

NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Pat Jackler is still out recuperating from her surgery but expects to be back to work on October 1 if everything continues to go well.

In four more weeks the Business Office will have four darling kittens needing good homes. Ray Ramos and Chuck Hewitt have already gotten their orders in so don't delay for the kitten of your choice.

Most of you probably know that there is a nationwide paper shortage. The County will be receiving less than half the amount of paper ordinarily used. Therefore, we are asking all Department employees to conserve paper in every possible way. Please begin using both sides of the sheet, use half sheets when possible, make fewer copies, etc. A memo suggesting other ways to conserve paper is forthcoming.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

The reorganized safety committee met on August 14 to discuss methods of promoting employee participation in the safety program.

The first phase of the program will be to establish methods of communication between safety observers and committee members. We anticipate that the communication process will bring about an understanding and appreciation that will help all employees deal more effectively with the human factors involved in accident prevention.

Safety representatives are Joe Erby, Committee Chairman; Chuck Hewitt, Billy Hawks, Ken Tokushige, and Calvin Allen.

The committee plans on having an active program towards the reduction of accidents. Should any members of the staff have thoughts on how safety can be improved or have knowledge of hazardous conditions, please notify any of the committee members.

There will be an Arboretum Division staff meeting featuring safety on September 19 at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall. Members of the Department of Personnel Occupational Health Staff will discuss hearing loss as an occupational hazard. All divisions of the department are invited to participate in this meeting.

DESCANSO GARDENS DIVISION

The La Canada Players put on a series of playlets August 11 and 12 for little children. There were more than 500 kids for each day's performance.

August was quite cool at Descanso Gardens. We did not experience a single hot day. The cool temperatures for most of August seem to make the color among the annual bedding plants more beautiful than ever before. There are massive plants of marigolds, impatiens, and vinca in full bloom at present.

Don Graf is coming along nicely after his illness that took place while he was vacationing in the Pacific Northwest and Canada.

George Lewis is back to work after three weeks' vacation in the Lake Tahoe area and Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Bill Outwin is on a fishing trip while vacationing in Canada. Mark Anthony is vacationing somewhere in Northern California.

The voice of Descanso Gardens, Fran Raitt, will be retiring officially September 14. The County Mechanical Department has rebuilt the lathhouse at Descanso Gardens. It is entirely new.

The Great Blue Heron has returned to Descanso Gardens.

EDUCATION DIVISION

For the first time Adult Education is scheduling an evening class at SCBG. This is



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