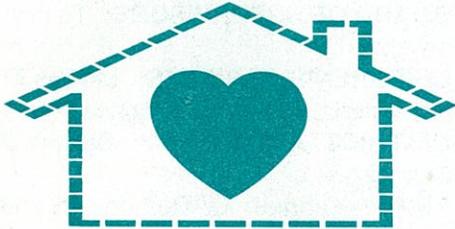


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APRIL 1997

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



H.O.M.E. IS WHERE THE HEART IS... RANCHO LOS AMIGOS MEDICAL CENTER

Webster's New World Dictionary defines the word home as the house, apartment, etc., where one lives or is living temporarily. In other words, one of the many definitions of home is a temporary dwelling place.

And at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, H.O.M.E. is where the heart is. Love is expressed not just by words but through deeds.

H.O.M.E., which stands for Housing Of Medical Emergencies, is a program at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center whose purpose is to provide temporary housing at a minimal cost to families of patients receiving treatment at Rancho Los Amigos. Having family members in close proximity to patients is important because it enables hospital staff to consult with them accessibly and helps in the recovery of patients. The use of the facility is restricted to those families who live at such a distance that commuting is impossible. There is a minimal charge which can be waived if the family has financial need.

The program was started by the Assistance League of Downey in 1985 and

since then has served more than 500

the facility. The current building housing H.O.M.E. is slated for demolition due to redevelopment.

At the ground breaking ceremony held in February, Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe joined the mayor of Downey, several hospital administrators and members of the League.

"I am impassioned about Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center and the H.O.M.E. project is one more innovative program that makes Rancho the renowned facility that it is," Supervisor Knabe said.

The Supervisor also took the opportunity to present the program spearheaded by the Assistance League of Downey, the City of

Downey and the County of Los Angeles with a \$5,000 grant from his district's discretionary funds.

The County Board of Supervisors has recognized the value of the program by leasing land to the Assistance League of Downey for 66 years. All permit fees, architectural fees, etc. have been paid by the League and an established building fund.



FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DON KNABE (FOURTH FROM LEFT) PARTICIPATES IN THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR H.O.M.E.

families from across the United States and five foreign countries. The original home has grown from a small bungalow for a single family to the current five apartments adjacent to the hospital. The apartments are fully furnished and are kept stocked with staples by the League's local chapter. A new, expanded H.O.M.E. is needed because of the steady increase in demand and use of



APRIL RETIREES

Take part in one of the many cultural attractions afforded by the County of Los Angeles whether it be a visit to a museum or a garden.

The **Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)**, founded in 1910, is the largest museum west of Chicago.

LACMA houses over 150,000 works of art spanning the history from ancient times to the present in five buildings covering more than 415,000 square feet. The museum presents more than 30 exhibitions per year, including major international loan shows as well as traveling exhibitions developed by the museum's staff.

Among the holdings are works by artists Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Roy Lichtenstein, Willem de Kooning, Andy Warhol and Southern California native David Hockney.

The museum complex also houses a sculpture garden and a pavilion for Japanese art which were both unveiled in 1988.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is located on 5905 Wilshire Boulevard (two blocks east of Fairfax) in Los Angeles. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It is closed on Mondays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students ages 18 and over (with identification) and senior citizens ages 62 and over, \$1 for children five and over and children under 5 are admitted free. The second Wednesday of every month is free.

On Friday nights, over 1,500 visitors attend a free concert offered by the museum's music program.

For more information on parking, exhibitions and other events, call the museum at (213) 857-6000.

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of Los Angeles County:

ASSESSOR: William J. Leonard

CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Patsy J. Burroughs, Idell Jamieson

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Mary Briggs, Michael J. Montagna, Elton M. Sims, Jr., Dennis E. Whelan, Diane Zamboni

FIRE: Dennis I. Millar, Thomas L. Stevenson, Ira Gruber, Wayne E. Monical, Robert S. Overstreet, Calvert A. Stephens, Norman C. Stuebner, Kenneth J. Barnes, Giovanni T. Braid

HEALTH SERVICES: Charles Balls, Albert L. Bussard, Reid W. Davidson, Gwendolyn D. Gray, Verna D. Hampton, Sibyl E. Howard, Mable Jones, Richard Koval, Harriett E. Richards, Ruby L. Roberts, Daisy M. Spence, Dorothy L. Thompson

INTERNAL SERVICES: Isaiah Flemming, Raymond N. Hamamoto, William H. Mengel, David L. Moulton, James Harper, Jr.

MUNICIPAL COURT: Mitchell G. Green, Elva L. Moreno

PARKS AND RECREATION: Donald A. Tiller

PROBATION: John A. Bowman, Sr., Frank Cooke, Ramon R. Hernandez, William P. Lombardo, Paul D. Muntz, Nelson E. Offley, Venita J. Strange

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Delois K. Harville, Nancy L. Hoskins, Karen Moffitt, Barbara J. Wilson

PUBLIC WORKS: Nancy S. Costabile, Jerry K. McCoy, Glenn G. Nelson, Gilbert C. Reyna, James F. Safarik, Theresa E. Dowdell

SHERIFF: Harvey T. Hathaway, Gerald L. Johnson, John C. Norris, Marguerite L. Waddy, Barbara J. Billberry, William B. Diehl, Henry K. Nagamine, William N. Martin, James K. Stevenson, Harmon D. Waters, Robert W. Mirabella, Charles T. Harris

Congratulations to the following employees who are retiring after serving the County for more than 25 years:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Toshiye Teraji

CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Moises M. Hernandez, Blossom H. Nishime

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Burton J. Schneirow

FIRE: Kenneth L. Delfino, Dennis Perryman, Larry E. Pilcher, Dyrck C. McClellan, Donald F. Guillaume, Stanley F. Hook

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REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: Celia A. Escalante

SHERIFF: Edward I. Araiza, Jr., Denis J. Bibeau, Bruce D. Burleson, Rachel A. Henderson, Shirley R. Person, Arnold Allende



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

ELROY MORRIS:

SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY

Elroy Morris calls Los Angeles County his home. It has been the primary employer of his family since he was a child. So when the Board of Supervisors bestowed on him the title of March 1997 County Employee of the Month, Morris brought his family with him.

Morris, an Animal Control Officer IV with the Revenue Services Division of the Department of Animal Care and Control, is in charge of monitoring and overseeing the department's door-to-door collection of pet license fees required by California law and County Ordinance. This has made him a training expert in the department as well as the historian for licensing efforts.

A County employee for over 32 years, Morris has trained an estimated 500 field officers. His in-depth license training classes have helped field canvassers to be efficient in selling licenses, to be sensitive and aware in areas of high gang activities and to be able to diffuse potentially volatile situations concerning pet owners. He has also been a crucial factor in the department's achieving a self-sufficiency income generating rate of almost 80%.

He has done all this without taking a sick day for more than 16 years.

Asked what his secret was, Morris said "dependability and productivity are two values that I try to instill in my staff and also in my children."

"My staff see me at work everyday and my children see me go to work everyday. I expect my staff to report to work everyday and my children to go to school everyday," Morris added.

Frank Andrews, Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control echoes Morris' conviction.

"Morris is an outstanding employee with an extremely positive 'can do' attitude. He is conscientious, diligent and adaptable to any situation," Andrews said.

Morris was surprised when he was informed of his new achievement. But not his mother, Gustava.

"I've seen it since he was a little boy," she said.

Morris is married to Terri Morris, an employee with the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, who was a nominee herself for Employee of the Month last August. They have been married for 17 years and have three children and a grandchild. They also have a dog.

Though Morris received accolades for his positive attitude at work, he has also received praises for his involvement in the



SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY CONGRATULATES ELROY MORRIS FOR BEING MARCH 1997 COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH.

community.

Morris is involved with his church and frequently serves as an usher. He has helped his daughters' schools by sharing his talent in painting and landscaping. His landscaping efforts were not unnoticed. The City of Rialto, where he and his wife call home, presented him with The Pride of Ownership Award.

His love of work does not end on Friday afternoon or in the workplace. He never fails to attend to his first priority, his family.

SPRING:

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Or bask under the sun as you stroll through the 160-acre retreat of **Descanso Gardens**. The Spanish word descanso means "rest."

Located at 1418 Descanso Drive in La Canada-Flintridge, the gardens were acquired by the County in 1957.

The gardens are a haven for lovers of camellias and roses. The camellia collection is one of the largest of its kind anywhere in the United States. The rose preserve, on the other hand, is unlike any other in the world.



Other highlights include a lilac grove, an iris garden and a Japanese tea garden. And in keeping with California's heritage, Descanso has an eight-acre California Native Plant collection where hikers enjoy the vistas and chaparral.

Descanso Gardens is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed on Christmas Day.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, \$1 for children ages 5 through 12 and children under 5 are admitted free. Half-price admission is on the third Tuesday of each month.

To find out more about special events, call (818) 952-4401 or visit the gardens' web site at www.Descanso.com

The *County Digest* is the official employee newsletter of Los Angeles County. Established in 1968, the *Digest* serves as a vehicle to inform, educate and provide County employees and interested members of the public on the numerous services provided by the County departments and the activities within their various units.

The Employee of the Month and the Retirees of the Month are regular features of the newsletter.

The *Digest* reaches approximately 80,000 County employees and is published monthly by the Department of Human Resources.

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"LASD ONLINE"

COMING SOON TO A VENUE NEAR YOU!

Second District Supervisor
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
and
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"Job Fair Expo & Marketplace 1997"

Saturday, May 31
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First AME Church
2270 South Harvard Blvd.
(between Adams & Western)
Call (213) 730-9194 for more information.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS

The Sheriff's Department has been protecting the people of Los Angeles County since 1850. It continues this "tradition of service" to this day with the use of the information superhighway.

Last month, the Sheriff's Department announced it had entered the information superhighway with its own web site located at <http://la-sheriff.org>. This new web site contains a wealth of information as well as performs a number of useful functions to aid its many publics.

"The Internet has emerged as a remarkable means for instantly disseminating information on a worldwide basis. We intend to use this web site to benefit the residents we serve by more efficiently informing them about our community-based programs and law enforcement functions," Sheriff Sherman Block said.

Among the many areas accessible to the public at the Sheriff's "LASD OnLine" web site are the following:

- 1) photographs and information on the department's "Most Wanted" fugitives;
 - 2) location maps, telephone numbers and information on all local Sheriff's stations;
 - 3) descriptions of the many community-based and volunteer programs offered by the department, as well as the department's various bureaus;
 - 4) recruitment information for those interested in joining the department; and
 - 5) timely information for the media and useful information for the law enforcement community.
- Numerous additions are planned in the future to ensure that the usefulness and type of information provided to the public is of the highest quality. "Never before have we as a department been able to reach out with our information to so many people so quickly and so easily," Block said.

MORRIS:

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Morris finds time to volunteer numerous hours at his daughters' respective schools helping with fundraising projects and accompanying the cheerleaders to sporting events. He also finds time to spend with his son and granddaughter.

Not only is his love of animals manifested in his daily work but his care and concern for those around him. Morris participates in his department's Safety Committee and in the County's AIDS Walk efforts.

Landscaping, camping and cooking are leisure activities he enjoys. Barbecuing, however, is his specialty.

Elroy Morris has received calls and letters from scores of people commending him for his demeanor, polish and personal working style that blends empathy and authority. But it is his penchant for dependability and productivity that has made him March 1997 County Employee of the Month.

Congratulations!



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