

Legion Promises Most 'Spectacular' Evening

Spectators at the annual 4th of July American Legion Fireworks Thrillorama in the Coliseum, in the last few years, have been thrilled by one of the world's most fabulous pyrotechnic displays in size, color, and beauty.

However, promised for this year's show is a 30 per cent increase in size over last year's spectacular, according to Pat Moriarty, executive of the California Fireworks Display Co., largest public display company in America.

Moriarty, president of the parent firm, Pyrotechnics Corp., said that the fireworks portion of the Independence Day show would be no lengthier, but would include larger set pieces on the Coliseum floor and many more, much bigger, and far more exotic aerial bomb bursts, including fabulous shells from Europe and Asia, as well as magnificent American creations.

"Due to the size and duration of this fiery extravaganza, it has become recognized as one of the major shows of its type in the country, a model for others to emulate," stated Moriarty.

Other highlights of the show will include the imported West Berlin Circus, motorcycle sprint races, and thrill show, a junior baseball game, fire and police department demonstrations and prizes of a Ford Mustang, a BSA motorcycle 250 CC, and a Bonanza mini bike.

High School Repair Shop Burglarized

A valve refacing machine valued at \$1,500 disappeared sometime over the weekend from Torrance High School. The machine was missing from the auto repair shop, room 184-B.

School officials told police that the refacing machine was so large that it would have required at least three men to carry it to a truck.

There were no signs of forced entry, leading police to believe the suspects may have had a key to the shop.

Photo Club Sets Awards Banquet

Willard "Bill" Milligan of Torrance, has been elected president of South Bay Camera Club for the year 1968-70. Serving with him will be Tom Robertson, vice president; Ev Vincent, treasurer; and Naomi Robertson, secretary. All of the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance.

Installation will be at the annual awards banquet Friday with Larry Foster, past president presiding.

Awards will be made to those members with the highest cumulative scores for the year. In color slide competition Maurice Lank, Tom Robertson, and John Arden are the winners. In monochrome print competition John Arden, Florence Harrison, and Ev Vincent are the top scorers.

Vaughan Bateman, who is active in the Southern California Council of Camera Clubs and is well known in photographic circles, will present his program "Sights and Sounds of Europe," a sound presentation during 1968-69 South

In the Southern California Council of Camera Clubs com-bay Camera Club came out 15th in color slides and seventh

in monochrome prints, with individual members winning special awards. In Nature "B" Division, Tom Robertson won first place; Charles Righter and Helen Righter winning honorable mentions.

In color slides, Maurice Lank and H. Roth won honorable mention; and in monochrome prints, John Arden, Rennie Weber, and Florence Harrison won honorable mentions.

South Bay Camera Club is holding the 22nd annual salon in August. Closing date is July 31. Entry is open to anyone residing, employed, or attending school in the South Bay area.

defined as south of Manchester Boulevard and west of Harbor Freeway. Entry forms may be obtained from camera stores in the area.

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HOW IT WORKS . . . Paul Martin (left), curriculum coordinator at West High, and Gretchen Smith, assistant principal-instruction, ponder the workings of a card-board computer that will be used as a study aid in high school science programs. Kurt Berry (center), Pacific Telephone computer expert, offers an explanation of the device, known as CARDIAC (Cardboard Illustrative Aid to Computation). The do-it-yourself cardboard computer will be the focal point of the fifth in a series of Bell System Aids to high school science programs. Because of the rapidly increasing influence of computer technology—in business, education, communications, and even art—it is anticipated that the "Understanding Computers" program will be of interest to business and social studies as well as science and math classes.

Greenery Enhances Value of Property

By L. MILTON ISBELL
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It has been said that a tree on a city lot is worth \$1,500. That depends on where the lot is and in what city, but it does point out the value of landscaping to your property. Any realtor or other real estate broker will confirm that a well landscaped home or apartment building sells quicker and at a better price than one that is not.

The obvious reason is that we are becoming more appreciative of the beauty of foliage and its affect on our lives and we are willing to pay for it. We are also becoming more aware of its practicality.

THE RIGHT shrubs and trees can screen a busy street and soften its impact without blocking it out completely. Plantings can provide privacy

between neighbors without shutting out friendliness. A tree dappling your house with shade on a hot summer's day can lower the temperature 10 degrees.

Landscaping can provide you with a menagerie of squirrels and birds and patterns of light, shade, and color.

EMERGENCE of landscape architecture as more widespread vocation has made us generally dissatisfied with simple rectangles of green lawn and a few plantings around the foundation. Hardly a factory or building of consequence is completed now without professional landscaping adding a touch of nature's beauty. When new civic buildings are constructed, the impact of the landscaping often is as satisfying to the citizenry as the grace of the building itself.

We are exposed constantly to

masterful jobs of landscaping along freeways, in parks, in malls, and wealthier neighborhoods.

THIS HAS had the effect of creating a demand for an imaginative variety of plants, flowers, shrubs and trees at nurseries, making it profitable for them to carry such a stock at reasonable prices. Familiarity with them has helped nurserymen advise homeowners how to plant and care for them to an extent that didn't exist not too many years ago.

This awareness of the contribution natural greenery can make to living is spreading in other ways as well. Experiments with pocket parks in the midst of our cities, small retreats of foliage, fountains, birds, flowers, and peacefulness, have been so successful that we can expect wider use of them. They are one answer to the charge that our cities are becoming bleak seas of asphalt and concrete.

Public Hearing Set on Freeway

A public hearing on highway design has been scheduled by the State Division of Highways at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, according to Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance).

The hearing was called relative to that portion of the proposed Interstate Route 105 (Century) Freeway and Route 405 (San Diego) Freeway affecting the cities of Torrance, El Segundo, Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and the County of Los Angeles.

Similar hearings in other affected cities will be held in the future as design studies progress in those areas, the highway department said.

Townsend said the meeting will be scheduled at night at his special request to the division of highways.

"Due to the inability of many of the residents in the affected areas to attend a public hearing during the daytime,"

Townsend said, "I requested that the highway people re-set the meeting for the evening. I am glad to see that they granted my request."

He said the purpose of the hearings is to give local government officials, civic groups, and all interested persons an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the design proposals and to express their views.

Thus, he said, the people of the area can insure that the final design will reflect and be consistent with federal, state, and local goals and objectives to the maximum extent practicable.

IT'S AS if urban mankind is trying to get back some of the basic satisfaction there always has been in getting dirt under his fingernails as he cultivates the soil, the enjoyment of a walk through woods and meadows.

A side benefit of this understanding of landscaping is that the homeowner who doesn't want to spend a lot of time and effort on keeping up his plantings doesn't need to. The right plants can actually reduce his maintenance chores.

As a realtor, I would advise any property owner to provide good landscaping around his home or other building. Aside from the satisfaction it is bound to contribute to living there, it will contribute dollars to his pocket when and if he sells.

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