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Compton center pulls in \$50,000

Residents support sickle cell

More than \$50,000 was raised to fight sickle cell anemia Sunday during the Compton "Sickle Cell Radio-Thon '83."

The radio-thon was broadcast over radio stations KDAY and KACE, and funds raised will benefit the Sickle Cell Education and Detection Center in Compton, said Louis White, producer of the radio-thon.

The radio-thon was a community project of One Hundred Black Men of Los Angeles. It was sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and Budweiser beer and its Los Angeles area wholesalers, and the aircraft division of Northrop Corp.

Additional support was provided by American Airlines and California Life Insurance Co.

One Hundred Black Men of Los Angeles was organized in 1981. Its members are in business, industry, public affairs, government and the professions.

"We all share a common goal," White said "and that is improving the quality of life for blacks and other minorities.

"This effort to aid in sickle cell anemia detection and education is a part of the ongoing effort of One Hundred Black Men to live up to our commitment to give something back to the Los Angeles community."

The radio-thon, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., drew responses from all over the Los Angeles area, and more than 150 volunteers from Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties assisted in the organization of the event, White said.

Celebrities and elected officials were on hand through the day to aid in taking the thousands of pledges. They included Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Compton Mayor Walter Tucker and City Council President Pat Russell. They were joined by Jayne Kennedy, Isabel Sanford, "Mr. T.," Don Mitchell, Judy Pace, Veronica Ali, and football star Anthony Davis.

The Sickle Cell Education and Detection Center, located at 420 E. Compton Boulevard in Compton, has served more than 250,000 people since its founding in 1970, and estimates that it has reached over 750,000 people with its education programs.

The center serves the city and county of Los Angeles, and the cities of Long Beach, Compton, Carson, Inglewood and Lynwood.

"Our government funding has been drastically cut back," said Dr. Betty Jackson, the center's director, "and we must now rely on private donations such as those pledged through the radio-thon."

Dr. Jackson said the funds raised by the radio-thon will be used to bring additional trained personnel to the center, and to pay for the center's new laboratory.

"This was a very well-organized and exciting event," she said. "It was a tribute to the community, to One Hundred Black

Men, to Anheuser-Busch and Northrop, and to all the sponsors. We are grateful to them all."

One Hundred Black Men of Los Angeles expects to make the sickle cell radio-thon an annual event, according to Russell Cecil Rhodes, public relations chairman for the project.

"This radio-thon was a good example of the kind of projects our organization is committed to," Rhodes said. "We recognized a need in our community, and asked the community to join with us in a cooperative effort to respond to that need."

Recall notice to be ignored by trustees

School trustees Theina C. Williams and Richard Armstrong said they will not respond to a notice of intent that seeks to recall them from office.

The notice, served to Williams and Armstrong by resident Cathie Greene during a Lynwood Unified School District board meeting last Wednesday, caught both trustees by surprise, they said.

Greene said she would file the petition, which was initiated by 100 parents and concerned residents and alleges racial discrimination by the two trustees, with the county registrar of voters office.

Once filed, the trustees will be allowed seven days to file a formal response to the petitioners' charges, said Joe Rodriguez, an administrative assistant with the registrar's office.

To qualify for a recall election, proponents of the recall must gather 2,872 — 20 percent — of the district's 14,358 registered voters within 120 days from the date the registrar approves the petition, Rodriguez said.

Greene and James Crockett, a former school security guard, are the only two proponents listed on the petition.

Charges against the trustees in the petition include "failing to serve the best interest of the district's children" and "creating conflict between the superintendent, associate superintendent, parents, students and teachers."

It charged Williams with being "anti-non-white and of showing insensitivity toward the public" and accused Armstrong of voting "discriminatively in the treatment of non-whites."

Armstrong, who has been elected to the board for three terms since 1974, said his "record speaks for itself."

The trustee said the charge that he's "anti-non-white" is the "biggest lie in the world," and that the charges in general are "ridiculous."

Williams, who won the majority of votes in last November's elections, said she believes the move was designed either to embarrass or scare Armstrong and herself.

But, she said, Greene has the "right to do whatever she thinks is right."

She said her decision not to respond to the petition is based on an assumption that if her opponents were to collect the needed number of signatures, it would mean the voters "no longer want her in office."

Armstrong and Williams, however, are not the only trustees who have been served recall notices this year.

In February, a recall drive was launched against Trustee Jo Evelyn Terrell by a group of parents. That attempt failed, however, when the group discontinued its signature-gathering effort.

Another notice of intent was served to board President Joe T. Battle in April. Proponents of that move did not file the petitions with the registrar's office, Rodriguez said.

Antique car owner claims city shot his dog, stole autos

By Ivan Crossbie

Staff Writer

LYNWOOD — An antique car hobbyist has filed a \$1 million lawsuit in the U.S. District Court against the city, charging city officials with "violation of civil rights."

Councilors, who received copies of the lawsuit Wednesday, declined to comment on the matter until the city attorney reviews and prepares a response to the charges.

The lawsuit was filed by Eugene Miller, a former homeowner, who alleged that city agents illegally entered his property on Virginia Avenue in April 1981, "broke the

padlocks" on his gate, "shot one of his dogs, broke down one of his fences, removed his antique cars, parts and other property."

Miller, represented by the law firm of William A. Goichman, a Century City-based law firm, said the city's action was done "without my consent or permission and without a search warrant."

He said he had 19 cars. Some were classic and antique; some were in "perfection condition; and some were old cars."

But, he said, none of the cars was visible from the street. A hearing to determine whether Miller was guilty of creating a

nuisance in the way he maintained his property was conducted by the city in April 1981, he said.

But, he said, he never received notice of the hearing and did not attend. He said he had always maintained his property in a proper manner.

Prior to the removal of his cars, Miller said working on the cars in his spare time was a hobby.

He said he has been engaged in that hobby for "decades."

City councilors said an opinion by the city attorney might be received by its July 3 meeting.

However, a trial date for the lawsuit has not yet been scheduled.