



*Los Angeles County Supervisor
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TO SUPERVISOR Pete Schabarum we extend our cordial welcome and our best wishes as he assumes a difficult and demanding position. We know that he has a background of particular interest to the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens. He was chairman of the Assembly Subcommittee on Air Pollution in 1970 and has come to be recognized as an expert in this area. In the last four years he has authored, or co-authored almost every piece of legislation on air pollution that became law. We think he will look with favor on our air pollution research projects concerned with plants. In 1965 he served as the foreman of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury, the youngest ever so named. During his term the Grand Jury was noted for its active campaign against rising costs in County government and its investigations of political wrongdoing. Sports fans are familiar with a different aspect of Pete Schabarum's background.

As a halfback for the University of California Golden Bears he played in three successive Rose Bowl games followed by three years of professional football with the San Francisco Forty-Niners. Today, at 43, he still gives the appearance of an athlete in top physical shape.

Expanded Services

THE SHORTENING intervals between announcements of one new development or another at South Coast Botanic Garden are indicative of the progress being made at the Department's youngest facility. From the Public Services Division comes the welcome news that starting March 20, tram tours will be given seven days a week and school field trips five days a week. It was only a little over a year ago, November 27, 1970, to be exact, that a tram was acquired.

A Gross Contest

AS THE BALDWIN BONANZA draws near — April 9th — volunteers, trustees, and staff are feverishly turning to their favorite forms of divination in an effort to come up with the figure that will match the gross receipts of the event. The one who comes closest will be the winning guest of the chairmen of the BONANZA at a celebration luncheon on the 13th. Contest privileges included the right to pay an entrance fee of one dollar, sift through the figures of last year — the gross was \$4,926.08 — quiz those involved for possible tips on what the take might be this year, and freedom to make use of any kind of calculating device whatsoever, not excluding abacuses, astrology charts, or computers. Should profits result from this gross contest they will be added to the total income of the BALDWIN BONANZA. That figure and the name of the winner will be listed somewhere in the pages of the June issue of *Lasca Leaves*.



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