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LOMITA JOINS IN COURT BID

A Penny for your Thoughts



"If you were President of the United States what would you do about the Laos situation?" This question was asked of five people concerning trouble brewing in this far-eastern country.

Mayor Albert Isen, 2271 Torrance Blvd., attorney: "I am in no position to give advice on this subject and believe our governmental relations with Laos and the countries concerned are in the hands of experts. I do think we should tread lightly if we do not want another Korean conflict."



Mrs. J. D. Shouse, Grace Hotel, waitress: "I think we should stay out of all European and Far East troubles. I can't see what the United States would be accomplishing by entering the fight. I think we should wait and see if it doesn't blow over."

Earl Holbrook, Torrance, writer: "What I think about this Laos situation would fill a book, but then I've got a book to fill on another subject. My suggestion is to send them an oil tanker full of brandy and then they will work their problems out for themselves."



Bill Trader, steel fabricator, Lynwood: "I think it is about time we did something about these hot-beds of trouble. I say move in with our military forces. As far as the Communists are concerned we should take the offensive like Russia has done."

Tom Harrison, salesman, 14803 Van Ness: "Let's carry a big stick—and use it. I think we should straighten out all of these squabbles. First we should take care of Cuba. Send the Marines down there and place them under martial law."



Finance Officer Gets CPA Rating
 Jerome I. Scharfman, finance officer for the city of Torrance, has been granted a certificate as Certified Public Accountant by the California State Board of Accountancy, it was announced Friday. Scharfman, who resides at 21101 Madrona Ave., was among 79 receiving the certificates.

Police Wanted In Area

A formal request for additional police protection in the downtown area of Torrance has been sent to the city council by the Downtown Merchants Assn. over the signatures of President A. Robinson and 11 other downtown Torrance merchants. Claiming that merchants "are becoming rapidly more desperate over the apparent lack of police protection for Downtown Torrance," the formal request for additional police patrols will be presented to the councilmen Tuesday evening, at their 8 p.m. meeting.

"WE REALIZE the tremendous responsibility of protecting a city of this size with an inadequate number of police officers," the letter said. "However, as businessmen we sincerely believe we are entitled to more protection." City manager George Stevens, commenting on the letter, said the police department had added more patrol car beats during critical hours in an attempt to provide better coverage.

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JUNE IN JANUARY . . . Pretty Joan Cuthbertson, 22, epitomizes the spirit of spring as she leaps across a January calendar. June-like weather has been prevailing in Torrance since before the first of the year. Joan took advantage of the mildness to practice for modern dance classes she'll instruct for the Torrance Recreation Dept. at Walteria and McMaster Parks starting this week.

Civic Group Backs Local Court Effort

Additional support for establishment of the Southwest District Branch of the Superior Court in Torrance was received this week when the Lomita Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution approving location of the court here and asking to be transferred to this district from the South District served by Long Beach. B. Kenneth Gibson, manager of the Lomita Chamber, announced that group's action following a meeting of the Chamber.

CITY ATTORNEY Stanley Remelmeyer, who has been heading up official efforts to get the court established in Torrance, was jubilant over news of the Lomita decision. "This should have a great influence on the supervisors who are concerned with the problem of establishing the permanent court centers," Remelmeyer said.

THE LOCAL area is now served by a temporary court located in Inglewood near the northern edge of the district. Lomita's action followed that of the city councils of Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates.

Formal offer of a site on the Torrance civic center for the court building will be made by resolution scheduled for adoption by the city council here Tuesday evening.

THE COUNCIL voted last week to renew the offer, first made in 1959. City Attorney Remelmeyer has prepared a resolution citing the inadequate and inconveniently located temporary courthouse in Inglewood, and the available site on the civic center.

"Offer of the land, free of charge, could be the most important consideration in establishing the court," Mayor Albert Isen said.

A SIMILAR offer several years ago led to establishment of a Municipal Court branch on the city's civic center. District Superior Courts now being erected by the county

High School Grads Topic For TEAC

"High School Graduates" will be the topic of discussion at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee noon meeting tomorrow at the Torrance Masonic Hall, 2336 Cabrillo.

A panel will discuss what has happened to Torrance's high school graduates during the past few years — how many went to college, where they went, what they took, and the high school procedures necessary to help them prepare for higher education or jobs.

Leading the panel will be Lysle Albro, work experience coordinator. Members will include the counsellors from the three high schools — James Blue, North; Mrs. Lillian Dean, South; and Mrs. Alice Hammond, Torrance. Two graduates, Mrs. Audrey Stevens Muensterman, now a technical secretary, and Sherwood Tierman, now a student at Long Beach State, will discuss the program in terms of their post-graduate experiences.

Providing music will be the Flavian School Girls' Ensemble, directed by Jerry Andrews. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip will give a school construction report.

200 Have Called Hiatts 'Pop' and 'Mom'

By BOB WILTON
 Herald Staff Writer
 "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe and she had so many children she didn't know what to do."

front door was opened to the first in 1923. Four of them were actually their own. RENA HIATT "just grew up taking care of children." She lost her sight through an accident when she was seven years old and was sent to an orphan home to live. When a baby named Robert was left

at the home in Boyle Heights she was allowed by the sisters to take care of him and rock him to sleep. Right then she decided to have twelve sons of her own and name them all Robert. After regaining her sight through a series of operations she exceeded her quota and there have been a few named Robert.

Christmas with the family and on his return tears were mixed with joy: Dennis and Denise, 9, twins and their sister Patty, 7; Jimmy, 7, who has changed from a frightened boy to an outstanding student and a leader wherever he is; Timmy, 3, "Little Tiger," everyone's pet; and Billy Nick Hiatt, "our own dancer."

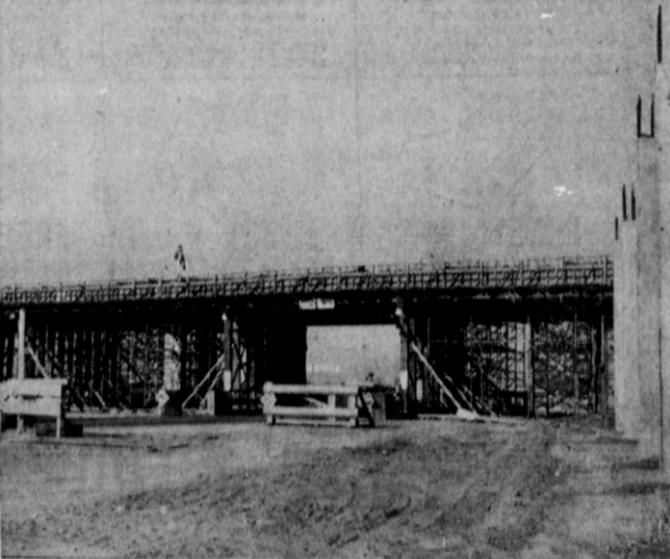


HOME FROM SCHOOL . . . Dennis and Denise greet "Mom" Hiatt when they returned from school Friday. The nine-year-old twins have joined the procession of more than 200 little "guests" who have called her home their home in the past 37 years. Mrs. William Hiatt, who lives at 21502 S. Berendo Ave., has four sons of her own, the youngest is Billy Nick, a professional dancer. (Herald Photo)

NOT ALL of her wards have been sent through the courts. Some have been turned over to her by harassed mothers whose difficulties made them part with their babies. One little boy was left on her doorstep with a note "Looking for work am going to Las Vegas. You'll hear from me." pinned on him. She had the little boy for eight months before she heard from the mother. During World War II Mrs. Hiatt did her part in the war efforts by taking care of children so their mothers could work in defense plants. Her sons Carroll, Bert and Cliff served in the armed forces along with many of her other boys and girls.

"LOVE AND Kindness has been the secret of our happy home," Mrs. Hiatt said, but added, "there has been sadness and tragedy, too. One little boy said 'to me after he had been with us for two weeks 'I'm still waiting'. When I asked him what he was waiting for he said, 'Waiting for Pop to sock me'. This must have been the tragedy of his young life. Heartbreaks and neglect, but sometimes it was circumstances and couldn't be helped."

AT PRESENT the Hiatt family consists of Lamont, 10, the boy with the big smile; our Mike, 11, who missed last School to Invest Surplus in Bonds Investment of \$30,000 in funds in short-term treasury bonds was voted by the Torrance Board of Education. The money will be invested for about 90 days to draw interest. It will be needed to pay bills later this school year.



FREWAY LANDMARK . . . Construction of overpass facilities for the San Diego Freeway near Figueroa St. where the San Diego-Harbor Freeway interchange will be located. Work on the reway section through North Torrance is due to begin in the near future. Completion is scheduled late next year. (Herald Photo)