



DIGEST

Attention Focused on Missing and Abused Children

April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month by the Board of Supervisors. Recently, Sheriff Sherman Block said, "there can be nothing more gut wrenching than looking into the pained and fear-filled eyes of a child who has been abused."

Despite the vast increase in media coverage, child abuse continues to plague our society. In 1983, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department experienced a 36% increase in child abuse investigations. During fiscal year 1983-84, the number of cases reported increased 53%.

"Cold statistics don't tell the story," Sheriff Block continued. "The tragedy is that each one of these cases represents a child who has been subjected to both mental and physical pain, usually by someone he or she trusts."

Awareness is one key to reducing the incidence of child abuse. It is time for parents and citizens to stop saying that it can't happen in their homes or neighborhood.

"If you see something suspicious, report it," Sheriff Block said. "If it becomes a choice between reporting suspected abuse or hesitating for fear

of making a mistake, the scales should obviously tip in favor of making the report and helping a child."

If you suspect that a child is the victim of abuse or neglect, please contact your nearest Sheriff's station or police department. All reports will be thoroughly investigated and you will not be required to identify yourself.

Public assistance is also being requested in locating missing children. In a cooperative effort that involves the Sheriff's Department, the County Peace Officers Association, and the Southern California Rapid Transit District, over 2,000 posters displaying photographs of missing children will be posted in RTD buses.

Supervisor Deane Dana, who suggested the idea, recently told a news conference audience that "the greater number of people we can make aware of missing children, the better the chances of successfully recovering them."

Winston Network, Inc., which handles bus advertising for RTD, donated the interior bus space where the posters are being displayed.

First children displayed on the posters are six-month-old Donel Minor, last seen Dec. 20, 1984, in Inglewood, and 7-and-a-half-year-old Monica Bonilla, last seen on Sept. 22, 1982, in Burbank.

"Anyone with information about either missing child can contact the Sheriff's Department at (213) 974-4346," Supervisor Dana said.

Monthly selection of the children to be shown on the bus posters is made by the Sheriff's Department.

County Volunteer Efforts Expanded

Upon a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, the Board of Supervisors on April 9 called for an intensified campaign to expand Los Angeles County volunteer programs and develop new outreach efforts to attract more citizen volunteers.

The motion expressed the board's "full support and endorsement of the 1985 County Volunteer Public Awareness Campaign."

"It would be particularly appropriate at this time to commend all participating department heads, volunteer directors, coordinators and responsible managers for their enthusiastic and successful expansion of current department programs. This board has strongly supported efforts to expand existing volunteer programs and to create new programs," Supervisor Antonovich said. "County volunteer programs have greatly expanded since September of 1981 when the board called on the Chief Administrative Officer to encourage citizens to volunteer their time and talent to provide worthwhile service to the public."

The motion specifically calls on the CAO to "fully implement the 1985 campaign through the efforts of the County Management Volunteer Coordinator's Office and the Public Information Office."

The motion also calls for publicizing special volunteer program events and seeks "full cooperation" of all department heads in the effort to attract new volunteers to County programs.

Currently, more than 35,000 persons volunteer their time to County programs, producing an estimated 2.8 million hours of service valued at an estimated \$22.5 million per year. The latest fiscal year totals represent an increase of more than one million hours, up more than 52 percent since fiscal 1981.

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Blood Donor Participation On the Rise

Thanks to those County employees who participated in the recent Civic Center Blood Drive. As a result of this effort, one hundred and eighty-seven units of blood were donated, a 17% increase from the last drive in December.

The Board of Supervisors has sanctioned the expansion of the Blood Donor Program. A Countywide plan to include all departments in this program is being developed and will include the proclamation of June, 1985, as Blood Donor Month, additional bloodmobiles throughout the County and an awards ceremony to commend those departments with the highest participation.

The next Civic Center Blood Drive is scheduled for June. Please remember the importance of scheduling an appointment well in advance of the blood drive.

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March Employee of the Month

In recent Board Room ceremonies, Board of Supervisors Chairman Edmund D. Edelman presented a scroll to Nancy Barnett, who was selected as the March 1985 Employee of the Month for the County of Los Angeles.

Ms. Barnett, Staff Assistant I, Department of Health Services, Ambulatory Care Services, has 15 years of County service. Currently serving at the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center, she is recognized as an outstanding and productive employee. She performs her duties in a superior manner, using good judgment, resourcefulness and initiative. Under adverse conditions and budget cuts, Ms. Barnett continued to work with a high level of enthusiasm and a full commitment to getting the job done.

Some of Ms. Barnett's activities which have earned the respect of both management and her peers are:

- Development and maintenance of the Health Center's Statistical Reporting System;
- Coordinator of the Administrator of the Day Program;
- Chairperson of the Safety Committee;
- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Instructor for the Health Center's staff as well as community individuals;
- Various in-service/educational activities;
- Implementation of a Comprehensive Employee Orientation Program;
- Coordination of the Health Center's Administrative Policy Manual Update, which involved review of over 100 procedures; and
- Coordination of all volunteer activities in the Health Center.

Ms. Barnett divides her non-working hours between her daughter and college classes in Personnel and Public Administration and Computer Science.



NANCY BARNETT

RETIREES . . .

The following people have retired or have been approved for retirement by the Retirement Board in recent months after more than thirty years of service to the County:

Health Services: Dorothy Jones, Ernest Krauel, Cornelia R. Washington.

Facilities Management: Gibson Phelps, Jr., Charles F. Snelling, Leonard A. Vanderhoof.

Public Works: Norma J. Van Arsdall, Jack W. Wammack.

Also: Glenn Hutchinson, Sheriff; Marjorie N. Tyioran, Los Angeles Municipal Court; Daniel J. Johnson, District Attorney; Carl F. Lambe, Public Defender; Frank A. Waite, Treasurer-Tax Collector; Eric S. Wright, Chief Medical Examiner/Coroner.

The following have retired or have been approved for retirement by the Retirement Board with over twenty-five years of County Service:

Public Works: Keith Abrams, Samuel Police.

Beaches and Harbors: Ben T. Nakaji, Lee A. Dante.

Los Angeles Municipal Court: Gloria Postel, Margaret Lewis.

Registrar-Recorder: Mable E. Randle,

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Volunteer of the Year . . .

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OLGA LIDIA NUNEZ
FREDERICK SAMBRANO
IRMA NUNEZ
LATANYA MARIE JONES

LAWANDA DOTSON
DEBORAH GOLDMAN
BLANCA E. ZAMORANO
KARON DEON HECKARD

General Hospital
Pediatric Pavilion
Women's Hospital
Martin Luther King, Jr./
Drew Medical Center
Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center
Parks and Recreation
Probation
Sheriff's Reserves

The following is a brief description of the Volunteer of the Year Categorical Award recipients and their accomplishments.

Distinguished Volunteer: NANCY DUNN, Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

Mrs. Dunn provided strong leadership and countless hours to implement many new and major projects at Descanso Gardens over a period of 19 years. She originated the "Artist of the Month" exhibitions and the annual Paseo por Descanso, an educational walk through the gardens. She was instrumental in the fund-raising and planning of the beautiful and recently completed exhibition hall and administrative office complex at Descanso Gardens.

Distinguished Volunteer: DONALD HILSTON, Forester and Fire Warden.

Mr. Hilston worked with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to form Engine Company #269, staffed by Volunteer Call Firefighters, in Topanga Canyon. Call Firefighter Hilston has organized and led other volunteers on structure and brush fires as well as emergency rescues. His involvement has helped save lives and improve the overall level of service to the residents of Topanga Canyon.

Distinguished Volunteer: RHODA PIKE, Public Administrator-Public Guardian.

Ms. Pike spends most of her Sundays brightening the lives of seven elderly, infirm people who are conservatees of the Los Angeles County Public Guardian. Her diligence and constancy have resulted in an aphasic woman greeting her with "Happy New Year!", a recluse joining group activities, and a childlike person becoming more independent.

Ms. Pike's personal touch provides the mental stimulation, comfort and consolation needed to improve the mental and physical health of the conservatee.

Distinguished Volunteer: WILLIAM B. TEMPLE, Public Works.

Mr. Temple has distinguished himself to the Department as a rainfall station observer. He has been measuring, recording, and mailing daily rainfall amounts into the Department for the past 57 years. Mr. Temple's records indicate his great pride in accuracy and thoroughness. They are used in the design of storm drains and the operation of dams, debris basins, spreading grounds, and pumping plants - to name a few uses for the rainfall records.

Distinguished Volunteer: CHARLOTTE PINSKY, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

Since 1970, Mrs. Pinsky has contributed immeasurable services to Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center by her involvement in the Rancho School, Cardiology Service, Family Development and Child Care Center, Family Preparation Clinic, Communication Disorders Service, Allied Health Education, Occupational Therapy, Volunteer Services Department, and the Patient Welfare Fund Association. In each instance, she has demonstrated leadership skills which have assisted the chronically disabled patients to achieve greater levels of rehabilitation.

Arts and Humanities: CATHERINE FUGITT, Los Angeles County Public Library.

Mrs. Fugitt was instrumental in obtaining political, financial and community support for a much needed new

library building for the City of La Verne. Both she and her husband, Jay, in their roles as officers of the Friends of the La Verne Library, initiated community support for the construction of the new building. Advocacy at City Council meetings contributed to city, county, and eventually state financial support of the project.

Environment: LEIGH RAE PLATTE, Animal Care and Control.

Ms. Platte almost single-handedly transformed 10 acres of mud, garbage, and diseased wildlife, called a "duck pond," into a mini-wildlife sanctuary in the heart of Marina Del Rey. Before her efforts began in August 1982, countless rabbits, ducks, geese, chickens, and other animals died of starvation, exposure, or attacks by dogs. She has solicited thousands of dollars worth of donations from local merchants for the care and feeding of its roughly 200 inhabitants. She continues to personally feed and care for the sanctuary animals every day.

Health: MARIE J. GRIFFITH, High Desert Hospital.

Mrs. Griffith is the current president of the High Desert Hospital Auxiliary, which raises funds for the benefit of the hospital and its patients. Thanks largely to her efforts, the hospital auxiliary will be opening its new, larger, better equipped gift shop this month. In 1984 the auxiliary donated a total of \$21,000 to the hospital for the purchase of such items as surgical equipment and TV sets for patient rooms.

Human Services: SYLVIA INES LARSON, Public Social Services.

Ms. Larson has served the needy aged, blind and disabled in the In-Home Supportive Services and Adult Protective Services Programs. A former County employee, Ms. Larson serves as a Volunteer Information Specialist in the Department's Long Beach Regional Office. She responds to hundreds of public inquiries regarding the health and welfare of needy senior citizens and disabled adults.

Humanitarian: CARRITA NELSON,

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Volunteer of the Year . . .

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JOHN CASTILLO	Affirmative Action Compliance
JERRY T. McJUNKIN	Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures
LEIGH RAE PLATTE	Animal Care and Control
NANCY B. DUNN	Arboreta and Botanic Gardens
KAY HORRELL	Beaches and Harbors
RUFUS MARTINEZ	Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner
DOROTHY EMILY KREBSBACH	Children's Services
SARA LEE GLADSON	Community & Sr. Citizens Services
SIDNEY J. AUSTIN	Consumer Affairs
FRANKLIN A. BERENY	County Clerk and Executive Office of Superior Court
MARIE ELIZABETH RUGNETTA	County Counsel
DONALD HILSTON	Forester and Fire Warden
	HEALTH SERVICES
MARY GUREWITZ	Ambulatory Care Services
REV. ROBERT BLOOM	Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers
DOROTHY JEAN SIMS	Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
MARIE J. GRIFFITH	High Desert Hospital LAC/USC Medical Center General Hospital Pediatric Pavilion Women's Hospital
CARRITA NELSON	Martin Luther King, Jr./ Drew Medical Center
GEORGE J. LOCKFIELD	Olive View Medical Center
CONNIE VERDUGO	Public Health Programs
LOLA D. JARRETT	Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center
SARA ROSENTHAL	
HOWARD H. HELM	
CHARLOTTE PINSKY	
KARL B. HARRIS	Human Relations Commission
HELEN SHONICK	Mental Health
JAMES D. HOOKER	Military & Veterans Affairs
PAT A. TYUS	Museum of Natural History
ROBERT HOLLINGSWORTH	Parks & Recreation
RAY L. LANE	Personnel
OLLIE MATSON	Probation
RHODA PIKE	Public Administrator- Public Guardian
CATHERINE FUGITT	Public Library
SYLVIA INES LARSON	Public Social Services
WILLIAM B. TEMPLE	Public Works
REBECCA M. SCHMIDT	Registrar-Recorder
DIANA C. GALVAN	Sheriff's Civilian Volunteers
WILLIAM HENRY CALICCHIA	Sheriff's Reserves
Eleven youths were awarded scrolls in recognition of their being chosen Departmental Youth Volunteers of the Year. They are:	
PETER HASTINGS SMITH	Forester and Fire Warden
	HEALTH SERVICES
ALEXANDER MILLS III	Ambulatory Care Services
KAREN MARIE DAWN	Harbor-UCLA Medical Center LAC/USC Medical Center

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Victims-Witness Rights Highlighted

On the recommendation of Supervisor Deane Dana, the Board of Supervisors recently proclaimed the week of April 14-20, 1985 as Victims' Rights Week throughout Los Angeles County. A scroll of recognition was presented to Mia Baker, Program Administrator of the Victim-Witness Assistance program in the District Attorney's office.

Ms. Baker, and approximately 60 other people who are active in the District Attorney program heard Supervisor Dana tell the audience of new laws which established a means of funding local programs to meet the special needs of victims and witnesses. These laws also established the responsibility of the criminal justice system and the whole community to recognize and respond to the needs and rights of victims and witnesses.

Attention was called to the rights to restitution from offenders and state compensation for certain personal injuries to victims. Among the rights cited for crime witnesses were protection from harassment or retribution from criminals; and the right to receive meaningful and timely information about the progress of criminal cases within the justice system.

The recipients of the scroll accepted on behalf of actor Charlton Heston, a State of California award to him for a public service video spot which Heston made and donated urging public awareness and support to victims and witnesses.

In a separate ceremony — the Governor's Victim Service Award Program — held earlier in Sacramento, Lori Nelson was honored as one of the pioneers of victims' assistance in California. Now in the Chief Administrative Office's Intergovernmental Relations Division, Ms. Nelson was the first manager of the Los Angeles County Victim/Witness Assistance Center, which was established in 1979 as one of six statewide pilot projects. She served as the Program Administrator from its inception to December 1984 when she joined

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Credit Card Fraud Risk Can Be Reduced

Even with your credit cards safely in your wallet or purse you can be defrauded — unless you take some precautions. These tips from the Department of Consumer Affairs can thwart would-be illegal credit card users:

- Keep your card in sight whenever possible while using it. Retrieve it immediately.
- Make certain that all carbons and incorrect receipts are destroyed.
- Try never to sign a blank receipt. Fill in the total on the receipt if that has not already been done.
- Sign new cards as soon as they arrive.
- Never lend your card to anyone.
- Never put your card number on a postcard or the outside of an envelope.
- Never give your card number over the telephone unless you are well acquainted with the company with whom you are doing business.

You can further help yourself by saving credit card receipts to check against the billing you receive. If you suspect fraud or believe you are being charged for purchases you did not make, immediately notify the card issuer by certified mail, return receipt requested, so that you can prove your letter was received. The letter must be received within 60 days after the first bill containing the questioned charged was **mailed** to you.

If you choose to notify the card issuer by phone, be sure to follow up with a letter. If your card is stolen, **immediately** telephone the card issuer. Once you report the theft, you are not liable for additional unauthorized charges. In all cases, an individual's liability is a maximum of \$50.

COUNTY RECEIVES REBATE AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT AWARD



County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich receives \$12,673 rebate check from George Y. Tice, Director of Los Angeles County's Facilities Management Department, for the County's energy conservation measures implemented at the Valencia Civic Center. In late March, the rebate check was presented to Mr. Tice, along with an Energy Management Award, from Les Mitchell, Area Manager of Southern California Edison. The energy conservation measures will accumulate savings of over \$25,000 annually. On hand for the March presentation were Newhall Municipal Court Judge Roger Baron, Administrative Assistant to Supervisor Antonovich, JoAnne Darcy, and Robert L. Morris, Acting Assistant Director of Facilities Management Department.

The energy savings are the result of implementation of (1) Turbo-Modulator — a patented control system for automatic control of centrifugal chillers; (2) Variable Pumping — speed control of chilled water pump; and (3) overhaul and modernization of the existing Chiller Retrofit to make it more efficient.

Deputy County Counsel Dispute Settled

Effective with the adoption of an ordinance on April 2, 1985, by the Board of Supervisors the Deputy County Counsels ended their dispute with the County over a salary lawsuit filed in 1980. As in the settlement involving the Deputy District Attorneys and Deputy Public Defenders, each

affected individual attorney will be required to execute a Release and Waiver as a condition of receiving the benefits of this Settlement Agreement. The Deputy County Counsels are no longer a certified bargaining unit; however, they were at the time of the filing of the salary lawsuit.

Twins Sought For Research Project

The Hypertension Research Program at the Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School is presently recruiting identical and fraternal twins of all ages. Twins provide a unique resource to study environmental and familial effects on health and disease. They can make a real contribution to our understanding of health and disease in our community by being a part of these research studies.

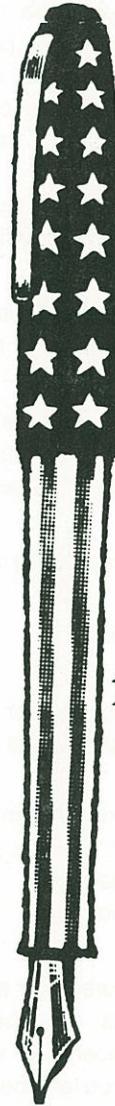
Dr. Clarence E. Grim, Director of the Hypertension Research Program, previously studied Caucasian twins for a ten year period while at Indiana University. He concluded from his research that hypertension in Caucasians is strongly familial and related to genetic factors. The Indiana group has also had a long-term interest in why blacks get twice as much hypertension as whites. Their research has suggested that part of the reason is that blacks have a superior ability to conserve salt compared to whites. However, this superior ability to conserve salt is a problem when we live in a high salt society and may be related to the higher blood pressure in blacks. Dr. Grim moved to King/Drew in August, 1984 and is setting up a research program to continue this interest.

Twins participating in the study will be financially compensated. All twins who are interested in helping us understand health and disease by participating in varied research studies should call (213) 603-3177 or 3178.

Ten ways to see better while Driving at Night

1. Make sure mirrors and windshields are clean.
2. Turn headlights on at dusk so other drivers can see you. You really won't see much better yourself, but others can see you at a farther distance.
3. Check to see that headlights are properly aimed. From one-third to one-half of all vehicles have badly aimed headlights.
4. Wear sunglasses if you spend a day outdoors in bright sunshine. A day of exposure to sun and glare will reduce your ability to see that same evening.
5. Give your eyes time to adjust to darkness after you leave a brightly lighted building.
6. Dim dash lights to reduce contrast between bright instrument lights and darkness outside.
7. Don't smoke in the car. It distracts you from your driving and produces a film on the windshield. It also increases adaptation time to darkness and recovery from glare.
8. Install an anti-glare rearview mirror to reduce glare from headlights of other cars that follow closely.
9. If an oncoming car won't dim its brights, don't look at the lights. Avoid the temptation to flash your brights back.
10. Slow down in darkness. Overdriving headlights is the most persistent problem of night driving. The eye can perceive unexpected objects only half as far away at night as it can during the day.

Write on.



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the Payroll
Savings
Plan for
U.S.
Savings
Bonds and
earn
market-based
interest.

Retirees

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Aiko D. Hanami.

Sheriff: Claude A. Anderson, Hallett B. Sullivan, Armor H. Toomajian.

Facilities Management: Billy J. Bigelow, Clarence E. Henderson, Frank Lee, John Lenz, Martha J. Sheffield, Panfilo R. Varela.

Public Social Services: Johnny L. Carter, Thomas Jagger, George J.

MacFarren, Elizabeth Greco.

Data Processing: Albert K. Figuero, Gene E. Hare.

Parks and Recreation: Jesus M. Ramirez, Nathaniel Wright.

Fire: Norman L. Harris, James M. Puckett, Dick J. Veenendaal.

Health Services: William Blanchard, Thomas R. Johnston, Peter D. Pena, Obie L. Schroeder, LaDonne Wallace, Linnie Brooks, Marie A. McComb,

Florence Reed.

Also: Gwen Kirk, Children's Services; Donna M. McSorley, Compton Municipal Court; Emmett E. Mitchell, Probation; Arthur B. Netzley, SCAQMD; Cruz L. Ramirez, Commission on Human Relations; Marie Sutton, Superior Court; Robert M. Tunks, Community and Senior Citizens Services; Gloria L. Caesar, Mental Health; William E. Bornhoft, District Attorney.