



# DIGEST

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## Self-Esteem Celebration Set for February 14

All County employees are invited to a special celebration commemorating February as Self-Esteem/Responsibility Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.

Set to take place on Wednesday, February 14, 1990, in the County Mall area between the Hall of Administration and the County Courthouse, this public celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

Come hear leaders in the field talk about how developing a healthy sense of self-esteem and responsibility now will help us face the challenges of the future. Participate in acknowledging

various public and private individuals and groups who will be recognized for their contributions and development of positive preventive programs resulting in an enhanced community. Visit the public information booths sponsored by various community-based organizations active in the area of self-esteem/responsibility, and enjoy the live entertainment of groups active in promoting a healthy sense of self-esteem.

Similar activities will be taking place throughout the State. Spurred by the State Task Force, many of the 46 county Task Forces statewide

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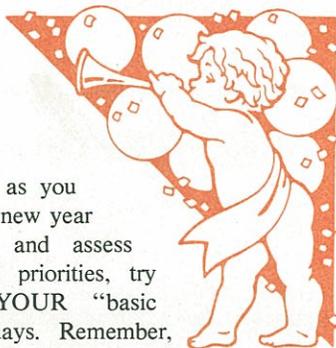
*(L. to R.) Martin V. Cohen, Ph.D.; R. Thomas Rische, Ph.D.; Sandra L. Garcia; Toni Sargent; Jacob Aguilar. (Standing) Lee Millen; Chairman James Newman.*

## Meet the Challenge of the 1990s With Kindergarten Logic

As we each conduct project research, we sometimes find treasures worth sharing. A recent child care article yielded a very interesting concept. It presented a philosophy that would have us conduct ourselves as we did in our kindergarten years.

Basic rules, simple logic and a sharing attitude were the order of the day. Can you remember some of these rules? One was, "be nice to everyone". Others include "try not to fight", "stay clean", "don't create a mess" and my personal favorite, "always say thank you".

And so, as you make your new year resolutions and assess your 1990 priorities, try recalling YOUR "basic training" days. Remember, no matter what your age, as you leave your home each morning and go out into the world, "make new friends, stick together, play fair and if you hurt someone say your sorry."



*Adele Milburn and Supervisor Pete Schabarum*

## Adele Milburn Institutionalizes Pride in Public Service

Selected as December's Employee of the Month, Adele Milburn, an Institutional Services Supervisor at Acton Rehabilitation Center, was recently honored by the Chairman of the Board, Supervisor Pete Schabarum.

Employed by the County for twenty-three years, Adele, an employee of the Health Services Department, currently supervises a unit of

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institutional support employees who perform the admission procedures for the Center. As a staff member of the Alcohol and Drug Program at the Center, Adele has made a major contribution to the computerization of the admission procedures. Her outstanding work was acknowledged in 1988 when the Patient Records System received a productivity and quality award.

Mrs. Milburn's commitment and dedication to her work also resulted in the streamlining of transportation and registration procedures for tubercular patients, acceleration of registration procedures for third party referrals, which resulted in substantial cost savings, and the initiation of special women's services.

Adele has also been recognized for her outstanding performance during a forest fire, when through her quick response over 200 patients were evacuated from the Warm Springs County facility.

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## DPSS Employees Help Provide "Shoes for Kids"

A new pair of athletic shoes and happy faces were the order of the day for 1,000 needy children at the recent "Shoes for Kids" event coordinated by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and sponsored by Coors Brewing Company. For the past three years, volunteer program staff have worked with Coors to coordinate this annual holiday program.

During the party, the South Central Los Angeles youngsters were fitted with shoes and received a goodie bag filled with surprises. Anaheim CDC, Carnation Company, Baskin-Robbins, California



DPSS employees, (L. to R.) Pamela Woulard, Nancy Evans and Alma Jones-McNair help individually fit 1,000 needy children with quality athletic shoes during the "Shoes for Kids" event.

Snack Foods, KACE radio station, LA Gear in conjunction with Vanessa Williams, Mission Beverage Company, See's Candy Shops and Thrifty Corporation also joined in sponsoring the event.

Over 200 DPSS employees, from line staff to managers, volunteered as shoe fitters, runners, carolers and Santa's helpers. Eddy Tanaka, DPSS Director, said, "It is wonderful to see Coors and other corporate sponsors reach out to help needy youngsters. I am also pleased to see my employees take the lead in this worthwhile event."

## Being Adopted is a True Gift



Judge Richard Ibanez receives scroll from First Supervisorial District Deputy, Carmen Brenan.

Some lucky children and parents received an early Christmas gift last month at the 27th Annual "Adoption Day in Court."

In a joyful court proceeding on December 15, Superior Court Judges Bernard Kaufman and Richard Ibanez signed final adoption decrees for 28 youngsters ranging in age from 18 months to 11 years.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services, "Adoption Day in Court" focuses attention on the more than 1,500 adoptions that take place in the County each year and the need to find permanent homes for other children. The event demonstrates the happiness adoption can bring to parents — and to adopted children like

Jerry Pass.

Now producer of Fox Television Stations' "Kids Club," Jerry Pass was adopted in 1962. "Being adopted is a true gift," said Pass when he was presented with an award from Supervisor Pete Schabarum as part of "Adoption Day in Court" activities.

Judge Ibanez was also recognized for his commitment to abused and neglected children. Knowing that electing to work past the age of 70 means losing 50 percent of your retirement benefits, Judge Ibanez, 79, continues to serve in the dependency court working to give children the opportunity to find permanent parents and a happy family life.

## Self-Esteem to be Celebrated in Mall

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have also designated February as Self-Esteem/Responsibility Awareness Month.

In Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors established the Task Force to promote self-esteem and personal and social responsibility in November of 1987. Since then, the Task Force has been actively working to identify and encourage the implementation and application of programs and activities that enhance self-esteem and personal and social responsibility.

Primary Task Force goals include: obtaining information about existing or planned activities directed at enhancing self-esteem and responsibility, informing organizations and the public

about the value of healthy self-esteem and an enhanced sense of responsibility, and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on legislative and/or community actions which promote the development of healthy self-esteem.

As stated by Los Angeles County Task Force Chairperson, Jim Newman, "An ounce of prevention is worth millions of dollars in prisons and rehabilitation efforts. Therefore, anything we can do to develop a generation with high self-esteem and responsibility will be one of the best investments that citizens of Los Angeles County can make. Please join us in celebrating at this special event. Your participation will greatly enhance the significance of the occasion."

## 1990 County Holidays

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	January 15
Washington's Birthday	February 19
Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 3
Columbus Day	October 8
Veterans Day	November 12
Thanksgiving Day	November 22
Friday after Thanksgiving	November 23
Christmas	December 25

## Borneo Species Named for County Orchid Curator

Earl Ross has been cultivating orchids at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum at Arcadia since 1967. Under his care, the Arboretum's collection of orchid species has become one of the world's largest and most diverse collections.

As Curator of Orchids, Ross has travelled to Asia on numerous occasions visiting Sumatra, Java, Borneo and Western Malaysia to study orchids extensively in their native habitats.

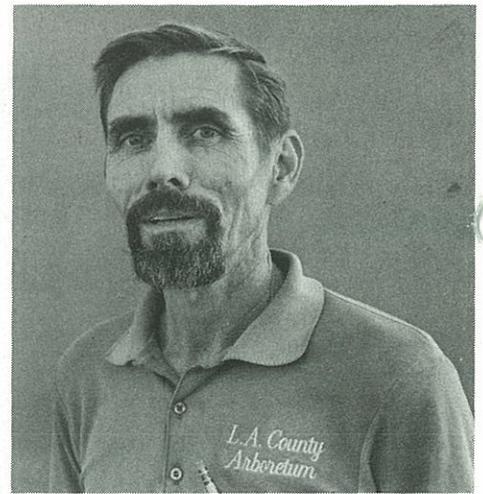
It was during a study trip to Sabah, North Borneo, in the Summer of 1983, that Ross found himself up the headwaters of the Labuk River. It

was here on the side of a fallen tree that he first saw what appeared to be an unknown species of *Dimorphorchis*.

Returning to Arcadia with a few samples, Ross methodically cared for the plant from Sabah for five years until in May, 1988, he announced, "It's going to flower at last!"

Bringing it into full bloom, Ross revealed at the spectacular sight of four clear orange flowers and fifteen distal cream colored flowers marked with the most minute carmen dots on their sepals and petals.

And so, a long way from the headwaters of the Labuk River, the orchid flowered in cultivation June 20, 1988. The County congratulates Earl Ross for his dedication and perseverance and thanks him for the new floral treasure named after him: *Dimorphorchis rossii* Fowl. sp. nov.



**Earl Ross, Curator of Orchids at County Arboretum, co-discovered a new orchid species.**

## Board Honors TV Programs Addressing Domestic Violence Issues

The County Board of Supervisors and the Domestic Violence Council held a special media awards presentation on Tuesday, December 19, 1989, in recognition of the fine programming aired during October, 1989 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month - by CBS, NBC, and HBO.

CBS was honored for the "Rowdy Girls" segment of the hit program *Designing Women*. Accepting the award was Executive Producer Linda Bloodworth-Thomason.

NBC's "A Cry For Help: The Tracey Thurman Story" was honored with producer Lee Miller accepting the award.

And, HBO's "Battered", directed, produced and narrated by Lee Grant, was honored as an outstanding documentary.

In addition, a special award was presented to Pam Kramer, as Outstanding Domestic Violence Council Volunteer. In an emotional and moving acceptance speech, Kramer, a former

battered wife, talked about how her volunteer work helped to rebuild her self-confidence and self-esteem.

A holiday luncheon was held after the awards ceremony for the recipients, Domestic Violence Council members and friends. The positive



**(L. to R.) Cheryl J. Ward, Chairperson, Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council; Supervisor Pete Schabarum and Roseann Donnelly, Council Coordinator, Community & Senior Citizens Services.**

interaction experienced by all was summed up by *Designing Women* producer Bloodworth-Thomason who exclaimed, "After talking with all the (Domestic Violence) people here today, I'm all fired up again."

The L.A. County Domestic Violence Council meets at noon on the third Tuesday of each month in the Hall of Administration, Room 830A. Those wishing further information may call Roseann Donnelly, the Council Coordinator at (213) 738-2666.

## MORE to See & Do

### LOS ANGELES STATE AND COUNTY ARBORETUM

301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia (818) 446-8251

Valentine Gifts - February 10  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Take advantage of this Valentine plant sale, with over 170 species of orchids and other exotic plants in time for Cupid's romantic celebration, Valentine's Day!

Experts will also be on hand to answer questions about selecting and growing these exotic and often sturdy plants.

### NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

900 Exposition Blvd.  
Los Angeles, (213) 744-DINO

Dinosaurs in Clay - January 27  
11:30 a.m. or 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Children age 5 and up can learn clay techniques and make a dinosaur to take home.

### THE GEORGE C. PAGE MUSEUM OF LA BREA DISCOVERIES

5801 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles (213) 857-6311

Tuesday Cinema - February 13  
1:30 p.m. - How Animals Speak

This film observes the behavior of geese, fish and a mammal in order to determine the "languages" of various species. It explains how they transmit vitally important information about raising and guiding their offspring, defense against predators and communal relationships.

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