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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



(L. to R.) Chairman Deane Dana, Frederick Hungerford and his wife, Jeanette.

Fred Hungerford Represents County's Best

Praised for his dedication and performance, Frederick M. Hungerford was named the April, 1988 County Employee of the Month.

Employee Of The Month

In recognition of the honor, Supervisor, Chairman Deane Dana presented a scroll to Fred in recent Board Room ceremonies.

Fred has worked for the County since 1970, serving in the Department of Public Social

Services, Marshal, and with the Public Library since 1980, working as an Administrative Assistant III, in the Administrative Services Division.

Since beginning work with the Public Library, Fred has distinguished himself with organizational skills and administrative support abilities which make his advice and consultation on organizational support matters

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Operation Super Sweep '88

Operation Super Sweep '88, a volunteer citizen/County litter cleanup of San Gabriel Canyon, is planned for June 4, 1988. This ninth annual one-day assault on roadside litter is co-sponsored by the County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department and the Hughes Fullerton Employee Association Ecology Club.

This award-winning major litter cleanup/recycling project is staged as an effort to maintain the fragile beauty of this popular recreational area. The aim is to beautify the canyon as well as promote recycling of waste material. In addition to environmental and ecology volunteers, scout troops, individuals, youth, and other clubs are encouraged to participate.

Registration is from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the staging area — Rincon Fire Station, San Gabriel Canyon, Highway 39 (Azusa Avenue), 9 miles north of the City of Azusa. Vans and buses, provided by the County Forester and Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, California Conservation Corp, and others will transport volunteers from the staging area to cleanup assignments. Trash bags will be supplied for all workers.

Collected refuse is returned to the staging area and immediately processed for reclamation. All proceeds from the project will be

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County Nurses Honored For Providing Quality Patient Care

Week-long activities were held May 1-7, 1988 in observance of Nurses Recognition Week, highlighted by the celebration of

“Outstanding Nurse Recognition Day.”

The Board of Supervisors honored the following Registered and Public Health

Nurses from County hospitals, Public Health and Ambulatory Care Centers, Juvenile Court

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(L. to R.) Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum, Nurses Alice Wong, Debora Sutton, Josephine Scott, Patricia Roberts, Amy Pilarca, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Nurses Sally Paswaters, Jo Ellen Nelson, Supervisor Chairman Deane Dana, Nurses Marla Riff, Grace Melton, Mary Hyland, Vickie Hernandez and Supervisor Edmund D. Edelman.

Hungerford Honored As Employee Of The Month

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extremely useful. In 1983, when the Public Library moved to its new Administrative Headquarters in Downey, Fred assumed responsibility for the newly created unit and proposed the creation of a Headquarters support staff group.

He has played a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth functioning of many aspects of the Headquarters operation, including services such as central reception, word processing, electronic mail, telecommunications, and space planning. Fred supervises a staff of nine employees whose functions include micro-computer coordination, office automation consulting, and contract assistance.

In addition, he serves as staff assistant to the Department's Chief of Administrative Services and has participated in a number of productivity improvement projects at the Library Headquarters building as well as the field library locations. These projects have included electronic mail, installation of telephone answering machines for routine public inquiries, and implementation of a speed dialing system to maximize use of the County's COMPASS telephone network. Fred was also instrumental in the installation of the Public Library's telefax communications network which was recognized by the County's Productivity Commission with a Productivity Award in 1987. The use of the telefax network from the Administrative Headquarters has reduced the time and cost for messenger service between the Downey Headquarters location and other County offices in the Civic Center. The telefax project resulted in savings of 72 percent over the cost of messenger service.

Fred is recognized by both management and line staff alike as a helpful and steady influence in the Department's day-to-day operations. For example, during the October 1, 1987 earthquake, Fred earned a departmental commendation for the special support and response he provided at the Library Headquarters building in coordinating communications and support activities between the Headquarters building, field library locations, and the County's Emergency Operations Center.

During the past three years, Fred has also served as a volunteer State Humane Officer investigating complaints of cruelty to animals with the K-9 programs of several local police departments. Continuing his interest in animal training, Fred and his dog have worked in an episode of the television program, "Trapper John M.D."

For the past three years, Fred and his wife, Jeanette, through the County's Foster Parent Program, have cared for 27 infants. Many of the children have since been placed in permanent homes.

Our heartiest congratulations, Fred!

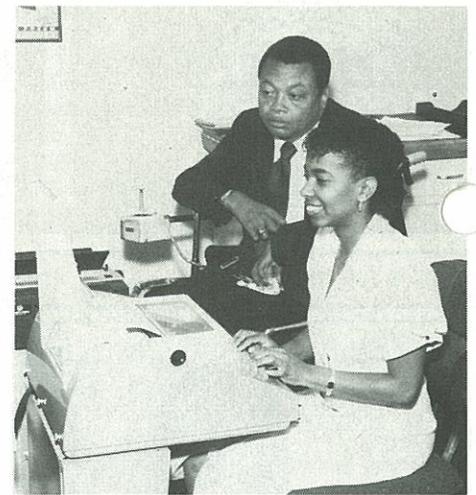
County Coordinator For The Handicapped Designated

The Los Angeles County Office of Affirmative Action Compliance is charged with the responsibility of providing assistance to handicapped employees of the County, and job applicants.

Larry R. Bryant, M.S., Deputy Affirmative Action Compliance Officer who is himself a quadriplegic, has been assigned the duty of providing accessible assistance to handicapped employees and coordinates providing employment information and/or counseling on recruitment, telephone contact, regular & TTD, office counseling, assistance with resumes and employment applications.

Larry will also coordinate special testing accommodations for the blind and sight impaired, for applicants with dyslexia, and the following tests in braille:

Typist Clerk,
Intermediate Typist Clerk,
Transcriber & Medical Transcriber
Typist,
Staff Assistants I & II, and
Administrative Assistant II.



Larry Bryant, L. A. County's Coordinator for Handicapped, and Trena Tompson use TTD to communicate with the Deaf. TTD was acquired at no cost to the County.

For more information, contact Larry Bryant at (213) 974-1087, TTD-Hearing Impaired (213) 974-0911. Arrangements for communicators for the hearing impaired (not interpreters) are also handled by this office.

Volunteers Needed For Canyon Cleanup

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donated to "For Kids Sake" to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Free high-visibility T-shirts will be available at the event and should be worn for safety. Cotton-garden gloves are recommended. Water will be distributed during the cleanup phase. Soft drinks, chips, and hot dogs will be served as teams return to the Rincon staging area. Many prizes for individual workers, including cash prizes for the three largest registered groups, will be given at the end of the day.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to participate, call Monroe D. Polk or Marie Lopez at (818) 575-5487 or 575-5488.



Volunteers participate in collecting and sorting litter collected in park clean-up drive.

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

Is your home safe from burglary? Do you know how frequently crimes occur in your community? Are you and your home easy targets for criminals? "These are disturbing questions, but through your involvement in a Neighborhood Watch Program, you can learn the answers," states Sheriff Sherman Block.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the support and participation of a neighborhood's residents. Basic crime prevention techniques are provided by law enforcement officers who also encourage residents to be alert to what is occurring in their community.

Sheriff Block also states, "Law enforcement, alone, cannot reduce crime in our communities. We desperately need our citizen's eyes and ears to augment our patrol forces. Get to know your neighbors well, watch their homes when they are away, ask them to watch yours when you are gone. Know which vehicles belong in your neighborhood and immediately alert law enforcement to any suspicious activities."

It is widely recognized that increased public awareness about crime, and the citizen/law enforcement partnership, are essential to win the fight against crime in our communities. Act now to learn how you can ensure your personal safety and the sanctity of your home.

If you are interested in the Neighborhood Watch Program, or want information about starting one, contact your local Sheriff's station or police agency.

There's No Place Like Home . . . To Park Your Car

Imagine . . . a 3-day, 2-night trip to LAS VEGAS! That's only one of the many prizes to be won in July by County employees who fill out a Commuter Computer survey form. Other prizes include passes to amusement parks and free dinners.

All County employees are encouraged to complete the Commuter Computer survey form (including EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, PAY LOCATION NUMBER, AND YOUR SIGNATURE) and return it to your immediate supervisor or departmental Employee Transportation Coordinator by July 1. Survey forms will be distributed through payroll offices by June 15. Winners will be notified by telephone or letter by July 25.

As required by Regulation XV of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the County's commuter survey aids in reducing smog levels by promoting employer-sponsored

A commuter survey is combined with the annual ridesharing registration form this year. All County employees are encouraged to complete the Commuter Computer survey form and return it to their immediate supervisors or departmental Employee transportation Coordinators by July 1 in order to be eligible for prizes. Grand prize is a trip for two to Las Vegas.

ridesharing programs. This year the commuter survey is combined with the annual ridesharing registration form, which provides interested employees with a computerized matchlist of potential carpoolers, and lists public transit services in your home district.

To kick-off Rideshare Week, June 13-17, as declared by the Board of Supervisors, a Rideshare Fair will be held Monday, June 13, in the County Mall. A jazz rock band and celebrity master of ceremonies will provide entertainment. County employees will have an opportunity from noon to 1 p.m. to collect local and commuter bus schedules and meet with transportation company representatives. The Fair is co-sponsored by Commuter Computer, and will also feature Caltrans' vanpool subsidy project. An express bus, DASH shuttle, and van will be on display.

This year's campaign theme is "There's No Place Like Home . . . To Park Your Car." It is our hope that following the June 13 Rideshare Fair, you will agree.

For information about the Fair or survey, please call Employee Transportation Coordinator Linda Centell at (213) 974-1771.

County Department of Health Services has announced a program to augment plans outlined by federal officials for a mass mailing of an AIDS education brochure.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will mail more than 100 million copies of the eight-page brochure entitled "Understanding AIDS" to households throughout the United States between May 26 and June 15. Among the areas targeted for early distribution is Southern California, including approximately three million households in Los Angeles County.

Plans by the Department of Health Services include the provision of funding to increase the accessibility to local

AIDS Education Brochure Being Mailed

AIDS hotlines and ordering one million Spanish-language brochures for the County's Latino population.

The number of lines for incoming calls at three local AIDS Hotlines is being expanded to respond to the increased number of inquiries the brochure is expected to generate. Those hotlines are operated by the East Los Angeles Rape Hotline, the Red Cross, and AIDS Project Los Angeles.

The one million Spanish-language brochures ordered by the Department of Health Services are expected to arrive in Los Angeles at the end of May. They will be distributed to County health care facilities and community agencies and organizations where they will be available for members of the Latino community.

Because of the inability to determine which households throughout the United States need Spanish-language brochures, only English versions will be mailed by CDC. However, the cover of the brochure will include directions in Spanish to call a toll free telephone number for information on how to obtain the publication in Spanish.

Outstanding Nurse Recognition Highlights Week's Activities

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Health Services, as well as the Mental Health and Sheriff Departments:

- Alice Wong, Martin Luther King, Jr./ Drew Medical Center
- Deboria Sutton, LAC/USC Medical Center
- Josephine Scott, Comprehensive Health Centers
- Patricia Roberts, Sheriff's Department Medical Services
- Amy A. Pilarca, Harbor/UCLA Medical Center
- Sally Paswaters, Public Health Centers
- Jo Ellen Nelson, Olive View Medical Center
- Marla Riff, High Desert Hospital

- Grace M. Melton, Juvenile Court Health Services
- Mary J. Hyland, Department of Mental Health
- Vickie Hernandez, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center

The Board scrolls cited the invaluable services these nurses contribute to providing quality patient care and their continual demonstration of nursing professionalism.

In support of this week-long observance, all health facilities prepared displays or held various activities to honor nurses, and provided case presentations as well as continuing education events. Other events included a 5/10 K "Run With The Nurses" and a "Golden

Bed Award" race.

As a special event, the causes and dynamics of the current nursing shortage and the opportunities it presents for innovations in nursing were explored at a continuing education seminar by Marlene Kramer, R.N., Ph.D., professor of nursing at the University of Nevada-Reno. Following the seminar, the Evelyn Hamil Award for Nursing Excellence was presented to Judith Smith, a staff nurse at High Desert Hospital who had prepared the most outstanding case presentation, a written summary of a patient's diagnosis and treatment.

At the week's end, well-deserved recognition had been given to these outstanding representatives of our nursing team.

Whittier Narrows Hosts County SPORTSFEST

The first annual all-County athletic event — L. A. County Employees Sportsfest — will be Saturday, June 25, 1988 at Whittier Narrows County Park. Plan on arriving early and enjoy fun and games scheduled for the whole family!

This Board of Supervisors' endorsed event will include The Athletic Congress (TAC) sanctioned 3-person 15K relay race (5K per runner). The race registration fee includes a T-shirt and refreshments. County employees and retirees are eligible to enter the men, women or mixed divisions.

General activities planned for the whole family include a one-mile fun walk, sack race, tug-of-war, egg toss, balloon toss, face painting, and refreshments.

For relay race registration forms or more information, call either of the following event departmental committee members:

Agricultural Commissioner — Jim Wiseman (818) 575-5473
Beaches and Harbors — Tom Marvin (213) 305-9575



15K relay race is main event scheduled in three divisions.

Chief Administrative Office — Gene O'Connell (213) 974-2660
Community and Senior Citizens Services — Rose Ann Donnelly (213) 738-2666
County Counsel — Glenetta Hayward (213) 974-1970
Data Processing — Arthur Ogawa (213) 940-2713
Parks and Recreation — Frank Gonzales (818) 798-1171 or Ron Ogle (818)

961-6393
Probation — Sandra Moss (213) 603-7879 or Karma Leeds (213) 940-2477
Public Social Services — Yvonne Davis (213) 738-3451
Sheriff — Lt. George Grasser (213) 974-4139
Treasurer-Tax Collector — Ed Ramirez (213) 974-2308



Volunteer Involvement Opportunities Probation Tutorial Program

Jennifer Lumpkins, Deputy Probation Officer at Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center, instructs tutors, kids, and parents in the study program sponsored by the Probation Department and Juvenile Court Judge, H. Randolph Moore.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT — Volunteer tutors are needed to help youngsters on probation continue their educational process. Tutors will be assigned to juveniles in Camp, a Juvenile Hall or a program at a local Area Office. The time commitment is for 2 to 4 hours once or twice per week.

Interested persons may contact Susan Turner or Teena Lambert at the VISTO volunteer program (213) 940-2853 for more information.

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