



HOME & GARDENS



What Beauty Means to Me

An essay contest sponsored by the Torrance Beautiful Commission is open to all students in the high schools of the Torrance Unified School District and the Bishop Montgomery High School.

The theme is: "What a Beautiful City Means To Me." The writer of the winning essay from each high school will receive a trophy.

The essay must be the original work of the student who enters the contest, and is not to exceed 500 words.

The entries will be judged on aptness of thought, originality, grammar and neatness. The essays must be typewritten and double-spaced, or neatly written in ink.

The name of the writers, age, grade level, and the name of the school must be written on a separate attached sheet.

Deadline for the selection of each school winner is Friday, March 15.

Narbonne High Offers Classes Of Home Beauty

Women who wish to learn how to beautify their homes can receive professional help from the home decoration classes at Narbonne Adult School, 24300 S. Western Ave., Harbor City, Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Tailored draperies, hooked or braided rugs with blending of colors, new smoked cushions for bedroom or livingroom, fluffy or tailored lampshades are among the articles being made.

Instruction is given in leather work, mosaics, and fabric painting.

Two such classes are held. Mrs. Violet McCormick teaches arts and crafts for home decoration. Mrs. Ruth Mohler, draperies and lampshades. New class members may register at Narbonne Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

Gardening Tips For February

Prune fuchsias now, cutting them back at least one third to be sure of plenty of new growth to carry blooms.

Hurry up on the bare-root planting. The season is fast running out on us.

Make another planting of gladioli if it's been about three weeks since you last set any out. This insures a succession of bloom.

Other summer blooming bulbs such as begonias, tigridias, tuberoseas, carnations and callas also may be planted now.

Start working up a seedbed for that new lawn if you want to plant it this spring. Use plenty of manure, and peat moss, also some commercial soil conditioner to keep it in good shape.

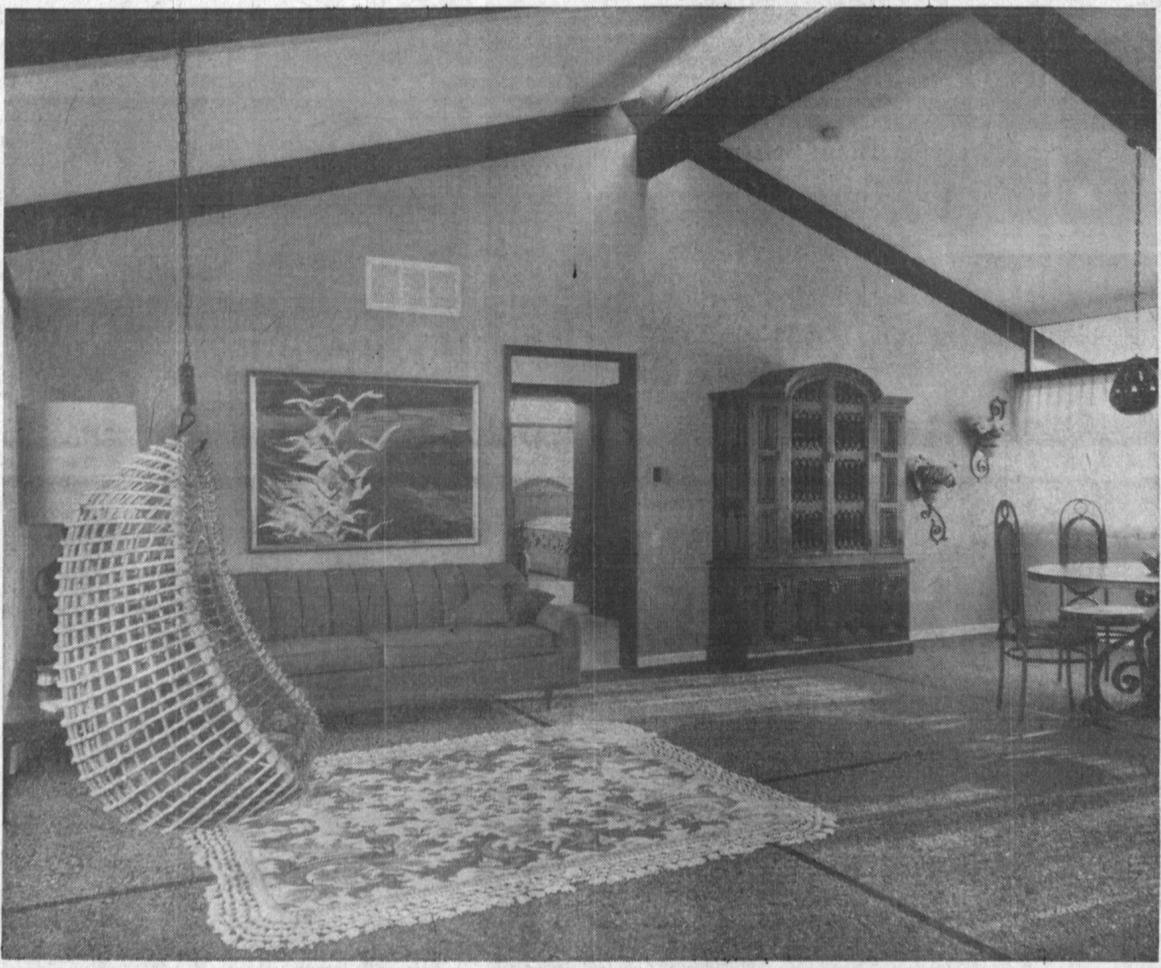
Heart Drive

First returns from Southwestern Region Heart Sunday drive totaled \$27,535.93 according to Mrs. Henri Front of Torrance, regional heart Sunday chairman.

Last year the first night's total in the region was \$13,413. To date \$228,940.36 of the 1963 Heart Sunday goal for the Los Angeles County Heart Association of \$290,000 has been recorded.

Gas Rates Go Down

The California Public Utilities Commission has approved a reduction in electric rates negotiated by its staff with Southern California Edison Co. amounting to \$1,863,090 per year. The reduced rates went into effect for meter readings on and after Friday, Feb. 22.



THE INTERIOR OF MONTEVERDE display house is shown above. It is designed by J. Merrill Gray, with interiors by Casey Gray. The development is located at Hawthorne Blvd. and Crest Road on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Open hours are from noon until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



YOUNG AMERICA and the know-how of today are blended in this sofa bed suite. While retaining the design features of our forefathers' furnishings, both the sofa-bed and platform rocker are engineered for comfort and convenience. Executed in a warm finished hardrock maple, this pair creates a cozy atmosphere.

Choice Pick in Trees

The Southern California climate is famous for its variety of fruit. If a gardener wants apples, peaches, or other fruits of northern climes, he can have them.

If he wants papayas or sapotes from the tropics he can have them. Few areas of the world permit such versatility.

There are many evergreen fruit trees available in nurseries. Local members of the California Assn. of Nurserymen have such offerings as cherimoyas, mangos, papayas, guavas, loquats, and sapotes to say nothing of many citrus fruits, plus avocados.

If you've never picked and tasted these delicacies from your own trees, you have some very special surprises in store. Cherimoyas and sapotes are well suited to this climate and produce excellent crops. Cherimoyas are a green, heart-shaped fruit with a tantalizing tropical flavor; sapotes, resemble a green apple, but taste more like a soft-fleshed peach.

Nowhere in the world does the combination of climate and soil produce such excellent oranges, lemons, mandarins and other citrus fruit. Californians, accustomed to their own oranges never get used to the lesser quality of fruit from other citrus growing areas.

Of the deciduous available in Southern California, peaches, plums, apricots, are all well adapted in one variety or another. It is a good idea to first consult a local nurseryman, however, for varieties that do well in one place may not be adapted to another.

CARD PARTY

Torrance camp of Royal Neighbors will sponsor a public card party Tuesday, in the Torrance Woman's Club house, 1422 Engracia Ave., at 8:15 p.m.

Bridge, pinochle, 500, canasta and bingo will be featured.

The oracle, Mrs. Bertha Sharpe, and the vice-oracle, Mrs. Marie Kosak, will be hostesses.

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There's Something New In the Faces of Zinnias

It's one of the pleasures of gardening that new faces are always appearing. New roses, especially the All-America Rose Selections, get the lion's share of attention in this line, but there are many other new faces.

Among these are the new bedding plants which will be making their first appearance during 1963.

On hand in the nurseries this year are new annuals which should gladden the heart of anyone who likes color, quick and bright. Included are two zinnias and two petunias.

A miniature zinna named Thumbelina topped top honors with the Gold Medal in All-America competition. Another zinna named Firecracker was winner of the AA Silver Medal. This is the second year in a row that zinnias have finished strongly in this competition.

Thumbelina is a compact little charmer which grows only about six inches high. It should become a favorite in all parts of the state. Its blooms are double or semi-double in a mixture of yellow, orange, pink, scarlet, lavender and white. Growers claim it starts blooming early—when the plants are only three inches high—and will continue blooming until frost, if you keep the fading flowers picked off.

The Silver Medal winner, Firecracker, is a cactus-type zinna which growers claim is the largest of this type ever seen. It comes only in flaming scarlet red, a real winner for those who love

lavish display.

The new Cascade petunia strain has been enthusiastically received by California growers. They are of the grandiflora type, with huge blooms up to four or five inches in diameter.

Four of these Cascade hybrids are available in nurseries. Fandango Cascade has a rich violet blue flower with a white star in its center. Pink Cascade is a bright, clear pink. Red Cascade is a vivid scarlet, and White Cascade is a pure sparkling white. All are early blooming and can be counted on for a long show of color.

Four new petunias of the double multiflora type also are worth noting. They are Cardinal Red, Honey Bunch, which is a lovely salmon ping, Pink Riches and White Riches.

These new double multifloras produce compact, spreading plants, excellent for massing. Flowers are medium size, and plenty of them.

Two-Day Orchid Showing Opens March 9 at Alondra

Orchid Princess of the Third Annual Spring Orchid Show to be staged March 9 and 10 at the Alondra Park Recreation Building is Mellesa Ann Hennrich, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hennrich, 5207 Lenora St., Torrance.

She is the youngest active member of the South Bay Orchid Society, Inc., co-sponsors of the show which is free to the public. The society meets monthly at El Retiro Park and many members are residents of the Torrance area.

Mellesa, with the help of her father and other society members, is learning to grow orchids.

Theme of the show is "Our Wonderful World of Orchids."

Individual entries of all types of orchids from amateur growers or hobbyists are welcomed.

Special emphasis will be placed on floral arrangements and corsages featuring orchids.

The show opens from 1 to 10 p.m., Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sundays. A photographic session from 9 to 11 a.m., Sunday, is planned. Plant entries will be received at the recreation building from 4 to 9 p.m., Friday March 8 and from 8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, March 9.



MIXED COLORS make an attractive summer border. Everblooming six-inch Zinnia Thumbelina, a compact plant, has won the first all-America gold medal award since 1950. They call it a "little jewel" for your garden.

Are You a Publicity Chairman?

A director of newspapers in Los Angeles and Orange County has been published as a public service by Occidental Life of California.

The directory lists newspapers in the greater Los Angeles area, and the areas in which the papers circulate.

Designed primarily for the volunteer publicity chairman, the directory makes it easier to send stories to the proper papers, according to H. D. Trueblood, Occidental vice-president.

Free copies of the directory can be obtained by writing "Publicity," The Press, 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, Calif.

LOCALITES ENTERTAIN

Localites recently hosting parties at The Pen and Quill hotel-restaurant in Manhattan Beach included Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Masek of Torrance, who entertained friends for cocktails and dinner.

Also noted at The Pen and Quill the same evening were Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Bott of Hollywood Riverside who hosted five guests.

A Sunday at Brunch

Sunday brunch at the Plush Horse offers 20 different items to select from, served from a 50-foot food buffet. Entrees include chip beef on toast, roast top sirloin. Adults \$3 and children \$1.50, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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