



BIRTHDAY PARTY... Del Amo Center is celebrating its birthday this weekend with a special fiesta. Darcy Jo Barcroft (left), Miss Torrance, and Stephanie Grundstrom supervise the distribution of goodies from a donkey-shaped pinata. A Marimba Band will perform from 5 to 9 tonight and from 2 to 6 p.m. tomorrow, while Torrance Area Youth Band will appear tomorrow at 11 a.m. on the mall. Special shopping values are being offered in all stores at the huge center in observance of the birthday fiesta. (Press-Herald Photo)

Vel's Ford To Observe Birthday

Area residents are invited to attend a gigantic birthday party during March at Vel's-Parnelli Jones Ford.

It's a double celebration this year. It marks Vel Miletich's 15th year in Torrance as a Ford dealer and it has also been a year since the name, Parnelli Jones, has been added to the dealership.

The dealership has been decorated for this festive occasion and every car in stock, new and used, has been specially priced for the Once-A-Year event.

And, to put the frosting on the cake, the dealership is circulating "Micro-Checks" worth \$200 throughout the area. These Micro-Checks may be small in size but they give anyone in the market for a car a \$200 trading advantage.

The checks also are available at the dealership for the asking. Since this is a double celebration customers are being offered during March special birthday sale prices plus bona fide over-allowances as spelled out in writing on the Micro-Checks.

Valid only in March, Micro-Checks may be picked up and redeemed at Vel's-Parnelli Jones Ford, 20900 Hawthorne Blvd.

Lomita Soldier Wins Certificate

Army Spec. 5 Joe Hammons, 25203 Cypress St., has received an honor certificate award from the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pa.

Specialist Hammons was honored for an Armed Forces letter, "A Free Ballot - A Free Country."

LEGAL NOTICES

PH-5483 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE No. PSC-19 On April 11, 1969, at 11:00 A.M. Imperial Bank, California corporation as duly appointed Trustee of Trust and pursuant to Deed of Trust dated September 12, 1967, executed by John E. Vermillion and Barbara A. Vermillion, husband and wife and recorded September 12, 1967, as Instrument No. 560, in book T5495, page 153, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of California, County of Los Angeles, State of California, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States at the office of the County Recorder of said County) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as:

Lot 567 of Tract 21676, in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in book 628, page 33 to 44 inclusive of maps, in the office of the County Recorder of said County, and State described as:

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest from April 1, 1968, as in said note provided, and all other taxes, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by said Deed of Trust.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, by reason of a breach or default in the obligations secured thereby, heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written notice of breach and of election to cause the undersigned to sell said property in breach and of election to be recorded in book M3050, page 316, of said Official Records.

Date: March 4, 1969 Imperial Bank, Trustee By Pacific Sentinel Corporation, Agent 8600 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000 Los Angeles, Calif. 90045 Gloria H. Brodsky, Trust Officer SPS 18935 P-March 7, 14, 21, 1969

PH5461 NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL No. SP-6356 In the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, in the Matter of the Estate of MARY FRANCES COOPER, also known as MARY F. COOPER, and as MARY COOPER, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the petition of Dorothy Alexander, for the Probate of said will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon, filed by the petitioner, to which reference is hereby made for further particulars, will be heard at 9:30 o'clock A.M., on March 31, 1969, at the court room of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, at 11:00 A.M. on March 31, 1969. WILLIAM G. SHARP, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, Deputy Dated: March 3, 1969, Albert Isen, 1616 Gramercy Avenue, Torrance, Calif. 90501 Richard K. Hensinger, Attorney for Petitioner W-March 7, 12, 14, 1969

PH-5450 CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS, FICTITIOUS NAME The undersigned do certify that they are conducting a business... W. Carson Street, Torrance, California, under the fictitious firm name of Saratoga Bar and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names in full and places of residence are as follows: Richard K. Hensinger, 1205 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, Gerlinde C. Hensinger, 1205 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach Dated February 19, 1969 Richard K. Hensinger Gerlinde C. Hensinger State of California Los Angeles County On February 10, 1969, before me, Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Richard K. Hensinger and Gerlinde C. Hensinger known to me to be the persons who subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged they executed the same. (Seal) DOROTHY K. SUMOWSKI, Notary Public My Commission Exp. April 8, 1972 P-March 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 1969

'Bold, New Concept' Tax Reform Plan To Be Introduced

By HENRY C. MACARTHUR Capital News Service SACRAMENTO — A bold and comparatively new proposal to achieve tax reform in California, which departs materially from the present haphazard and costly methods of securing state revenue, will be introduced in the state Legislature soon by Sen. William E. Coombs (R-Rialto). The plan is based on the "gross margins" tax, which presently is used in European Common Market countries. Senator Coombs has studied the application of the gross margins tax to California for the past two years, and is proposing the program, he says, to "bring some completely fresh thinking to the whole subject of tax reform, and by stimulating discussion, contribute to the sweeping revisions in state and local taxation which must come if California's economy is to avoid slow strangulation." Senator Coombs points to the fact that "two million Californians were willing to vote for a measure so ill-conceived as Proposition 9 (Watson amendment) provides dramatic proof of the desperate need for tax reform in this state."

Basically, his proposition proposes: • Repeal all personal property taxes. • Limit real property taxes to 1 1/2 per cent of market value. • Reduce the retail sales tax to 1 per cent, on a four-year phase-out. • Restore pre-1967 rules and rates on income tax. • Restore 1967 rules and rates on bank and corporation tax. • Enact an oil severance tax at about 25 cents per barrel, justified by reduction in personal property tax. • Repeal taxes on transportation of persons and property. • To cover revenue lost by above proposals, enact a tax on the selling price of all services, without limitation, including gross margins of businesses engaged in manufacture and sale of products at a rate determined to make up losses caused by repeal and reduction of other taxes. • Eliminate the Franchise Tax Board, and create a state department of revenue as well as court of claims.

COOMBS says the gross margins tax is a refined form of the general transactions tax, the refinement being that there is only one tax on the final product. It has proven, he states, through trials in Common Market countries to be a "neutral" tax, and has less effect on business and financial decisions people must make than any other form of tax.

He points out the plan also contemplates abolition of the business inventory tax, which along with property tax, is regressive, and repeal, he says, would measurably assist in California's economy. Senator Coombs also states local agencies in California traditionally have a blank check in setting property tax rates, which would be eliminated under his proposed plan.

THE PLAN, he says, reaches a wide variety of goods and services sold to higher income groups than does the present sales tax, and therefore, it is not a hidden sales tax but one which applies equality to all concerned. Preliminary estimates, he said, indicate a 4 per cent gross margins and service tax combined, would be sufficient to replace taxes recommended for elimination or reduction. However, he says it might be slightly higher.

Consolidation of the state's tax collecting agencies, Coombs said, would materially reduce administration costs, and court of tax claims as part of the judicial system, would protect the interests of taxpayers. THE ENTIRE cost of education for kindergarten through high schools would be financed by allocating to all schools a percentage of the gross margins tax.

Funds from the 1 per cent sales tax would be allocated to pay off capital improvement bonds and to finance new capital improvements. Alongside it on the grass mat were two objects. One was a white bowl with a single perfect apple in it which had been pared half-way in continuous serpentine of bright red peel. Next to it was a tiny TV set, invisibly plugged through a notch in the mat.

On its screen, which was no larger than a picture postcard, pranced a minuscule Samurai warrior in brilliant colors. And he looked right at home.

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Assignment TV By TERENCE O'FLAHERTY

The Japanese nation was the world's largest copying machine decades before the invention of Xerox. Korean pottery, American warships, English Spies, and German cameras rolled off assembly lines in Yokosuka, Tokyo, and Osaka meticulously copied but always with the unique stamp of Japanese craftsmanship.

Today they're copying American television with the same fervor — even the commercials, God help them — and any visiting spies left over from World War II are apt to be pointing their cameras toward TV studios instead of defense plants. As a consequence the Japanese broadcasting operation is closer to the U.S. than that of any other nation.

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DEATH NOTICE

GARRISON, Lillian Stokes, passed away March 5, 1969. Born April 10, 1892 in Jersey. Survived by daughters Pearl Anderson, June Calderon, and Joe. Also Adele Lane of Florida, Murry Stevens of Torrance; 2 sons, Steven of Torrance, and Ivan Garrison of Redondo Beach. Interment Green Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Torrance. Services will be held Friday, March 7, 11 a.m. Green Hills Memorial Park Cemetery. Stone & Myers in charge of local arrangements.

JONES, Aina Kristina, passed away March 5, 1969. Born Dec. 7, 1901 in Finland. Survived by her daughter, Mari-Joni of Torrance, several grandchildren. Graveside services will be held Friday, March 7, 11 a.m. Green Hills Memorial Park Cemetery. Stone & Myers in charge of local arrangements.

ORTIZ, Ramon M., passed away March 5, 1969. Born June 11, 1907 in Mexico. Survived by wife Isabel; 7 sons: Jesse, Gardena, Louie of Wilmington, Raymond, Ruben, Johnny, Manuel and Jose. Also Torrance; 2 daughters, Mary Ortiz of Torrance, and Jose Green of Gardena. Services will be held 7:30 Monday, March 10, Chapel of the Bells, Stone & Myers, 1205 E. Ocean Blvd., Torrance. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

SLATFORD, Jackson, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 1969. Born April 25, 1905 in Wisconsin. Survived by wife, 1 daughter, Sally Miltcher; 1 son, Jackson Jr.; brother, Vernon; nephews, Albert, grandson, Warren Metacher. Funeral services Halverson-Leavelle Mortuary, Fri., March 7, 2 p.m. Interment Green Hills Memorial Park.

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