

Count Report

Chase Terms Yule Fest 'Living Christmas Card'

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Every year, Los Angeles County presents a "living Christmas card" to its citizens.

It's the annual Christmas Eve Music Program, staged in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center, 135 N. Grand Ave. The day-long program is in its ninth year, and it is one of the finest events of its kind.

It's successful not only because it is timely, but because it involves choirs, orchestras, and carolers from all over the county. The event attracts a live audience of several thousand persons over the course of a day.

IN ADDITION, the program is presented in its entirety from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on television station KCET (Channel 28) and over radio station KRHM-FM.

Performing artists are young and old, coming from churches, schools, and organizations from across the county. Admission to The Music Center, of course, is free, as is parking.

The presentation of this annual program gives the Board of Supervisors an opportunity to wish the citizens of this county holiday greetings.

I'd like to extend my personal Christmas greetings to my constituents in the Fourth District, along with my best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous new year.

SENIOR citizens from across the county will cheer patients at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Thursday evening, Dec. 19, when they visit in the wards and attend a Christmas party.

Ward visitation will begin at 8 p.m., followed by festivities in the medical facility auditorium at 7601 E. Imperial Hwy. in Downey.

This is a fine gesture by the senior citizens who continue to emphasize their importance to society.

STUDIES which could lead to

the development of a Lomita Civic Center have been ordered by the assessor and county engineer. If an administrative center could be developed in conjunction with the city, it would centralize many county and municipal services for the convenience of the citizens.

The County Chief Administrative Officer had been instructed to coordinate the study in order to outline the needs of the county in that area. He will work with the city in the hopes that a city-county administrative center might be developed.

The county already leases office space for various depart-

ments in the Lomita area, including the assessor and county engineer. If an administrative center could be developed in conjunction with the city, it would centralize many county and municipal services for the convenience of the citizens.

CREATION of a Superior Court district to serve the Compton area has been approved, paving the way for relief in overcrowded court districts. Not only will this district bet-

ter serve the citizens of the Compton area, it will alleviate heavy case backlogs in surrounding districts such as Long Beach and Torrance.

The matter now goes back to the Superior Court where it must be approved by a majority of judges. Meanwhile, the county and the Superior Court will determine the number of courtrooms required, and plans for these courts will be included in the Compton Civic Center proposal.

County Declares War On Narcotic Problem

A pilot program is being developed at the suggestion of Supervisor Kahn to meet head-on the growing problem of narcotics at junior and senior high schools.

Hahn said direct action in and around the schools is necessary because "we are failing in the battle against narcotics — there seems to be more peddlers and more addicts than ever before."

He has initiated meetings between the sheriff, district attorney, superintendents of schools, and others to develop a hard-hitting program.

Hahn has also asked the County Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission to join in the study.

Suggesting methods of combatting the problem include:

- Using selected 18 and 19-year-olds to work with teachers and counselors.
- Employing more teachers with law enforcement backgrounds as members of junior and senior high school faculties.

The pilot program is expected to be outlined to the Board of Supervisors for authorization within the next two weeks.

State Officials

Executive Pay May Be Hiked

SACRAMENTO — The salaries of the state's top executives may be in for revamping upward, if the report of the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy in February is followed by the state legislature.

The governor and the state legislature directed that a study be made of the salaries of the top executives, such as the Highway Patrol commissioner, and the directors of the Department of Public Works, Department of Mental Hygiene, Department of Public Health, and Department of Social Welfare.

PRELIMINARY reports, by the State Personnel Board, indicate that California's salaries for the executives range to as much as 34 per cent below salaries paid in comparable departments in New York and other cities and states.

declares this as "The most glaring inequity and inconsistency in the state salary structure" and suggests that salary lag is becoming increasingly significant. In New York, the department heads average \$34,556 annually while California's executives get only an average of \$25,727.

EVEN compared with Los Angeles and San Francisco city posts, the state's top men lag behind in salaries. The state's director of the department of public works gets \$25,725 while the same post in Los Angeles County gets \$32,820; Los Angeles City, \$31,104; San Francisco \$33,036, and in New York the same director gets \$35,500.

Systematic review and updating of executive salaries are called the "major deficiency" in the state's personnel program.

The report will be made to the Legislature Feb. 1, 1969.

\$100 Million in Building Noted

Redondo Beach led area cities in building permit valuations for the second consecutive month in October, but Torrance continues to be the yearly leader, it was announced today by the Statistical Department of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Figures for October show a \$3.75 million increase over 1967 figures, while the 10-month figure almost reached the \$100 million mark. This is about \$16 million over 1967, although it was pointed out Carson was not included in 1967 figures.

Building permit figures for 12 area cities as compiled by Security Pacific National Bank are:

Rank	City	Oct. '68	Oct. '67	10 Months '68	10 Months '67
1	Torrance	\$2,809,565	\$2,809,565	\$36,490,838	\$24,970,160
2	Redondo Beach	2,855,784	1,270,887	18,538,641	11,340,707
3	Carson	1,868,870	Not Incorp.	14,084,804	Not Incorp.
4	El Segundo	654,520	890,109	6,294,202	15,838,837
5	Manhat. Beach	835,701	702,182	6,124,041	16,338,365
6	Gardena	2,508,953	451,665	5,816,455	2,340,173
7	Pal Ver. Est.	347,873	438,410	3,431,741	3,608,925
8	Roll. Hills Est.	22,680	212,425	2,178,250	1,378,941
9	Lomita	325,880	914,128	3,381,753	3,708,160
10	Hermosa Beach	228,539	245,859	1,861,972	2,112,216
11	Lawdale	461,050	14,750	1,533,443	1,078,775
12	Rolling Hills	18,980	17,880	170,658	262,904
Totals		\$12,759,125	\$8,093,960	\$99,503,275	\$83,819,908

Holiday Crime Rates Expected to Increase

Young people will soon be out of school in observance of the holiday season, and parents have a responsibility to know where their youngsters are and what they are doing, says District Attorney Evelle J. Younger.

The period from now until New Year's Day, he revealed,

are known as "Danger Days," and every resident of the county — adults and young people — can become victims of crime.

Younger said that residents should ask themselves this question: "How close am I to committing or being the victim of a crime?"

HE NOTED that during the Christmas vacation period, school districts and recreation agencies plan a series of programs for children and Younger encouraged parents to have their children participate.

This will ensure that youngsters have a wholesome vacation and will stay out of trouble. Younger also remarked that this period is also dangerous for shoppers, merchants and automobile drivers.

HE URGED shoppers to place their purchases in automobile trunks, lock their cars and close the windows, hold purchases tightly so that they cannot be taken and keep a good hold on purses so that they cannot be taken.

This is also a dangerous time for merchants, Younger cautioned, in urging merchants to be on the lookout for bad check artists. Merchants should always require good identification when asked to cash a check, he said, and be sure the check is endorsed in your presence.

168 Smog Citations Written

County Air Pollution Control District inspectors issued 168 citations and notices of violation during the month of November, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

They investigated more than 2200 locations during the month. As a result, 26 notices of violation were issued to stationary sources. Violation notices and citations were also issued to 142 passenger cars and trucks for excessive smoke.

APCD inspectors responded to 134 citizens' complaints and issued 166 notices to apply for permits to operate equipment — a District method designed to insure control of air pollution from industrial and commercial operations in the Los Angeles Basin.



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