

# Coliseum, Sports Arena Show \$500,000 in Profit

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It is interesting to note the combined operations from the new Anaheim Stadium and Convention Center had a deficit of \$878,273 in 1967-1968.

According to the Anaheim city finance director, that deficit could rise to \$1.2 million this year, despite a \$656,000 return from a recently passed bed tax in that city.

The citizens of the city and county of Los Angeles can be proud of the pay-as-you-go operations of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena.

IN CONTRAST to Anaheim, the Los Angeles Coliseum and Sports Arena experienced their best year in history, recording a net profit of \$507,400 in fiscal 1967-68.

That was realized after \$1,372,000 in operating expenses and \$290,000 in repayment of interest on the Sports Arena bonds was subtracted from total gross income of \$2,170,000.

More than half of the profits, \$282,000, have been applied to making the Coliseum and Sports Arena more comfortable and attractive for its patrons with such capital improvements as refurbishing the peristyles, improvements to the restrooms and to the Sports Arena ice rink.

THESE GREAT facilities have never had to depend

upon tax dollars for their operation.

The Sports Arena was built at no cost to the taxpayers through revenue bonds which are being repaid from gate receipts.

Coliseum General Manager William Nicholas informs me the prospectus is for a continued fine future for the Exposition Park facilities.

IN A previous column, I

reported that the chairman of the Municipal Court Judges Association had complained that the County Public Defender "rarely, if ever," pleads a defendant guilty at preliminary hearings and seems to be providing counsel for persons who could afford their own attorneys.

Public Defender Richard Buckley has answered these complaints in a lengthy report.

Judge Charles T. Smith of Long Beach, chairman of the association, based his charges on a study made in Long Beach courts.

BUCKLEY challenged that study, saying during the period in question the Public Defender obtained more dismissals and more not guilty verdicts than private counsel.

Buckley emphasizes a case

is taken to trial only if it is in the defendant's best interest or the defendant chooses to exercise his legal and constitutional rights, regardless of the Deputy Public Defender's advice.

The Public Defender concluded that each Deputy Public Defender is doing his utmost to represent only those clients financially unable to obtain private counsel.



**HAPPY WINNERS . . .** Nine North Torrance youngsters have been named winners in the Foods Co. Supermarket Burry Cookie Coloring Contest conducted during July at all Foods Co. stores. Pictured here are five of the nine winners receiving congratulations from Mark Fineberg, Foods Co. grocery manager. The youngsters are (from left) Paul Bogdanovic, Nancy Yunquez, Mike Kobel, Lorraine Hernandez, and Heidi Konrad.



**WIN CONTEST . . .** Stan Hanover, manager of the Foods Co. market in the Rolling Hills Plaza, congratulates nine South Torrance winners in the Foods Co. Burry Cookie Coloring Contest. The contest, conducted at all Foods Co. stores during July, was open to youngsters 5 to 12 years of age.

## Saturday Tests Set By Sheriff

In an effort to recruit more than 300 new Deputies, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has arranged special Saturday testing programs for Aug. 10, 17, and 31 and Sept. 7.

Career-oriented men and women, 21 to 34 years of age, who find it inconvenient to apply for this law enforcement position on weekdays, are particularly encouraged to take advantage of this special arrangement.

To further expedite the examination process, written test will be scored immediately and successful candidates will receive an oral interview on the same day.

The starting salary is \$715, with an advance to \$755 after the first year. At the end of three years, the deputy sheriff earns \$842 per month.

Interested applicants may apply at 8:30 a.m. in Room 493, Hall of Administration.

## Meeting Slated

Members of the Torrance Airport Commission will meet tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

## Retail Sales in State Increase by 7 Per Cent

SACRAMENTO — Taxable retail sales in California rose 6 per cent for the first three months of 1968 over the same period a year ago, Paul R. Leake, members of the Board of Equalization announced today.

In Los Angeles County the gain was 7.8 per cent. Sales in the county, the board report indicated, were \$3,373,956,000 for the three month period.

Torrance recorded taxable sales of \$65.1 million during the quarter.

The board said a boom in new car sales of 13 per cent

resulted in 55 of the state's 58 counties showing some of the gain in sales.

New vehicles sales alone account for about 12 per cent of all taxable sales in California. Used vehicle sales were up 6 1/2 per cent for the period over the same period last year.

Total taxable sales set a \$8.6 billion total for the three month period, which was a 9 per cent increase over the period a year ago.

From the taxable sales, the state received \$349 million in revenue from its 4 per cent sales tax, and collected another \$87 million for cities under the additional 1 per cent levy.

The board said the figures do not include an estimated two billion for exempt food, gasoline, and prescription drug sales.

## Test Scheduled

The Peace Corps will give a placement test Saturday, Aug. 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Post Office

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7 1/2 OZ. CAN **35¢**

**JAPAN ASSORTED TAKUWANZUKE**  
PICKLED VEGETABLES 6 OZ. PKG. **19¢**

**HAWAII KIM CHEE KOREAN PICKLE**  
FULL PINT JAR **69¢**

**In The Meat Dept.**

**SUKI-YAKI**  
THIN SLICED RIB EYE **\$1.09 LB.**

**FRESH SIDE PORK**  
BY THE PIECE **49¢ LB.**  
SLICED 59¢ LB.

**GRAPES**  
LARGE CLUSTERS **15¢ lb.**

**In The Fresh Produce Dept.**

**FRESH NAPPA** **8¢ lb.**

**FRESH BEAN SPROUTS** **10¢ lb.**

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