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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA –

April 6 -12, 2003 has been designated National Victims' Rights Week and April has been proclaimed Victim / Witness Assistance Month by Governor Gray Davis and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. The District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program will be recognizing both designations with an awards luncheon and dedication ceremony marking completion of phase four of the Garden of Healing for Victims of Crime. Those honored with awards for special concern and consideration shown to crime victims are Detective Jon Buehler of the Modesto Police Department, Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker of the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, The Salvation Army and Mrs. Jacque McDonald. The awards will be presented at a luncheon on April 11th. The guest speaker will be Jonathan Raven, Director, California Attorney General's Office of Victims of Crime.

Phase four of the Garden of Healing for Victims of Crime, located on the front lawn of the Courthouse at 11th and I Streets, will be completed with the addition of a wrought iron fence surrounding the garden. The garden has been beautified by the Modesto Garden Club under the direction of Janice Jackson.