



# NEWS

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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

### **"HANDI-CAPABLE" WORKERS PUT A SHINE AROUND VERMONT AVENUE METRO RED LINE SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES...BUSINESS OWNERS APPLAUD THEIR EFFORTS**

**WHAT:** An 8-person crew of developmentally disabled men and women from the Employ America program will pick up trash and debris near the Red Line's Vermont/Santa Monica station site. For the last three years Employ America workers have been hard at work keeping clean the sidewalks, streets and other areas in front of businesses outside three Metro Red Line stations under construction along Vermont Avenue. Their efforts continue to draw praise from merchants, many of whom have developed friendships with crew members. MTA funds the Employ America program which is administered by the not-for-profit agency Social Vocational Services.

**WHO:** Employ America crew  
Ted Spiegel, owner Radio Equipment Distributors, Inc.  
Tessie Serna, owner Betsy's Bakery  
Lupe Valdez, MTA Assistant Director Public Affairs

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 29, 1997 - 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** 972 N. Vermont Avenue at Willow Brook Avenue  
One block South of Santa Monica Boulevard  
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