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Western Ave. Improvement in Torrance Area Planned

Proposed improvement of the east side of Western Ave. between 220th St. and Sepulveda Blvd. as a Capital Improvement project, initiated by District Councilman John S. Gibson, Jr., was recommended for expansion by the Board of Public Works today.

The Board advised Gibson that it has been found desirable to extend the improvement to 218th St. in order to eliminate narrow sections which would impede traffic in the block between 219th St. and 218th St.

Improvement plans call for widening this portion of Western Ave., adjoining Torrance, which will improve the flow of traffic and provide a turnout lane for vehicles making a right-hand turn from Western Ave. Concrete curbs will be constructed to guide traffic and to help control drainage, and a concrete pavement will be laid.

City Engineer Lyall A. Pardee estimated the overall cost of the project at \$91,000 and the Board recommended that it be financed in the fiscal year beginning July 1 with capital improvement funds.

Father and Son Western Banquet

Dads and sons will go western when they attend the annual Father-Son Banquet at the Seaside Community Church, 230th and Ocean Ave. tomorrow.

"Chuck Wagon" dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Woman's Guild, donation \$1.25 for adults and 75c for boys under twelve.

Harry Dice, president of the Men's Fellowship, will be toastmaster.

Serving on the committee with Mrs. Ted Costa, coordinator, are Mmes. Irvin Pauling, Harry Dice, Enrique Rendon, Clyde Rosellen, Marion Cummings and Roger Schriefer.



COMMENCEMENT of graduation activities They will be among 418 recipients of the as-came for Terri Amaya of Hawthorne and Bertrand Dumeis of Torrance of El Camino College when they donned cap and gown for fitting, sociate in arts degree tomorrow at 4 p. m. in the college stadium. Both were outstanding in scholastic and service activities on campus.

Old Shipmates Stage Reunion as Recruiters

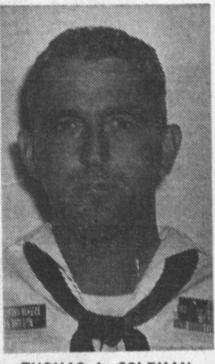
When Thomas A. Coleman, 3213 Dalemead St., Boatswain mate first class, reported to the local Navy recruiting officer for duty last week, he joined two of his former shipmates, Chief Gunner's Mate Vince B. Lawlor and Chief Gunner's Mate Marlon D. Bradley.

The three of them served together aboard the attack transport USS Talladega. All three saw service in the Pacific during World War II and in the Korean conflict. They also were in Indo China during the evacuation of the Viet Namees in the operation known as the Passage to Freedom.

Chief Lawlor, who has been the recruiter for this area for the past two years, will retire from the Navy next month after 21 years' service.

They invite anyone wanting to enlist or desiring information to drop by and see them at the recruiting office at 16422 S. Vermont Ave. or call DAVIS 4-4588.

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THOMAS A. COLEMAN

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is in its first week at Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 So. Prairie Ave. and will continue until June 26.

New registrations will be received each day at 9 a.m. Over forty teachers under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Lloyd C. Warneke are following the theme, "Going God's Way" in stories, songs, games and handicraft. A closing program will be at 7:30 p.m. on June 26 with a Baptism Service for children attending the school.

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Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:
 As the school year ends, the Torrance Unified School District would like to say thank you for the wide coverage that the Torrance Press has given the schools during the past year.

You have helped to let the people know what is happening in the schools and to give recognition to deserving students and staff members.

We find this to be a very valuable service to us and wish to express our sincere appreciation for the service you render this community by publishing news about the schools.

We have enjoyed our contacts with you and your staff, Mary Neth and Dorothy Daniels, during the past year and will look forward to working with you in the future.—J. H. Hull.

To the Editor:
 I am opposed to the elimination of the Torrance to Los Angeles and the Torrance to Long Beach bus service. These buses should be continued, since many people depend on them. Instead of stopping these runs, more people should be encouraged to leave their cars at home and use the buses. Now is the time to improve public transportation, not kill it.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poice, 1823 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance.

Letter to Editor:
 As a daily commuter on the Torrance to Los Angeles buses for over five years, I object to the curtailment of this service. There are many of us who must depend on public transportation to and from our jobs. Making connections with MTA or Gardena buses would cause us to spend from 3 1/2 to 4 hours a day in travel time. Perhaps new management and a change in

some of the schedules could help the situation. The two bus depots at either end of the line are certainly an unnecessary expense. It is nice to have a shelter during the rainy season, but we have so little rain.

It would seem that more rapid and efficient transportation should be the goal of an All-America City, or are we being governed by Isolationists?

I hope the Council will be able to work out a plan, whereas we will still be able to work in Los Angeles and spend our money in Torrance. Very truly yours,
 (signed) Beatrice M. Bundy.

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