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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Former Governor 'Pat' Brown Appointed to Water Commission

Former California Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown has been appointed to the County Water Advisory Commission by Supervisor Ed Edelman.

"Governor Brown is really the father of California's State Water Project," Edelman said. "No public official has a better grasp of the issue, or its vital importance to Southern California, than he does. We're very honored that he has accepted my invitation to participate and share his extensive knowledge and experience with our board."

The commission was created on a motion by Edelman earlier this year to review Southern California's water-supply situation and develop policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors. Brown was appointed in August.

During his two terms as governor, from 1958 to 1966, Brown oversaw the development and initial construction of the State Water Project, which ranks as the largest aqueduct and reservoir system in the world.



County Commissioner and former California Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown.



It's playtime at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where children in the Employees' Children's Center learn about sand castles.

CHILD CARE EXPANSION 2 Employee Centers Open

Two new employee child care centers opened in September and a third is scheduled for a spring 1991 kick off. Employees can now choose from five locations.

Developed in cooperation with the City of Alhambra, Discovery Time opened September 17 and resides on the Alhambra Municipal Court grounds, 406 Second St. The center serves about 75 children from 6 weeks to 6 years old. Managed by Children's Discovery Centers, a child care management firm, the center is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center Child Care Center
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Board OK's Civic Center Parking, Commuting Plan

A historic agreement attacking traffic gridlock and air pollution in the civic center has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Cosponsored by County management and the Coalition of County Unions, the plan, which takes effect October 1, arms civic center employees with new commuting options, including a \$70 civic center commuting allowance and parking plan.

The commuting allowance gives civic center ridesharers cash for carpooling, vanpooling or public transportation and covers the cost of a \$70-per-month parking space.

Chief Administrative Officer Richard Dixon and Blaine Meek, a Coalition of County Unions representative, signed the plan August 22.

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Signing the plan: (L. to R.) Blaine Meek, Coalition of Unions Chief Spokesman; County Negotiator Margery Gould; Chief Administrative Officer Richard Dixon; Chief County Negotiator James Ellman; and Bud Treece, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff's Executive Director.

Children's Services Wins Basketball Showdown

A Department of Children's Services team captured first place in the County's Summer League Basketball Championship by knocking off the Department of Public Works, 71 to 56.

According to League Director Michael Williams, the MacLaren Children's Center team was paced by Henry Caldwell, who scored 29 points and earned the league's most valuable player award. The MacLaren team finished first in both the open and 6'2" and under divisions. Other team members included Warren Battle, Ronnie Henderson, Tony Kireland, Phil Stripling, Ron Oroz and Derrick Richardson.

Team members putting up a good fight for the Department of Public Works included Joe Gaydosh, Vince Guadagni, David Ho, Roger Jeules, Mike Semen, Jamal Caddell and James McIntire.



Battle on the court: the County Basketball League in action.

In the 35 and up division, the Bad Com-

pany team from Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center captured first place, defeating the Department of Public Social Services Running Rebels, 48 - 46. Joe Parker captured the division's most valuable player award leading all scorers with 34 points.

The league is now accepting sign ups for its fall season, which starts October 22. Divisions include women's, 6'2" and under, and 35 and up. All divisions are open to County employees and their relatives. For further information, contact Michael Williams (213) 727-4231 or (818) 916-6489.

Civic Center Commuting Plan Approved

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"This is truly a great moment for the County," Dixon said. "Traffic gridlock in the civic center is dramatically affecting the lives of our employees; we had to aggressively accelerate our battle plan."

Committed to a long-term battle, Dixon said the commuting incentives provide employees with a commuter-supportive environment, including:

- A guaranteed ride home program
- Expanded commuter shuttle service
- Expanded rideshare information &

referral service in all six civic center buildings.

- A County commuter information center in the Hall of Administration, with instant rideshare matching service.

"Cleaning up the air quality and traffic congestion in this region now and in the year 2000 will require drastic measures and the County is ready to meet the challenge," Dixon said.

For further information on County commuting services, contact your departmental trip reduction coordinator.

2 Employee Child Care Centers Open

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opened September 24 and serves about 84 children from 6 weeks to 6 years. Located in Downey and managed by the Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles, the center is open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m..

The third new employee child care center will be located on the H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center grounds, 2829 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles.

Designed to serve civic center area-based County employees, the program is slated for a spring 1991 opening. Additional information will be available as the project progresses.

All County employee child care centers are managed by professional child care organizations under contract with the County.

If interested in enrollment, contact:

LAC-USC Medical Center
Child Care Center
Barbara Schutte (213) 226-2201

Olive View Medical Center
Infant/Child Development Center
Patricia Koesler (818) 364-3444

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Employees' Children's Center
Joyce Woodruff (213) 212-4274

Discovery Time
Alhambra Employee Child Care Center
Kathy Paradis (818) 458-1373

Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center
Child Care Center
Barbara Schutte (213) 940-7981

Congratulations Retirees

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

Assessor: Augusta S. Luke

Chief Administrative Office:
Harry P. Koulos

County Counsel: Wilcox R. Stoddard

Executive Office-Superior Court/
County Clerk: Doris L. Williams

Health Services: Antonina A. Baca, Gerald G. Bixler, Elizabeth Dembinski, Charlie Hick Jr., Samston Littleton, Mildred F. Martin

Internal Services: Joseph Brown, James D. Jones

Probation: Grace Reeves, Eula V. Tinsley

Public Social Services: Rosanna Ibrahim, Loretha O. Redic

Public Works: Arthur Poblano

Sheriff: John J. Malone

Treasurer-Tax Collector: Samuel L. Nevarez

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

Executive Office-Superior Court/
County Clerk: Alonzo L. Branch, Alvin B. Calof

Fire: Carl R. Steinert

Health Services: Thomas Tomi Fukui, Carmen Gorden, John Henderson, Betty L. Robledo, Parviz Shokrizade, Richard F. Tobin

Parks & Recreation: Robert L. Parker

Probation: Isiah James Jr.

Public Library: Joseph F. Robinson

Public Social Services: Augustine Carranza, Patricia B. Murphy

Public Works: Admad H. Shraibati

COMMUTER BRIEFS

Commuting to work will get easier in the future, reports the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission. Five new commuter rail lines, all traveling to Los Angeles, are in the planning stage and originate in Ventura, Santa Clarita, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties.

Los Angeles Union Station is rebuilding its



pedestrian passageway to handle the increased traffic anticipated with the opening of the Metro Red Line, the five new commuter lines

and the future extension of the Blue Line.

Meeting an inner city transportation need, the RTD has offered free rides to passengers whose bus is 15 or more minutes late. This four-month offer runs from September through December. Passengers with an RTD monthly pass will get fare receipts that can be applied to the purchase of their next monthly pass.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated

Joining with the United States Congress, the Board of Supervisors has declared September 15 through October 15 Hispanic Heritage Month.

Following Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's motion, Board members lauded the contributions of Hispanics in such areas as science, the arts, commerce and politics.

In addition, the Hispanic community received praise for promoting "issues of concern to all Americans," including civil rights and education. The Board also urged all residents to participate in activities celebrating the contributions of Hispanics across the nation.

Meanwhile, the County Hispanic Managers Association continues to raise scholarship money for college bound and adult



Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and his Assistant Deputy Carmen Perez lead community awareness efforts during Hispanic Heritage Month.

high school students. So far this year, the association has raised about \$8,000.

A Festival That's for the Birds

The fourth annual "Day of the Bird," a two-day festival featuring dozens of events and exhibits dedicated toward saving wild birds, takes place October 13 - 14 at Whittier Narrows Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in South El Monte.

Cosponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the County Nature Centers, the festival runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features nature walks and talks; photo contests; square and Indian dancing; hay rides; falconry shows; frisbee dog competitions; trail rides; and vacation planning.

Parking and most of the events are free. The nature center and sanctuary is located at 1000 N. Durfee Ave., West of Peck Rd. For more information, call (818) 444-1872.

Employee Program Offers Drug, Alcohol Counseling

Alcohol and drug experimentation can begin in elementary school. Children as young as nine can show signs of problem drinking and drug abuse. That's the shocking news.

Now the good news: The Los Angeles County Employee Assistance Program stands ready to assist you and your children with alcohol and drug education, counseling support, resources and referrals. Staff members have training expertise in the area of chemical dependency, addiction and treatment.

Statistics paint a dismal picture of today's youth and the world of drugs and alcohol.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 28 percent of 7th and 8th graders are considered to be problem drinkers; 60 percent of high school seniors use alcohol, pot, or other drugs two to three times a week; nearly one-fourth of all students are under the influence of a drug most of the time; and 15 to 20 percent of our children will be classified as serious substance abusers before they leave their teens.

Teenage drinking and drug use can signal to parents and society that something is terribly

wrong.

No longer is drug use considered a "growing phase," "simple rebellion," or "searching for identity." Alcohol and drug abuse may be a hidden problem that most parents are unaware of or totally ignoring until serious consequences come knocking at their home door. Drug abuse can push youth into severe depression, foster deeper addiction and cause permanent physical or mental damage. Chemical dependency can lead them to self-destructive behaviors, criminal activities, imprisonment or death.

Parents need to know these warning signs of potential drug use and abuse: (1) sudden, unexplained changes in mood and behavior; (2) loss of interest in regular activities, such as hobbies and sports; (3) significant drop in grades; (4) withdrawal from family; (5) sudden sloppiness in appearance; (6) overreaction to criticism; (7) sudden weight loss; (8) unusual secretiveness; (9) decreased energy and drive; and, (10) slurred speech, unclear thinking, and/or poor short-term memory. Of course, these signs may indicate many other

concerns other than drug abuse. But no matter what the problem, your child needs help.

What can parents do? Accept the fact that something must be wrong and break the denial. Your child's life may depend upon your action.

Educate yourself and your children about the dangers of chemical dependency. Talk frankly to your children about your concerns, communicate your fears, listen to them and be involved in their lives. Set an example and take a stand about your rules against drug and alcohol use. Have firm guidelines and be an example of your own beliefs. Be aware of your children's need for praise and encouragement, not judgements. Encourage healthy alternatives and ways to natural "highs" through sports, supervised recreation and fun. Get help and support from such resources as your church, school, parent groups, community agencies and the Employee Assistance Program. Call (213) 744-4431 and receive help today that could make a difference in the life of someone important to you.

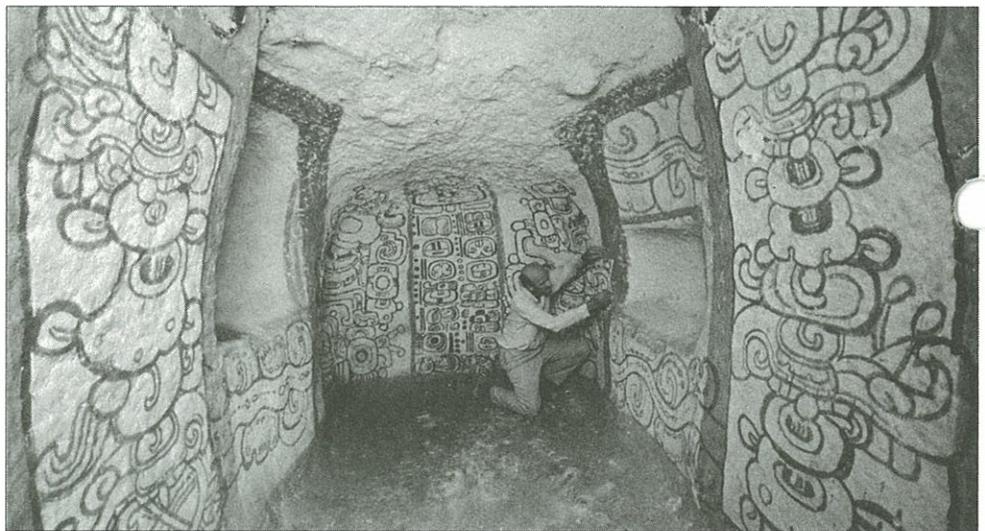
MORE to See & Do

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

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

"Snoopy: Good Grief! He's 40!" an exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of Peanuts, opens October 3. Tracing Schulz's development as a cartoonist, the exhibition features pre-Peanuts drawings and original drawings for cartoon strips. In addition, the exhibition includes Peanuts collectibles such as dolls, toys, clocks, games and clothes, as well as 147 pairs of plush dolls depicting Snoopy and his sister, Belle, dressed in original designer outfits. The exhibition, which debuted in Paris, will continue through February 18.

"Rio Azul: City of the Storm God," which presents the archaeological exploration of a fifth century Maya city in Guatemala, continues through November 11. Through video, maps, murals, artifacts and replicas — including an entire tomb and its contents — the exhibition presents new information changing our historical perspective of the Maya. Attempts to study Rio Azul have been hampered in the past by illegal looters who sold artifacts to unscrupulous collectors. The exhibit sensi-



This Guatemalan tomb stands bare after looters broke in several years ago. Although missing "treasures" are now probably in private collections, Dr. Richard Adams, above, and other scholars were able to study the glyphs on the tomb's walls. An intact early Maya tomb has been recreated for "Rio Azul: City of the Storm God," now through November 11 at the Natural History Museum.

tizes viewers to the importance of preserving archaeological sites for study, for it is through such excavations that we recover our common heritage.

MUSEUM OF ART

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

A portrait of the distinguished filmmaker Jean Renoir, titled "The Huntsman," by his father the French impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir has gone on view. "The Huntsman" was bequeathed to the museum upon Jean Renoir's death in 1979, but remained in the family estate until the

death of his widow earlier this year.

Forty-five examples from the museum's extensive Indonesian textile holdings are on view in "A Singular Beauty: Ceremonial Textiles from the Islands of Indonesia." Throughout Indonesia, textiles represent a major form of artistic expression and play a vital role in the ceremonies and rituals of the country's diverse cultural groups scattered across the 3,500-mile arc of islands. The exhibit, which wraps up January 27, features a wide range of materials and techniques.

Cultural Diversity Month Spotlights Region's Heritage

A wide range of events, including art exhibits and television programs, will highlight Cultural Diversity Month, an October celebration promoting the region's rich heritage.

For the sixth year, the Board of Supervisors and Human Relations Commission have encouraged city governments, private agencies and discussion clubs to sponsor events, seminars, speakers or exhibits focusing on community enrichment and diversity. The month-long activities hope to improve communication and promote better human relations in the county.

Events include:

- * An international children's art exhibition at the County Hall of Administration through Barnsdall Art Center
- * A native American art exhibition at the Southwest Museum
- * Special programming by numerous television and radio stations

- * The Watts Third World Art Festival
 - * A Chicano feature film series at UCLA
- For event information, call (213) 974-7611.

Reserve Military Employees Offered Assistance

Reservist employees called to active military duty may submit hardship situations to the Labor-Management Advisory Committee for consideration, under a Board of Supervisors' motion by Mike Antonovich.

The Board recently agreed that departments should direct employee inquiries to the LMAC at 500 W. Temple St., Room 783, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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