

County DIGEST



May 15, 1992

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

BOARD OK'S FIRE SPRINKLER BOND MEASURE FOR JUNE BALLOT



Fire ravaged: the Health Services Administration building in downtown Los Angeles. At right, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.



Following Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's motion, the Board of Supervisors has placed a bond measure on the June 2 ballot to raise funds for fire sprinklers and related safety systems for County buildings.

The Proposition A measure follows the February 15 fire that gutted the seventh floor of the Department of Health Services Administration building in downtown Los Angeles. Miraculously, no one was seriously injured in the Saturday morning blaze that destroyed millions of dollars of equipment and records.

"According to fire officials, the fire never would have escalated to such great proportions if the building had been equipped with fire sprinklers," Hahn said. "We must heed this disastrous warning and take immediate action to install sprinklers in all Los Angeles County buildings that provide a

high volume of public services, as well as all County buildings constructed in the future."

The fire also offered a look at the County's emergency response capabilities, which left patient and emergency care undisturbed.

The CAO's Office of Emergency Management, working with the Sheriff, County and City Fire, Internal Services and other departments, established management teams that addressed a wide range of issues, including facility security, safety and clean-up, employee information and relocation.

In addition, County firefighters immediately assisted City firefighters with equipment, traffic control and toxic material handling and monitoring. •

Whatever Happened to?

County Surplus Is Up for Grabs at ISD Warehouse

Unwanted. Discarded. Forgotten.

Ever wonder what happened to that old typewriter or battered filing cabinet?

Chances are they ended up at a warehouse in Commerce where the Internal Services Department manages the County's surplus goods.

The warehouse, however, is no appliance graveyard but a gold mine for employees needing to furnish an office or locate a hard-to-find item.

In addition to office equipment, items include unclaimed private sector property from the Sheriff's Department. From old

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Joe Hanno, an ISD Surplus Property Unit official, rummages through the warehouse goods.

SHERIFF LAUNCHES POISON EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

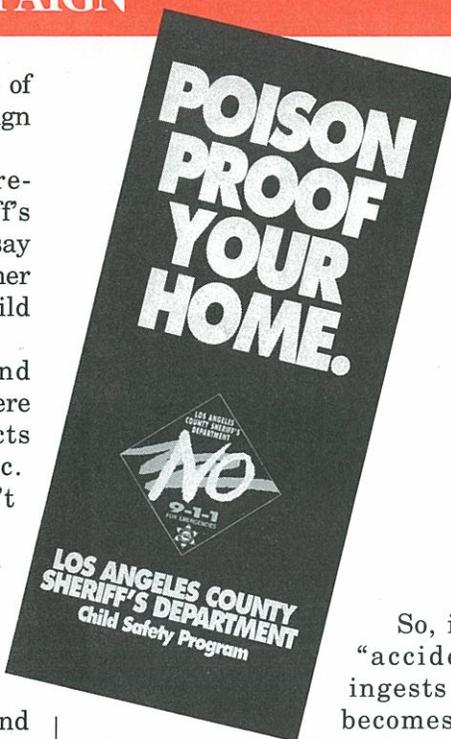
There's a different type of "Just Say No" campaign these days.

After 2½ years research and testing, the Sheriff's Department is now helping kids say no to bleach, oven cleaner and other poisonous products with its Child Safety "NO" Sticker Program.

Every day, deputies and paramedics respond to calls where children have downed products labeled hazardous or toxic. Children, unfortunately, can't read the labels.

As a result, the department designed diamond-shaped stickers with a big white "No" on a red-and-black background. The new stickers replace the old skull-and-cross bones emblem and can be applied to items that children – or anyone else – shouldn't swallow or inhale.

In addition, a pamphlet accompanies the stickers and tells parents children can always find something to get into no matter what precautions are used.



So, if one "accidentally ingests or becomes contaminated with

a harmful household product, dial 911 immediately," the pamphlet notes.

For stickers and a pamphlet, call the Community Relations Office at your local Sheriff's station. •



HELPING THE HIGHWAY

Supervisor Mike Antonovich joins Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Director E. Leon Spaugy, left, and Deputy Director Cato Fiksdal in unveiling the department's Adopt-A-Highway sign April 16. This is the first County department with staff members volunteering one Saturday each month to help pick up trash along a Foothill Freeway section.

CULTURAL OUTREACH

Seventeen Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures employees work the phones during the KCET Channel 28 television pledge drive. The County workers volunteered more than 100 hours on March 5 and 17 by taking the public's telephone pledges. KCET is the public television station for Southern and Central California.



County Surplus Is Warehouse Ready

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televisions to water skis, there's a little bit of everything.

"Somebody's junk is somebody else's treasure," said Joe Hanno, Head of Assets/Financial Management for the Surplus Property Unit. All warehouse items are free to County departments and intended for County use only.

To control warehouse access, each County department has a designated representative who is authorized to browse and claim property.

But the warehouse isn't off limits to the public.

Due to the steady stream of goods, a public sale is held once a month where items not claimed are sold as is. *For more information on available goods, call Joe Hanno at (213) 720-6956 or Annie Phillips at (213) 720-6848.* •

MORE TO SEE & DO

Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles
(213) 857-6000

Salvatore Ferragamo: The Art of the Shoe (1927-1960), running through June 7, is a comprehensive study of one of the preeminent high fashion shoe designers of this century. Featuring 199 shoes from the archives of Ferragamo, Inc., in Florence, the exhibit presents an opportunity to study in detail Ferragamo's contribution to the art and evolution of women's shoes in the 20th century.

The Age of Picasso: Modern European Prints from the Collection, an exhibit featuring more than 100 etchings, woodcuts, lithographs and illustrated books by the preeminent European artists from the early 20th century, opens May 28 for a two-month run. The exhibit's centerpiece is a group of 27 Pablo Picasso prints.



Shoe talk circa 1954: Salvatore Ferragamo meets with Audrey Hepburn in Florence.

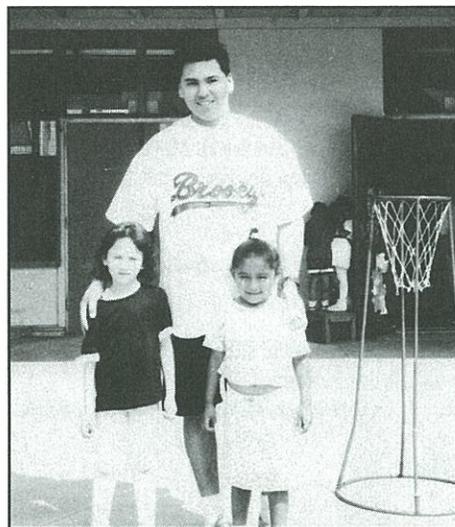
County Volunteer Honored In D.C., Does Lunch With President Bush

After knocking out 45,000 nationwide contestants, the County's 1991 Youth Volunteer of the Year has been named a Points of Light winner by President Bush.

Robert Zamora, a 10th grader who volunteers more than 30 hours each week at Salazar County Park in East Los Angeles, received the award from the President during a White House luncheon May 1.

Established in 1982, the honor goes to outstanding individuals or organizations involved in community service aimed at solving serious social problems. Zamora and 20 other folks received the top honor.

Since 1988, the Garfield High student has organized a recreation and school homework teen club as an alternate activity to gangs and



Robert Zamora meets with two park patrons at Salazar County Park in East Los Angeles.

drugs. He also developed community service projects that fed more than 1,500 homeless people. •



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
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County Vans are rolling!

If you are interested in
vanpooling, call:

Chief Administrative Office
Valerie Boyd, Manager
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(213) 974-2075

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

Congratulations are in order for Mary E. Golden, Public Social Services; Gerall V. LaRowe, Wayne Martin and Garvin J. Pederson, Public Works, for over 40 years of dedicated service to the County of Los Angeles. We hope that Mary, Gerall, Wayne and Garvin enjoy their well-deserved leisure time. Warm wishes and congratulations are extended to the following employees who are retiring with 30 years or more of County service:

AGRICULTURAL COMM./WEIGHTS & MEASURES: John M. Brabson
ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS: Lee H. Wakeman
ASSESSOR: Carl J. Brogdon, Robert T. Claridy, Harry T. Hirakawa, Owen K. Kraus, Jessie L. Perkins
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MENTAL HEALTH: Alfred T. Alvaro
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Best wishes are extended to the following retirees with 25 years or more of County service:

FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN: Thomas Aplanalp, Laurence P. Hughes
HEALTH SERVICES: Ralph L. Bassett, James E. Brazier, Ulysses Brown, Ethelene Burns, Jean H. DeProsse, Cyril G. Dionne, Helen Draper, Julius J. Fuller, Andrew J. Gero, Andrew Lewis, Taye M. Matoi, Roy H. Sheridan, William L. Steinleitiner, Edvernell Thomas, Artie C. Weaver, Dorothy J. Westmoreland
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SUPERIOR COURT: Benson Schaffer
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR: Rosabel Kakuda

May is American Bike Month; Safe Cycling Urged

Since May is American Bike Month, it's a good time to brush up on the rules of the road. The National Safety Council offers some helpful tips to keep America's 57 million cyclists safe.

- Ride with the flow of traffic, in a single file line while keeping a safe distance from the bike in front of you.
- Wear a helmet approved by the Snell Memorial Foundation or the National Standards Institute.
- Wear bright colored clothing during the day; riding at night is not recommended but if it's necessary, wear reflective clothing designed to bounce motor vehicle headlight beams.
- Bike safety gear should include: red rear and white front reflectors; red or colorless spoke reflector on the front and rear wheels; pedal reflectors; a horn or bell; a bright headlight and a rear view mirror.

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