

County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



RED LINE R.O.L.L.O.U.T



Supervisors Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and Ed Edelman join Gov. Pete Wilson and Mayor Tom Bradley January 30 to kick off the Metro Red Line, L.A.'s first true subway. The first segment of the line, conceived as the "spine" of a planned 400-mile rail system, stretches 4.4 miles through downtown Los Angeles and features five stations. Passengers speed from Union Station to MacArthur Park in seven minutes.

Hufford: Back on County Turf

Harry Hufford, who served as Chief Administrative Officer from 1974-85, has returned to the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration as interim CAO.

Hufford, on leave from his current administrative job at the Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher law firm, started February 4.

"For Mr. Hufford to come in here and say 'I'll help you' shows his dedication and loyalty to the County," Board Chairman Ed Edelman said. "We needed to find competent people to step in, and there's no more competent person than Harry Hufford. He knows the County backward and forward." •

Edelman Sets 1993 Agenda

Stressing the need to improve human relations in the wake of last spring's riots, Supervisor Ed Edelman opened his first meeting as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and laid out plans and priorities for 1993.

With the Reginald Denny beating trial and the retrial of the LAPD officers involved in the Rodney King beating in the works, we must ease community tensions by building better relations among different racial, ethnic and religious groups, Edelman said.

But at the same time, he added, "We cannot ignore the consequences of reacting adversely to verdicts in these pending cases, and nothing can justify, nor can we tolerate, taking to the streets to carry out acts of vandalism and violence."

In discussions with Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley over pretrial preparations, Edelman supported an adequate law enforcement presence with the Sheriff's Department and other agencies.

On the economic front, the Third District Supervisor underscored the need to recognize and respond to a deteriorating environment for jobs and business growth in the Southland.

"We're no longer attracting business and industry here and we can't rest on our laurels any more," he said.

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A Three-Way Success Story

Call it a hat trick. Maybe a threepart. Whatever the term, it's a coincidence: three success stories, three women, three back-to-back employees of the month.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



Yvonne Brooks

Yvonne Brooks, a 22-year Public Social Services employee and October's Employee of the month, starts the three-part feature.

Starting as a unit clerk, Brooks rocketed through the DPSS ranks, ending up as an eligibility supervisor and district staff assistant.

As a top welfare office trainer and supervisor, Brooks increased productivity and built employee morale throughout the office.

"She has excellent interaction with all levels of staff," noted a top Public Social Services official. "She is extremely dependable and always willing to give a helping hand."



Ramona Anderson

Ramona Anderson is also known for going the extra mile.

A 35-year County veteran and November's Employee of the Month, Anderson has spent the last 20 years with the Auditor-Controller's Office. As an accounting technician, she is a top-notch authority on the massive-sized payroll and welfare accounts and has improved and streamlined the County's interactions with local banks.



Alice de Baran

While not a government finance and accounting expert, Alice de Baran is a health expert. Over at the Alhambra Health Center, this licensed vocational nurse detects and monitors tuberculosis infected patients.

de Baran, December's Employee of the Month and a 15-year employee, repeatedly won outstanding nurse honors at El Monte, La Puente, Pomona and Alhambra health centers.

In addition, she created a six-language instructional cassette program that tells patients about their illnesses and cures. She wrote the text for one of the installments and dubbed it in English and Spanish.

de Baran also lectured at conferences on the nurse's roll in the chest clinic.

Ninth Annual Women's Conference, March 26

The Ninth Annual Women's Conference, targeting the County's women of color, takes place March 26 at Cal State University, Dominguez Hills.

Titled *Equal Opportunity and the Reality of the Workplace*, the conference features Robins Training Group representative Kikanza Nuri Robins, and includes discussions on the portrayal of women in advertising.

Sponsored by the County Commission on Human Relations, the event sells out each year and provides professional development and networking opportunities.

For more information, call 213-974-0816. ●

A HEALTHY REMINDER

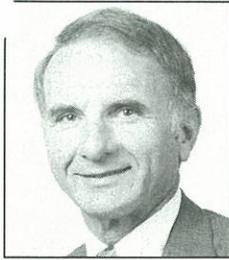


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**Board Chairman
Ed Edelman**

Turning to Sacramento, Edelman pledged to initiate face-to-face meetings with Gov. Pete Wilson and legislative leaders to press the

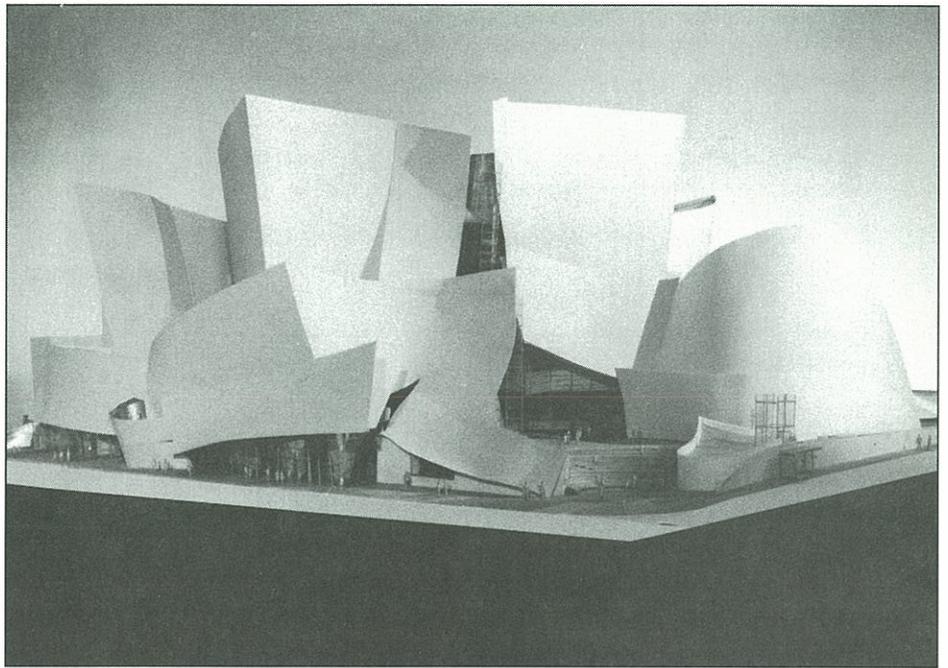
County's case for more financial help in meeting its service obligations.

"Counties didn't fare too well this year compared to other jurisdictions like cities, schools and special districts and we need to get back our share of available revenues."

Locally, Edelman renewed his longstanding commitment to improving services to the County's children.

"Child abuse cases have risen dramatically and we need to intervene aggressively earlier in the process to protect children from abuse and neglect whenever possible," he said. In addition, he suggested establishing a so-called "warm-line" to help counsel troubled parents and head off potential abuse before it happens.

Edelman also stressed the need, in tough economic times, to gain greater operating efficiencies from County departments. ●



1997 Preview: Model of Disney Concert Hall, designed by architect Frank Gehry.

Walt Disney Concert Hall Breaks Ground in Downtown

Dubbed "the living room of Los Angeles," the \$220-million Walt Disney Concert Hall moved closer to reality recently during a groundbreaking ceremony at the First Street and Grand Avenue site.

Located on a 3.6-acre, County-owned lot, immediately south of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the venue will serve as the future home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and is scheduled for a 1997 opening.

The project is the result of \$93.6 million in donations from the family of the late Walt Disney.

The project's first phase focuses on a 2,500-car garage, on which the hall and surrounding buildings will sit. ●



A Helping Hand

Supervisor Deane Dana congratulates Patricia Anderson and Patrick Granados, both LAC+USC Medical Center employees, for raising more than \$1,500 to help a Vietnam veteran recently victimized by a hit and run. The Health Services employees, along with Military and Veterans Affairs Commissioner Bob Archuleta, organized a fund-raiser to pay for the veteran's living expenses. With the assistance of Chaplain Preciado's Veterans Family Service, a nonprofit organization, the group pulled off the successful event.



Defenders Defend Title

Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield, center, receives the Justice Cup and congratulations from defender coaches Tim Murphy, left, and Stan Shimotsu after winning the 5th Annual Law Games for the fourth straight year. Held at Pepperdine University in Malibu, the event brought private and public sector law professionals together to compete in tennis, volleyball, basketball and track events.

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Starts Four-Day Week

Continuing the battle against traffic gridlock and air pollution, the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department started a four-day work week schedule January 4.

As a one-year pilot program, employees at the El Monte headquarters and South Gate Weights and Measures and Environmental Toxicology Laboratory offices work a four-day, 10-hour-a-day work schedule Monday through Thursday. The buildings close on Fridays.

Modeled after the 1990 Public Works Department plan, the schedule is an effort to comply with the South Coast Air Quality Management District requirement that major employers

reduce employee travel.

The public also benefits, getting expanded service hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The 4/40 schedule affects the following locations:

ACWM Headquarters
3400 La Madera
El Monte, CA 91732

Weights and Measures
11012-A S. Garfield
South Gate, CA 90280

Environmental Toxicology
Laboratory
11012-B S. Garfield
South Gate, CA 90280

Sixth Child Care Center Opens

In a continuing effort to meet parents' needs, the County opened its sixth child care center recently in downtown Los Angeles.

County Kid's Place, at 2916 S. Hope St., provides care from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for children 6 weeks to 6 years old.

Managed by Children's Discovery Centers, a child care management firm, the center evolved from a Supervisor Ed Edelman motion to offer nearby care for civic center employees' children.

For enrollment information, call the center, 213-744-6241 or Kathleen Malaske-Samu, County Child Coordinator, 213-974-2440.

In other developments, employees now get discounted child care fees at 50 local La Petite Academy and Children's World Learning Centers. The program lets families use care near their homes at comparable rates to the County's on-site center. Contact your personnel office or the County Child Care Coordinator.

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