

County DIGEST



JUNE 1997

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ALLEN L. WITHROW

HELPING HURTING KIDS FIND NEW MEANING IN THEIR LIVES

"I am motivated when I am able to bring a smile to someone's face or to help them to have fun or to overcome hurts in their lives," were the closing words of Allen L. Withrow after being named **May 1997 County Employee of the Month**.

Withrow, a Group Supervisor II with the Recreation Section at MacLaren Children's Center of the Department of Children and Family Services, was honored during a Board meeting by Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky.

MacLaren Children's Center is Los Angeles County's 24-hour emergency shelter for victims of child abuse. It is at MacLaren where Withrow brings joy to many of its residents by providing recreational games, sports, leisure activities, arts and crafts and special events for children ages five through eighteen.

One of the many fun activities Withrow provided was the development of the concept for "Rec. Night," a multi-activity program of board games, sports, special refreshments and prizes. Involving children from several cottages, he constructed a portable game cart from donated materials. Similar units, purchased at retail prices, would have cost the County approximately \$1,000 to \$2,500. Not only is he creative, he is also cost-effective.

Using his expertise in audiovisual equipment, Withrow served as his department's primary consultant for the development of MacLaren's portable sound system and its soon-to-be installed main public address system. This innovation will lessen the center's costly dependence on outside audiovisual technical support.

Once again using his talent, ingenuity and skills, Withrow developed a design for carnival booths from donated funds and worked with private sector vendors to build new booths for the center's special events programs. Moreover, he put together a complete Karaoke unit for the children and worked with a donor group to obtain a new \$4,000 video

kindred spirit, Withrow has been asked to participate in the department's annual picnic Planning Committee and in the center's African-American History Month and *Cinco de Mayo* celebrations.

Withrow, an eleven-year County employee, is also the driving force behind the center's annual two-day special Olympiad for children and staff. One of the highlights of the Olympiad is the "Marathon Banana Split." Withrow orchestrates, with the assistance of volunteers, the building of this massive dessert for consumption by all the children, staff and volunteers.

Withrow's life is rooted in his faith. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies from L.I.F.E. Bible College in San Dimas and for seven years has served as Senior Pastor at the Walnut Foursquare Church. He resigned in June of last year "to concentrate all of my efforts at MacLaren." He and his family currently attend the Artesia Foursquare Church.

When away from work, Withrow enjoys camping, hiking and a variety of outdoor activities with his family. He has been married to Valerie for 14 years and has a nine-year-old daughter, Cherie. The Withrows call Walnut their home.

"I had a very troubled youth," Withrow said. The May 1997 County Employee of the Month has turned his life around and in return has given and continues to give victimized children another chance for a better life.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the entire County family salute you, Allen L. Withrow, for making a difference in the lives of children. Congratulations!



ALLEN L. WITHROW, EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, RECEIVING HIS SCROLL OF COMMENDATION FROM BOARD CHAIR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY.

projector system for the gymnasium. He used this new projector system to produce an in-house video honoring significant donors and volunteers at MacLaren's Volunteer Recognition event.

Because of his creative mind and

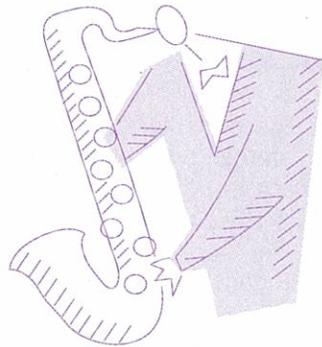
THIS SUMMER



Music is known as the international language. And here in Los Angeles County, this international language can be heard and experienced at the home of great music — the Hollywood Bowl.

Celebrating 75 years of first-class and world-class entertainment, the Hollywood Bowl has lined up artists like Kathleen Battle, Patti LaBelle, Frederica von Stade, Marvin Hamlisch and Benny Carter to perform this season. It will also host the annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular with conductor John Mauceri leading the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra in celebration of America's independence.

The Hollywood Bowl is the largest natural amphitheater in the world. Concert-goers have the opportunity not



only of hearing great music but also taking advantage of the 18 picnic areas available on the 71 acre site.

An additional attraction is the **Edmund D. Edelman Hollywood Bowl Museum** located on the grounds of the Hollywood Bowl. The museum, named after the former Third District Supervisor, chronicles a history of the Bowl in photographs, archival film footage, programs, artifacts and state-of-the-art audio; and Hollywood stars at the Bowl on stage, backstage and in the audience.

The Hollywood Bowl and the Edmund D. Edelman Hollywood Bowl Museum are located at 2301 North Highland Avenue in Los Angeles.

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SPORT THE COUNTY SEAL

Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen proudly models the newly produced polo shirt designed by the Countywide Marketing Program staff. The polo shirt, a 100 percent cotton pique, features a four-color silk embroidered County Seal. The T-shirt, on the other hand, is of a high quality 100 percent pre-shrunk cotton with a full four-color County Seal on the back and an outline of the Los Angeles County geographic boundaries on the front pocket area.



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DAVID JANSSEN SPORTS THE POLO SHIRT WHILE HOLDING THE T-SHIRT EMBLAZONED WITH THE COUNTY SEAL.

Both shirts are a must have for both golf and tennis enthusiasts, for

and \$15 for the T-shirt.

employees on casual workdays and are perfect for the coming summer months.

There are currently a limited amount of polo and T-shirts available for immediate purchase. But, do not be discouraged! The Countywide Marketing Program staff plans to re-order both shirts in a variety of sizes. Call and place your order with Loretta Johnson at (213) 974-2760. You, too, can sport the County Seal very soon.

The shirts are reasonably priced at \$26 for the polo shirt

AND THE WINNER IS...

Natalie Melgar, a 5th grade student from Towne Avenue School in Carson, bagged the grand prize in Sheriff Sherman Block's anti-gang/drug drawing contest. Melgar was one of the students throughout Los Angeles County who was invited to draw a picture conveying what the message "Say No To Drugs and Gangs" meant.

Sheriff Block was joined by representatives of the Colgate-Palmolive Company in presenting Melgar and nine other elementary students with awards for the annual contest. "These drawings are a picture-perfect example of what we can expect from our future leaders," Sheriff Block said.

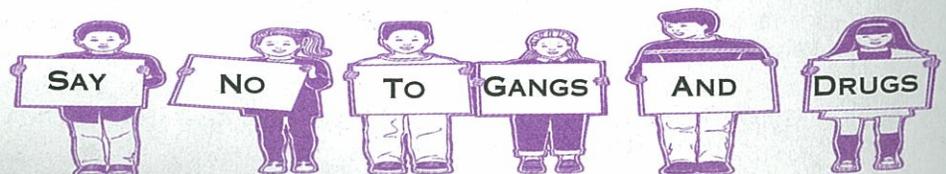
The contest was part of an ongoing effort by the Sheriff's Youth Foundation and the Substance Abuse and Narcotics Education (S.A.N.E.) program to educate

our youth about the dangers of drugs and gangs. Generous contributions from the Colgate-Palmolive Company helped pave the way for the contest.

Top prizes included season passes to Disneyland; day passes to Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland and Universal Studios; 40 movie passes to Edwards Cinema; and \$50 gift certificates to Blockbuster.

The drawings were judged by volunteers from the Los Angeles County Medical Association Alliance, District 2.

"All too often, we law enforcement officers are exposed to some of the negative aspects of society. These children keep our mission in focus and epitomize the motivation behind our continuing fight for justice," Sheriff Block added.



NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Safety is an attitude. And to emphasize the protection of people, property and the environment, the National Safety Council, an educational non-profit organization, has designated June 1997 as National Safety Month.

This year's theme, "**Safety: It's A Way Of Life,**" underscores the importance of safety in daily activities at work, at home and during recreational activities.

Simple measures such as child safety seats, hard hats and health and safety regulations already make a significant impact in preventing accidents and injuries. However, measures like these alone do not sustain safety awareness.

Safety should not end in the workplace or at home but should be a way of life 24 hours a day, seven days a week on a year round basis.

The success of safety is actually based on what does not happen and that is when no one gets hurt.

Help kick off a safe year by promoting safety as a lifestyle. Try practicing these simple precautionary measures.

At work: Keep work areas clean and clear of clutter. Use proper lifting techniques. Pay attention to chemical label warnings. Use ladders safely.

At home: Update first aid kits and skills. Plan for emergencies. Check smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and evacuation plans.

While commuting: Drive defensively. Use seat belts. Use caution when crossing the street. Follow bicycle and motorcycle safety rules.

During leisure: Use sun protection. Be cautious about contact sports. Wear a life jacket when on a boating expedition.

These measures are not fool proof. But if they are taken seriously, accidents can be prevented. Know your hazards and stay on the safe side. Make safety a way of life.



A REMINDER...

TO TAKE OUR SONS TO WORK DAY

At a Board meeting held earlier this year, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich made a suggestion that Supervisor Gloria Molina's motion regarding "Take Our Daughter to Work Day" be amended to also



FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH, RESPONSIBLE FOR "TAKE OUR SONS TO WORK DAY," CONVERSES WITH PARTICIPANTS AT LAST YEAR'S EVENT.

proclaim July 22, 1997 as "Take Our Sons to Work Day." Supervisor Molina's department is participating.

accepted the amendment.

On July 22, 1997, County employees are encouraged to take a boy (he does not have to be their son or relative) to work and see the accomplishments of men throughout Los Angeles County. County employees will be notified in writing if their de-

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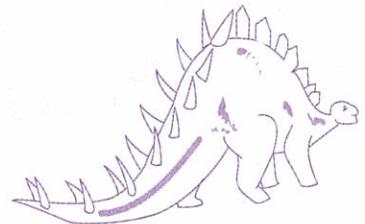
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For tickets, artists, programs and concert dates, call the Bowl at (213) 850-2000.

Admission to the Museum is free of charge. To find out more about the Museum's summer and off-season hours, call (213) 850-2058.

Another natural adventure can be experienced at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's **Adventures In Nature 1997.**

The program, which runs from July 14 to August 1, is designed for children from 3 to 13 years of age. Three one-week sessions will enable children to get hands-on experience in 48 different science subjects with the guidance of expert museum educators.



The fun-filled programs, held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., include nature walks, working with scientific specimens, art and illustration and visits to curatorial labs.

For brochure, enrollment, member discount and pre-registration information, call (213) 763-3534. The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Boulevard.

HOTLINES

For information on Open Competitive job listings in Los Angeles County departments, call the 24-hour job information hotline at (213) 351-LIST (5478), (213) 974-2394 TTY or (213) 887-6356.

For information on transfer and promotional opportunities for permanent employees only, call the 24-hour vacancy information hotline at (213) 974-8335, (213) 974-2394 TTY or (213) 887-6356.



JUNE RETIREES

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:

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Larry G. Lindholm

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Sarah M. Flores

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SUPERIOR COURTS: Charles E. Fooks

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

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES: Freddy B. Cahill

COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES: Dolores Carrillo

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Jennie M. Hill, Robert Levy

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INTERNET SITE

"Certainly we have come of the computer age," said Los Angeles Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Parkin. "Somewhat late, but we're here."

Parkin is referring to the court's World Wide Web page which was launched two months ago marking the presence of the court in the modern age. It was officially unveiled on May 1, national Law Day, a day where information about law and the courts are disseminated to everybody, especially young people.

The nation's largest trial court Internet web page contains information ranging from courthouses with cafeterias to how much bail to pay. It also includes forms that can be printed directly from the site, a directory of judges and commissioners with telephone numbers and court rules. The court's mission statement and strategic plan have also been included.

Visit the Superior Court site at <http://www.co.la.ca.us/courts/superior-auc>.



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