



## FOUR NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS APPOINTED THIS YEAR

Since the beginning of the year, the Board of Supervisors has appointed the following County Department Heads:

The newest County Department Head is Robert C. Gates. On August 28 he was appointed Director, Department of Health Services. He succeeds Robert W. White, who retired.

As Director of the Department of Health Services, Gates' responsibilities include safeguarding the health of the entire community through a strong public health program emphasizing the prevention and control of disease, and providing comprehensive health care to the medically indigent in the hospitals and health centers located throughout Los Angeles County.

Gates, 43, has served as Chief Deputy of the department since 1978. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government in 1962, graduating Cum Laude from the University of Redlands. He was awarded a fellowship for graduate study at Syracuse University where he received a Master of Public Administration degree in 1963.

He entered Los Angeles County service in July, 1963 and spent five years in the Chief Administrative Office, leaving in 1968 to become the Associate Administrator of the Orange County Medical Center.

Gates has been instrumental in developing the trauma hospital system, negotiating Medi-Cal contracts, and coordinating the transfer of responsibility for the Medically Indigent Adult patients from the state to the County.

The Department of Health Services consists of six hospitals, four comprehensive health centers and 42 health centers. The hospitals have an average daily census of 2,700, admit approximately 140,000 patients annually, and record about 2.5 million out-patient visits. The public health and comprehensive health centers provide care to over 1.5 million persons. The Department of Health Services' budget is about one billion dollars annually.

Mr. Gates and his wife Jacque, residents of Santa Ana, are the parents of four children, two boys and two girls.

On June 26, Barry J. Nidorf was appointed Chief Probation Officer. He succeeds Kenneth E. Kirkpatrick, who retired.

As Chief Probation Officer, Nidorf, 44, investigates and makes recommendations to the courts on adults convicted of crimes, supervises and provides a program of control and rehabilitation for adults placed on probation, investigates and makes recommendations to the courts on delinquent juveniles, provides functions of control and rehabilitation for juveniles on probation, staffs juvenile detention centers and residential treatment facilities, and collects and disburses fines and restitution to victims. The Probation Department has approximately 3,200 employees with an annual budget of more than \$123 million.

Nidorf has served with the County

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH DESIGNATED



**SERGEANT RONALD BAILEY**  
*Employee of the Month*

The County's Employee of the Month for the month of August is Sergeant Ronald J. Bailey, Community Relations Officer, Lynwood Sheriff's Station.

During an awards presentation in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Supervisor Deane Dana said, "It is with great pleasure that I recognize and commend Sergeant Ronald J. Bailey as the August 1984 Employee of the Month. On behalf of all of us and the public which you serve, we are very proud of your achievements and enduring loyalty to County service."

Four years ago, Sergeant Bailey initiated the Lynwood Sheriff Station's Christmas and Thanksgiving Needy Family Giveaway Program, which was financed mostly from his own personal funds.

During a 1983 Thanksgiving Needy Family Giveaway Program, 30 turkeys with all the associated foodstuffs were distributed.

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Probation Department from July 1965 to the present. He is married, has two children and resides in Granada Hills.

Nidorf was graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. He also has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

On May 22, Richard B. Dixon was appointed as the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector. He succeeds H.B. Alvord, who retired from County service in February.

As Treasurer, Dixon, 47, is responsible for the management of the County's treasury which provides for the collection, custody, investment and disbursement of all County general, trust, school and special district funds. As Tax Collector, he is responsible for the billing and collections operations for current and delinquent taxes on all real property, secured and unsecured personal property, and the issuance and collection of business and public health licenses. The Tax Collector also



ROBERT C. GATES



BARRY NIDORF

provides administrative support services to the County Employees Retirement Association.

Dixon has twenty-five years of service with the County and has an extensive managerial background which includes the development and implementation of County-wide financial programs for the past six years.

A graduate of Pomona College and current faculty member of East Los Angeles College in Business Management, Dixon resides in Northridge with his wife, Susan Widman.

Also appointed on May 22 was Charles Weissburd, Registrar-Recorder, who formerly served as Chief Deputy in the Registrar-Recorder's office. He succeeds Leonard Panish who retired from

County service.

As Registrar-Recorder, Weissburd, 47, is responsible for the registration of voters and maintenance of voter files, federal, state, local and special elections, the recording of legal documents which serve as the basis for determining ownership of real property in Los Angeles County, petitions for initiatives and referendum measures and the maintenance of files of birth, death and marriage records.

Weissburd has 27 years of County service and is an active member of the County Clerks/Recorders Association. He has an Associate Arts Degree in Business Administration from Los Angeles City College, is married and resides in Burbank.

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RICHARD DIXON

## Employee of the month

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During this same year at a Christmas Giveaway Program for the Needy, Sergeant Bailey asked his own family to forgo their Christmas gifts for a needy family consisting of a single parent and four children whose home was burglarized during Christmas and who otherwise wouldn't have had a real Christmas.

Sergeant Bailey volunteers thousands of hours of his time to the Watts-Willowbrook Boys' Club.

Sergeant Bailey has 22 years of County Service. He began his employment with the County as a student worker and in 1968, joined the Sheriff's Department. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management from the University of Redlands.

In October, he is scheduled to receive the Sheriff Department's Distinguished Service Award.

## POPCORN: A GREAT SNACK

What is as American as the Fourth of July? What would make a delicious low-calorie snack to munch on tonight as you relax for a few minutes on the front porch and gaze at the stars?

Why it's popcorn, of course! According to the Popcorn Institute, a trade association representing the popcorn industry, popcorn has been around for a long time. The Institute claims there is little doubt the original wild corn in America was popcorn.

Columbus found the natives in the West Indies selling popcorn decorations like corsages. It was an important food for the Aztec Indians who also used it to decorate their ceremonial headdresses. Around 1612 early French explorers found the Iroquois Indians popping corn in pottery vessels with heated sand. They used the product in many ways including popcorn soup. Colonial housewives were probably the first homemakers to serve a "puffed" breakfast cereal, because they served popcorn with sugar and cream to their families for breakfast.

Americans consume more than 618 million pounds of popcorn each year, or over 2 pounds for each person. That is 42 quarts of popped popcorn for

## RETIREES . . .

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

Assessor: Frederick E. Dougherty, Herman J. Knickmeyer, Jr.

Municipal Court: Mary R. Kreisberg, Robert L. Gray.

Public Social Services: Walter M. Fiske, Marvin F. Fulbright, Earl McDonald, Ewing Mack Roberson.

Road: Bill R. Carnahan, Mary Hrynowski.

Sheriff: John R. Buck, Abe Haywood, Jr., James R. Marshall, Romayne R. Shaw.

Also: Leo Griggs, Building Services; Margarita Kanaly, Compton Municipal Court; Evelyn Brayboy, Data Processing; Claudie D. Hawkins, District Attorney; Ronald V. Wood, Flood Control; Onita Theus, General Hospital; John L. Olson, Mechanical; Perry C. Denton, Parks & Recreation; Belen DeLeon, Public Health; Raymond E. Henton, Recorder; William B. Krenz, SCAQMD.

every man, woman and child in our country. About 70 percent of this product is bought at retail stores in both raw and popped form and eaten at home. The other 30 percent is enjoyed at movies, ball parks, and other recreational centers. Unpopped popcorn accounts for approximately 90 percent of the sales for home consumption.

The early Indian corn carried no popping guarantee. Some brands today, however, guarantee that 99 percent of the kernels will pop. This is primarily because of research aimed at perfecting the "pop" in popcorn.

Although little popcorn was enjoyed outside the United States until World War II, people in countries all over the world today enjoy it. Almost all the popcorn consumed throughout the world is grown in the United States.

Eating at non-regular hours and snacking have become a way of life for many Americans today. It is important to choose snack foods which are wholesome and do not contain lots of empty calories. Like all grains, popcorn's carbohydrate content furnishes needed body heat and energy, does not promote tooth decay, and contains

## Board salutes Deputy as "Shining Example" of law enforcement

Sheriff's Deputy Michael Claus, 22, with less than a year on the force, was saluted by the County Board of Supervisors as a "real hero" for his role in saving the life of a would-be suicide victim.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented Claus with a Board scroll commending his action last month after a man jumped from an overpass and landed unconscious in the midst of fast-moving traffic lanes on the Harbor Freeway.

Claus, off duty at the time, was driving to work at the County Jail when he saw traffic speeding by the victim. He was reported to have pulled over, climbed out of his car and ran out on the freeway to grab the victim and pull him to safety on the side of the road.

Antonovich noted also that Claus administered emergency first aid until a Highway Patrol unit arrived to assist before the victim was transported to a hospital.

"This off-duty response by Deputy Claus should bring to all of us in Los Angeles County a sense of pride and a sense of security," Antonovich said, "because our Sheriff's Department is staffed by courageous, dedicated men and women."

Noting that Claus "proved himself to be a real hero, risking his own life and disregarding great danger to save the life of a fellow citizen," Antonovich said, "Claus is a shining example of just why our Los Angeles County Law Enforcement community is the best in the nation."

protein and minerals. Its protein is more useful when supplemented with or used in combination with animal protein sources — like a glass of milk, slice of cheese, or dried beef.

Because popcorn contributes to the overall health and maintenance of the body, the American Diabetes Association and the American Dietetic Association permit popcorn as a bread exchange on weight control diets. (Remember, it's what you add to your popcorn that adds the calories.)

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