



# DIGEST

## *Around and About*

ASSEMBLYMAN PETER Schabarum (R-Covina) has renewed his fight in Sacramento for legislation to give the Board of Supervisors permission to merge the marshal's department into the sheriff's department. A similar bill died in an assembly committee in 1968 and again in 1969. Schabarum introduced his new effort, AB 1080, March 10. As of presstime, he was reported preparing to amend it to let the Supervisors submit any proposed marshal-sheriff merger to County voters for approval. The merger idea has been endorsed as an economy move by the Board, the Citizens Economy and Efficiency committee, and several community groups. It has been opposed by associations of marshals and municipal court judges.

CAO Lin Hollinger warned the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday (March 17) that Governor Reagan's proposed 1970-71 budget would place a ceiling over state welfare appropriations—and therefore could shift mil-

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FOUR COUNTY departments are getting new head men. Two spots, in the flood control district and the museum of natural history, already have been decided. Keen competition has developed for the other two positions—purchasing agent and air pollution control officer.

A civil service oral board will interview would-be successors to retiring purchasing agent Victor Quam at a date still to be set. The ten contenders are Lester Franck, Quam's chief deputy; Waldo Perez, chief of Quam's purchasing division; Richard Reid, administrative deputy, County engineer; Morton Golden, administrative deputy to the for-ester-fire-warden; Truman Chaffin, chief deputy registrar-recorder; Gene Davis, chief of workman's compensation and rehabilitation, personnel department; James Williams, general storekeeper, purchasing and stores; Charles Norris, administrative deputy, health department; Tom Kidwell, chief deputy treasurer-tax collector; and Harry Koulos, chief deputy public administrator.

Quam will retire March 28.

### *Six for APCO*

Six candidates, all from APCD, will compete to succeed their boss, Louis Fuller, who will end his career as air pollution control officer next Friday (March 27).

Those scheduled to take the oral examination (date not yet an-

nounced) are Fuller's chief deputy Robert Chass; deputy APCO Robert Barsky; and four division chiefs—Ralph George of enforcement, Robert Lunche of engineering, Walter Hamming of evaluation-planning, and John Mills, technical services.

### *Bruington Heads Flood*

Young Arthur Bruington, fresh from Caltech with his master's degree in engineering, joined the County flood control district in 1950. Next week he will move into the top job as chief engineer of the district, replacing Walter Wood.

The 42-year-old Bruington has been Wood's chief deputy since 1965. The Board of Supervisors voted his appointment (March 10) following a civil service examination.

Bruington resides with his wife Louise and three children in San Gabriel.

### *Mead at Museum*

DR. HERBERT Friedman, who will retire April 30 after nine years as director of the County museum of natural history in Exposition park, will be replaced by Dr. Giles Mead.

Mead, 41, is curator of fishes at Harvard university's museum of comparative zoology and formerly headed the U. S. fish and wildlife services ichthyological laboratory in Washington, D. C. He holds a Ph.D. from Stanford. His wife Sylvia is a

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lions of dollars in welfare costs to County taxpayers. The CAO said planned improvements in County hospital services also are threatened. The Supervisors urged the legislature to amend the budget act to assure the State will continue its present cost-sharing policy.

OUTSIDE EXPERTS have been hired to figure out how assessor Phil Watson can reorganize his department's 140,000 square feet of office space the Hall of Administration second and third floors. Employees there have swelled by 26 percent since moving-in day in 1960. Result: staffers in some divisions are all but sitting in each other's laps. The experts' report is expected by late June.

THE BOARD of Supervisors has asked three of its citizen advisory commissions (hospital, narcotics and alcoholism) to see whether it would be feasible to convert the old buildings at Olive View hospital into treatment centers for problem drunks and drug addicts. The structures in the Sylmar foothills will be vacated when the staff moves into its new 800-bed facility in June, or thereabouts. Supervisor Warren Dorn pointed out (March 10) that at present the old buildings are destined to be locked up.

THE RETIREMENT board at its last meeting voted a 3 percent cost of living increase in the County's retirement allowance. Former employees will get the boost in their April checks. The board voted a similar increase a year ago under a 1967 state law that raised the allowable annual increase from 2 percent to 3 percent a year.

## Polls Readied for Heavy Rush

REGISTRAR-RECORDER Ray Lee is braced for the army of County white-collar workers who are expected to flow into 66 polling places Wednesday (April 1) to vote on whether they want a negotiating representative to deal with County management for them in fashioning agreements on pay and working conditions.

Some 18,000 clerical and other office employees are eligible to cast ballots. Most of them will be deciding, yes or no, whether Los Angeles County Employees association should be their representative. A unit of 400 nonsupervisory assessor appraisers will choose between LACEA and California Association of Professional Employees (CAPE), or "neither of these."

Lee, his staff already hard pressed preparing for the upcoming June 2 primary election, has hired 40 teams of non-County employees to conduct the day-long voting. In addition, observers from the employee relations commission, County management and LACEA (plus CAPE at the appraisers' polls) will observe the casting of ballots. They also will observe the ballot count the next day, April 2, at Lee's office, 808 North Spring street.

Lee said the punch-card ballots will be fed rapidly through a computer-reader, and final results should be known by late afternoon April 2.

To gain recognition as negotiating representative in the four units where it is running unopposed, LACEA must receive a Yes vote from a majority of all employees in the unit—or, if at least 60 per cent of the employees in the unit vote, LACEA must get a Yes majority among the votes cast.

The same rule applies in the LACEA vs. CAPE contest for the appraisers' unit. The winner needs

either a majority among all eligible voters, or a majority among votes cast with at least 60 percent voting.

### Who May Vote

Voting rosters will include the names of all employees in the unit who were on the payroll from Jan. 16 through Jan. 31 and who are still employed in the unit as of April 1. Recurrent, parttime and as-needed employees may vote; management and confidential employees may not.

Lee said some eligible voters who work in remote areas of the county will receive mail-in ballots at their home addresses. Others who because of illness, vacation or other reason can not get to their assigned polling place April 1 may send a written request for an absentee ballot to the employee relations commission, 744 Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple street, Los Angeles 90012. Deadline for these requests is next Wednesday (March 25).

Election notices have been posted on nearly 1,000 bulletin boards at County work places. The notices have lists of the job titles included in each representation unit and a roster of eligible voters along with their assigned polling places.

### Makeup of Units

The five units of employees, as approved by the employee relations commission after months of public hearings, are as follows:

UNIT 1, Clerical and Office Services — approximately 15,500 employees in all County departments,

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GORDON NESVIG, director of personnel, has announced employees will be permitted to vote on County time in the April 1 white-collar election. Nesvig in a memo to all department heads urged them to allow "a reasonable amount of time" for traveling to the polls and voting.

including 113 classes. Among the most numerous classes—intermediate typist clerk, intermediate stenographer, intermediate clerk, senior clerk, cashier, clerk, cashier-clerk, account clerk, bookkeeping machine operator, EDP equipment operator, golf course starter, key punch operator, library page, library aid, medical stenographer, payroll clerk, senior stenographer, senior telephone operator, senior typist, statistical clerk, stenographer, steno-secretary, telephone operator, transcriber typist, welfare computation clerk, and tour guide.

Only LACEA is on the ballot for this unit

UNIT 2, Supervisory Clerical and Office Services — approximately 1,300 employees in 105 classes including supervising stenographer, supervising typist-clerk, supervising transcriber typist, EDP senior equipment operator, EDP supervising equipment operator, supervising clerk, intermediate supervising clerk, intermediate supervising typist-clerk, senior cashier, senior payroll clerk, supervising key punch operator, supervising medical record technician, supervising medical stenographer, supervising medical transcriber typist, supervising payroll clerk, and warehouse manager.

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UNIT 3, Administrative Technical and Staff Services — approximately 650 employees in 82 classes including administrative assistant, district attorney accountant-auditor, collection investigator, community services coordinator, deputy public administrator, deputy public guardian, EDP programmer analyst (I, II, assistant, and senior), inspector of weights and measures, and statistician.

In addition, four professional classes — accountant, accountant-

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## Where They'll Vote

LISTED BELOW are the 66 polling places at which clerical and other office employees will vote April 1 on the question of choosing a negotiating representative. Unless otherwise indicated, voting will take place at each polling place for all five representation units. Hours when the polls will be open are indicated. Employees will find their names and assigned polling place on election notices that have been posted on bulletin boards near their work areas.

### Civic Center

COURTHOUSE, 111 North Hill street, room 541. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

HALL of Administration. Voting for unit 1 in room 248 and room 189. Voting for units 2, 3, 4 and 5 in room 225. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

HALL of Justice. Voting for unit 1 in third floor and fourth floor lobbies, (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.); and for units 2, 3, 4 and 5 in sixth floor coffee room (1 to 6 p.m.)

NEW HALL of Records; seventh floor, suite 780, training room A. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OLD Hall of Records; seventh floor, mezzanine conference room. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Hospitals

COUNTY-USC Medical Center, 1200 North State street; main lobby of Unit I, lobby of C. O. Pediatrics building, and Unit II building. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CRIPPLED Children's Services, 2064 North Marengo street, Los Angeles; conference room; 3 to 5 p.m.

HARBOR General hospital, Torrance; first floor assembly room. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LONG Beach General hospital; Graef hall. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

OLIVE View hospital, 14701 Foothill boulevard; Patient Programs building, #103. 1:30 to 6 p.m.

RANCHO Los Amigos hospital, 7601 East Imperial boulevard, Downey; Amigos hall, 7 a.m. to noon. And 500 assembly room, 1 to 6 p.m.

### Probation

CENTRAL Juvenile hall, 1605 Eastlake, Los Angeles; main corridor, administration building. 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PROBATION office, 144 South Fetterly, Los Angeles; director's office. 11 a.m. to noon, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

TORRANCE Probation office, 3221 Torrance boulevard; conference room B. 3 to 5:30 p.m.

### Public Social Services

BELLFLOWER DPSS, 9858 Artesia boulevard; first floor conference room. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

BELVEDERE Family DPSS, 5445 Whittier boulevard; fourth floor auditorium. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

COMPTON Family DPSS, 211 East Alondra; first floor conference room. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

COVINA Adult DPSS, 19720 Arrow highway, Glendora; room adjoining director's office. 1 to 3 p.m.

DPSS complex, Los Angeles. Voting 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 2707 South Grand Avenue (second floor, conference room B) and at 2615 South Grand (third floor conference room and seventh floor conference room). Voting for Unit 1 only.

DPSS complex, voting for Units 2, 3, 4 and 5 at 2707 South Grand; second floor, conference room A. 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

DPSS Administrative office, 4900 Triggs street, Los Angeles; fourth floor conference room; 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

EL MONTE Family DPSS, 3400 La Madera; first floor transcribing room. 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m.

EXPOSITION Park DPSS, 3965 South Vermont avenue; first floor, group room 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

INGLEWOOD Family DPSS, 12735 South Hawthorne boulevard, Hawthorne; third floor conference room. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

LONG Beach Family DPSS, 1917-45 Long Beach boulevard; first floor conference room. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

METRO NORTH DPSS, 2711 West Beverly boulevard, Los Angeles; 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

METRO North Adult DPSS, 5026 Santa Monica boulevard, Los Angeles; first floor conference room. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

PASADENA Family DPSS, 123 West Holly street; first floor lunch room. 7 to 10 a.m.

POMONA Family DPSS, 435 West Mission boulevard; first floor conference room. 7:30 to 11 a.m.

SAN FERNANDO Valley Adult DPSS, 18040 Sherman way; fourth floor conference room. 1 to 3 p.m.

SAN FERNANDO Valley DPSS, 14545 Lanark street, Panorama City; first floor, case review room. 7:30 to 11 a.m.

SANTA BARBARA DPSS, 3842 West Santa Barbara boulevard; first floor conference room. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

SOUTHEAST Family DPSS, 8130 South Atlantic boulevard, Cudahy; first floor conference room. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SOUTHEAST Adult DPSS, 4000 East Gage avenue, Bell; first floor lunch room. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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STATE Service Center DPSS, 10925 South Central Avenue; conference room D, second floor. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

UNATTACHED Men's Center DPSS, 1339 East Seventh street, Los Angeles; second floor, room to rear of employees' lounge. 10 a.m. to noon.

WEST L.A. DPSS, 10961 West Pico boulevard; employees' lounge, third floor. 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Outlying

DISTRICT Attorney's office, Inglewood, 171 North La Brea avenue; second floor, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GLENDALE Civic Center building, 600 East Broadway; room 260. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

LANCASTER Public Library, 1150 West Avenue J; conference room. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

LONG Beach County Building, 415 West Ocean boulevard; sixth floor room adjoining cafeteria. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SANTA Monica Civic Center, 1725 Main street, Santa Monica; cafeteria. 7:30 to 10 a.m.

SOUTHEAST District Courts Building, 12720 South Norwalk boulevard; cafeteria. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

VAN NUYS Courts building, 6230 Sylmar; room 310, Department H. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

WEST COVINA Courts & Health building, 1427-1435 West Service avenue. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Other Departments

ADOPTIONS department, 2550 West Olympic boulevard; conference room. 7:30 a.m. to noon.

APCD, 434 South San Pedro street, second floor conference room; west wing. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

COUNTY Jail, 441 Bauchet street; room 1003. 7:30 a.m. to noon.

EDUCATION building, 155 West Washington boulevard; audio-visual conference room 707. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ENGINEER department, 108 West Second street; first floor lobby. 1 to 5 p.m.

FIRE headquarters, 1320 North Eastern avenue; room 101. 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

FLOOD Control district, 2250 Alcazar street, Los Angeles; annex building conference room. 7:30 a.m. to noon.

HEALTH Center, Florence-Firestone, 8019 South Compton avenue; new waiting room. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PURCHASING and Stores, 2011 North Soto street; second floor conference room 20. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

REGISTRAR-RECORDER, 808 North Spring street; sixth floor, south end. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ROAD department, 1540 Alcazar street, Los Angeles; room 169. 1:30 to 5 p.m.

## POLLS READIED

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auditor, intermediate accountant-auditor, and senior accounting systems analyst—will have a separate ballot to indicate whether they wish to be included in this unit. "If they vote against inclusion," ERCOM chairman Melvin Lennard said, "they will not be included in the unit with the nonprofessional employees, nor will they automatically be grouped in a separate unit of their own."

LACEA is running unopposed to become negotiating representative for unit 3.

UNIT 4, Supervising Administrative Technical and Staff Services—approximately 535 employees in 82 classes including accountant II, III and IV, accounting officer I and II, accounting technician II, accounting assistant chief, data processing supervisor I and II, general services manager I, II and III, head administrative assistant, pool manager, district attorney senior accountant-auditor, senior data processing analyst, senior statistician, and supply officer I and II.

As in unit 3, there will be a separate ballot for five professional classes—principal accountant-auditor, principal accounting systems analyst, principal appraiser, senior appraiser, and senior accountant-auditor—to vote whether they wish to be included in the unit.

LACEA will appear unopposed on the unit 4 ballot, with a choice of a Yes or No vote.

UNIT 5, Appraisers, includes some 400 employees in the assessor's department. They are in the classes of appraisers I and II, appraiser trainee, intermediate deputy field assessor, and senior deputy field assessor.

LACEA is competing with CAPE to represent this unit.

## Letters

To The DIGEST:

Your issue of March 6 has an unfortunate story title ("A Sweeping Sick-Care Program"). I endorse in principle the consolidation of the three County departments—hospital, public health and mental health. However . . . many of use [are] exceedingly cautious as to how the consolidation is done. . . . Such vital activities as protection of public water supplies and educating people in effective parenthood are not sick care. A pound of cure is not worth an ounce of prevention. . . . It is of great concern that the proposed new department make adequate provision for prevention and not get trapped in the bottomless pit of treatment.

Garold L. Faber, M. D.  
Regional Chief (San Gabriel)  
Dept. of Mental Health

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Top County administrators say they agree the new program must place equal emphasis on prevention and treatment. Some of them didn't like our headline, either.*

## CHANGES

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marine botanist and a member of the nation's first six-woman team of female aquanauts.

The museum's 15-member board of governors appointed Mead, with confirmation by the civil service commission.

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