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Miller (Geoff) Los Angeles Magazine records

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Title: Geoff Miller Los Angeles Magazine records
Collection number: 2212
Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 6.4 linear ft. (11 boxes, 17 magazine boxes, 6 flat boxes.)
Date: 1950-2011
Abstract: Geoff Miller was co-founder and served as editor and publisher of Los Angeles Magazine. The collection consists of a small number of published writings by Miller, a small number of photographs, a small amount of material documenting Los Angeles Magazine’s operations, and issues of Los Angeles Magazine.
Language of Materials: Materials are in English.
Physical Location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.
Creator: Miller, Geoff

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Biography/History
George Geoffrey Miller was born in Salt Lake City on August 1, 1936. He earned his B.A. (1958) and M.A. in Journalism (1959) from the University of California, Los Angeles. While doing his graduate work at UCLA, Miller began developing a format for a city magazine. In 1960, he teamed with David Brown, an ad executive, to launch Los Angeles, known at the time as The Southern California Prompter. Miller served as editor in chief from 1974 until 1990, when he was appointed publisher. During his time as editor, Los Angeles Magazine was one of the most successful magazines of its type in the United States. Miller was awarded the first Irwin R. Blacker Award from the University of Southern California for Distinguished Contribution to Literature in Southern California. He retired from the magazine in 1994 and continued to work in the publishing field as a consultant. In 2006 Miller was diagnosed with Progressive Supra-nuclear Palsey and died April 16, 2011 in Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Content
The collection consists of material related to the career of Los Angeles Magazine editor and publisher Geoff Miller. Included are a small number of published writings by Miller, a small number of photographs, a small amount of material documenting Los Angeles Magazine’s operations, and a small number of other Los Angeles related magazines. The bulk of the collection consists of Los Angeles Magazine publications.
Series 1. Geoff Miller papers (1954 - 2011; Box 1,3) The Geoff Miller papers series consists of a small amount of articles, letters, speeches, and assorted publications which document Miller’s educational background and career as an editor and publisher for Los Angeles Magazine.
Series 2. Los Angeles Magazine documents and publications (1959 - 2006; Box 1-28) The bulk of the series consists of issues of Los Angeles Magazine (1960-2007). Also included are a small amount of early promotional materials, a small amount of advertising information, editorial and story ideas, and clippings regarding the magazine’s ownership and influence on Los Angeles.
Series 3. Magazine publications (1950s-1990s; Box 1, 29-35) The series consists of a assorted magazine publications collected by Miller. The publications contain stories or information related to Los Angeles and/or Southern California which Miller considered significant or newsworthy. Some of the pieces may have inspired story ideas for Los Angeles Magazine.

Organization and Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following series:
Series 1. Geoff Miller papers
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Series 2. Los Angeles Magazine documents and publications

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Box 1, Folder 9 Geoff Miller speeches and notes. ca. 1974-1985.
Box 1, Folder 3 Assorted publications from UCLA and Loyola University. 1954-1961.
Box 1, Folder 7 Best Articles and Stories (1 issue) and UCLA Review Magazine (2 issues) with articles by Geoff Miller.. 1958-1960.

Box 3, Folder 12 In Memoriam from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. 2011 Apr 19.
General note
Signed by Zev Yaroslavsky.

Box 3, Folder 13 Los Angeles Board of Supervisors recognition to Los Angeles Magazine for Riot Relief Contributions. 1992 Nov 11.
Scope and Content
Press release and 2 photographs.

Box 3, Folder 10 Photographs. ca. 1970s-ca. 1990s.
Scope and Content
Images of Geoff Miller and others such as: Dyan Cannon, Groucho Marx, Joyce Haber, and Kathryn Leigh Scott among others.

Box 1, Folder 5 Westwind (with article by Miller). Fall, 1958.
Scope and Content
Article title: If One Should Fall.

Box 1, Folder 2 UCLA memorabilia. no date, ca. 1960.
Scope and Content
Prompter article by Miller and journalism graduate class poster.


Box 3, Folder 6 Advertising and circulation reports. 1980s.
Box 3, Folder 7 Advertising Lineage. 1990s.
Scope and Content
boxscore, circulation, lineage reports clipping, some related to Buzz magazine.

Box 3, Folder 8 Assorted clippings and tears outs. early 1970s to early 2000s.
Box 3, Folder 5 Business documents. 1970s.
Scope and Content
Advertising, circulation, financial, and employment contracts.

Box 1, Folder 13 Julie Cameron’s piece about Washington and Los Angeles. 1979.

Box 2, Folder 1
Scope and Content
With newspaper and radio copy; some with hand written notes that may be by Dave Brown and Miller.

Box 1, Folder 12
Scope and Content
Appears to be for Los Angeles Magazine.

Box 2, Folder 6
Editorial focus. 1979.

Box 2, Folder 9
Clipping and tear outs about Europe. late 1960s to late 1970s.

Box 1, Folder 15
Me and Her South of the Boarder by Lorin Maazel (written for Los Angeles Magazine). 1975.

Box 3, Folder 3
Layout ideas. ca. 1979-1980.

Box 3, Folder 2

Box 1, Folder 9
Clipping and tear outs about Europe. late 1960s to late 1970s.

Box 1, Folder 10
Letters. mid 1970s to early 2000s.
Scope and Content
Mostly referencing Los Angeles Magazine.

Box 3, Folder 4
News stand sales. ca. 1963.
Scope and Content
w/ layout notes not dated

Box 3, Folder 8
New West (California) vs. Los Angeles Magazine (folder 1 of 2). ca. 1980.
Scope and Content
Magazine wars w/ New West strategy, memos, and clippings.

Box 3, Folder 9
Scope and Content
Magazine wars w/ New West. New West journal (4 issues) and WJR (1 issue)

Box 1, Folder 11
Story idea topics. 1960s-1970s.
Scope and Content
Appears to be for Los Angeles Magazine.

Box 1, Folder 14
Berry Gordy: The Story that Killed Joyce Haber. ca. 1959.

Box 2, Folder 3
Subscription mailer samples. ca. 1961.

Box 2, Folder 2

Box 2, Folder 4

Box 2, Folder 5
Scope and Content
memos, corr., and ideas

Box 2, Folder 7

Box 4

Box 5

Box 6

Box 7

Box 8

Box 9

Box 10

Box 11

Box 12
Box 13  
Scope and Content  
Volume 21, number 6-8, 10-12; Volume 22, number 2, 4, 8-11.

Box 14  
Scope and Content  
Volume 22, numbers 11, 12; Volume 23, numbers 5, 8-12.

Box 15  
Scope and Content  
Volume 24, numbers 1, 4-8, 10, 11.

Box 16  
Scope and Content  
Volume 24, number 12; Volume 25, numbers 1-8.

Box 17  
Scope and Content  
Volume 25: numbers 9-12; Volume 26, numbers 1,4,5,8,9.

Box 18  
Scope and Content  
Volume 26, numbers 10-12; Volume 27, numbers 2-4, 11, 12.

Box 19  
Scope and Content  
Volume 28, numbers 2-5, 11, Volume 29, numbers 1, 2, 4-5.

Box 10  

Box 20  
Scope and Content  
Volume 29, numbers 6, 8-12; Volume 30, numbers 2, 5.

Box 21  
Scope and Content  
Volume 30, numbers 8, 10, 12; Volume 31, numbers 2, 3, 5; Volume 32, numbers 2-6.

Box 22  
Scope and Content  
Volume 32, numbers 7-12; Volume 33, numbers 1-4.

Box 23  
Scope and Content  
Volume 33, numbers 5-12; Volume 34, numbers 5, 7.

Box 24  
Scope and Content  
Volume 34, number 12; Volume 35, numbers 1, 2, 4, 7, 8; Volume 36, numbers 8, 12; Volume 37, numbers 1, 2, 4-7.
**Scope and Content**  
Volume 37, numbers 2, 4, 6; Volume 39, numbers 4-8; Volume 39, number 9-12; Volume 40, number 3, 4. |
| Box 26 | **Los Angeles Magazine (loose issues). 1995-1996.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Volume 40, numbers 5-12; Volume 41, numbers 1-7, 9. |
**Scope and Content**  
Volume 41, number 11, 12; [Volume 42, number 1, 2, 4, 12]; [Volume 43, number 1]; [Volume 44, numbers 7, 8]; [Volume 45, number 11]; [Volume 46, numbers 3, 9, 10]; [Volume 48, number 3, 8, 9]. |
| Box 28 | **Los Angeles Magazine (loose issues). 2005-2006.**  
**Scope and Content**  
[Volume 50, number 1, 2]; [Volume 51, number 5-8, 10, 12]. |
| Box 29 | **Other Magazine Publications. 1950s-1990s.**  
**Holiday (assorted issues). late-1950s to mid-1960s.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. With 13 issue of the publication titled Holiday. |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | **Loyalist (The) (assorted issues). 1950-1954.** |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | **Prompter (The) (assorted issues). 1958-1959.** |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | **Westwind (3 issues). 1957-1958.** |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Assorted Magazine publications. 1950s.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Down Beat (June 1954); Fortnight (Oct. 1956); L.A.: the Southern California Magazine (June 1959 and July-August 1960); The Record Changer (1951 Jul-Aug). |
| Box 30 | **Assorted Magazine Publications. 1960s.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. 17 items |
| Box 31 | **Assorted Magazine Publications. 1960s.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. 14 items |
| Box 32 | **Assorted Magazine Publications. late 1970s to early 1990s.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. 23 items. |
| Box 33 | **Assorted Magazine Publications. early 1950s to early 1970s.**  
**Scope and Content**  
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. 22 items |
Box 34  **Assorted Magazine Publication. early 1960s to mid 1980s.**

Scope and Content
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. 16 items

Box 35  **Assorted Magazine Publications. 1990s.**

Scope and Content
Magazines collected by Miller, containing stories pertaining to Los Angeles and/or Southern California. 5 items