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## Cover Story

The FAA Los Angeles County 1981-1982 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is now underway. Our goal this year is \$68,615.

Keypersons for this year's campaign are: Alice Vaccio, Regional Planning and Appraisal; Pauline Geiger, Personnel Management Division; Ed Herrera, Accounting; Harald Hahn, Budget; Sherri McKenzie, Logistics; Michael Peters, Management Systems; Robert Gallimore, Flight Standards; Ann Clayton, Medical; Shirley Thompson, Airway Facilities; Roy Richards, Air Traffic; Russ Hathaway, Airports; Jay Adsen, Air Transportation Security; Gregory Smith, Los Angeles Flight Inspection Field Office; and Norma Burt, Northwest Region Los Angeles Area Aircraft Certification Office.

At a special "kickoff" rally, keypersons and division chiefs were called together by CFC Chairman Jim Nielsen to plan this year's campaign. Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure spoke about the benefits which we all derive from the Combined Federal Campaign, and urged its support. The Director of CFC, Mel Olsen, described how undesignated funds contributed through the campaign are distributed to the participating agencies.

The Los Angeles County Campaign supports one of the most comprehensive collections of community service agencies in the country. In addition to such well known groups as the March of Dimes and the Easter Seal Society, groups include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Family Services, Big Brothers and many other agencies which undertake research programs and provide ser-

vices to citizens from all walks of life.

This year's slogan is: "Who cares, Do you?" Why not show you care? Help yourself and others through the Combined Federal Campaign. Remember--it is not always the other person who needs and receives help and assistance from the organizations composing the CFC.

This is a once a year opportunity to contribute a small part to help alleviate debilitating illnesses and suffering. We are all affected by the inflation spiral, but the poor and sick who are helped by CFC are affected even more.

The success of this year's campaign rests with all of us. Why not start 1982 out right by buying yourself a little health and welfare "insurance" through the CFC Payroll Deduction Plan? You've got everything to gain and nothing to lose!

Cover photo: A tour of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles was arranged for keypersons who will assist the chairman in spearheading this year's CFC. The tour was impressive, informative, and provided the representatives with a greater understanding of the needs and true benefits realized through the CFC. Merrilyn Basham (left) and Sherri McKenzie (right) chat with little Michael, who is recuperating from a recent operation. Cover photo by Barbara Abels.

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# Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff



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A tour of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles was attended by several CFC keypersons: A--Shirley Thompson, Ed Herrera, Mike Peters and Sherri McKenzie visit one of the rooms. B--Mike Peters, Shirley Thompson and Ed Herrera at the unique entrance to the hospital. C--The tour guide explains the care given to infants. Ann Clayton of Medical Division (right) and Beverly Stevenson of Airway Facilities is at the left. D--Regional Director H. C. "Mac" McClure speaks to keypersons at a special kickoff rally held at Regional Headquarters. Photos by Barbara Abels.

## The News In Brief

The Federal Labor Relations Authority has dismissed a PATCO unfair labor practice complaint that FAA failed to bargain in good faith during recent contract negotiations with the union. The decision was issued by the FLRA General Counsel after PATCO appealed a previous dismissal of its complaint by an FLRA regional official. The General Counsel's ruling is final.

o While en route to the local Very High Frequency Omni Directional Range for a ground check, electronic technicians Morris Evans and John Simpson of the Chattanooga Airway Facilities Sector Field Office saved a life recently simply because they cared enough to stop and investigate when they saw an overturned trailer-type mowing machine with what appeared to be a person under it. The person turned out to be an 81-year-old man who had been trapped under the mower for some time. The technicians lifted the mower off and summoned the local emergency rescue squad. The man, although injured, lived through the ordeal, but he probably would not have without Evans' and Simpson's quick assistance.

o In the interest of national security, the agency has established a prohibited area around Vice President Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine. This is one of eight such areas in the U.S. The size of the area is a one-mile radius up to 1,000 feet. Other prohibited areas are in force over President Reagan's residence in California and over former President Carter's home in Georgia. Maybe the most renown of the prohibited areas is P-56 which protects the White House and the Capitol as well as the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

## Shortage Of Housing At FAA Academy

As a result of the large number of students arriving at the FAA Academy, a severe shortage of long term housing has developed. Effective immediately all Air Traffic students attending initial qualification courses shall contact the Academy Housing Office at FTS 8-749-2551 or Commercial 405-686-2551 to arrange housing. Government furnished quarters will be provided for the first seven days. All other students who have problems with housing are requested to contact the Academy Housing Office for assistance and/or Government furnished quarters. In some cases certificates may be issued authorizing students to remain on the \$23 a day plus lodging not to exceed \$50 per diem rate for more than 10 days. Per diem rates while occupying Government furnished quarters will be \$23 a day.

## Administrator Gives Awards To Field Facilities

The FAA Administrator visited the control towers at Hutchinson, Kan., and Van Nuys, Calif., recently to present them with Air Traffic Control Facility-of-the-Year Awards. He also is scheduled to stop off at Nashville, Tenn., on October 15 to give the same award to the flight service station there. The Administrator said he personally wanted to thank each controller and supervisor for his or her outstanding performance in 1980.

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## NBAA Sends Thanks

At its recent annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif., the National Business Aircraft Association Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution to thank, on behalf of NBAA's 2,500 member companies, "those loyal men and women who, since Aug. 3, under extremely difficult circumstances and with extraordinary dedication to their duty to our great nation, did and continue to operate the national system of airways and airports in a safe, efficient and most courteous manner. To each of you and to the families and loved ones who support and help you, we extend our congratulations for a fine job, well done."

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## Sacramento

### Tower Talk

Sacramento Metro Tower welcomes Sergeant Cheryl Miller. Sgt. Miller, assigned to Metro Tower from McClellan Air Force Base, was nominated for two separate AFCC aircraft save awards during the past year. These awards are given to air traffic controllers for the safe recovery of imperiled aircraft when there is reasonable doubt that the aircraft could have landed without assistance. Being submitted for one "save" award in a career is extraordinary but being nominated for two in a single year is incredible.

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## Ely FSS Rescues Golden Eagle

Tom Moody, Team Supervisor at the Ely, Nevada, Flight Service Station, recently found an injured Golden Eagle at the Ely Airport. He tethered the bird and notified the local Fish and Wildlife office who will care for the injured Eagle until it can be set free in the mountains near Ely. Photos by Tom Moody.



# Awards

## Special Achievement Awards:

Richard N. Wiening, Los Angeles ATCT  
Fredric C. McDaniel, Los Angeles ATCT  
Leonard A. Mobley, Los Angeles ATCT  
Gary C. Shimon, Los Angeles ATCT  
Richard J. Mathews, Los Angeles ATCT  
Vincent Andriello, Salinas ATCT  
Lynore (Elly) Stanson, Air Traffic Technician, AWE-530  
John G. Fisher, Operations Specialist, AWE-540  
Jack E. Meade, Operations Specialist, AWE-540  
Monte L. Starr, Fresno Tower  
Gregory B. Snyder, Oakland ARTCC, for National Outstanding Flight Assist  
Bruce C. Pertile, Tucson FSS, for Regional Outstanding Flight Assist  
Roy Richards, Chief, Plans and Programs Branch, AWE-510  
Frank Jones, Chief, Operations Branch, AWE-540  
Roger Osgood, Ontario Tower/TRACON  
Phoenix Flight Service Station Specialists Robert Lewis, Jim Thomas  
(from Oakland FSS), Gary Dahl and Doug Young

## Quality Within-Grade Increase Awards:

William R. Hoffberg, Fresno FSS  
Darrell L. Colwell, Red Bluff FSS  
James A. Bass, Coast TRACON  
Johnny Grayson, Phoenix FSS  
Danny D. Sprague, Airway Facilities Frequency Management and Leased  
Communications Staff, AWE-406

## Letters of Commendation:

Harry K. Van Vleck, Supervisory Air Traffic Control Specialist,  
Sacramento FSS, from Chief, Sacramento FSS.  
Kenneth A. Hays, Electronic Technician, San Pedro Hill AFSFO.  
Phoenix FSS Specialists Robert Behm, Scott Hyslop, John Key, Al Granizo,  
William Pitzer and Bob Turner.

## Letters of Appreciation:

Phoenix FSS Specialists Hedeo Taniguchi, John Ward, Douglas Young,  
Mark Welter, Mary Miller, Jim Thomas, Robert Lewis, Dennis Leckington,  
Timothy Buchanan, John Key, Rose Ludwick, Wallace Upton, Richard Lawrence,  
Ira Wright, Tom Flowers, Nelson Rendon, Scott Hyslop and Al Granizo.

## Career Service Emblems:

### 25 years:

Danny D. Sprague, Airway Facilities Frequency Management  
and Leased Communications Staff, AWE-406  
Richard Lawrence, Phoenix FSS

### 15 years:

Lee A. Wangerin, Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector  
Francis V. Hermann, Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector

### 3 years:

Gwen Loyd-Johnson, Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector

## Suggestion Award:

Richard Lawrence, Phoenix FSS, an award of \$145 for a  
light switch modification

## Betty Schultz Retires

Betty R. Schultz retired recently as Chief, Air Traffic Placement Section, Personnel Management Division, completing 37 years of civilian Federal service--six years with the U.S. Air Force and 31 with the CAA/FAA. Betty served in the Air Traffic, Flight Standards, Airway Facilities and Personnel Divisions in the Western Region, and also two and a half years in the Southern Region Flight Standards Division. Special recognition was given Betty by the Air Traffic Operations Branch and the Inland Empire Consortium for her service to the Air Traffic program. Right--Betty is presented with her retirement certificate by Bob Gray, Chief, Personnel Management Division. Photo by Barbara Abels.



Betty Schultz and Bob Gray.

## Buildings Not For Landing

Landing on top of one of the world's tallest buildings may be okay for a lark, but it's no lark when a human does it. A parachutist, characterized by the New York police as an unemployed construction worker, tried it recently and landed right on target--in the arms of a policeman. He's now in trouble with both New York City and the FAA. The agency is taking action against him for violating Federal Aviation Regulation 105.15. This says, in part, "No person may make a parachute jump...into a congested area," and building tops are considered part of the congested area.

## Tower Cab Cleared To Taxi

Controllers sometimes get unusual requests, but at Atlantic City Municipal they may have gotten the strangest of all times when they were asked recently to clear a tower cab to taxi down a runway. The Technical Center's experimental tower cab had to be cleared to be moved along a runway from its former site at the airport to its new location atop the center's recently completed Technical Building a half-mile away. Now perched above the Terminal Automation Test Facility (TAFT) laboratory, the 49-ton tower cab will be used as a laboratory for evaluation of new tower cab systems, displays and mockups.

## Long Beach Tower Retirement/Reunion Rescheduled

The new date to celebrate Mary O'Brien and Dick Hansen's recent retirement is now set for November 6, 1981 (Friday) at Rochelle's Convention Center. Tickets are still \$17 per person and checks should be received at Long Beach Tower no later than October 30, 1981, to insure your dinner reservations. No host cocktails, 6:30 p.m.; New York steak dinner, 7:30 p.m.; entertainment, 9 p.m. Make checks payable to K. E. Kuhlmann and send c/o Long Beach Tower, 3610 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90806. Accommodations will be available at Rochelle's Motel, 3333 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90808, (213) 421-8215, single \$34 or double \$38. We hope you'll all help make this a special reunion and celebration. Please plan to attend and don't delay sending your checks.

## Long Beach Airway Facilities Sector Grapevine

Diana L. Mahood began her training in Communications Equipment, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on September 10, 1981, and will be completing the course November 3, 1981. Congratulations to Elmer Byrd, Chief, San Pedro Hill Airway Facilities Sector Field Office, who was recently converted to an Electronics Engineer.

## In Sympathy

The many friends of June Inman, General Communications Specialist, Regional Message Center, will be saddened to learn that her husband, Dale, passed away on September 29, 1981. Our sincere condolences to June and her family.

## Ontario Tower Update

Ontario Tower/TRACON is now combined under TRACON Chief Jim Holtsclaw. "Dusty" Rhodes is handling the duties of Acting Chief at the tower during the rebuilding of the system. Here's the new crew at Ontario Tower: "Beck" Beckner - Temporary Team Supervisor; Wayne Mishak from Ontario TRACON; Mike Biggers from Riverside Tower; Joyce Ashley from Riverside Tower; Angie Mencarelli from Riverside Tower, "Intercom Roving Reporter"; Marv Burrier from Chino Tower; Charlotte Dollar Long, who has been helping us out, is returning to Palm Springs Tower; and welcome aboard to our new hires Carl Asche, Don Zetzsche and Eric Ryan. Congratulations to Roger Osgood, Team Supervisor, on his selection as Team Supervisor at Ontario TRACON and Charlie Register, Temporary Team Supervisor, on his selection as Team Supervisor, Coast TRACON. Belated best wishes to Charlotte Dollar Long, on her March wedding to Danny Long who is at Ontario TRACON. We're anxious to hear from our friends throughout the Western Region.