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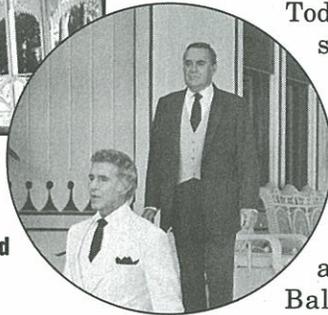


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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



"Fantasy Island," along with other movie and TV shows, featured the Arboretum's Queen Anne Cottage. At right are Richardo Montalban and Christopher Hewitt.



Queen Anne Cottage Keeping the Fantasy Alive

Remember "Fantasy Island," that mystical place where men in white suits turned dreams into reality? One might guess it's a secret Hawaiian island or a Balinese paradise. Not quite.

From 1978 to 1984, Queen Anne Cottage at the State and County Arboretum in Arcadia served as the popular TV show's home.

Today, the building still stands as a historical but little-known gem in the 127-acre complex.

The 106-year-old cottage, built by flamboyant millionaire E.J. "Lucky" Baldwin, has provided settings for numerous

movies and TV shows. And over the years, more than 200 films have been filmed on the Arboretum's grounds, bringing fantasy to folks and revenue to the County.

It all started in 1936 when Johnny Weissmuller swung through the Arboretum trees in "Tarzan Escapes." Such oldies as "Devil's Island," "Notorious," "Gun Crazy" and "Rage in the Jungle" followed.

And the cameras never stopped rolling.

Recently filmed television shows include "Jake and the Fat Man," "Twin Peaks," "Dallas" and "Falcon Crest."

Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, the Arboretum is located at 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia. For more information, call (818) 821-3222. •

Mental Health Gets New Director

Areta Crowell never dreamed she'd return to the County so quickly. But after 3½ years as San Diego's Mental Health Director, she got an offer she couldn't refuse: to return to Los Angeles as the County's Mental Health Director.

After a nationwide search, the Board of Supervisors offered the former 18-year Los Angeles County employee the job due to her successful tenure in San Diego and her familiarity with the department.

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Areta Crowell

Smoking Banned in County Facilities

FREE QUIT CLASSES OFFERED

Striving to combat the dangers of secondary smoke, the Board of Supervisors, on a motion by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, has banned smoking in all County facilities and vehicles.

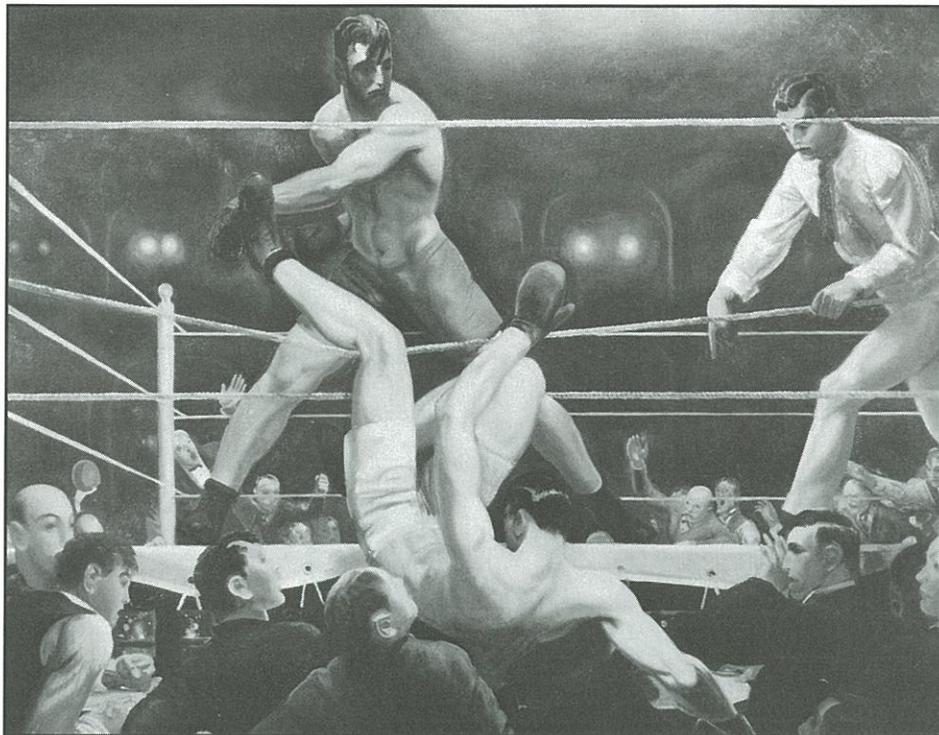
The new ordinance, which took effect February 21, also prohibits smoking in all leased spaces occupied by County workers. Under the plan, employees are

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MORE TO SEE & DO

County Museum of Art
5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
(213) 857-6000

"The Paintings of George Bellows," the most comprehensive collection to date of one of America's finest turn of the century artists, continues at the County Museum of Art through May 10. Best known for his trademark boxing scenes, Bellows also painted a wide range of subjects, including seascapes, scenes of city streets and waterfronts, family portraits and newsworthy contemporary events. With paintings lent from private and public collections, this exhibit presents previously overlooked genres and phases of Bellows' career. ●



George Bellows' 1924 painting "Dempsey and Firpo" is featured in a new show chronicling the artist's career. The exhibit continues through May 10 at the County Museum of Art.

'Albert Herring' Preview



Supervisor Ed Edelman, center, thanks participants from the Los Angeles Music Center Opera for their recent noontime free "Albert Herring" preview recital on the County Mall, between the Hall of Administration and the County Courthouse. Joining Edelman, from left, are company pianist and arranger Grant Gershon; Music Center representative Llewellyn Crain; and singers Greg Fedderly, Jennifer Wallace and Scott Watanabe. On April 13, the Opera presents Benjamin Britten's "Albert Herring" in a special preview for employees at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Tickets are \$8 per person for the 7:30 p.m. show. For more information, call the Office of Special Programs, (213) 974-1768.

Free Seminar to Examine U.S. Disabilities Act

A free all day training program examining the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 takes place March 27 at Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge.

Geared toward personnel officers, examination employees and return to work coordinators, the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. event spotlights a wide range of issues affecting the disabled, including workers' compensation, ADA's legal impact and employment procedures.

The event also includes an ADA overview by the Office of Affirmative Action and a panel discussion by the Risk and Insurance Management Agency and County Counsel.

To register, call Marie Reyes at (213) 351-5213. Registration is limited to 200, with personnel directors and analyst staff getting first priority. Directions and maps are available upon request. ●

Crowell Gets Top Mental Health Post

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"It's a wonderful challenge and opportunity," Crowell said. "It's good to be home."

Crowell, who started January 27, said she looks forward to building a "state of the art" mental health system. But the road won't be easy.

"We obviously have budget problems," she noted, adding that developing a budget plan for next year is a top priority.

In addition, Crowell hopes to organize services so mentally ill patients receive a continuous, coherent flow of care.

"Mentally ill patients must stay in touch with the same treatment team," she said, adding that "without that continuity, they're lost."

Crowell also said educating the public about mental illness is a paramount concern.

"Although perceptions have improved during the past 10 years, there's still a lot of stigma and fear surrounding the mentally ill," she said. "They deserve opportunities just like any other group of persons with disabilities."

Crowell, whose last County position was as a Mental Health deputy director, holds a doctorate in psychology from McGill University in Montreal. •

Smoking Ban Approved

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also offered the tools for kicking the habit and adopting a healthier lifestyle.

"Smoking is the number one preventable cause of death," Hahn said, "and passive smoke exposure is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. We must take action to provide a safe environment for all our workers."

Through Proposition 99 health education funds, the Health Services Department provides free self-help cessation materials and programs to all employees desiring

A NATIONAL THANKS



The Board of Supervisors received a Defense Department Award February 11 for Supporting County employees and residents called to active duty during Operation Desert Storm. Robert Young, an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve representative, second from right, praised the Board for its "unconditional" support of reserve troops and their families. A Defense Department organization, the employer support group ensures that national defense training requirements are met between the nation's employers and the National Guard and Reserve. Young was joined by Supervisors Mike Antonovich, Gloria Molina, Kenneth Hahn and Deane Dana. Joseph Smith, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Director, and Michael Schirm, an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve member, also attended the presentation.

assistance. Classes include workshops on the reasons for smoking, tips on gearing up for quit day and ex-smoker support group sessions.

These classes are designed to meet the needs and schedules of employees. For class information, contact your departmental administrative services unit or personnel office.

Hahn said that, according to the 1989 Surgeon General's Report, 400,000 smoking-related deaths are reported each year while another 53,000 nonsmoking Americans die from passive-smoke exposure.

"Given these frightening statistics," Hahn added, "a ban on smoking in County facilities will help us to protect the health of all our employees and the public." •

CASTAIC DAM RUN SET FOR MARCH 22

The Castaic Dam Run, featuring races for the entire family and helping raise money for the Parks and Recreation Department's Volunteer Involvement Program, takes place Saturday, March 22 at 8 a.m.

Cosponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and Castaic Brick, the event features three races around the scenic lake and lagoon.

For more information, call (805) 257-4050. •

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

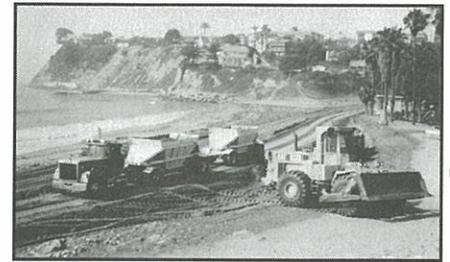
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Congratulations are in order for Lawrence B. Waterman, District Attorney, and Bertha Y. Ross, Health Services, for over 40 years of dedicated service to the County of Los Angeles. We hope Lawrence and Bertha enjoy their well-deserved leisure time.

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Warm wishes and congratulations are extended to the following employees who are retiring with 30 years or more of County service:

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Sand from Playa del Rey is spread along Cabrillo Beach.

Man Helps Nature at Cabrillo Beach

For only the fourth time since its creation, Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro has received a man-made revitalization using some 200,000 cubic yards of sand from Playa del Rey.

As a man-made beach, Cabrillo cannot naturally replenish sand lost to wind and water as do other Los Angeles County beaches. Previous replenishing occurred in the 1920s, 1940s and 1970s.

Supervisor Deane Dana recently joined with a host of other officials to celebrate the reopening and the completion of the three-month revitalization project.

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