



# DIGEST

## New Procedure Introduced to Lower Property Taxes

County Assessor Alexander H. Pope and Assistant Recorder Richard Hughes have announced a new change of ownership procedure to quickly report property transfers and help homeowners get the lowest possible property assessments at the time of transfer.

The two County officials introduced the new "Preliminary Change of Ownership Report," which should be filed with the Recorder whenever property changes hands.

Under the old process, change of ownership forms were mailed to new property owners and only about 45% were returned. A second wave of mailings generally brought the total response rate up to about 85%. Meanwhile, property assessments were made on the basis of information available. Changes in assessments based on returned change of ownership forms were expensive for the County and time consuming for the property owner.

"This report will benefit taxpayers in two ways," Assessor Pope said. "First, it will assure that the County has correct information regarding your property, including whether your transfer should be excluded from reassessment. Second, the report will tell us if any

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## Early Separation Program Proves Effective

The County, like many other organizations, has developed an early separation program to reduce the number of management positions and facilitate organizational change. Early separation programs provide incentives for managers to retire early.

Separation Plans for 28 County departments have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. One hundred and eighteen managers have retired to date. The purpose of the Early Separation Program is to reduce the number of County managers in a cost-effective manner without causing reductions and layoffs of non-management personnel.

The approved plans provide for the deletion of positions from the budget to achieve program cost effectiveness.

The position of the early separation recipient is eliminated or, where specified in the Board approved plan, an offsetting position is eliminated.

The program has not only proved to be cost-effective but it plays a vital part in the streamlining of the organizational structure of the County. Efforts to consolidate County departments have greatly relied on the availability of this program.

A review of budgetary documentation indicates the program will result in a \$2.6 million net reduction through fiscal year 1984-85 and a \$9.6 million cumulative net savings through 1985-86.

Savings which have been achieved are being used to finance County priority programs.

## Secretary of the Year Named

La Voyce Payne has been named Secretary of the Year by the Los Angeles County Secretarial Council. The award was made at the annual Boss-Secretary Luncheon held at the Sheraton Grande Hotel with KCBS-TV Channel 2 sports anchor Jim Hill as guest speaker.

Ms. Payne began her career with Los Angeles County in 1959 as a stenographer for the Civil Service Commission. Since that time she has held secretarial positions with the Department of Personnel, the Chief Administrative Office and the Department of Health Services. She is currently Secretary to the Public Health Commission.



*La Voyce V. Payne*

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'creative financing' was involved in your purchase. If there was, in many instances it will lower your new assessment and your taxes. If we do not have the necessary information, we cannot give those homeowners a break in their assessment to which they may be entitled."

The new report is required by a law passed by the Legislature last year and if not filed with the Recorder when property changes owners, an extra recording fee of \$20 is charged.

"Property owners are encouraged to file the Preliminary Change of Ownership Report," Pope said. "They will save \$20, greatly assist the County in accurately correcting the official records pertaining to their property, and avoid the possibility of generating a minimum \$100 penalty by not reporting a change of ownership."

If not signed during the escrow process, Preliminary Change of Ownership Report forms are always available at any office of the Assessor or the Registrar-Recorder.

## Health Services Co-Sponsors Alcoholic Olympics

In a spirit of healthy competition, over 5,000 recovering alcoholic and drug patients took part in the recent 13th Annual International Alcoholic Olympics held at College of the Canyon in Valencia. The all day event was jointly sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Center and the College. Participants came from throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Over 200 agencies - hospitals, recovery houses and extended care facilities - helped patients prepare to compete in track and field events, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, horseshoes and weight lifting.

Social events, including table and card games, were available for the participants, their families and friends. Special events for spectator involvement included skill throwing with Frisbees, softball, darts and basketball. First,

second and third place medals were awarded to individual winners. Team trophies were awarded to high point teams. All participants received theme T-shirts.

Over 400 volunteers assisted in supporting roles such as registering, scoring and distributing, placing and collecting equipment. Security volunteers included former Hell's Angels and other cyclists who are recovered alcoholics.

According to Kurt Freeman, who founded the Alcoholic Olympics in 1973, the event "promotes the positive potential of the alcohol and drug patient through the use of recreational activities, and gives the individual a feeling of success and camaraderie in addition to increasing physical and moral fitness." Freeman is director of the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Center.



Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Center  
residents preparing for Alcoholic Olympics

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## Blood Donor Month Drives Begin

June has been designated as Blood Donor Month by the Board of Supervisors. The recent Civic Center Blood Drive, the first of several drives scheduled this month, has resulted in a 14% increase in donor participation from the last Civic Center Drive in March. This drive was expanded to allow for an additional four-hour afternoon shift on the second day. Two hundred and thirteen units of blood were donated during this drive.

Additional blood drives for June were listed in the June 3 issue of the **Digest**. If it is not convenient for you to attend any of these blood drives, your own department will get credit even if you donate at a County hospital. The location of these hospitals and the hours of operation of their blood banks are as follows:

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center 1000 West Carson Street B102 Torrance, CA 90509	(213) 533-2255 Mon.-Fri. Sat.-Sun.-Hols.	10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
King-Drew Medical Center 12021 S. Wilmington, Rm. 2721 Los Angeles, CA 90059	(213) 603-4454 Mon.-Fri.	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
LAC/USC Medical Center 1200 W. State Street Los Angeles, CA 90033	(213) 226-7143 Sun.-Fri.	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
LAC/USC Medical Center Women's Hospital, Rm. 2K2D 1234 N. Mission Road Los Angeles, CA 90033	(213) 226-3485 Tues.-Fri. Sat.	12 noon to 9 p.m. 12 noon to 8 p.m.

## Volunteers clean up San Gabriel Canyon

Super Sweep '85, a volunteer cleanup of litter in San Gabriel Canyon and surrounding areas was held on Saturday, June 1, 1985. Greatly expanded since 400 volunteers worked in the first cleanup in 1980, this year's effort drew 601 volunteers to maintain the fragile beauty of the popular recreational area.

The annual one-day assault on roadside litter was co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department and the Hughes Fullerton Ecology Club. In addition to the leadership of this County department and the Hughes Fullerton Ecology Club, other agencies and private organizations provided trucks, T-shirts, food, drink and supplies. Financial and technical assistance from Chevron Oil, RecyCAL of Southern California Inc., California Conservation Corps (CCC), local civic groups, restaurants and businesses made this year's sweep much more effective and productive.

Recruitment received special emphasis in planning for the event. The result was a much larger group which, in addition to community environmental and ecology volunteers, included scout troops, service clubs and youths from some of the Probation Department's

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## Aerobics Exercise Class

County employees and other interested persons are invited to participate in an aerobics class which is being offered by Office Aerobic Services in the County Courthouse at 111 North Hill Street. The one-hour class begins at approximately 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and includes a warm-up period, aerobics, calisthenics and a cool-down/stretching period.

Each session costs \$2 per person. Attendance is on a drop-in basis. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, exercise shoes and bring a towel.

Please contact Van A. Perkins or Taryn Moore at 974-6102 if you are interested or have any questions.

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 **American Red Cross**

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resident camps. Over 110 miles of highway in the canyon were covered; 38,000 tons of bottles, cans and other litter were removed and returned to the on-site reclamation area. There, metal and glass were separated by CCC camp crews, and recycled immediately by donated trucks, equipment and operators. The proceeds of \$516 will be contributed by the sponsors to "For Kids' Sake," a program helping to rehabilitate abused children.

"We commend the hard work, enthusiasm and good attitude of the volunteers" stated Monroe Polk, Deputy Director Agricultural Commissioner. The Hughes club officers, Leon Dummond and Jerry McJunkin, along with Agricultural Commissioner staff have acted as advisors to an Orange County group which held a first "sweep" earlier this spring. Also, the "sweep" organizers are presently advising a San Bernardino group planning a similar effort in the Lytle Creek area. This blend of public-private activity for environmental improvements should serve as a model for communities throughout the County.

## 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:

Fire: Harold T. Dishion, Ralph W. Munger, Jr., Elida G. Cantu.

Sheriff: Roger R. Killackey, Benedict A. Lubbon, John T. Coleman, Jane S. Price.

Public Works: Juan Almaraz, Jack R. Fry, Benny V. Flores.

Facilities Management: William Felder, Jr., Irving Rabin, Charles Kelso, William Watson.

Personnel: Juanita Johnson.

Health Services: Mary M. Arakawa.

Art Museum: Louis L. Fuller.

Probation: Carlos P. Hanly, Sammie J. Banks.

Purch. & Stores: Rose Kanetomi.

SCAQMD: Abe B. Moore.

Agric. Comm./Wts. & Meas.: James S. Thompson.

D.P.S.S.: Patricia H. Weinberg.

L.A. Mun. Court: Yoshiko Yokomizo.

Alhambra Mun. Court: Robert E. McCracken.

Superior Court: Jean Henderson.  
Auditor/Contrl.: Gwendolyn G. Smith.

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

D.P.S.S.: Laura M. Collins, Robert S. Webb.

Probation: Barbara D. Riley, Marvin A. Crayton.

Sheriff: Derrell Sheldon, Richard M. Sloan.

Chief Admin. Office: Bernard F. Emmerick.

Health Services: M. Gray Smith-Haithcock, Joe R. Romero, Ernst W. Koelln.

Facilities Management: Willie Howard Hargrow.

Agric. Comm./Wts. & Meas.: Earl W. Cleveland.

Public Works: John M. Becka.

Exec. Office Sup. Ct./County Clerk: Doris M. Stewart.

Personnel: Almetria Ivory.

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