



# DIGEST

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



Honoree Dolores Carrillo and Supervisor Pete Schabarum.

## Carrillo: Helping the Community Both on and off the Job

Dolores Carrillo's "barrio activism" was rooted in simple expectations: A desire to improve her East Los Angeles community and make sure her children escaped the pitfalls of drugs and gang warfare.

And two decades later, Carrillo's still reaching out, both in her private life and with the Department of Community and Senior Citizens Services where she helps immigrant refugees find employment and a home.

### Employee of the Month

"I love helping people enrich the quality of their lives," said the 24-year County veteran, who was named the May 1990 County Employee of the Month. "We made a difference for the people in East Los Angeles, but there's also a great need today to improve the quality of life for others."

As a prominent community leader and activist, Carrillo either founded or served as a member of many outreach groups and social service agencies, including the East Los Angeles Interagency Coalition and the East Los Angeles Community Union, where she now serves as a board of directors member.

As a community resources analyst with DCSCS, Carrillo tracks down private and public sector assistance for Cambodian, Vietnamese and Soviet-Armenian refugees. Assistance also comes from refugees who successfully assimilated into American society.

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## Adoption: A Worthwhile Option for Fulfilling Family Needs

The Department of Children's Services encourages County employees to consider the adoption option to fulfill family needs.

According to department officials, adoptive parents comprise a wide range of backgrounds: parents who want children but cannot give birth; those with children who want to add a child of a particular sex or age; and parents adopting after their own children have left home.

A variety of ages, races, and personality types are available for adoption. Some children have problems, such as developmental disabilities, and need parents who can provide special care, while other children would benefit from a single parent lifestyle.

The fee to adopt, which is based on ability

to pay, can be waived in some cases. Financial assistance, along with medical care through the Medi-Cal program, is available for children with special needs.

The steps to adopting are simple and direct. First, applicants attend an introductory meeting where the adoption process and a list of available children are presented. Then, prospective foster parents fill out applications and meet with social workers who conduct interviews and home visits to determine what type of child is most compatible.

Next, social workers search for the perfect match. After a child is placed, the social workers continue to visit the family during the adjustment period.

For more information, call (213) 738-4577 or (213) 738-4896.

## THE LONG WALK



And away they go: Employees start the 9-mile trek at the County's 5th Annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Story and additional photos on page three.

## Car Survival Kit: A Catastrophe Preparedness Tool

When a disaster occurs, chances are you'll be in one of three places: home, work or car. But how many people could survive if catastrophe struck during rush-hour traffic?

Michael Kenyon, a Sheriff's Department Lieutenant with the Office of Emergency Management, recommends placing a mini-survival kit in your car.



"It's an inexpensive way to help prepare for an emergency," Kenyon said. "You probably have most of the survival car kit ingredients at home."

Use this list as a guide to your car's mini-survival kit. Remember, emergency supplies should last at least 72 hours.

- \* Non-perishable food
- \* Bottled water
- \* First aid kit and book
- \* Flares
- \* Blanket or sleeping bag
- \* Sealable plastic bags
- \* Flashlight: fresh and spare batteries and bulb

- \* Sturdy shoes
- \* Matches
- \* Can opener
- \* Toiletries
- \* Local maps
- \* Gloves
- \* Essential medication
- \* Tools
- \* Small package of tissues
- \* Pre-moistened towelettes
- \* Personal hygiene
- \* Extra clothes

## Carrillo: Employee of the Month

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In addition, she coordinated the Los Angeles County Refugee Recognition Day, which 2,000 people attended in 1989.

"There's so many poor refugees and limited funds," said the native Angeleno and mother of five children. "But I love making a difference."



(L. to R.) Frederick Ohlrich, Assistant Court Administrator; Robert Quist, Deputy Court Administrator; and Robert Chaffee, Department of Children's Services Director. Also shown are Municipal Court employees who received individual awards.



Buckle up so you don't get ripped up, says Vince the dummy.

## Don't Be a Dummy, Buckle Up

Dummies Vince and Larry are helping spread a life-saving message throughout the County: safety belts save lives.

The stars of the Advertising Council's "You Could Learn a Lot From a Dummy" public service announcements, assist the Department of Community and Senior Citizens Services in its public education campaign to increase safety belt usage.

Susan K. Jones, DCSCS project manager for the Business and Industry Buckle Up program, said 114 chamber of commerce organizations already participate in

the six-month-old program.

DCSCS works with the chamber groups to establish Saved by the Belt Clubs, where members receive presentation kits, parking lot stencils and other educational material. In turn, local merchants and businesses get out the buckle up message to their customers. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the State of California Office of Traffic Safety help fund these efforts.

## Welcome Aboard the Blue Line Free Rides in July

Free rail rides July 14 and 15 will kick off the grand opening of Los Angeles' first passenger-only rail service in nearly three decades. That weekend, downtown Los Angeles commuters can practice weaning themselves from the Long Beach, Harbor or San Diego freeways by testing the RTD Metro Blue Line. The following Monday, riders will pay the regular \$1.10 per ride.

To find out more about the free rides, location of park-and-ride lots, or schedules, call (213) 972-4698.

## Court Employees Raise \$20,000 for Needy Children

Two years of bake sales, car washes and candy sales by Municipal Court employees has turned into \$20,000 worth of new services for needy children.

The court employees contributed the money to the Department of Children's Services for orthodontist, tutoring and other needs that cannot be met by public funds. And a recent Municipal Court luncheon sponsored by DCS honored these employees.

"Los Angeles Municipal Court is the first County department to voluntarily raise this kind of money for the children," said Department of Children's Services Director Robert Chaffee. "We are honored to have the help."

The LAMC employees, however, are not resting on their laurels. Since January, events including book sales and raffles have continued.

Department of Public Social Services  
 Director Eddy Tanaka, left, and Rodney Cooper, Department of Parks and Recreation Director.



## EMPLOYEES STEP OUT FOR MARCH OF DIMES



Registrar-Recorder employees gear up for the long walk.



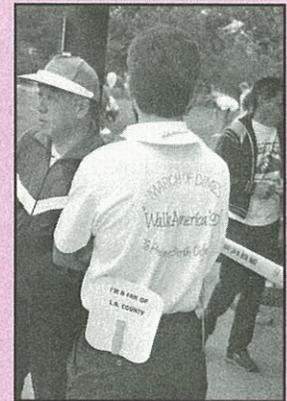
Above, County Handicap WalkAmerica Chairman Larry Bryant.

More than 1,000 employees participated in the County's 5th Annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica on April 28.

According to Juanita Childs, March of Dimes special events coordinator, County employees walked at all six walksites, with 550 participants at Bonelli Regional Park in the San Gabriel Valley.

Rod Cooper, Department of Parks and Recreation Director, served as walksite host and greeted County teams as they lined up for the annual trek. Department of Public Social Services Director Eddy Tanaka led the largest County team, a 298-member group at the Bonelli Regional Park site. And County volunteer coordinator Mary Sherman-Jones and 20 volunteers tallied pledges totaling more than \$80,000.

Any outstanding pledge cards must be turned in immediately, said Ruben Davalos, countywide WalkAmerica coordinator. For more information, call (818) 972-9449.



A "fan of L.A. County" observes the festivities.

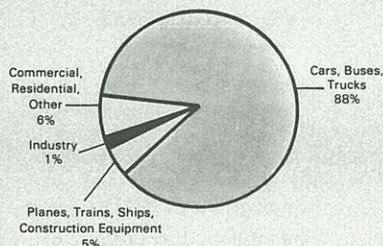
At right, A pre-walk stretching session at Bonelli Park.



## Why Rideshare?

Cars, buses and trucks are responsible for most of the pollution that helps form smog. These vehicles contribute 88 percent of carbon monoxide emissions and more than 50 percent of oxides of nitrogen and reactive organic gasses. A chart detailing carbon monoxide emissions sources is listed below.

### Emission Sources of CARBON MONOXIDE



## Hire a Veteran Week Job Fair Brings 300 Applicants to Patriotic Hall



Probation Officer Michael Clark, left, discusses career opportunities with Army veteran Henry McFarland at the Hire a Veteran Week job fair.

Surrounded by a wide range of military memorabilia and artifacts, 61 employers and more than 300 applicants gathered at the County Patriotic Hall for the Hire a Veteran Week job fair.

"This is a great place to get information and leads," said former Air Force enlistee Alberto Urena at the May 10 event. "It's my first time at a job fair and I love it."

Job Match, a computerized, statewide job tracking system owned by the State Employment Development Department, made its job fair debut at the event.

"The event turned out to be an overwhelming success due to our efforts and the efforts of the State Employment Development Department," said Joseph Smith, Military and Veterans Affairs Department Director.

# MORE TO SEE AND DO

## Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles  
(213) 857-6000

An eight week, 43-film retrospective tribute to director Vincente Minnelli starts June 22. The series, "Directed by Vincente Minnelli," features all 43 feature films from 1943 to 1976 and ranks as the most complete Minnelli retrospective ever assembled. Films include "Meet Me in St. Louis," "An American in Paris" and "Gigi."

## Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles  
(213) 744-6292

"Sharks: Fact and Fantasy," the largest and most comprehensive shark exhibition ever presented, opens July 1 for an 11-week run. After leaving Los Angeles, the exhibit embarks on a five-year tour of the United States and Canada. The exhibit will showcase the relationship between sharks and man, scientific and commercial uses of sharks and shark attacks and methods of prevention.

## Hollywood Bowl Festival '90

2301 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles  
(213) 850-2000

The Hollywood Bowl is featuring a summer under the stars with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and a wide range of guest artists.



*Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse in Vincente Minnelli's 1953 film "The Band Wagon."*

Season highlights include conductor Simon Rattle, jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald, Emanuel Ax playing all the Beethoven piano concertos, 18-year-old violin sensation Midori, superstar soprano Kathleen Battle, a world premiere movie by Peter Sellers, and the Bowl's fireworks spectaculars.

## Los Angeles State and County Arboretum

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

Begonia Show: July 28 - 29

The San Gabriel Branch of the American Begonia Society will display more than 170 plants and arrangements.

## South Coast Botanic Gardens

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

Gardens of the World: July 15

Bert and Corrine Durst will show slides gathered during 29 years of visits to gardens, fields and streams.

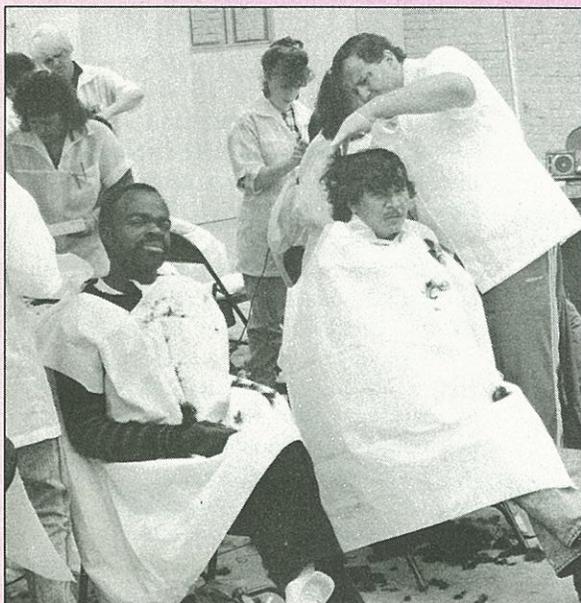
## Descanso Gardens

1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada Flintridge  
(818) 790-5571

Performing Arts Program: July 1

The Verdugo Swing Society, a group of local businessmen, will entertain with big band music.

## Head and Heart Day Helps Skid Row Homeless



*Two participants at Head and Heart Day receive free haircuts.*

More than 200 Skid Row homeless received free haircuts, shampoos and blood pressure checks during the recent Head and Heart Day.

The staff of the County H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center, Skid Row Medical Outreach Project, was joined by volunteer hairdressers at Gladys Park in Skid Row for a four-hour event promoting two major homeless health concerns: hypertension and personal hygiene.

Untreated hypertension, common among the homeless, can lead to strokes, heart failure and other serious medical problems. Homeless participants with high blood pressure were referred for further treatment at the County's clinic in the Weingart Center.

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