



DIGEST

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



A Brave Deputy Marshal Is Honored

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn congratulates Deputy Marshal Clifford T. Wofford after he was presented with the first-ever Marshal's Medal of Valor for his courageous actions on March 9. Deputy Wofford prevented the threatened shooting of Deputy City Attorney Jessica Perrin Silvers in the Van Nuys courtroom of Municipal Court Judge Mitchell Harwin. During an exchange of gunfire, Deputy Wofford was seriously wounded and required surgery. The attacker was fatally wounded.

A Board of Supervisors resolution presented to Wofford cited his quick thinking and response to assure the safety and security of the court.

Joining Supervisor Kenneth Hahn for the presentation are, from left, Los Angeles City Attorney James Kenneth Hahn, Judge Harwin, Deputy City Attorney Silvers; Wofford's parents, Leroy and Lenora Wofford, his sister, Stephanie, and Los Angeles County Marshal Robert Mann who placed the beribboned medal on Wofford.

"Deputy Wofford is a shining example of courage above and beyond the call of duty," stated Supervisor Hahn. "He risked his life to save the lives of others. There is no higher calling than this. I am very proud of this outstanding public service employee."

Commission On Disabilities Holds Open House

The County Commission on Disabilities hosted its annual Open House on May 18, 1988 on the 8th floor balcony, Hall of Administration. This festivity provided an opportunity for the community, private business, and public service organizations to learn more about the Commission and its activities.

The Commission on Disabilities was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1975. It consists of 16 members, 3 appointed by each supervisor and 1 nominated by the State Department of Rehabilitation. The Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on the overall needs of people with disabilities in the areas of health, employment, education, public attitudes, and many other issues. It con-

ducts studies and evaluates the adequacy of existing laws and proposed legislation related to people with disabilities. Michael Gureckas is the current chairperson.

Supervisor Edmund D. Edelman, who introduced the ordinance which created the Commission, presented four awards to two outstanding individuals, a Public Service Center, and a County Department for their contributions on behalf of people with disabilities. The recipients were:

— Dr. Carolyn Vash who was a founding member of the Commission and co-chaired the Employment Committee. She was responsible for the Commission sponsoring a Personnel Practices Workshop providing guidance to those working with employees who have a disability. Dr. Vash, a Ph.D. in Psychol-

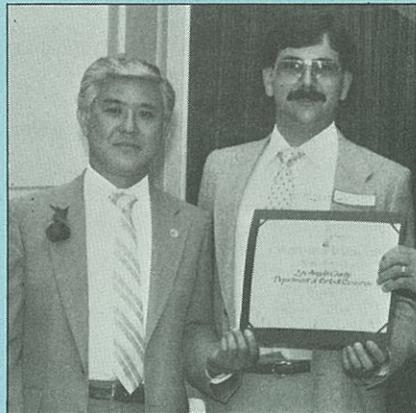
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Supervisor Edmund D. Edelman congratulates Carolyn Vash, Ph.D., as an unidentified interpreter observes the presentation.



Clockwise from left: Stanley Fleishman, Esq.; James Okimoto, Department of Parks and Recreation Acting Director and John Wicker, Head of Management Services; and Nora Quinn, Legal Director at Western Law Center for the Handicapped.



Disabilities Commission Honorees

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ogy, is an author and has worked as an administrator for the State Department of Rehabilitation and Chief, Vocational Services at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

— Stanley Fleishman who teaches a course at Southwestern University School of Law on Constitutional Litigation—The Rights of Disabled People. He is also the Legal Director of the Law Institute for the Disabled and Elderly at the same institution; has litigated many cases involving Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and argued nine First Amendment cases before the United States Supreme Court.

— **THE WESTERN LAW CENTER FOR THE HANDICAPPED**—The Center is a public interest law firm, located at Loyola Law School, which provides legal representation for disabled persons in cases involving employment discrimination, barriers to handicapped access and government benefits.

— **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION** representatives have worked very closely with the Commission to ensure that County parks are fully accessible. A Department Task Force reviewed all parks and, where possible, made modifications to meet or

exceed the Federal requirements for accessibility.

National, state, and local organizations which provide services and support for the disabled, hosted information booths with printed material and staffed by their representatives to answer questions.

Small Business Administration Announces Women In Business Advocate

Edna Bruce, who is Manager of Intergovernmental Relations for the County Community Development Commission (CDC), was chosen earlier this month as the Women-in-Business Advocate of the Year by the Los Angeles District Office of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA).

Bruce was selected for working to improve business and financial opportunities for women in business through educational and operational assistance, and her active participation in the National Association of Women Business Owners.

She was instrumental in providing local government support for a regional conference for small business owners which provided access to profitable government contracts.

Bruce noted that at the local level, Los Angeles County has set a higher annual goal for use of minority and women-owned businesses. CDC's goal in 1988 is to award 46

Congratulations Retirees

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

- Children's Services:** Barbara Ann Owens
- County Counsel:** Ronald L. Schneider
- Facilities Management:** Robert J. Lasater
- Health Services:** Betty Lou Hollowell, Mildred L. Roberts
- Probation:** Joseph Costa
- Public Works:** Elmer R. Vollnogle
- Sheriff's Department:** Barrett Fitzgerald, Earle R. Glenn, Robert L. Hart, Richard D. Keyes, William McKinney, Jr., Joseph W. Pace, Alfred H. Sett, John D. Spiller

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

- County Counsel:** Peter R. Krichman
- Facilities Management:** Leonard M. Ross
- Health Services:** Robert Bowmar, Maxene F. Childers, John D. Eva, Virginia B. Hunter, Manuel M. Oblea
- Marshal:** Eugene L. Swanston
- Municipal Court:** Barbara J. Safstrom
- Probation:** Shirley B. Archer, Marvin A. Kaminsky, John J. Kehoe
- Sheriff's Department:** Thomas H. Brown, Mary L. Milton
- Superior Court:** Gloria Aldridge



M. Hawley Smith, Los Angeles Area Director of the Small Business Administration, presents Edna Bruce with the SBA's Women-in-Business Advocate of the Year award.

Black Adoption Festival Week Proclaimed

The Ninth Annual Black Adoption Festival will be held Saturday, June 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Victoria Park in Carson, according to Robert L. Chaffee, Director of the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the coordinating agency for the Festival.

The event is co-sponsored by the County and the charitable organization "Operation: Children," and is held annually to introduce couples or single persons considering adoption to more than 100 children in need of permanent homes. The 1988 theme is "A Child with a Dream" with the subtheme "Every Child Is A Winner" to symbolize the children's



(L. to R.) Robert L. Chaffee, Director, Department of Children's Services; Helen Ramirez, Director, Bureau of Community Resources; and Ben Vereen, actor/dancer at a previous festival with adoptive children.

dreams of going to homes and families they can call their own. A specialized unit of social workers will be available to expedite the adoption process.

Held in an informal "family picnic" setting, the Festival encourages spontaneous and natural interaction between the children and the prospective parents. Activities will include games, prizes, and refreshments, as well as presentations of awards to outstanding families. A colorful balloon launch by the children, signifying the rising hopes of their dreams of finding permanent loving families, will conclude the festivities.

For the eighth consecutive year, Tony Cox, newsman/personality, will emcee the Festival program. Entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon.

County employees interested in adoption or who would like more information about the Festival, please contact Hazel Hampton at DCS Adoptions Division (213) 738-4577.

Commuter Survey Needs 100%

Remember to return your completed Commuter Computer Survey form by July 1 to your immediate supervisor or departmental Employee Transportation Coordinator in order to be eligible for raffle prizes.

Grand prize is a 3-day, 2-night trip to LAS VEGAS. Other prizes include entertainment, dinners, maps, luggage, and lottery tickets.

The employee survey complies with Regulation XV of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. And, employer-sponsored ridesharing programs directly impact the reduction of smog levels.

Task Force Created To Promote Self-Esteem

The newly created Los Angeles County Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility recently met to outline the mission and goals established by the Board of Supervisors.

The primary challenge of the Task Force is to identify and encourage programs and activities that strengthen and enhance self-esteem and personal and social responsibility throughout Los Angeles County. The goal of the Task Force is to combat the following six

areas of social concern: Crime and violence, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, child abuse, welfare dependency, and the failure of young people to reach their full potential.

James Newman, a prominent behavioral scientist, founder and president of Personal and Company Effectiveness (PACE) and author of the best selling personal development book, "Release Your Brakes," has been named by the Board of Supervisors to chair the 23 member Task Force. Members consist of appointees by each of the five Supervisors and the County Departments of Probation, Sheriff, Health Services, Children's Services, Social Services, and the Office of Education.

The County will coordinate its activities with the State Task Force which was formed in 1986.

For further information, please contact Maybelline Griffin, (213) 419-5661 or James Newman, (818) 769-5100.

It's A High Price To Pay — So Buckle Up!

"It's a free country," is an expression used to justify doing — or not doing — almost anything.

For many people, it's a costly expression, particularly for those not using the safety belt system installed in virtually every car on the highway.

The cost of highway accidents in dollars and human suffering is significant. Economic losses to society from motor vehicle accidents include property damage, lost productivity, medical treatment, emergency services, insurance administration, legal fees, medical examiner services, administration of public assistance programs and other costs. "Being free" of seat belts may be a costly decision.

Safety belts help vehicle occupants "ride down" the force of a crash by holding them in place and preventing contact with either the interior of the vehicle or other occupants.

Belts also keep occupants inside the vehicle. Studies reveal ejection as a major factor in fatalities and severe injuries. Being thrown out of a vehicle is 40 times more lethal. Belts can prevent you from being crushed by your own car.

The evidence is clear and dramatic... when used, safety belts reduce death and reduce the severity and frequency of injury in vehicle crashes. So, **BUCKLE UP** during the holidays and every day!

A REMINDER

FIRST ANNUAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES SPORTSFEST

June 25, 1988 — 9 a.m.

WHITTIER NARROWS COUNTY PARK

823 Lexington — Gallatin Road
(Legg Lake Area)
South El Monte

For more information call:

Gloria Gray at (213) 974-7943 or
Janice Golden at (213) 974-7848.

If your July 4th plans include local activities, consider attending some of the following scheduled events:

JULY 2 - 4

FOURTH OF JULY SPECTACULAR

Belvedere County Park

4914 East Brooklyn Avenue, Los Angeles

This three-day carnival features rides, food, music, and much more. Festivities culminate on the Fourth with a fishing derby and, of course, fireworks. Bring the family and enjoy this "spectacular" event.

For more information, call (213) 268-9302.

JULY 3 & 4

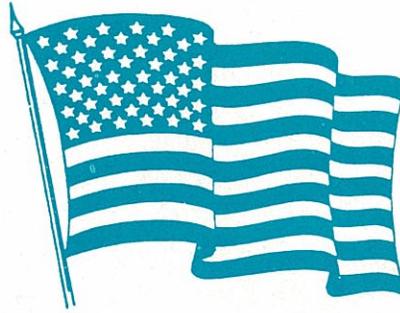
ANDY WILLIAMS — AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Hollywood Bowl

2301 N. Highland Avenue, Los Angeles

Enjoy this salute to the nation led by one of America's favorite vocalists accompanied by his own "America the Beautiful" Orchestra! Enjoy a picnic and celebrate the Fourth in traditional Bowl style with a great fireworks display.

For more information, call (213) 850-2000.



Fourth of July

JULY 2 - 4

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

John Anson Ford Regional Park
8000 Scout Avenue, Bell Gardens

Bring family and friends to enjoy the three-day carnival with rides, music, food, and more, ending with a sensational fireworks show. For more information, call (213) 327-2930.

JULY 4

COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Adjacent to H.M. Newhall Memorial Park
(William S. Hart High School)
24825 Newhall Avenue, Newhall

Being sponsored for the 21st consecutive year by the Newhall Signal, a community fireworks display starts at 9 p.m.

For more information, call (805) 259-1234.

JULY 4

MARINA FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Burton Chace Park

Western end of Mindanao Way

Afternoon band concert featuring marches and other patriotic music will be performed at 1 p.m. Park will be best viewing spot for aerial firework to be launched from a jetty. For further information, call (213) 305-9545.

These are only samplings of major holiday events. Check with your local recreation areas for other activities and,

HAVE A SAFE WEEKEND!

MORE to See & Do

ARBORETUM

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
(818) 446-8251

July 1 - 3

This annual three day show will feature over 60 different cacti in more than 1,000 displays. Questions will be answered about these undemanding xerophytic plants. Visitors can purchase small specimens.

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,
Palos Verdes Peninsula
(213) 772-5813

Hybridizing Roses - July 3

Lecture and slide show explaining inexpensive cross-breeding techniques to create your own unique roses and how to graft roses or start new plants from cuttings.

African Violets - July 10

Using live plants, a lecturer will show propagating and reporting techniques and discuss soils, fertilizers and pots ideal for African violets. A limited number of African violet plants available for purchase.

How to Grow and Use Herbs - July 17

Discussion of growing techniques and use of herbs, both outdoors and indoors. Horticultural tips will include choosing soils, fertilizing and watering. Exhibits will include displays showing herbs as salt-free seasonings and as insect repellents. Herbal cookbooks will be for sale.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles

King Herod's Dream: Caesarea on the Sea

Exhibit opens July 16. This will be the *only* West Coast display. General public *reservations* go on sale July 1. For information, call (213) 744-6292.

Summer Adventures for Children

July 12 - August 5. Classes, programs, field trips and family activities. For information, call Peggy Kayser at (213) 744-3335.

Discovering Historic San Pedro

Field excursion, two-hour port cruise and visit to lighthouse. Call (213) 844-3342.

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