



# DIGEST

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## Hispanic Woman Gets Top Commission Post

Wilmington resident Eleanor Montano is the second woman and first Hispanic to head the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission.

The June approval by the Board of Supervisors was moved by Supervisor Deane Dana, who appointed Montano to the commission in 1982. Under its bylaws, the Human Relations Commission nominates its president subject to Board of Supervisors approval.

Montano, a teacher, professional cake decorator and mother of five children, has a long history of community involvement. In Wilmington she served on the community's industrial committee, and the Port Harbor Planning Task Force.

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*(L. to R.) Supervisor Deane Dana, Eleanor Montano and Eugene Mornell, Human Relations Commission Executive Director.*

## Traffic Gridlock Gets Counter Punch From County

A hard hitting, innovative employee incentive program has been announced by the County as it aggressively accelerates the battle against traffic gridlock and air pollution in the civic center.

Effective September 1, the County's proposed Transportation Allowance and Parking Plan will give extra cash to employees who use alternative ways to commute into the civic center.

This \$70-a-month commuting allowance is a major contribution toward arming employees with commuting options.

For front-line soldiers, who are fighting traffic gridlock by using public transportation, the \$70 allowance will represent a

County subsidized bus pass.

Clean air supporters who rideshare to work with one, two or three passengers will also receive this \$70 allowance as a civic center parking fee subsidy. These carpoolers can pocket from \$10 to \$36 a month. Why?

Because, the County will begin to charge for parking in County lots as an aggressive move to knock out downtown traffic gridlock and clean up our air. This unprecedented move will reward ridesharing employees but will cost the dreaded "solo driver" up to \$50 per month to park in a premium County parking lot.

Promoted by the County Board of Supervisors, the plan will pay each eligible civic cen-

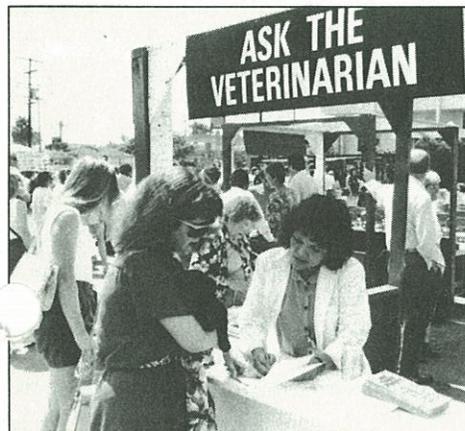
ter employee a \$70 commuting allowance which may be used in a variety of ways to subsidize commuting and parking options.

Only the dreaded solo driver might be required to spend his or her own money, beyond the County's proposed \$70 transportation allowance. The cost of parking in lots 45 or 58 and shuttling to the civic center will not exceed the County allowance. However, parking in lots 13, 15, or 21, the solo driver will pay an additional \$20 per month beyond the allowance.

Parking in lots 10, 12, 17, 18 and upper and lower, 19, 20, 20A and 29, the solo driver will pay an additional \$50 per

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## Radio DJ's Help Animals Find New Homes



*Senior Veterinarian Dr. Josie Zabala gives puppy-care advice to a fair attendee.*

More than 245 dogs and cats from all six County animal shelters got new homes during the third annual KLOS-FM Mark and Brian Pet Adoption Fair.

Cosponsored by radio station KLOS-FM and the Department of Animal Care and Control, the June 16 event brought hundreds of people to the station's Los Angeles parking lot.

"Mark Thompson and Brian Phelps, who have a reputation for zaniness as KLOS's morning disc jockeys, are serious when it comes to issues like adopting animals from shelters and spaying and neutering for pet population control," said Department Director Frank Andrews.

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*Animal Control Officer Ron Edwards, right, gets pet adoption information from a participant during the third annual Mark and Brian Pet Adoption Fair.*

## Management Trainees Graduate to County Careers

Calling the Management Trainee Program "one of the more important investments" the County can make, Supervisor Ed Edelman congratulated the graduating 1988 class at a June 1 Music Center ceremony.

Reinstated in 1988 after a 10-year hiatus, the two-year program trains and develops managers for permanent County management and administrative positions.

"The County needs to stay competitive in an ever-changing environment," said graduate Ali Farahani. "I believe the Management Trainee Program provides the talent to bring about solutions." Farahani starts his County career with the Sheriff's Department.

During the past two years, the trainees rotated through four County departments, including the Chief Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller. The trainees worked



(L. to R.) Paul Croney, Diana Hou, Chief Administrative Officer Richard Dixon, Supervisor Ed Edelman, Diana Sancetta, Valerie Hara and Ali Farahani

with a senior manager/mentor who provided training and professional development.

"The four rotations provided the most valuable experience," said Valerie Hara, who now

works with the Department of Health Services. "I gained a more global understanding of the critical issues and situations at hand."

Dr. Warren Bennis, distinguished professor of Business Administration at USC, served as the keynote speaker during the graduation and stressed the need to develop managers to meet the needs of a changing Los Angeles region.

Other event attendees included Richard Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer and sponsor of the program, and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Mary Jung.

In addition to Farahani and Hara, three other graduates completed the 1988 class and will be assigned to the following departments: Paul Croney, Internal Services Department; Diana Hou, Regional Planning Department; and Diana Sancetta, Health Services.

## Top Photography Post Appointed at Museum of Art

Prominent photography scholar Robert Sobieszek has been appointed curator of photography at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Sobieszek's responsibilities include the study, research and exhibition of the Museum's collection of photography, which comprises about 3,000 works spanning the entire history of the medium.

"Mr. Sobieszek is one of the preeminent curators of photography in America and we are pleased to be able to make this appointment to the curatorial staff at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art," said Museum Director Earl A. Powell III, who announced the appointment June 15. "The photography department, established in 1985, has grown tremendously in the past years and we welcome such a distinguished scholar to the Museum."

Before joining the museum, Sobieszek served as director of photographic collections at the George Eastman House. He simultaneously held the position of senior lecturer, Department of Architecture, Art, and Planning, at Cornell University since 1987.

## Congratulations Retirees

Warm wishes and congratulations go to the following employees who are retiring after 30 years or more of County service:

**Forester and Fire Warden:** Don M. Davis, Michael E. Shook

**Health Services:** Margueritte Anderson, Shirley A. Chumley, Glorya B. Winston-Hairston

**Municipal Courts:** Daniel R. Leddy

**Public Social Services:** Arlinda Clark, William C. Leverette, Martin E. Woods

**Public Works:** Eugene J. Reed

Best wishes are also extended to the following retirees with 25 years or more of County Service:

**Assessor:** Walita H. Keyes

**Health Services:** George L. Bowers, Nancy Donnelly, Bennie J. Johnson, John Molinari, Claire M. Stiles, Vivian W. Vickers

**Parks and Recreation:** Ignacio Valle

**Public Works:** Antonio Fusco

**Sheriff:** Robert Morck

**Superior Court:** Carl V. Moroney

## Assessor Activates Fire Disaster Task Force

Los Angeles County Assessor John Lynch has activated a special task force to handle property tax reductions for victims of the recent brush fires.

"This is a special group dealing with disasters such as fires and earthquakes," said Lynch. "Property tax relief is likely not the main priority for fire victims at the moment, but this will be important to them in the long run..."

Owners of destroyed homes or of structures suffering at least \$5,000 damage should contact the task force as soon as possible to receive disaster applications. This can be done by writing to the main Assessor's Office, Hall of Administration, Room 250, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Forms are also available at all Assessor's regional offices, including the Glendale/Pasadena office at 990 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91105.

Requests should include the property owner's name, the address of the affected parcels and the 10-digit Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) as listed on a tax bill (example: 1234 023 045) as well as an address where the applicant can be reached.

Section 170 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, said Lynch, provides for a reevaluation of any property sustaining major damage due to a natural disaster.

Telephone information can be obtained by calling (213) 974-3332, (213) 974-8658 or (818) 441-7100. Property owners have 60 days from the date of damage to submit their forms, Lynch said.

"It will help to include photographs of the damaged property when returning the forms," Lynch added, "along with any documentation which can detail the extent of the damage."

## HEAD START Celebrating 25 Years

Supervisors Ed Edelman, Pete Schabarum and Deane Dana present a resolution honoring the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Head Start Program — now in its 10th year — upon the 25th anniversary of the program nationally.

Since 1979, the Los Angeles County Office of Education has run the nation's third largest Head Start program with 28 agencies serving nearly 13,800 children and their families.

A comprehensive program to meet the emotional, health, social, nutritional and psychological needs of pre-school children of low-income families, Head Start was undertaken by the Office of Child Development in 1969 and is presently operated by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.



*Pictured (L. to R.) with the supervisors are Suzan VanPelt, Coordinator; Dr. Gilberto Anzaldúa, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Mary Lou Nava Hamaker, Senior Project Director; and Celia Ayala, Director of Project Funding and Management for the Office of Education.*



*A young girl ponders the difficult choices of which doggy she likes best. A total of 246 dogs and cats were adopted on June 16.*

## Animals Get Helping Hand

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Mark and Brian repeatedly broadcast the message of responsible pet ownership and interviewed department employees about Animal Care's new program of pet identification tattooing.

Department staff members and volunteers constructed the portable cages, staffed the booths, assisted persons looking for the right pet and processed the paperwork to make a smooth and successful event.

## Showing You a Better Way to Go!

County Trip Reduction Services

**Rideshare Fair**

**Wednesday, August 8**

Lunch Hour, County Mall

**Instant Match-Making!**

Buses — Vans

Carpools — Trains

## Montano Gets Post

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In addition, she is a 20-year member of the Gulf Avenue Wilmington Junior High School PTA, and served as program chairman for the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Montano also served on Los Angeles City's Criminal Justice Panel, the Wilmington Community Advisory Council, and the Friends of the Library Ad Hoc Committee.

She has been a member of the Inter-agency Gang Task Force since 1980, and since 1985 has served on the Compton Gang Task Force, the Gang Alternative Program, and the California Youth Authority. In addition, she is also a member of Mothers Against Gangs Support.



*(L. to R.) Gloria Heer, Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Miguel Molina; Rod Cooper, Parks and Recreation Director; Manual Garcia; Jose Ramirez; Jose Suarez; Ford Motor Co.'s Bob Harner; Oscar Rodriguez; Bill Shumard of USC; Salvador Morales; Kermit Alexander of PARCS; Roberto Basteris; and Bill de la Garza, Parks and Recreation Regional Operations Manager.*

## Soccer Scholarships Help Students Score Goals

Ten local high school students are off to class \$1,000 richer after receiving the 1990 Ford/Pelé Soccer College Scholarships.

The Ford Motor Co., along with Department of Parks and Recreation and the non-profit PARCS corporation, award ten \$1,000 scholarships annually to local soccer players.

In addition to soccer achievement, recipients must participate in family and community activities and demonstrate potential for success in and beyond college.

At the June 19 board meeting, Supervisor Pete Schabarum congratulated the winners, including Roberto Basteris of Burbank; Manuel Garcia, Lynwood; Miguel Molina, Los Angeles; Salvador Morales, Paramount; Jose Ramirez, Montebello; Oscar Rodriguez, San Gabriel; Janice Schlientz, Diamond Bar; Jose Suarez, Bell Gardens; Jeff Sung, Whittier; and Gregg Witkin, Long Beach.

Following the meeting, the winners attended a Music Center luncheon where Bill de la Garza, Department of Parks and Recreation Regional Operations Manager, served as master of ceremonies and Department Director Rodney Cooper gave the welcoming address.

# MORE to See & Do

## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

900 Exposition Blvd.,  
Los Angeles  
(213) 744-6292

The annual excavation at the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits — the site of the richest fossil deposits in the world — is now open for public viewing.

Excavation of Pit 91 is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through September 2. Visitors observe paleontologists at work from a viewing station above the pit. The excavation site is located between the George C. Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries and the County Museum of Art in Hancock Park.

In addition to fossils of small animals, the bones of saber-toothed cats, horses and wolves have been discovered.

## MUSEUM OF ART

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles  
(213) 857-6000

Sixteen works by ten of contemporary Japan's most innovative artists are on view in "A Primal Spirit: Ten Contemporary Japanese Sculptors." Featuring sculpture created since 1985, the works are characterized by a spiritual outlook and a distinctly Japanese response to nature and organic materials. The exhibit continues through August 26.

August 16 marks the opening of "Masterpieces of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism: The Annenberg Collection." The renowned collection assembled by Walter Annenberg features 54 paintings, watercolors and drawings and serves as a comprehensive survey of the period's greatest achievements. Works by Monet, Degas, Re-



*Pablo Picasso's "Au Lapin Agile" is one of 54 works featured in a new exhibit chronicling Impressionism and post-Impressionism at the County Museum of Art. The exhibit, which opens August 16, closes November 11.*

noir, Picasso, van Gogh, Braque and others will be featured. The exhibit closes November 11.

## Parking Plan Tackles Gridlock

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month beyond the allowance. Hopefully, this additional cost will cause the solo driver to reconsider commuting options.

If solo drivers use public transportation or carpool one day a week, civic center County commuters will decrease 20 percent. With a target average vehicle ridership in the civic center of 1.75, the County must take bold steps to win the battle against traffic gridlock and air pollution.

Assisting in the "attack on traffic gridlock," the Auditor-Controller will process the September \$70 allowances to eligible employees on the October 15 paycheck.

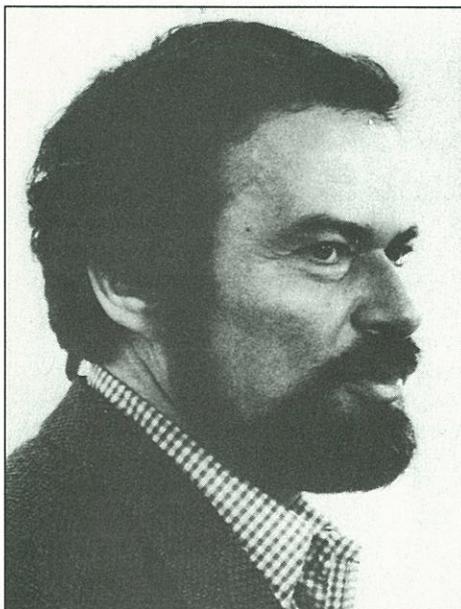
Departmental parking coordinators will also contact all eligible civic center employees prior to September 1 regarding the purchase of parking decals ranging in cost from \$55 to \$120 per month. Parking for new civic center employees will continue on an availability basis.



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## County Day at the Opera



**Maurice Sendak**

About 10 years ago, artist Maurice Sendak's dream of becoming a theatrical designer turned to reality. Since then, the famous children's book author and illustrator has designed numerous productions, including Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

Sendak's designs return to the Music Center in September for Mozart's "Idomeneo," which has been called the famous composer's "grandest and most ambitious opera."

County employees are invited to attend a special preview performance of this classic opera on September 22 at 11 a.m. in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. Tickets are \$7.50 per person—a savings up to 93 percent off the regular ticket price—and parking is free. Due to its three hour length, this performance is not recommended for children under 10. The deadline for ordering tickets is September 7. For more information, call County Special Programs, (213) 974-1768.

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