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Health Services Employees Honored



(L. to R.) Dr. Frank E. Young, FDA Commissioner, Dr. Laurene Mascola, nurse epidemiologist Carol Salminen and Dr. Lynn Yonekura at awards ceremony.

Three employees of the County Department of Health Services received special commendations from the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for their performance during last year's listeriosis outbreak.

The Commissioner's Special Citations were presented to Dr. Laurene Mascola, nurse epidemiologist Carol Salminen, and Dr. Lynn Yonekura at ceremonies June 27 in Rockville, Maryland.

Salminen of LAC/USC Medical Center and Yonekura, formerly at the medical center and now at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, are credited with first discovering the existence of the outbreak by noting the increase in listeriosis cases at the medical center. Mascola of Health Services' Acute Communicable Disease Unit coordinated the epidemiological investigation that led to the identification of the cheese as the source of the outbreak.

The citations were given for "exemplary dedication and performance of duties leading to the discovery of the outbreak of listeriosis due to contaminated fresh cheese." Congratulations to Laurene, Carol, and Lynn.

We Keep You Smiling

Spirits are high as the dental staff of the Edward R. Roybal Comprehensive Health Center (ERRCHC) makes final preparations for its first annual Dental Recognition Week, August 18-22.

The theme "We Keep You Smiling" celebrates the contribution dentistry makes to the community and promotes the concept of living and working in maximum well-being.

The idea was generated among staff at ERRCHC to promote fellowship, boost morale, and to bring an increased knowledge of services to the community.

A host of activities have been planned by the staff, and to kickoff the week a picnic will be held at El Dorado Park on August 16. Other activities will include informational displays and an open house at the Roybal Center, 245 E. Fetterly Avenue, on August 20. Joining in the week-long activities will be dental staff from Long Beach Comprehensive Health Center (CHC), El Monte CHC, H. Claude Hudson CHC, Hubert H. Humphrey CHC, Martin Luther King-Drew Medical Center, Juvenile Court Health Services, Rancho Los Amigos, and LAC-USC Medical Center.

Bus Fare Subsidy

Under an agreement with Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD), the Board of Supervisors approved a program under which SCRTD will process certification forms of eligibility and sell monthly bus passes to eligible students, elderly, and handicapped County residents at a reduced rate.

Subsidized monthly bus fares will continue from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.



Dental staff of the Edward R. Roybal Comprehensive Health Center wish you a healthy "smile" and invite you to their open house event.



The County Department of Beaches and Harbors recently negotiated an innovative contract providing for 37 new lifeguard vehicles.

In return for providing these vehicles, Nissan Motor Corporation will receive exclusive designation as the official car/truck of County Beaches and Harbors, the right to advertise the designation, use the department's logo and trademarks in Nissan advertising and to affix donation plaques on the side of the vehicles. (You have probably already seen broadcast media commercials featuring the trucks with the County logo and Nissan's proud claim.)

Under provisions of this innovative contract the department has reserved the right of prior review and approval of all advertising, promotional activities, and commercial and display materials to ensure tasteful use of the department's logo/trademarks and recreation facilities. The County also has the option to purchase year-old vehicles at 50% of the wholesale value.

It has been estimated that the contract will result in maintenance savings of \$279,710. Sounds like the lifeguards are in high gear!

Donna Sims Center Field

Recently Donna Sims walked onto center field at Dodger Stadium and heard these words: "Ladies and gentlemen, please rise and join Donna Sims, County employee, in the singing of the National Anthem."

"I wanted to sing it with honesty and reverence," said Donna, and she did! The applause and cheering could be heard all the way to the Los Angeles Civic Center and the Hall of Administration, where Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's office is located.

Supervisor Hahn, who had arranged for Donna's audition stated, "Donna has talent, just listen!" And that's exactly what over 35,000 Dodger fans did. They listened and watched as Donna, a blind employee of the County Assessor's office, took over center field.

Retirement Voting Eligibility

Eligible employees may miss their opportunity to vote in the upcoming County Employees Retirement Association election for the safety members on the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments, if they have moved and not reported a change of address.

Ballots for the elections will be mailed directly to employees' homes or mailing addresses during the month of November. If you have changed your mailing address since April of this year, you **must** complete a change of address form and **submit that form to your payroll unit no later than September 10th.**

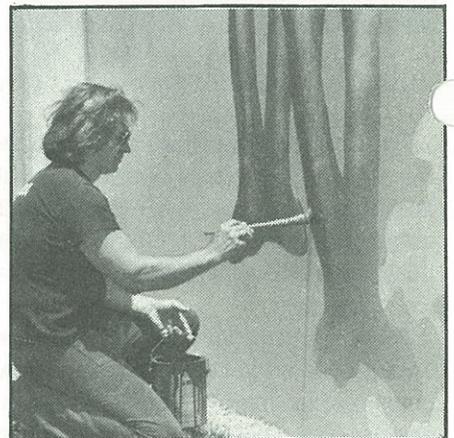
**ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN THE
UPCOMING LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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DEPENDS ON YOU!**

MacLaren Children's Center Mural

If environment aesthetics improve the frame of mind, the children at MacLaren Center should be a step closer to a smile.

Last week, Timothy Townsend, a professor, and a number of his students at the California Institute of Arts began donating their time to paint a 600-foot mural on the inside perimeter wall at MacLaren Children's Center. A number of the children at MacLaren will also have an opportunity to be creatively involved in the exciting event.

The Department of Children's Services, with the approval of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and the Department of Facilities Management, began the painting project the week of July 7. It is through the very generous donation of time, equipment, and resources from United Friends of the Children that this unique experience will be made available to the MacLaren children.



Art Director Timothy Townsend putting final touches on mural.



MacLaren residents look on as one of the artist students works on the mural.

Freeway To Adventure



Senior Librarian, Tony Ramirez, explains an exhibit to a child at the A.C. Bilbrew Library.



Senior Librarian, Donna Banos, Norwalk Regional Library is interviewed for local cable news following a Children's Storytelling Festival.



Senior Librarian, Robin Winvick, Regional Visual Librarian, West Covina.

Local County Public Libraries are offering a Summer Reading Program — Freeway to Adventure — to encourage children to use the library during the summer. Children are encouraged to read independently and for fun to maintain skills and form good lifelong reading habits.

Knowing that a "Library Service Station" is near, children may go to the library anytime to browse and discover a variety of books, magazines, and records.

The summer library program also includes free scheduled activities such as films, storytimes, crafts, and speakers for children of all ages.

As additional motivation, folders are provided for the children to keep track of the books they read along with a California "Readers" License which must be carried when operating a mind vehicle on the Freeway to Adventure. All children participating in this aspect of the program will receive certificates.

Check with your local library for dates and times of specific activities.

Volunteer Involvement Opportunities

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES — Speaker's Bureau participants needed to address community groups on the issue of elder victimization and to sensitize the public at large to elder abuse. Call Lorraine Morris at (213) 738-2593.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM — Docent Roundtable and Service Council volunteers can match their own interests and talents to the museum's needs in the research library, special events and exhibits with curators, the information/membership desk, or the Speaker's Bureau. Training available during the week or on weekends. Call Isabel Rosenbaum at (213) 744-3341.

COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — 91 libraries countywide need you and your special skills — typists, artists, filers, storytellers, magazine menders, little people monitors, and many others. Call (213) 922-8345 for a referral to your closest library.

Arboreta Director Honored



Arboreta Director, Francis Ching, receives citation from Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum.

The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) has awarded Francis Ching, Director of the County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his active support and membership in AABGA since 1971. During the past years, Francis has served as a member of the Board of Directors, 1974 through 1976; Vice President, 1978 through 1979; and President, 1980 through 1981.

Honorary Life Membership is the most prestigious award made by the AABGA. Its purpose is to recognize a member who, through sustained effort over many years, has made a distinguished contribution to the advancement of the aims and objectives of the organization as well as promoting the public benefit roles of botanical gardens, arboreta, and other horticultural organizations.

Recently, in a Board of Supervisors ceremony, Mr. Ching was presented a scroll and highly commended for his outstanding achievement and dedication to his profession.

COUNTY COUNSEL — Volunteers with legal, paralegal, and clerical backgrounds are being recruited to provide assistance. Public Works, Probate, Children's Services, Labor Relations, General, Workers' Compensation, Public and Special Services and Schools litigation. Call (213) 974-1968.

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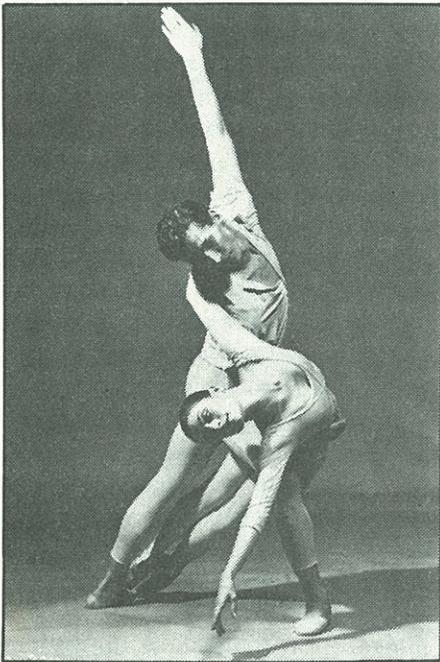
Music Center Event

Running only from September 11-27, 1986 Joffrey Ballet's 30th Anniversary will be celebrated with a gala opening night party following the company's premier performance of Frederick Ashton's full length *La Fille Mal Gardee* at the Los Angeles County Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

This delightful comic ballet will feature famed former Royale Ballet dancer, Stanley Holder, in his show stopper role of Widow Simone.

The season will also feature new works by Mark Morris, Mark Haim, and revivals of works by the resident choreographer, Gerald Arpino.

Tickets are available through the Music Center box office or at Ticketron. Group discounts are available for parties of 20 or more.



Dawn Caccamo and Glenn Edgerton in Gerald Arpino's lyrical pas de deux set to Mozart, "Secret Places".

Volunteers Needed

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GEORGE C. PAGE MUSEUM — Volunteer Guides are being recruited for tours of the museum and the La Brea Tar Pits for the general public and visiting school classes. Tour guide training September 23-26, 1986. Call Barbara Parkhurst at (213) 857-6305 Wed.-Fri. 1-4 p.m.

More To See And Do

Did you know that . . . the Hollywood Bowl and Catalina Island are parts of the County Department of Parks and Recreation? Both offer experiences beyond the routine and are at the height of their seasons.

HOLLYWOOD BOWL PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX
2301 N. Highland Avenue, Los Angeles

For 63 years, this cultural and historical landmark has been a magnificent concert hall and park. Nestled in the largest natural amphitheatre in the world, the Bowl has hosted international performers as well as community events.

From early July through mid-September, the Bowl is the summer home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic which presents a variety of evening concerts on the lighted stage.

With a seating capacity of 17,256, the Bowl also has 18 picnic areas available. Park-and-Ride service operates from most communities.

Two museums opened at the complex in 1984. The Hollywood Bowl Museum contains memorabilia and archival materials that tell the story of the development of the Bowl and the numerous artists who have performed on its stage. The Hollywood Studio Museum is housed in a 100-year-old structure once used by film pioneers and exhibits memorabilia from the early years of the film industry. A new free shuttle bus service links the two museums.

All features of the Bowl are accessible to patrons with disabilities.

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND — Only 26 miles off the Southern California mainland, this pleasant resort provides attractions for everyone from leisurely fun and sun activities on the beach, to adventurous hiking and camping in the rugged interior.

Other opportunities include tours to a well-known mansion, casino, and botanical garden; coastal, flying fish and glass-bottom boat trips; and, of course, a stroll along Avalon Bay and browsing through a wide variety of quaint shops.

For camping reservations and back-packing information, call (213) 510-0688.

Informational Pamphlets Available

County offices are often sources of relevant information. The following pamphlets are three you may find helpful!

—TOXIC CHEMICALS IN MY HOME?

ABSOLUTELY! Write or call:
Department of Health Services
Health Education Section
313 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-7765

—ELDER ABUSE HURTS . . .

EVERYONE (Available in English and Spanish)

Write or call:
Community and Senior Citizens Services

1102 Crenshaw Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90019
(213) 857-6466

—THE NUMBERS YOU NEED . . . FOR CONSUMER HELP

Write or call:
Department of Consumer Affairs
Hall of Administration, Rm B-96
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 974-1452

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