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A Penny for your Thoughts

With Walteria having its annual Roundup Days next month the Pennies inquirer asked five candidates for queen of the event to give in their own words an invitation to the public to attend the event.

Sharon Gunther, 5249 Vandenhill:

"I wish every Torrance resident would turn out for the celebration. It's lots of fun because of all the activities going on at the carnival grounds which will probably be at Walteria Park.

Celia Hawley, 340 Paseo de Gracia:

"I wish people would come to bring out the western spirit because this is the west. I want everyone to come and see our friends entered in the beard contest and have a good time during the two-day event."

Maxine Baer, 3650 Newton

"I invite all of Torrance to come to the Walteria Roundup Days because we have put so much effort into something different and interesting. It's a very worthwhile event because it puts spirit into Torrance and Walteria is doing it's part toward this goal."

Carol Daywalt, 22838 La-deene:

"Most people enjoy getting out of the house and I think carnivals and parades like we will have here in Walteria are a lot of fun. I'd like to see residents other than those of Walteria turn out for the celebration. I think the public has given the celebration good community support."

Val Vergith, 6716 Abbottswood, Palos Verdes Estates:

"We are going to have a real good festival and I wish everyone would come and have a good time. The big parade is Sept. 13 at 12:30 p.m. and will start at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton Street. I am participating in the event myself because I find enjoyment in it and I think everybody will."

Council Asks For Bids on Zoning Study

The newly incorporated City of Lomita took its first steps Monday night toward developing a comprehensive general plan.

City councilmen directed Stanley D. Greene, city administrator, to get bids from consultants and report back to the council. Councilman Mead Gardiner wanted the report by next month's meeting, but Greene said it could not be available that soon.

The action came after the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Association asked for a moratorium on apartment construction.

A member of the audience, David Scott of Pacific Western Engineering Association, asked the council not to take hasty action on the moratorium since the city lacks a master plan.



HERB CAEN
"It's News to He"

Columnist Herb Caen Joins Staff

Mr. San Francisco, Herb Caen, joins the Press-Herald family of special features with today's editions.

Caen's column — best described as a continuous love letter to San Francisco — will appear in both the Wednesday and Sunday editions of the Press-Herald.

San Francisco's best-loved columnist, and best promoter, began his newspaper career with a column titled "Corridor Gossip," under the byline "Raisin Caen," at Sacramento High School in 1931. Since that time, he's done nothing but go up—right to the top.

CAEN JOINED the San Francisco Chronicle in 1935 as a radio columnist, and im-

Thomas Recovering In Hospital

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas is reported in excellent condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach following major surgery last Friday. The assemblyman is expected to remain in the hospital for about 10 days.

Dr. Leslie Esposito said Thomas was suffering from a complication of diverticulitis. There were no signs of any malignant growth, Dr. Esposito said.

Mrs. Helen Radmilovich, the assemblyman's secretary, said Thomas was grateful for the many good wishes and flowers he had received. His office will remain open, with Mrs. Radmilovich in charge.



SKYWARD BOUND . . . John G. Koshak, right, of Torrance, takes a nose count preparatory to taking off from the Torrance airport with his family on a four-week around the nation flight. Left to right are John J. Koshak, holding William, who is one year old, and Mrs. Mary Koshak, parents of the pilot, and Jannis, his wife, who is holding Katherine, four weeks. Koshak's children in front are, left to right, Susan, 6, John W., 5, and Skipper, 3.
(Press-Herald Photo)

REACH NEW ORLEANS

Torrance Family Leaves On Plane Tour of Nation

By DARRELL MADDOX
Press-Herald Staff Writer

A Torrance man left the municipal airport Monday on a four week around-the-nation airplane trip with his wife, five children, and parents.

John G. Koshak, an engineer by trade, said he has no qualms about taking the trip in a light Cessna aircraft because he has confidence in the airplane and his ability, although he only has 116 hours flying time.

He has been planning the

trip since he learned to fly in May.

TODAY THE Koshaks were scheduled to be sightseeing in New Orleans. Their trip will take them to Phoenix where they will visit relatives, to El Paso to visit friends and then to Miami to visit more friends.

They will then spend a week visiting Mrs. Koshak's relatives in Maryland. The next stop is Bangor, Maine, for a lobster dinner and then to Chicago to visit comedian

Jerry Lester who is a personal friend. They will stop at Wichita where they will be guests at the Cessna plant and then on to Rapid City to see Mt. Rushmore, sightseeing at Salt Lake City, Reno and Eureka, to visit relatives, and then home.

A TOTAL of 9,000 miles will be covered on the trip, which is costing Koshak \$1,500 for lease of the airplane and an average \$25 per night's lodging.

The trip was planned at this time because it had to be sandwiched in between Koshak's two week period of training at Camp Roberts with the 63rd Infantry Division, which just returned, and the start of school.

KOSHAK, A Torrance High School graduate, said, "You have a feeling in flying you just don't have in driving a car."

"You're master in the sky because the elements, God and you are in command. It's an extreme challenge to an individual."

Coffee breaks and lunch stops are scheduled every two and a half to three hours for the three generations of Koshaks.

Koshak was taught to fly by a local flight school.

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Split Vote Ends Fight On Project

A divided City Council denied a change of zone request which would have permitted high-rise construction at Torrance Beach after a debate lasting more than four hours last night.

More than 300 people packed the council chambers, an adjoining room, and the hallway for the hearing, then gave councilmen a long round of applause when the final vote was recorded.

Councilmen Kenneth Miller, H. T. "Ted" Olson, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and George Vico voted to deny the zone change after a compromise motion offered by Mayor Albert Isen failed to get the necessary votes.

The mayor's motion would have granted the zone change, provided the actual beach area was deeded to the city for use as a public beach. Developers for the proposed high-rise condominium agreed verbally to the condition during the evening.

AT ISSUE was the proposed development of a 16-story condominium apartment building which included a penthouse restaurant and commercial stores on the lobby floor. Plans called for the construction of 140 apartment units and three floors of underground parking facilities. Sovereign Development Co. is the owner of the land.

John K. Eardley, a consulting engineer retained by Sovereign Development Co. for the \$6 million project, told councilmen the proposed building would be "a good thing for the city." Eardley made a formal presentation of more than hour's length before the council.

Principal opponents of the high-rise, residents of the Riviera section, argued that de-

Impression Of Germany Recounted

Editor's Note: This is the second of several letters which Pam Fleming, a Torrance High Student now in Germany on the American Field Service exchange program, will write to the people of Torrance.

Hello from Germany!

The City of Eschwege is very near the border of East Germany, one day we drove north to this border. We stood about 10 feet from a watchtower where we could see Russians peering at us. They have built new fences along the "line."

All of the steel in East Germany is used for these fences and it is impossible to purchase so much as a nail in the towns. The particular village we could see was a farming town.

Whenever a man wants to go out to plow his fields he must register and then he's "accompanied" by 10 to 12 soldiers.

Our next trip was "to the end of the world" as Fattie (my German Father) called it. We drove very high into the mountains then down

New Report Delivered - - -

Another report from the Attorney General's office relative to the investigation into Torrance municipal government was handed to City Councilmen yesterday, the Press-Herald learned late last night. The investigation was triggered last year with the arrest of three Torrance Police officers on felony charges. Contents of the latest report have not been revealed.

Aquacade Begins Friday - - -

"Aqua-Americana," this year's Torrance Recreation Department aquacade, will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings at the City Plunge. The swimming show gets under way at 8:30 each evening, with a carnival scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

Driver Injured Here - - -

One driver was injured Tuesday and was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital after a two car accident about 12:30 p.m. on Arlington just north of Gramercy Ave. Mona Inez Boyd, 48, of 24200 Walnut St., Lomita, suffered major injuries.

Sniper Fires at Home - - -

Louis Lloyd Seaman of 1875 W. 108th St. told police a sniper's bullet went through his front window and lodged in the front room wall early Monday morning. Seaman said he went to investigate when he heard the shot about 12:15 a.m.



POOL SHOW . . . Four members of the east of the annual Torrance Recreation Department Aquacade go through their act during a rehearsal for the show. Shown here are Ron Murphy, Phil Scholl, Ken Crosby, and Bob Simes. The show, "Aqua-Americana 1964," will be staged Friday night at the City Plunge. The program begins at 8:30.