



# DIGEST

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



*Chairman, Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum*

## Supervisor Schabarum Reflects On 1986

During his tenure as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, First District Supervisor Pete Schabarum focused on enhancing County government and the quality of life through his efforts on such major issues as: fiscal responsibility, contracting out of County services, overcrowded jails, influx of illegal aliens and its County impact, toxic and other waste disposal problems, further development of County-private sector partnerships, and increased efficiency in County government.

As Chairman of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC), Supervisor Schabarum was instrumental in bringing reforms to our justice system, including involvement in the successful passage of Proposition J which provides for bond issues needed to alleviate serious jail overcrowding.

Supervisor Schabarum has been in the forefront of national leadership calling on Congress to take action to stop the flow of illegal aliens streaming over our borders. This past year the County Health Services Department alone

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## Season's Greetings From And To County Employees

This special holiday DIGEST issue is dedicated to employees throughout the County who are sharing their holiday cheer with others. This issue highlights many of the various projects and activities planned by County employees, who hope to share a brighter holiday season with County family members, friends, and those in special need of a friend.

The County takes pride in the spirit of caring and sharing demonstrated by its employees throughout the year, and particularly during the holiday season.

Best wishes from and to County employees for a safe, healthy, and joyful holiday season.



*The County spirit of giving will brighten the holidays for these children.*

## Animal Care Holiday Message

The Animal Care and Control Department wishes you, your family and family pets a healthy holiday season.

The department suggests that you remember to keep your pets safe and healthy. Keep Christmas plants away from pets. Many, such as Poinsettias, English Holly, and English Ivy are poisonous to animals. Christmas trees are

of great interest to many pets but lights, ornaments, and electrical cords could cause trouble. Stockings hung by fireplaces and large plastic bags used to discard Christmas wrappings can stir interest with pets and pose a danger.

If considering a new pet for the holidays, you might want to consider adopting one of the

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## Department of Consumer Affairs

Annually, department employees and volunteers participate in a Holiday Giving Campaign by donating money "gift and food" certificates to community-based organizations that provide assistance to disadvantaged children. Last year, the department provided money gift certificates to Para Los Ninos and the Jenesse Center. This year, two organizations will be selected by department staff to receive gift certificates two weeks before Christmas.



## Mega-Doses of Holiday Cheer Health Services

Thousands of adult and pediatric patients at medical facilities are being "treated" with mega-doses of holiday cheer by departmental employees and community groups.

Parties and distributions of food baskets and gifts are planned by the El Monte, Roybal, Long Beach, Humphrey, and Hudson Comprehensive Health Centers.

Television celebrities will make an annual holiday visit to Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. Santa will arrive by helicopter at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center to take part in the many activities planned for patients. The holiday agenda at High Desert Hospital will include a special Christmas outing for skilled nursing patients.

Patients at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center will be "sponsored" by local residents and businesses and given food baskets, toys, and other gifts. Santa will arrive at Olive View Medical Center on a fire engine to bring gifts to patients and to take part in judging the hospital's holiday decoration contest.

Puppet shows, Disney characters, choir performances, parties, food baskets, gifts and visits by Santa will continue throughout the month of December for patients at LAC/USC Medical Center.

The Central and Northeast Health Center and health centers in the Pomona/La Puente and Whittier/Pico Rivera districts will also be sponsoring parties and giving gifts and food baskets to their patients.

## 4 Department of Public Social Services

DPSS Volunteer Program Director Pamela Collins, Richard Silva and Al Gonzales unload toys.

DPSS employees, Volunteer Program staff, and volunteers will provide holiday entertainment, donations of holiday baskets, gifts, and toys to public assistance recipients. Some 20,000 Marine Corps Toys-for-Tots program toys will be given to needy children countywide. Additionally, hundreds of donations of grocery gift certificates and food baskets received from service organizations, religious groups, corporations, small businesses as well as individual donors will be delivered.

## 5 Community and Senior Citizens Services

Holiday Caring Committee members (L. to R.) Roseann Kakuk, Alma Hemphill and Martha Coco. In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, the committee coordinated a gift-giving drive among employees for the children of MacLaren Hall and senior citizens under the care of the Public Guardian and holiday food baskets to be distributed by employees in cooperation with other social service and law enforcement agencies. Entertainment, games and gift giving will highlight holiday programs at the Centers. Community Services Resource Corporation and KLOS/FM are holding separate drives for a Community and Veteran's Food Bank.



## Mental Health

(L. to R.) Ford Kuramoto, Director, Hollywood Mental Health Service; volunteers West Hollywood Rotary Club and Rotaryans: Esther Norris, Trudy Gilbert, Ray Talkington, Alene Smith and Mary Talkington.

Continuing a tradition of special holiday activities, the clinic will hold a Christmas dinner for approximately 100 day treatment and socialization group clients. The women's auxiliary to the area Rotary Club will distribute gifts donated and wrapped by their members.

A new support group for the homeless, Citizens of Hollywood Investing in People in Need (CHIP-IN) is planning special holiday events.

## 2 Los Angeles Municipal Court

Randy Salter, a Student Professional Worker at the Los Angeles Municipal Court performed at a Magic Show in the Civil Division which raised hundreds of dollars to buy Christmas presents on the "wish lists" of children who are under the care of the Department of Children's Services.

Hollywood Courthouse and Criminal Courts Building employees supported the show; sold hand-crocheted Christmas wreath pins made by court clerks; and held two bake sales as additional holiday fundraising projects.

The Traffic Division collected canned goods for the "Helping Hands Pantry" project.

The San Fernando Branch collected clothes, toys, canned goods and other items for needy families in the Valley.

## 6 Regional Planning

Regional Planning Director Norman Murdoch and Rose Hamilton help a child try out a new toy.

Employees in the department are demonstrating the holiday spirit by contributing toys, food and clothes to residents of skid row. PARA LOS NINOS, a private nonprofit agency, was selected by staff representatives headed by Andrew Malakate to be recipient of these holiday gifts.

Beverly Nissen, Robert Theobald, and Lori Young were among committee members who visited the center for guidance in choosing appropriate gifts for clients served by the agency's child care, school age and youth centers as well as the child abuse and neglect project and the family crisis center.



## Registrar-Recorder

(R. to L.) Frances Salazar, James McCauley, Mary Cotton, Jack Lease, and Maria Maldonado assemble boxes of food and other necessities for needy families in the community.

This department-wide holiday project will provide 15-20 families with a tangible message that other people do care. Employees will make deliveries before Christmas to families identified by DPSS.



*Auditor - Controller*

Myrian Rangel (left) and Linda Aquaro, Auditor-Controller (Tax division) employees, are prepared for their annual Christmas delivery to PARA LOS NINOS, a nonprofit Child Care/Family Services Development Center located on skid row in Los Angeles. Division employees collect new blanket sleepers, pajamas, play wear and toys for the comfort and enjoyment of children ages 2-5.



*Department of Public Works*

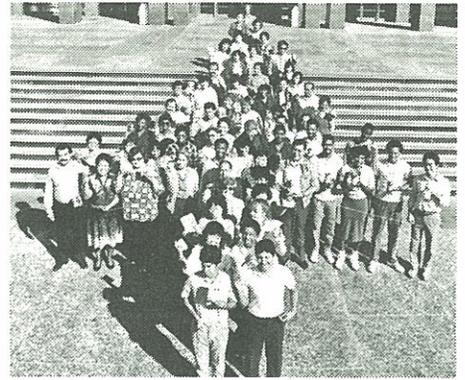
(L. to R.) Fred Rubin, Director Tom Tidemanson, Beverly Mathis, Charlie Hinojos, and Don Eliason.

Department of Public Works employees contribute money that they would normally spend buying seasonal cards for co-workers into a Holiday Card Fund. The fund is then used to make Christmas time brighter and happier by providing food baskets, and in extreme cases, cash gifts to departmental employees suffering hardships during the year.

*Assessor's TREE-ditional Cheer*

Employees of the Assessor's Office smile and send their best wishes to all.

Once again, the department's staff is: supporting the traditional Hall of Administration Choir which they helped to start; supporting the MacLaren Children's Center drive; giving a boost to the Toy Loan Program with toys and used clothing; and for the fourth year, supplying several needy families with Holiday Baskets.



*Public Administrator-  
Public Guardian*

Guardian Circle Volunteers happily wrap gifts for this year's Holidays Project for over two thousand elderly or disabled people cared for by the Public Guardian. Wrapping and distribution of the gifts takes 150 to 200 volunteers and brightens the lives of people who would otherwise be forgotten. Information is available at 974-0543 and 974-0400.



*Executive Office of The Board  
of Supervisors*

(L. to R.) Andre Trumble, Lurma Walton, Mary Blair, Maria Rosales, Executive Officer Larry Monteilh; Rosemary Gutierrez, Wendy Stallworth and Luz Sanchez.

For two months, employees collected canned and nonperishable items which will be arranged in baskets and delivered to the American Indian Center for distribution prior to Christmas. The center is a nonprofit organization providing greatly needed job training programs and family services to over 80,000 American Indians residing in Los Angeles County, many of whom currently live at or below the poverty level.



*Human Relations Commission*

Staff members of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations collected warm clothing and food products for the American Indian people at Big Mountain in northeastern Arizona. The food and clothing were presented to representatives of Big Mountain at a benefit event last month. The donations drive was coordinated by Bunny Hatcher.



*District Attorney*

The District Attorney's Office conducts an annual holiday drive that provides food for families who have been left destitute and disrupted by violent crimes.

In addition to the monetary and food contributions, assistance is received from the food industry.

District Attorney Victim Representatives, Deputy District Attorney and law enforcement officers identify 100 families who need assistance. The drive is coordinated by the Bureau of Investigation and the Victim-Witness Assistance Program.

Instead of exchanging gifts among co-workers, employees in the Personnel/Payroll purchase toys for needy children and gifts for senior citizens in nursing homes.

Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Cryder and Supervisor Michael Antonovich participate in tree-lighting ceremony as choral group ends performance.

**Probation**

Probation staff at headquarters and 15 area offices prepare food baskets for needy families, local youth group homes and probation placements.

The department also participates in a program to give unclaimed, repaired bicycles to needy youngsters and works with a group of doctors arranging gifts of turkeys to 100 families selected from area caseloads.

The Camp program staff can be seen and heard caroling at convalescent hospitals, branch courts and the Hall of Administration. Other staff also assist local residents by sand-bagging in flood conditions or removing snow when needed.

At the Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, with the assistance of donations from staff and local merchants, approximately 25 baskets will be prepared and delivered during Christmas week to community needy families. Holiday hospitality will include refreshments for court visitors and Christmas stockings for children.

Thousands of foster children have submitted their Christmas wishes which now hang on Sugar Plum Trees and Dream Trees located in shopping malls throughout the County. Through the generosity of mall shoppers who select and purchase a gift, their dreams will come true.

Since 1966, Foster Parents, DCS employees and Community Assistance to Homeless Youngsters (CATHY) Volunteers have donated their time to Sugar Plum/Dream Trees. Last year 900 volunteers staffed Sugar Plum/Dream Trees in six shopping malls with over 3,000 gifts being donated to foster children.

**Sheriff**

Sheriff's Department personnel at various assignments show a special spirit of giving during the holiday season by providing food and gifts to needy families and children at Christmas time.

Hand-made dolls made by the women inmates at Sybil Brand Institute bring joy to underprivileged children throughout Los Angeles County. Also, an exchange is made with representatives of the Toys-for-Tots program so that a variety of dolls and toys are available for both boys and girls.

Deputies from West Hollywood Station will visit Children's Hospital to distribute toys to children who are seriously or terminally ill and hospitalized during the Christmas Season.

Deputies from Juvenile Operations Bureau make arrangements with Department of Children's Services staff to provide individual items of need to several handicapped children in foster homes. Their project is funded by community donations and money raised in the annual "Baker-to-Las Vegas" relay run.

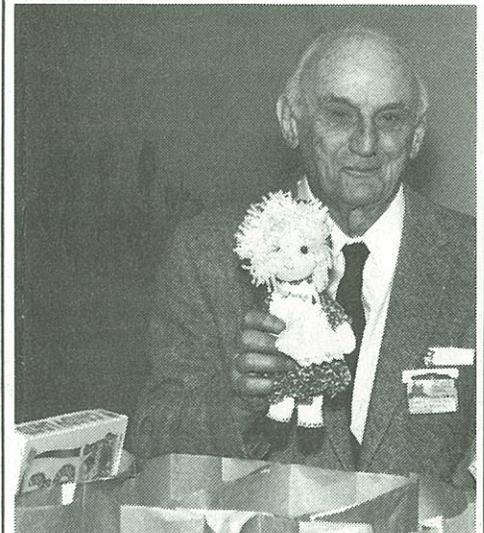
Lynwood Station personnel, business, local markets, and community service groups, donate all of the food and money to provide complete holiday meals for needy families in the area. Firestone, Industry, Carson, and Norwalk Station employees are also involved in assembling food baskets for the needy in each of their station areas.

**Chief Administrative Office**

Special Events Committee members (L. to R.) Celia Ortega, Benjamin Figueroa, Anna Cervantes and Sharon Bilbrey share the joy of giving as they sort toys which will go to patients hospitalized at LAC/USC Medical Center and their families.

Being hospitalized over a holiday is often as difficult emotionally as it is physically. Health professionals do what they can do, and CAO employees annually provide gifts for patients and family members of all ages.

The gifts are wrapped and placed in patients' rooms during the night before Christmas, under the supervision of ward nurses and with the assistance of hospital volunteers.

**County/USC Medical Center**

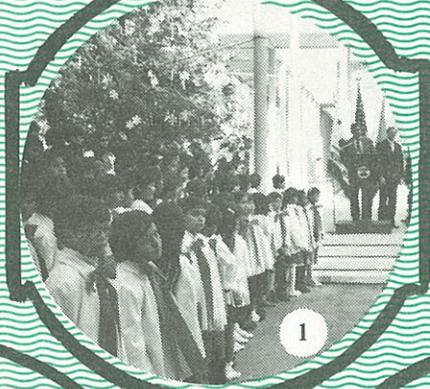
Dr. Herman Epstein sorts through the many toys gathered for his 40th annual Christmas parties.

This benevolent gentleman began a tradition while serving as a young orthopedic resident at the then County Hospital. Dr. Epstein, though retired, continues to volunteer and sponsor parties, assisted by his wife, three sons, and close friends. This year's recent parties at Pediatric Pavilion and the Medical Centers Outpatient Orthopedic Clinic served over 500 children.

**Chief Medical Examiner - Coroner**

(L. to R.) Dr. Joseph Choi, Chief of Forensic Medicine; Jasmine Ponce; Santa Claus, William Morales; Dorothy Coulter, Project Coordinator; and her assistant, Michele Bringier.

Employees of the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner's Department conducted their Second Annual Contribution of Toys for children, toddlers to teenagers, at MacLaren Hall.



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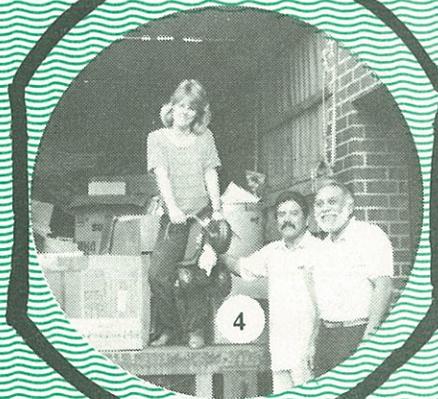


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THE SUGAR PLUM TREE  
FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN

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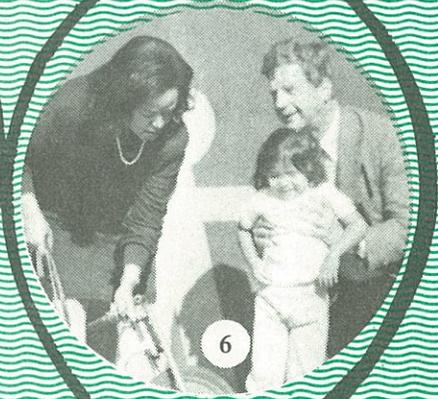


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## Christmas Program at The Music Center

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Christmas Program will be presented by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Music and Performing Arts Commission.

DATE: Wednesday, December 24  
(Christmas Eve)

TIME: 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

PLACE: Music Center Pavilion

The spectacular Emmy Award winning presentation is the longest continuous Christmas program of its kind in the world. More than 30 performing arts groups representing churches and community organizations from every Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County will participate in this year's event which will be simulcast by KCET/Channel 28 and KUSC-FM (91.5) and KCPB-FM (91.1).

ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE  
FREE TO THE PUBLIC  
THROUGHOUT THE PERFORMANCE



## Toy-lending Libraries

**DPSS Toy Loan Program provides toys to some 16,000 needy children annually through 32 toy-lending libraries and 118 outreach sites. Donations of new and repairable toys will brighten needy children's lives not only during the holidays but throughout the year. For further information call 226-6286.**

## Animal Care ...



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many homeless animals at your local Animal Care and Control Center. Gift certificates are also available.

Pet owners should also consider adopting a new pet **before** Christmas Day thereby allowing the pet to adapt to its new surroundings and family members before the excitement of Christmas Day.

## Changes in Civic Center Traffic Flow

If you have noticed heavy traffic in the Civic Center recently, it's a result of Christmas shopping activities **and** the start of major transportation projects.

Downtown Los Angeles is scheduled to undergo many changes in traffic flow due to both subway construction and new building in the next five years. One of the first changes is the one-way, southbound conversion of Hill Street, which also impacts bus routes. Though temporarily disruptive, the eventual one-way conversion of five major streets is designed to improve downtown traffic flow.

Utility work is now underway at Hill and First streets in preparation for excavation of a tunnel for the Metro Rail Subway station. Mid-April is set for the start-up date, when large machinery will begin sharing Hill and First streets with commuters.

How can you help ease traffic congestion? By considering alternatives to driving alone, such as carpooling, vanpooling and public transportation.

As construction work progresses and new developments occur, we will keep you informed.

## Schabarum . . .

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estimates it spent \$115 million on health care for illegals. Responding to the call for action, Congress recently passed the Immigration Reform Bill.

In the area of waste management, Supervisor Schabarum has been a leader in keeping the issue of disposal of toxic and other wastes before the public and governmental agencies. He points out that Los Angeles County disposes of 40,000 tons of nontoxic waste a day and that there are only a few years left before our present landfills are overflowing. He is continuing to look for alternative methods of handling hazardous and nonhazardous waste.

"The budget of Los Angeles County is almost \$7 billion," points out Supervisor Schabarum. "That's larger in terms of budgeted resources than that of 42 other states. This fact underscores the enormous responsibilities and opportunities that exist in Los Angeles County. I hope that during my term as Chairman, my leadership assisted in promoting fiscal responsibility, efficiency in government, and in enhancing the value received for the taxpayers dollar.

"As we look towards 1987, I wish to express my appreciation to all our County employees for their support and hard work and also extend my best wishes to our employees and their families for a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year."

County of Los Angeles

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