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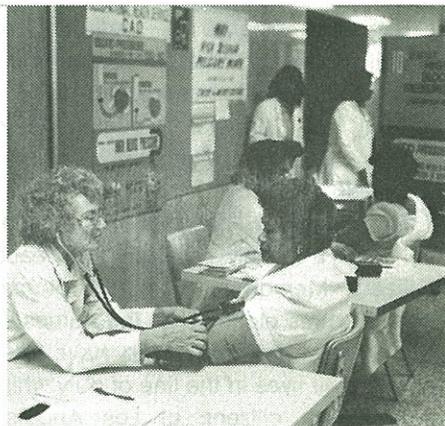
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## Outstanding Nurses Honored By County



In recent Board Room ceremonies, Supervisor Michael Antonovich (top row), presented scrolls to outstanding nurses (from L. to R. back row): Karen Hamman, LAC/USC Medical Center; Anita Muller, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center; Mary Ostash, Olive View Medical Center; Vicki Smith, Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center and Sarah Shields, High Desert Hospital. Front Row (L. to R.) Eunice Hightower, Juvenile Court Health Services; Lisa Kido, Harbor/UCLA Medical Center; Marion Currie, Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center; Marvel Rolfe, Mental Health Dept.; Genny Monahan, Public Health Programs; and Heidi Ansell, Sheriff Dept. Medical Services.

### Blood Pressure Awareness



Martha Ernst, R.N., Occupational Health Nurse, checking an employee's blood pressure.

The month of May was High Blood Pressure Month.

In keeping with the occasion, the

CAO's Occupational Health Nurses conducted a program for blood pressure awareness. During the month of May, these nurses were available at various times on the 2nd floor of the Hall of Administration to provide blood pressure checks and health counseling.

In addition to the focus on high blood pressure, Occupational Health Nurses play a key role in the delivery of health services for County employees. Through the preemployment medical examination process, they are among the first people to introduce a new employee into the County work force. In addition to their involvement in preemployment medical examinations, the Occupational Health Nurses provide the following services:

- Initial medical care for employees sustaining both occupational and

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### Employee of the Month



Lt. Carl E. Moore

Lieutenant Carl E. Moore, Security Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation, was selected as the April 1986 County Employee of the Month.

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## Lt. Carl Moore

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Currently, he is in charge of field operations in the Department's Southern Region.

The Park Patrol performs generalized patrol duties (similar to the Sheriff's) in County parks and facilities. During the past couple of summers, due to increased activities of violence and destruction to park properties, Lt. Moore recognized the need for a more specialized team of officers to combat such acts by gang members.

He, therefore, designed and developed a Park Patrol Reserve Unit, which presently includes 18 actively serving Reserve Officers. Under Lt. Moore's leadership, they have provided more patrol units and increased patrol coverage during weekends and holidays when the parks have maximum attendance.

Lt. Moore is known as a highly dedicated supervisor and administrator. He sets high standards for himself and instills this pride and confidence in the 16 regular officers and volunteer reserve officers under his command. His diligence, practical experiences and leadership have proven invaluable in preventing and resolving serious violent crime and gang problems in parks under his jurisdiction.

In presenting Lt. Moore a scroll in honor of his selection, Board of Supervisors Chairman, Peter F. Schabarum, told of his sincerity and dedication to duty, as well as his concern for the community's safety. Schabarum continued, "This Board admires and appreciates your successes in dealing with very serious problems of crime . . . in your jurisdiction. You have set excellent examples for others to follow."

Additionally, in recognition of his superior performance, Lt. Moore's co-workers selected him as the Department's Employee of the Month in November 1985.

Carl was actively involved in the development of the Monteith Area Neighborhood Watch Program in South Central Los Angeles, and has for many years served as coach, manager and league official for the Hawthorne Junior Baseball Association.

## It's Medical Records Week



(L to R.) Rose Esquibel, Probation Health; Rose Castaneda, H. Claude Hudson CHC; Dorothy Petit, Hubert Humphrey CHC; Don Young, Edward Roybal CHC; Mary Newman, El Monte CHC; and Alma Smith, El Cerrito CHC.

Department of Health Services Medical Records Directors in Ambulatory Care Services are busy planning activities at each Comprehensive Health Center to celebrate Medical Records Week, June 9-13.

Activities will include nominations of a Medical Records Employee of the Year, hosting an Open House, and staff recognition lunches. High school counselors and the public are invited to the scheduled Open Houses which will provide an opportunity for those interested in career choices to view firsthand the range of functions within the Medical Records profession.

The Medical Records' function is viewed as the backbone to quality medical care. It is responsible for maintaining and providing complete and accurate medical records for all patients in a given health facility. These records contain a verbal and statistical abstract of the patient, his or her health status, treatments, and financial responsibility.

Medical Records staff perform such functions as chart filing, coding and auditing of patient records, releasing medical information needed for disability determinations or satisfying court subpoenas, and medical transcribing.

We commend all employees in the Medical Records profession.

## Blood Pressure

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nonoccupational illness or injuries or members of the public who are injured in or around the Hall of Administration.

- Health education and immunization.
- CPR and first-aid classes.
- Consultations regarding communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis, AIDS and other health problems such as hypertension, heart disease and weight loss.
- Follow-up on employees with special medical recommendations made by occupational health physicians to ensure that the employees can continue to work safely and healthfully.

If you have missed the chance to have your blood pressure taken by the County's Occupational Health Nurses during May, there is still time to stop by your private medical provider and have your blood pressure checked.

Keep yourself safe from the dangers of high blood pressure!

## Slain Officer Honored

Sergeant George L. Arthur, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, was posthumously honored at the 17th annual Los Angeles County Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony on May 14, 1986.

The Ceremony included the dedication of a newly completed Peace Officers' Memorial, which has permanent plaques etched with the names of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Los Angeles County.

Sheriff Sherman Block said, "This annual ceremony is dedicated to the memory of our fallen comrades. It serves as a reminder of their dedication, desire, and the ultimate sacrifice they made to serve their fellow man."

## Productivity Think Tank Conference



(L to R) Richard Canton, Dr. Dale Miller, Eddy Tanaka and Charles Ventura.

Recently, 70 DPSS employees representing all levels of staff participated in an all-day department-sponsored Productivity THINK TANK Conference. The conference was developed to increase an awareness of productivity improvement by involving all levels of staff in the planning process.

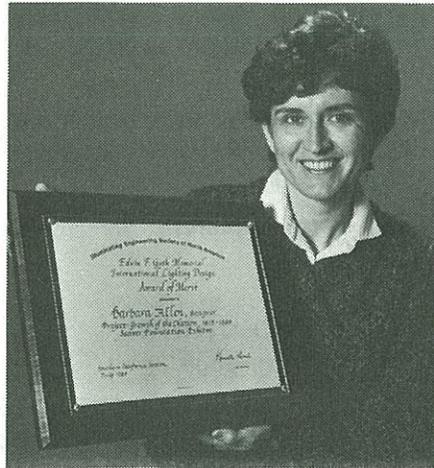
Conference planner Charles Ventura, Chief of the Management Information and Evaluation Division and Eddy Tanaka, Director, welcomed the group and presented an overview of the days events. Richard Canton, Chief Deputy, gave the keynote address. Dr. Dale Miller, Productivity Manager from TRW, spoke on productivity in the private sector and gave a demonstration on personal productivity development, "Where It All Begins."

Each participant was required to submit prior to the conference date at least one productivity improvement idea, a management incentive idea, and a line employee incentive idea. Over 60 major ideas were submitted. These ideas were in the areas of computer enhancements and automation, micrographics, systems and procedures, management and employee incentive ideas, and personnel resources utilization.

At the conference the participants were divided into groups, and using a prepared work sheet as an outline, dealt with such areas as: methodology for project development, identifying anticipated benefits, identifying major tasks and time frames for completion, and identifying measurement tools and performance indicators.

At days end, a major step in DPSS' productivity improvement planning process had been taken.

## International Award



Barbara Allen, Museum Technician at Natural History Museum has received three awards from The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. She was honored for her lighting design of the Seaver Foundation exhibit, "Growth of the Nation, 1815-1865."

The awards were for exceptional design, South Pacific Coast Region; for good lighting practice, Southern California section, and the Edwin F. Guth Memorial International Lighting Design Award of Merit, Southern California section.

## Volunteer Opportunities

In response to County employees' continuing interest in volunteer involvement opportunities, a brief description of areas where help is needed follows:

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT — "Information Experts" are being recruited to staff kiosks at key Civic Center entrance locations. Volunteers will provide directions and event information to the general public. Call Dennis E. McGrath at (213) 974-2199.

MAC LAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER (CHILDRENS SERVICES) — Help provide emergency shelter care services for abused, neglected, and abandoned children in El Monte. Opportunities available seven days a week, 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (818) 575-4364.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT — Volunteers can tutor, coach sports, and help develop athletic skills, teach art, music, drama, or join existing groups working with youth in Probation camps or juvenile halls. Opportunities are available for helping after working hours and on weekends. Call Susan Turner or Teena Lambert at (213) 940-2853 for details.

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## Cultural Exchange Art Exhibition

The County Museum of Art will host the international loan exhibition from the Soviet Union's famed collection of impressionist and early modern paintings June 26 through August 12, 1986. Selected from The Hermitage Museum and The Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, Impressionist to Early Modern Paintings from the U.S.S.R. will feature such master artists as Paul Cezanne, Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh, Henri Matisse, and Pablo Picasso. Thirty-three of the forty paintings in the exhibition have never been seen before in the United States.

For 24-hour recorded information, call (213) 857-6373.

## Congratulations —

Warm wishes for an enjoyable retirement are extended to the following retirees who are leaving County Service after more than 30 years of service:

DPSS: Dorothy Mae Felder, Florence E. Orand

Health Services: Ora Lee Owens

Probation: Lincoln Fortsen

Public Works: Harold G. Fletcher, Frederick Leventhal, Wayne H. Luck, George R. Taylor

The following retirees with 25 or more years of service will also be missed and we wish them well:

Assessor: Robert L. Olson, Eula G. Walker

Auditor-Controller: Eddie M. Johnson

Chief Admin. Office: Mary Bailey

Children's Services: Bertha L. Joseph, John O. Oliver

Comm. & Sr. Cit. Svcs.: Louise Ramirez

District Attorney: Sherwin D. Podolsky

Facilities Management: Clyde W. Clemens, John Germany, Thomas Donlevy

Fire Dept.: Robert Hansford, Gerald E. Sparks, Frances Guardado, Phillip E. Wilder

Health Services: William Currie, Wendall P. Dean, Lester T. Hibbard, Napoleon G. Howard, Jr., William D. Howell, Kazuko Kinoshita, Joseph Ridenour, Bernice Smith, Clifford B. Walberg

Marshal: Tony A. Tachias, Barbara H. Kemp

Parks & Recreation: Claire B. Debus, David G. Marqua

Probation: John A. Boyle, Kenneth L. Forney, Frederic D. Kyle, Frederic W. Postal, Carl W. Virden, Jr., Herman E. Thomas

Public Library: Curtis B. Love

Public Social Services: Esther Bormaster, Golda C. Copeland, Bernard R. Daley, Lillian B. Doxton, Marie B. Halfon, Bernadine Kelom

Public Works: Julio Contreras, Allen Murray, Alvin M. Reece

Purchasing & Stores: Matthew Love

Sheriff: Robert D. Buckman, William A. Connor, Jack Dicus, Frederick J. Harre, Beverly J. Hammonds, Albert J. Loreto, Jack W. Innes, Eugene G. Leschinsky, Gale K. Palmer, Curby H. Wigham

## More To See And Do

Museum of Natural History — 11th Annual Festival of Folk Art spotlights the Far East, Sunday, June 8, 1986, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be demonstrations of traditional arts, including Japanese fabric painting, Chinese brush painting, Cambodian weaving, Hmong embroidery, Japanese woodcarving, origami and netsukes.

Entertainment will include Japanese folkdancing, Cambodian traditional dancing, Vietnamese music. Martial arts demonstrations will include Aikido and Japanese swordsmanship.

Special activities and prizes for children and some crafts will include audience participation.

The centerpiece of the day will be the Museum's own "dragon", a 72-foot dinosaur from China.

A variety of Asian foods will be available to feast on, and many craft items will be available for purchase.

For the entire day, admission is free to the Museum exhibits and the Folk Art Festival.

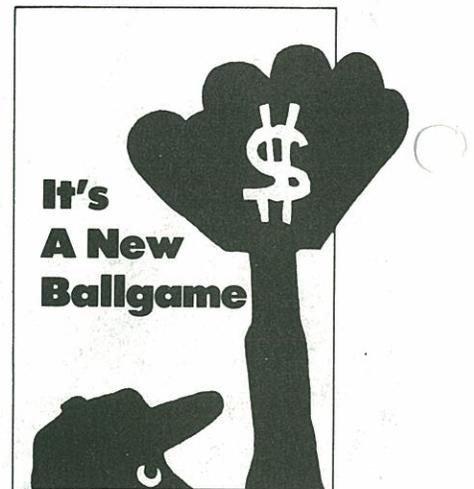
Call (213) 744-3411 for more information.

## Volunteer

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**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT** — Reach out in friendship to the many homebound, disabled and lonely senior citizens who are helped by the department. Find out how you can help, or if you belong to a service group that is selecting a service project, by calling Pamela Collins at (818) 572-5834.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS** — Summer's just around the corner and volunteers are needed for beach cleanup, landscaping or facility repairs to help keep the County beaches in good shape for the millions who will visit them. Contact the Department's Volunteer Desk at (213) 722-1811 or 545-4502.



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