



DIGEST

Around and About

BLOOD BANK coordinator Mark Rodriguez is struggling to prevent a County deficit in its blood account with the Red Cross. In three years, the rising County payroll has led to an 11 percent increase in blood withdrawals, but donations to the bank have dropped 12 percent. Encouraging sign: the most recent blood-mobile at the Hall of Administration got donations of 583 pints, a record among County employees.

CHARLES WINDSOR, newly appointed administrator at Martin Luther King general hospital, is working toward a hoped-for autumn opening of the big institution. Windsor, at 43, is the County's next-to-youngest hospital head (Peter McDermott, Long Beach general, is 38). Windsor began as a County social worker 19 years ago, was the D-A's chief of administrative services before going to King as associate administrator.

ECONOMY NOTE: The Board of Supervisors has asked CAO Arthur Will to investigate whether the County could save \$5 million a year by wiping out most of the 400-plus court reporter jobs in superior and municipal courts, replacing them with electronic tape recorders.

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THE QUAKE: Totting up the Bill

MOST OF the fallen ceiling tiles in County offices and courtrooms have been picked up, the bits of plaster swept away, broken water pipes repaired, dead phones revived, electric power restored, and some stalled elevators reactivated—but estimates of damage caused by the Feb. 9 earthquake to County facilities still are coming in.

Heaviest losses occurred to Olive View hospital and San Fernando juvenile hall near the quake's epicenter in the brush-covered foothills of north San Fernando valley. The County engineer's office rated as "demolished" the new \$25 million six-story acute unit at Olive View and the two-story \$6 million psychiatric unit. Among smaller, older buildings at Olive View, damage was set at \$1 million with some structures demolished, other repairable.

Ambulance driver Harry Rankin, 34, was killed by collapsing walls. Two patients in the intensive care ward died when electricity failed in their pressure-breathing apparatus.

The 600 other Olive View patients were transferred to other hospitals, the majority to Rancho Los Amigos, County-USC Medical Center, John Wesley, El Cerrito, and Long Beach General.

Most of the 1,500 Olive View employees followed the patients to other County hospitals, joining staffs there. Some remained at Olive View to attempt to set up outpatient facilities in the small surviving buildings for medical and psychiatric patients. All employees remain on the payroll.

The County engineer also rated as demolished the \$6 million San

Fernando juvenile hall, 15900 Filbert, street, Sylmar.

Heavy damage forced evacuation of probation's Camp Holton in Little Tujunga canyon, close to the quake center. The camp is considered a \$2½ million total loss. Cagle Canyon fire station was destroyed. Surprisingly, the San Fernando municipal courts structure showed almost no evidence of damage.

Other preliminary estimates by the engineer staff include:

— The Music Center, approximately \$200,000, cracks in reflecting pools and other damage.

— Music Center annex, 205 North Grand, \$50,000 damage, repairable.

— Hall of Justice, \$50,000 to \$100,000 damage, chiefly from shifts and cracks in plaster and tile walls.

— Old Hall of Records, \$50,000 loss, cracked plaster and tile walls.

— DPSS complex, 2615 South Grand avenue, \$10,000, cracked walls and plaster.

— DPSS branch, 1172 North McClay street, San Fernando, \$10,000, roof and walls.

— DPSS branch, 109 East Harvard street, Glendale, \$10,000 roof damage.

— Engineer's building, 108 West Second street, \$10,000 to \$15,000 loss.

— Old Civil Service building, 501 North Main street, \$8,000 wall damage, more inspection needed.

— Hall of Administration, no estimate as yet.

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ERCOM to Consider Two More Units

THE EMPLOYEE relations commission plans public hearings in late March and in April on whether to approve forming two new negotiating units of County employees.

Petition No. 111 proposes a unit of 139 chief sanitarians, supervising x-ray technicians, senior laboratory assistants, public health investigators, and others. Petitioners are a joint council of Los Angeles County Employees association, County Employees Union Local 434 (SEIU), and associations of public health engineers, public health investigators, and public health sanitarians.

The other petition, No. 112, calls for a unit of 237 supervising professional social workers. It would include supervising child welfare workers, social work staff development specialists, supervising psychiatric social workers, and others. The petition was filed by the Professional Supervising Social Workers of Los Angeles County.

LACEA Ekes One Out

BY A HAIR-THIN margin, a unit of supervisory administrative, technical and staff services employees has voted Los Angeles County Employees association its negotiating representative.

The employee relations commission announced (Feb. 10) that 98 of the 208 eligible voters in the unit had favored LACEA (only organization on the ballot), 24 voted no, and four challenged ballots went unopened. The total of 126 ballots cast was only .6 percent above the minimum required turnout of 60 percent.

Merger up for Vote

BALLOTS WILL be mailed next Monday (Feb. 22) to LACEA members, asking whether they approve merging LACEA with the AFL-CIO Service Employees International Union.

The merger, if approved, would make the association a member of the County Federation of Labor and would end its 60 years as an

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The engineer staff said many other County structures were damaged in amounts of \$1,000 to \$5,000, but all estimates are now preliminary, based on cursory inspections, and may increase sharply as more data become available.

County engineer John Lambie reported to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday (Feb. 16) that his men had inspected more than 1,500 County buildings and had found damage in 396 of them totaling an estimated \$102 million.

New Real Estate Head

FAST-RISING Victor Adorian won Board of Supervisors' appointment as director of real estate management last Tuesday (Feb. 16). He had been ranked number one in a promotional civil service examination, followed by Jack Hibbs, real property division chief, and Bruce Edson, assistant director.

Adorian, 44, is a 1943 graduate of Dorsey high school, Los Angeles. He received a UCLA master's degree in political science, 1952, worked as an assistant administrative analyst for the CAO 1956-58, spent six years in private business, became a senior administrative assistant at County small craft harbors in 1965, executive assistant in real estate management the following year, and assistant director in mid-1968. He has been acting director of the department since his boss, Arthur Will, became CAO two months ago.

Adorian, unmarried, lives in Hollywood.

independent organization of County employees.

LACEA manager Vic Hochee, announcing his board of directors had approved the merger, said:

"It is obvious we have become a trade union, and we want the advantages of affiliation with the rest of the nation's labor unions."

Deadline for returning ballots is March 8. The state conciliation service will open and count them March 11.

Lambie Bows Out

JOHN LAMBIE, County engineer since 1955, will take over new duties April 1 as general manager of the recently created Ventura regional county sanitation district, the state's first countywide sanitation district.

Lambie, 58, announced his retirement to a surprised Board of Supervisors Jan. 26. He had been in County service for 35 years.

The Board named chief deputy Harvey Brandt as acting County engineer, pending a civil service examination among departmental employees to choose Lambie's successor. The civil service commission accepted applications for the job from Feb. 8 to Feb. 17 and will set a date for the interview examinations.

Job Openings

DESPITE THE slowdown in County hiring, the department of personnel, with CAO approval, is conducting promotional examinations for openings in several County departments. Interested persons may dial 628-9116 for a recorded listing of upcoming examinations.

Another number, 628-9112, carries a recorded list of open competitive examinations for which both County employees and qualified outsiders may file.

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