



# DIGEST

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## Veteran Sheriff Reserve Honored



Reserve Sergeant Guillermo Trillo (left) is commended by Supervisor Peter F. Schabaram (right), for dedicated service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Posse, and Mrs. Kathleen Trillo (center).

Sergeant Trillo began his service in 1942, was active in the County's Civil Defense Unit during World War II and was formally inducted into the Sheriff's Reserves on November 2, 1945.

Thus, Sergeant Trillo, who has reached 70 years of age, is retiring with the longest continuous service of any active Sheriff's Reserve.

## New Chief of Staff, Sheriff's Reserves

County Sheriff Sherman Block has promoted Reserve Commander Paul R. Purchard to the position of Chief of Staff, Sheriff's Uniformed Reserves. Purchard is replacing Tommy Thompson, who retired after 35 years of service with the Sheriff's Department. Chief Purchard will serve as the Sheriff's principal advisor on matters pertaining to the over 700 members of the

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## Data Processing Department Leaders in Technology

The County's Data Processing Department (DPD) operates in one of today's most rapidly changing fields of technology, providing computer support services to one of the largest and most complex public agencies in the nation, the County of Los Angeles.

With production scheduled seven days per week, twenty-four hours per day, DPD's goal is to provide for timely and accurate delivery of service to those departments and special districts on computer-based systems. This department's responsibilities include the planning, acquisition, installation, maintenance, programming, operation, and custody of all data processing and data communications systems and equipment in County departments. The development and implementation of comprehensive plans for data security and backup operations are also major projects.

Most employees may not know that major data processing activities include elections, property assessments and tax

records, County payroll systems, welfare and various justice, health and engineering systems. For example, the department maintains an online data base for the Registrar-Recorder which contains 3½ million registered voters. One of the department's major achievements is the smooth and orderly operation of the sophisticated computer-based election night tallying process.

One of the major support services provided is the monthly processing of 140,000 salary warrants and direct deposit slips which result in timely and accurate payroll services to over 70,000 County employees.

Other major workload areas include:

- the printing of 3 million tax bills annually;
- the printing of over 4 million general welfare negotiable documents annually, with an annual benefit total of \$2.5 billion; and
- the estimated production of 1,976,751,000 microfiche pages

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Donald Dunagan, DPD Manager (standing) during staff meeting with (L to R.) Frederick Wilson, Christine Luk (hidden), Farrel Mitchell, Ali Sheikhan, Shui-Ping Chi, Ashok Madan, Rosalind Palmer, Francis Salcido and Jane Chan.

## Data Processing

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annually, which reduces the need for costly filing space.

In addition to its support for operating systems, DPD is heavily involved in the development of new system application projects. The department has implemented 59 new systems over the past 10 years and currently has 21 major systems under development.

Providing the data processing services required by County departments occurs through a partnership between the Data Processing Department and its user departments. For example, DPD handles approximately 1,200 requisitions each year through Purchasing and Stores on behalf of its user departments. These requisitions are for hardware, software, and maintenance requirements expressed to DPD by their users. In addition, the department handles approximately 400 contract documents annually such as Request for Proposals, contract orders required to secure the services and equipment required by County departments. DPD currently has 23 active Prop A con-

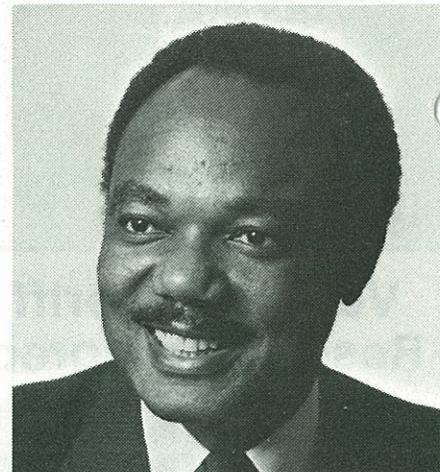
tracts with an estimated savings of \$2 million.

This departmental profile would, however, be incomplete if the major departmental resource, employees, were not also profiled.

DPD employees have demonstrated their commitment by not only making an impact through technology, but by making a difference to others by being supportive and caring. The depart-



Zenaida Magsombol, Computer Operator Specialist, at work



Edgar H. Hayes, Director,  
Data Processing Department

ment's employees received the coveted Charitable Giving Campaign Department of Distinction Award for placing first place in each of the three award categories in 1985. Their team spirit and County pride has also been demonstrated by their support of the Blood Donor Drive, Savings Bond Campaign, Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Campaign, and the Countywide Volunteer Program.

The department has also received over 24 National Association of Counties (NACo) awards over the last six years for systems development and implementation.

The frequency of the technological changes is but one of the challenges faced by this department's management and employees as they strive to provide expanding services and advice in an era of fiscal limitation. The Data Processing Department is proud to play a key role in the planning and implementation of a managed approach to the computer-based information systems capabilities and challenges facing County government.

**PROVIDING PROPER FOOD AND WATER.** A pet must be provided with adequate food and water.

**LAWS AGAINST ANIMAL ABANDONMENT.** You are subject to a \$500 fine or six (6) months in jail for abandoning an animal.

**REMEMBER:** Do not leave an animal in a car with windows closed! Sun on the metal greatly increases the interior temperature.

County of Los Angeles

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## Pet Owners — Legal Responsibilities

If you have a pet as a member of your household, remember that you are responsible for the safety and health of your pet.

**THE LEASH LAW.** It is not permissible to let your dog run loose day or night, with or without a license.

**YEARLY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.** A license tag must be purchased annually and be securely fixed to your dog's collar.

**RABIES VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.** Rabies vaccinations must be kept current for dogs.

**DOGS IN OPEN VEHICLES.** It is not permissible to transport any dog in or on the back or bed of any open truck or other open vehicle while traveling on any county road, street, highway, lane, or alley.

**PROVIDING PROPER SHELTER.** A pet must have access to shelter from the elements, both rain and sun, at all times.

## Gene Owens Employee of the Month

"Personality, performance, and praise" — accurately describe the outstanding traits of the February 1986 Employee of the Month - Gene Owens, Custodian Supervisor with the Facilities Management Department.

When "clean Gene," as he is affectionately known, was honored recently with a scroll presented by Board of Supervisors Chairman Peter F. Schabarum, his infectious smile was as natural in the Board room as on his daily rounds.



Gene Owens  
Employee of the Month

Gene has been a County employee for almost 30 years and has performed outstandingly as Custodian Supervisor. He has supervised the day custodial staff at the Hall of Administration for the past 11 years and takes exceptional pride in his work.

He has a remarkable ability to communicate with all levels of staff in the Hall and his positive attitude and friendly behavior have made him well liked by Board members, Department Heads, other building occupants, as well as his peers.

However, Gene's personable attitude does not overshadow his leadership skills as a supervisor. He has the unique ability to get the most from the staff he supervises with minimum effort. His standards of excellence are exemplified through the prompt responses he provides staff at the Hall during emergencies and other problems that

occur during his daytime shift. Gene's high productivity is easily measurable as evidenced by the high levels of custodial services delivered in his work assignments.

Gene's efforts as a volunteer in the County's Charitable Giving Program are also highly commendable and contributed to his Department's goal achievement of 514 new employee contributors and increased contributions of \$18,000. For his cooperation and leadership, he has received Special Recognition Awards from the Brotherhood Crusade and United Way. Gene also received special recognition for his leadership in readying the County Courthouse for the 1979 "Unveiling ceremony of a plaque for Asa V. Call."

Gene's love of music also explains the lilt of his cheerful "greetings of the day" to employees as they enter the building.

Gene and his wife of 40 years, Pauline, are the parents of eight children. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific. A special salute, Gene!

## The Beauty of Wildflowers

To view one of nature's true spectacles of beauty, plan a visit to the high-desert area during March and April. Just 75 miles north of Los Angeles on I-5 and Highway 14, a veritable explosion of color awaits you.

Because of varying weather conditions at different elevations, the types of blooms, color and profusion of growth are subject to change almost daily. Plan on enjoying the breathtaking beauty of our wildflower season and visit one of the following locations:

- PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER in Newhall (19152 West Placerita Canyon Road) will conduct a wildflower walk on Saturday, April 12. Call (805) 259-7721 for information.
- CHARMLEE NATURE CENTER - 2577 South Encinal Canyon Road, Malibu, will conduct a fire ecology walk on April 18 to observe the growth of plants seeded in a

## Charlotte McShann



Supervisor Mike Antonovich presented a plaque to veteran employee, Charlotte McShann, "in appreciation for her 45 years of dedication to the well-being of County residents as an employee at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center" during a recent Board room ceremony.

The honoree began work as a Ward Clerk in the former General Hospital in Department of Charities-Bureau of Hospitals. She has progressed, with the enormous growth of that hospital to her current position of Medical Records Supervisor.

Antonovich said the plaque represents the "appreciation of the Board of Supervisors and all 8 million County residents."

## Easter Vacation Activities

The County Public Library provides a wide variety of special programs during Easter vacation time for preschool and school age children. There are story hours, story/craft sessions, film programs and much more.

Parents should call their local community library to find out the dates and times of these activities during Easter vacation and throughout the year. For further information, call (213) 922-7894.

burned-out area. Call (213) 457-7247.

- ANTELOPE VALLEY WILDFLOWER INFORMATION CENTER. Call (805) 948-1322 for information.

## Chief Purchard

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County Sheriff Sherman Block and Reserve Commander Paul Purchard

Uniformed Reserves, and will assist department executives in administering the Reserve Program. He will receive \$1.00 per year in his new position, a salary that all Sheriff's Reserves receive for their volunteer work.

Establishment of an active reserve member management team, the continued aggressive recruitment of well-qualified individuals to become reserve deputies and the maintaining of the exceptionally high esprit de corps of reserve members are among the goals of the new Chief of Staff.

**WE  
CAN'T  
RUN  
ON  
EMPTY.**

GIVE BLOOD



**American  
Red Cross**

## Calendar of Events

### MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Mercedes-Benz Centennial Exhibition  
selected examples of auto builders art  
1894 Benz Velo in Museum Foyer  
Ongoing to July 6, 1986  
Information: (213) 744-3414

### AHMANSON THEATRE

"Legends" with two legendary Broadway  
superstars - Mary Martin and  
Carol Channing  
Closing March 29, 1986  
Phone (213) 972-7349 for prices and  
ticket availability

### MARK TAPER FORUM

"Night Mother" Pulitzer Prize winner  
Original Broadway Cast - Anne Pitoniak  
and Kathy Bates  
March 27 - May 11, 1986

### LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC SPRING CONCERTS

Krzysztof Penderecki, Conductor  
"St. Luke Passion"  
March 28 - 30, 1986

### MUSEUM OF ART

A preview exhibition of Masterpieces from  
the Shin'enkan Collection: Japanese  
Painting of the Edo Period. Approximately  
75 screens and scrolls have been selected  
for this special showing of master  
works by artists of this rich and opulent  
period, through May 18, 1986.

The entire collection will be permanently  
housed in the Museum's Pavilion for  
Japanese Art, scheduled to be completed  
in 1987.



Hanging scroll, color on silk titled  
"Seashells And Plums" By Suzuki  
Kiitsu.

## SAVE A LIFE

Adopt a pet from your local Los  
Angeles County Animal Shelter.

### ANIMAL SHELTERS

Center No. 1  
11258 S. Garfield Avenue  
Downey, CA 90242  
922-8887

Center No. 3  
216 W. Victoria  
Gardena, CA 90248  
327-1171 - 321-5983

Center No. 4  
4275 N. Elton  
Baldwin Park, CA 91706  
962-3574

Center No. 5  
5210 W. Avenue I  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
(805) 945-8378

Center No. 6  
31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd.  
Castaic, CA 91310  
(805) 257-3100

Center No. 7  
29525 Agoura Rd.  
Agoura, CA 91301  
(818) 991-0071

### HEALTH PLANS OPEN ENROLLMENT CLOSING SOON

March 31, 1986 is the deadline!  
Obtain information and required forms  
from your departmental personnel office.

"Los Angeles, The Magnificent" slide lec-  
ture 200-year architectural history of  
residences and buildings  
March 24, 1986 - For reservations call  
(213) 857-6041.

"Art: Indoors and Out" slide lecture  
Four traditional areas of art interaction -  
the book, garden, dance, and the jewel  
For ticket information call (213) 857-6201

### KFAC SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

Free live broadcast  
Rossini's "Overture: La Scala di Seta" and  
Beethoven's Symphony No. 1, Opus 21  
March 30, 2 p.m. Leo S. Bing Theater