the bird," such as this mounted pigeon skeleton from the Natural History Museum Lending Service, reveals the intricate structure that makes flight possible. The Natural History Museum Lending Service offers thousands of scientific and historical specimens, displays and artifacts related to the Museum's collections. Any adult (teachers, scoutleaders, parents of inquisitive children) may borrow materials from the Lending Service upon payment of a \$5 annual membership fee. For information call the Lending Service at (213) 744-3345.*

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# 1983 Charitable Giving Campaign

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this giving campaign. This year we were able to raise in excess of \$2 million, which is the largest giving effort in the history of Los Angeles County and which is an increase of 22% over last year. It's commendable that this record giving was done at a time of decrease in the number of County employees."

Los Angeles County's 1983 Charitable Giving efforts make it the second largest Charitable contributor in the public and private sector in Los Angeles County.

Joining in presenting awards to outstanding County Departments were local labor leaders Joseph P. Wetzler, Chairperson, Coalition of Los Angeles County Unions; V.C. "Bud" Mathis, Executive Secretary of Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council; Gordon W. Treharne, Public Administrator and President, County Management Council; Frank McNamara, President, United Way; Walter Beran, 1982-83 Chairman, United Way Major Governmental Public Services Employees Campaign; and Danny Bakewell, Sr., President, Brotherhood Crusade.

Commending the County, Walter Beran said, "When confronted with public critics, operating during a period of time when costs are up, revenues are down, personnel are reduced and being pressed for greater services, the County came through with great charitable giving achievements. The leaders of the County can take great pride in this significant accomplishment."

Frank McNamara said, "We at United Way would like to thank the Board of Supervisors and all those responsible for bringing about this tremendous giving effort."

Danny Bakewell said, "The County of Los Angeles serves as a model for California and throughout the nation. The County has made charitable dollars available that did not seem possible. The results of this effort will help meet

the welfare needs in our community. The Brotherhood Crusade looks forward to a continued public/private partnership of giving."

Other County departments cited for their outstanding participation in the giving campaign were the Probation Department, which maintained the greatest percentage of increase in employee participation for a department with more than 2,000 employees. Departments with 1000-1999 employees were The Data Processing Department which was awarded for the largest percentage of participation and the County Engineer-Facilities which was awarded for the greatest percentage of increase. For Departments with 300-999 employees, the Registrar-Recorder received the award for the largest percentage of participation. The Public Defender received the award for the greatest percentage of increase.

The Treasurer-Tax Collector, with less than 300 employees, had the largest percentage of participation and the greatest percentage of increase in participation for its size. The Human Relations Commission has less than 100 employees and for its size had both the largest percentage of participation and greatest percentage of increase.

The United Way and Brotherhood Crusade presented plaques to Supervisor Antonovich in recognition of his leadership and fund raising expertise.

Both charity agencies also presented special recognition awards to Wetzler, Mathis, and Treharne for their outstanding participation and dedication to the Charitable Giving Campaign.

Summarizing, Supervisor Antonovich said, "There is a biblical verse that says 'to whom much is given, much is required.' It seems the County workforce was very blessed in carrying out such a devoted spirit of giving to help their neighbors in need and to help make a better community."

# COUNTY BEGINS WINTER STORM AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

The Board of Supervisors declared the week of November 13-19, 1983 as Winter Storm Preparedness Week.

The Board also urges all residents to "Winter-Wise" their families and be prepared for any storms. It further urges the cities, the media, the American Red Cross and the utility companies to join in disseminating winter storm preparedness information to the public.

Last winter, 42 counties in California were declared major disaster areas because of storm damage. Thousands of people had to leave their damaged homes, many were injured, and several lost their lives. The Board joins with the State of California in launching a winter safety campaign to increase public awareness of storm dangers and preparedness actions.

The Board cautions that the coming winter seasons promise to be severe and urges residents to take the following precautions:

## GENERAL

- Keep first aid and critical medical supplies (prescriptions, insulin, etc.) on hand.
- Keep a stock of food which requires little cooking and no refrigeration; electric power may be interrupted.
- Keep a portable radio and flashlights in working order. Have extra batteries on hand.
- Keep your automobile fueled; if electric power is cut off, filling stations may not be able to operate.
- Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing.

## WHEN YOU RECEIVE A STORM WARNING

- Store drinking water in closed, clean containers. Water service may be interrupted.
- If advised to leave your home, move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water. Leave a note telling friends or relatives where you are going.
- Before leaving, cut off all electric circuits at the fuse panel by pulling the main switch, or disconnect all electrical appliances. Shut off the gas service at the valve next to the meter, and turn off the water service at the main valve.

## DURING THE STORM

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding.
- Do not try to cross a flowing stream where water is above your knees.
- Do not try to drive over a flooded road. You could be stranded and trapped.
- If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Many people drown while trying to rescue their cars.
- Do not "sightsee" in areas where flooding or snowfall is occurring; do not try to enter areas closed by local law enforcement agencies, the Sheriff, or California Highway Patrol.
- Avoid unnecessary trips; if you must travel during the storm, dress warmly. Advise others of your destination.
- Use the telephone only for family emergency needs or to report dangerous conditions.
- Beware of downed power lines or broken gas lines. Report them immediately to your local gas or electric utility company, police or fire department.
- Keep tuned to one of your local radio or television stations for emergency information.

## AFTER THE STORM

- DO NOT TURN GAS BACK ON YOURSELF. Rely on utility company crews.
- Do not use fresh food that has come in contact with flood waters.
- Make sure drinking water is not contaminated; wells should be pumped out and the water tested before drinking.
- Do not visit disaster areas; your presence will probably hamper rescue and other emergency operations, and you might be in danger.
- Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas. If electrical equipment or appliances have been in contact with water do not use them until local authorities tell you they are safe.
- Use flashlights, not lanterns or matches to examine buildings; flammables may be inside.
- Report broken utility lines to police, fire, or other appropriate authorities.
- Continue to beware of downed power lines or broken gas lines.
- Stay tuned to radio or television for vital information.

These suggestions will help alert residents to take reasonable precautions to reduce injuries and property damage should severe storms occur this winter.