

# County DIGEST



August 31, 1992

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



La Puente youths Donald Glock, left, Ernest Darcourt, center, and Juan Amezcuita paint over graffiti on Valley Boulevard in La Puente August 1 during clean-up effort.

## Emma Huynh From Saigon to D.A. Top Gun

**D**uring the fall of Saigon, Emma Huynh bolted from Vietnam with just a few possessions and less than \$100. She later arrived in the U.S. with no English skills and a bleak-looking future.

Today, there's a different tale to tell: Huynh, a 13-year County employee and District Attorney assistant, holds the July Employee of the Month title.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Emma Huynh receives congratulations from Board Chairman Deane Dana.

According to department officials, life's adversity didn't hurt the Pasadena-branch employee. She's now fluent in Vietnamese, French, English and Cantonese and is widely acknowledged as a top computer expert.

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## THOUSANDS JOIN TOGETHER FOR FIRST ANNUAL GRAFFITI PAINT-OUT

**A**rmed with sandblasters, rollers and more than 500 gallons of paint, thousands of volunteers took to the streets August 1 to rub out graffiti throughout the County.

Dubbed a graffiti paint-out and coordinated by the Chief Administrative Office, the first-time event brought County agencies together with state, federal and local agencies.

"Though most communities have a graffiti-removal program, I strongly believe that we need to demonstrate solidarity, pride and a consolidated effort to take back our neighborhoods," Board of Supervisors Chairman Deane Dana said.

County agencies, which joined together to provide everything from entertainment and baby sitting to post event clean-up, included Sheriff, Probation, Public Works, District Attorney, Superior Court and Parks and Recreation departments.

Agencies throughout the County spend millions each year to stamp out graffiti. The Southern California Rapid Transit District alone spends about \$2 million monthly to eliminate graffiti from its busses and facilities. And Caltrans spent \$1.5 million last year removing graffiti from freeway signs in the County and will increase spending to \$2 million next year, according to Jerry Baxter, Caltrans District Director.

## New Attractions, Events Set Stage for 65th L.A. County Fair

**W**ith only a small carnival and an exhibit-filled tent, a merchants expo in 1921 along the railroad tracks in Pomona set the stage for one of the world's largest fairs.

Now celebrating its 65th year, the L.A. County Fair rolls into town September 11-October 4 with a *Fun Up Our Sleeve* theme and a variety of new features, entertainment and attractions.

Kicking off the 24-day blowout, the theme parade starts September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Fairplex grounds, a 487-acre spread at 1101 W. McKinley Ave. in Pomona.

This year's standout new attractions include appearances by the rare Hawthorn White Tigers, a world-renowned stunt and routine act featuring 14 white tigers; The Gentlemen Jugglers, a duo that appeared at more than 4,000 worldwide events and owns the silver medal from the International Jugglers Championships in Las Vegas; and the Peking Acrobats from the People's Republic of China.

A variety of musicians are also dropping by the Fairplex this year, including:

**LACY J. DALTON**, September 11-13

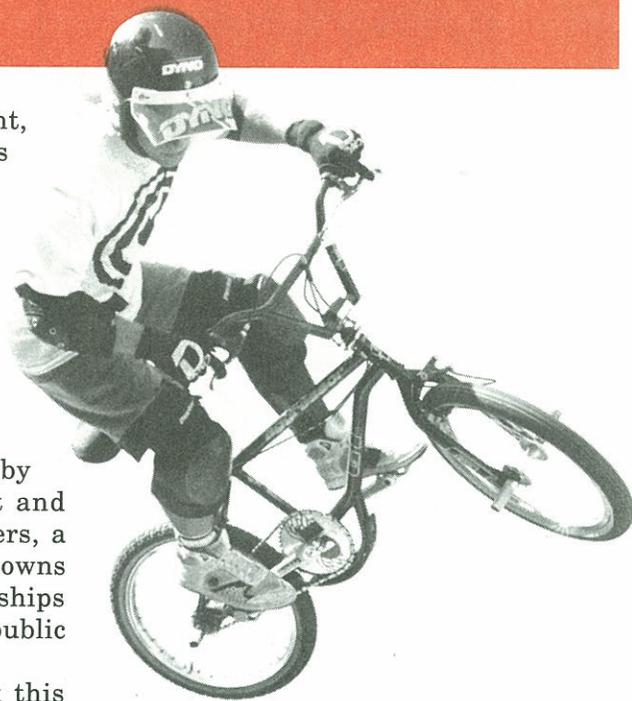
**TOWER OF POWER**, September 20-22

**SHA-NA-NA**, September 23-25

**ELVIN BISHOP**, September 26-28

**KOOL & THE GANG**, September 29-October 1

**HIGHWAY 101**, October 2-4



The Gale Webb BMX Show/Skateboard Stunt Thrill Team features top notch BMX freestylers, rollerskaters and skateboarders in action. Performances will run throughout the September 11 - October 4 Fair.

*Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children and \$15 for a two-day pass. For more information, call (714) 623-3111.*



Kung Hsein's *A Thousand Peaks and Myriad Valleys* is featured in the Tung Chi'-ch'ang exhibit.

## MORE TO SEE & DO

### Museum of Art

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

Looking for new ways to unwind from the workweek?

Then head on over to the museum on Friday nights and enjoy a wide range of activities, including live music, sipping cocktails, visiting galleries or taking docent-led tours of special exhibitions. Now open until 9 p.m., the Museum also offers light suppers in the Plaza Cafe and classic films. The Museum Shop is open and parking is free in the Wilshire lot at Spaulding after 5 p.m.

The Century of Tung Ch'i-ch'ang (1555-1636), an exhibit featuring 171 paintings and calligraphies by one of China's greatest artists, continues through September 20.

### Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles (213) 744-6397

Cliffie Stone, a country music songwriter and performer for more than 50 years, brings a free, western jamboree to William S. Hart Park in Newhall September 20. A Natural History Museum affiliate, the park is located at 24151 San Fernando Rd. Chairs and blankets are recommended for the 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. event. *For more information, call (805) 254-4584.*



Cliffie Stone

# RADIO REPRIEVE COMEDY DUO HELPS PETS FIND HOMES

**S**etting an all-time record, 252 dogs and cats from County animal shelters got new homes recently during the 5th annual KLOS Mark and Brian Pet Adoption Fair.

Cosponsored by radio station KLOS-FM and the Department of Animal Care and Control, the event brought hundreds of people to the station's Los Angeles parking lot thanks to the radio personalities on-air promotions.

"We're very grateful for all Mark and Brian have done for us over the last five years," said Department Director Frank Andrews. "They have not only helped us place more than 1,000 animals into new homes but they have actively supported the all-important message of controlling pet overpopulation by encouraging dog and cat owners to spay and neuter their pets."

This year a host of celebrities, including actress Morgan Brittany and actors Dick Van Patten and Tony Dow attended the event. And speaking of Van Patten, he donated 10-pound bags of Van Patten's Natural Balance Dog Food so the new dog and puppy owners wouldn't need to stop at the market on the way home.



Fair participants get ready to pay adoption fees.

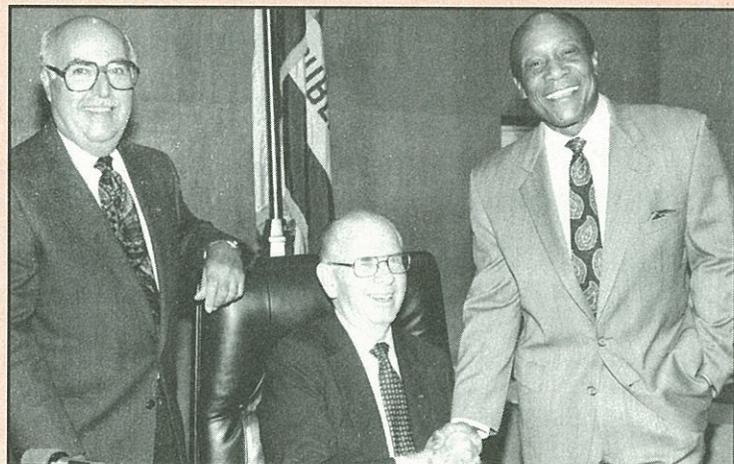


Mark and Brian, above, help County Castaic Center Volunteer Kate Kimble and KLOS's Nurse Susan find homes for two adult dogs.

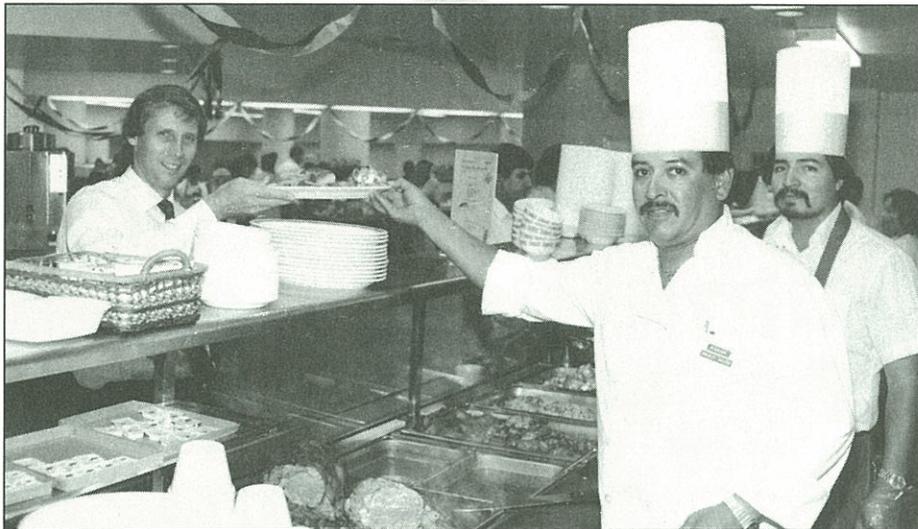


Actor Tony Dow, left, makes a new friend at the 5th Annual KLOS Mark and Brian Pet Adoption Fair.

## MORRIS MOVES UP



Supervisor Kenneth Hahn welcomes newly appointed Assistant Sheriff Raymon Morris to a recent Board of Supervisors meeting. "Morris is well deserving of this promotion," Hahn said. "He is a hardworking and dedicated law enforcement officer who is willing to take on the tough assignments." Morris, who is second in command to Sheriff Sherman Block, left, is the highest ranking African-American in the department.



Frank Mejia, Hall of Administration Cafe Head Chef, dishes up a prime rib to Ted Swantko, California Dining Services President.

## New Cafe to Serve Up Transit Specials

Whether its commuter casserole or enchiladas de carpool, there's something new cooking in the Hall of Administration cafe in downtown Los Angeles.

During California Rideshare Week, which kicks off September 14, the cafe is offering County ridesharing employees \$1 off any lunch entree. Discount coupons are available through the County's Ridesharing Office.

While reaching out to honor employees, the cafe is also celebrating its grand opening. Run by California Dining Services, which operates cafeterias at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center and Edmund D. Edelman Children's Court, the cafe opened July 27 for a three-year contract run.

### DEADLINE

### REMINDER

### CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

1992 Challenge Awards Program

Late entries must be received

*immediately*

For more information, call  
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### Employee of the Month

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"Not only is she usually able to answer all (computer) questions, she does so with unflinching grace and courtesy," said a top D.A. official. "If anyone is absent or on vacation, she takes their work on her own shoulders, so no delays or other problems will develop."

But her expertise goes well beyond the computer world.

During the high profile Domino's Pizza murder case, she prepared a seemingly endless chain of lengthy, error-free motions that bolstered her reputation.

Today, through hard work and persistence she owns a piece of the American dream: Her husband works as a Southern California Edison design consultant and her children both attend college.

## PAYING TRIBUTE Firefighters to Get Memorial

**D**reams of a County firefighter memorial, first voiced in 1987, turned to reality recently when officials broke ground at the Forester and Fire Warden headquarters in Los Angeles.

"The Los Angeles County Fire Department is the best in the world," Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said. "Our firefighters are the bravest and the most courageous and it is only fitting that a memorial be established as a lasting testament to their uncommon valor."

The monument, which will be constructed and maintained by the nonprofit Firefighters Memorial Committee, pays tribute to County firefighters who lost their lives as a result of emergency incidents or job related illnesses or injuries.

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