



Ralphs Opens South Bay Shopping Center May 2

The 15-million dollar South Bay Shopping Center at Redondo Beach and Hawthorne blvds. comes to life Thursday, May 2, at 9 a.m., when the newest and largest store of Southern California's oldest and largest grocery chain, Ralphs Grocery Co. opens its doors.

The opening of Ralphs South Bay store brings the total number of stores in this pioneer grocery chain to 35, and all 35 Ralphs stores will join in a giant Celebration Sale, Thursday, May 2, through Sunday, May 5. There'll be special entertainment and excitement at the new Ralphs, and plenty to

customers through the stiles.

This largest Ralphs store covers an area totalling 34,200 square feet, with 21,750 square feet devoted to the spacious shopping area. What may well be the world's longest bank of mirrors occupies most of one side wall—a panel extending 106 feet in length above the produce section.

Warehousing for such a gigantic operation would ordinarily take up to 12,000 square feet, but thanks to the new streamlined handling of incoming goods and direct filling of shelves, only 7000 square feet need be devoted to storage.

Now, parking is a different matter, and this phase has been planned so generously that more than 5,000 cars will be accommodated at first opening.

"South Bay Shopping Center will be the perfect example of modern one-stop shopping convenience," says Sidney F. Brody, president of Brody Investment company, owner and developer of the center. "By the end of August, the blue ribbon group of fine retail shops will number 36, and when the May company store opens in another year, the center will contain 650,000 square feet of sales area and will cover 55 acres."

Separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic is planned, with a system of underground ramps handling most of the trucking. Protective passageways and daylight lighting are other developments in accord with the latest architectural thinking in shopping center development.

The world's largest automatic bowling alley and a fine restaurant are already in operation at South Bay Shopping Center.

Umpire Training Tests Begin

Field tests, for umpire's training for certification into the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation program, will be conducted from 7-10 p.m., Thursday, April 25, at Torrance Park.

Supervisors To Open Bids For Dominguez Channel

Construction bids for one of the most important flood control projects ever undertaken in the Gardena-Torrance area—the permanent improvement of Dominguez channel between Denker and Vermont avenues—will be opened tomorrow, April 26, according to County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The work, which will cost an estimated \$2,000,000, will include constructing Dominguez channel on a new alignment, extension of the Normandie avenue bond issue storm drain down to the new channel, and new bridges across the channel on the new alignment at Normandie and Vermont avenues, Supervisor Hahn said.

He pointed out that much of the flooding in the wake of the 1956 January storm was caused by the small culverts under the present bridges across the channel at Normandie and Vermont which dammed the water, causing it to back up.

"Water will pass under these new bridges through huge concrete boxes totaling 75 feet in width and approximately 18 feet deep, and this should eliminate this problem," Supervisor Hahn said.

Improvement of the channel proper will include the construction of concrete walls and bottom. The concrete channel will be 18 feet deep and 75 feet wide on a right-of-way of 125 feet.

New course of the channel will be an extension of its alignment at Denker parallel to and approximately 600 feet south of Artesia blvd. After

LOMITA HEARS LA OFFICIALS

James Algae and Warren Bennett of the County Administrator's office, and legal department, addressed Lomita residents last week at a meeting sponsored by the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters group.

Algae indicated that county authorities must remain neutral on the incorporation issue, proceeding to give arguments both for and against the proposal.

Algae informed the group that expenditure of gas tax money from the State is very strictly regulated, stating that it can be used only for major and secondary highways. Forty per cent must go for the maintenance of

roads and 60 per cent must go for the construction of new roads.

Revenue from motor vehicle use tax is determined by multiplying the number of registered voters by three and multiplying that figure by \$5.50. Expected revenue for Lomita would amount to approximately \$63,000.

Gas tax revenue, figured by multiplying the registered voters by three and then times \$2.50, would amount to about \$30,000, it was indicated.

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