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New Subdivisions Okayed by Board

Clearance for two new Torrance subdivisions was granted this week by the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission...

Subdividers Dan Butcher and Benny Mastropolo, 2371 Torrance Blvd., received approval of their plans for six acres with 32 single family residence lots...

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Draft Call Drops

The draft call for February has been set at 6000 men, 1000 less than the number called in January.

All of the February quota will go into the Army. It will bring to 2,503,430 the number of men inducted by Selective Service...

Novel Idea

A fire department in Iowa maintains a band made up exclusively of saxophones. This technique of blowing them out must be new-Portland Oregonian.

New Market Nears Finish

The big, new ultra modern Fox Market at 20800 S. Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, is now in the final construction stages...

Palmer said the new market, the 40th in the Fox Markets chain, is the initial unit of a "planned complete shopping center for the City of Torrance."

Bonus Stamp Annex

Adjacent to the new Fox Market and scheduled for opening at the same time as a 5000 square foot S&H Green Stamp showroom and warehouse...

"Having the S&H store so close to the market will be a great convenience for our shoppers and will make it very easy for them to redeem their S&H Green Stamp books for merchandise," Palmer said.

The new market building, designed by the Carl Maston-Richard Banta Los Angeles Architectural firm, contains approximately 30,000 square feet of steel frame and masonry...

Interesting features of the new Fox Market include a wall constructed of aluminum and glass, lightweight aluminum frame ceilings designed to provide better acoustics...

Ultra-modern in all aspects, the new market is completely air conditioned and has both automatic exit and entrance doors.



ELECTRONIC MAGIC—Chuck Daniels, Fox Market director, demonstrates new electronic directory. To find any item in the Fox Market, merely press button opposite the desired article...

How the Inch Was Adopted

It took centuries for men to agree on a standard length for the inch. But outside of the English-speaking countries, most people would call it a waste of time.

The inch started out as the width of a man's thumb. That was a sound idea as long as one man was doing the measuring. But when two men began arguing over a boundary, they needed a thumb they both respected.

In the 1100's, a Scottish king named David compromised: he decreed that an inch was the average of the thumbs of three men — a small man, a man of medium stature, and a large man — "massurit at the rut of the nayil."

England wouldn't buy that, and a few years later Richard I made the first law requiring actual standards for measurement. These were iron bars, guarded by sheriffs. In case of a dispute, the item in question could be measured against the standard.

According to World Book Encyclopedia, Edward II tried his hand at standardizing the inch in the 1300's. He declared that one inch should be equal to three barleycorns taken from the center of the ear and placed end to end.

The French, bursting with equality during their Revolution, thought that was typical of royal whimsy and let the scientists take over. The result was the metric system, based on the decimal system, which the Egyptians had been using for centuries.

In 1875, 17 nations including the U.S. set up the International Bureau of Weights and Measures near Paris. Standards of the meter and the kilogram, made of an alloy of platinum and iridium, were placed in the Bureau, and duplicates were sent to the governments of the founding nations.

The U.S. was reluctant to give up the yard and the pound, measures which it had taken from England. But in 1893 it adopted the metric system as the standard for legally defining these measures.

Except for the U.S., Great Britain and most of the British Commonwealth nations, most countries have adopted the metric system. It is used in science... in measuring radio waves and electric current... and in all U.S. government departments dealing in tariff operations, in coinage money, and in weighing foreign mail.

Statistical Vital statistics for the past year show that a lot of people went stork mad-Wardial.

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Civic Center Promo Report

The Civic Center Promotion Committee's official report will be presented by Chairman James Becker to the Torrance City Council on Tuesday, January 19, it was announced today.

The Committee, appointed by the City Council to make recommendations for the development of the Civic Center, has been meeting the past few months.

Becker said his group is recommending the immediate hiring of an Architectural firm to Master Plan the entire 42-acre Center. Plans for the center, as recommended, will include an auditorium, recreation centers, athletic fields, Y.M.C.A. Building, Community Welfare Building, and Library.

Becker said when completed the center will be one of the finest in the entire nation. The citizens of Torrance can be grateful that a far-thinking City Government has made it possible to have such a Civic Center development. Something most cities don't have he declared.

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New Schools Slated for City

Barring unforeseen developments, Torrance children will move into one new school, one rehabilitated school, and additions to 10 other schools within the next two months.

That was what James E. Crockett, director of new construction for Torrance schools, told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon, in a report on school building activities.

Adams School, 238th and Arlington, should be open about the middle of March, he said, relieving double sessions at Wood School. Rehabilitation and earthquake proofing of Fern School should be complete about the same time he added, relieving the load at Greenwood School.

Depending on progress of construction, Towers School may open late this spring, helping crowded conditions at Steele and Flavian Schools. Madison School, which will relieve Carr and Perry, probably will be ready about the close of school. Additions to North and South High will be open early next year. Now on the planning boards are Victor Elementary School, West High School, Hickory Ave. Elementary School, and additions to Torrance High.

Lionesses Plan Bowling Meet

The North Torrance Lioness Club made plans for an evening of bowling next month at a recent meeting in the Alondra Club.

Members also discussed plans to attend the Lions Convention in Santa Monica Jan. 23.

Those attending were Emily Schleissner, Alva Wilson, Ardis Church, Olive Hunter, Helma Chambers, Joyce Thomas, Dottie Heib and Fern Earrick. And Dorothy Baker, Louise Comstock, Sue Kimble, Marge Cunerty, Pat Stamm, Joan Peterson, Nancy Parker, Pat Perez, Betty Nolan, Flo McLayne, Shirley Cullum, Clara Brown, Betty Hubert and Flora Mathews.

Birds of A Feather You go up in life and you come down. And it's a tossup on which trip you meet the nice people—Monroe (Iowa) Mirror.

DID YOU KNOW by Ken



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