

COUNTY REPORT

County Plans Provide Modern, Safe Highways

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National Public Works Week will be observed next week, May 11 through 17.

dental Jazz Quartet (Manhattan-Hermosa Beach area), soloist Joel Schneider of Torrance, the Jennifer's Hatbox vocal group (Manhattan Beach), and the Third Time Around vocal group of Long Beach.

Dance Group from Manhattan Beach, the Palos Verdes High Dance Group, and the Palos Verdes Drill Team Dance Group.

The quarantine signs are being erected in strategic areas along the coast, and everyone is asked to give cooperation to this public health measure.

ABALONE and crabs do not feed on plankton and are, therefore, free of poison. Mussels may still be used as bait but must be broken open and placed in containers marked in large print: "Mussels may contain poison — unfit for human food."

During the summer months, the number of poisonous plankton in coastal waters can increase suddenly, resulting in shellfish becoming toxic within a few days. This is the reason mussels are put under quarantine when laboratory tests show them to be dangerous.

Film Offers Tour of Famed 'Hall of Kings'

The final film in the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History documentary film series at Harbor College will present a look at the most famous church of Protestant Christendom.

James Mason narrates this 60-minute color film. Vanessa Redgrave and Siobhan McKenna read from historical literature that highlights the history of the 600-year-old church. Close-ups of the artistic detail of the Abbey, which has been the site of some of the most important events in British history, also are shown.

OUR CONTINUING goal is to provide the most modern, efficient, and safe highway system possible at the lowest cost.

Since that time, the population has increased from just less than three million persons to seven million — a phenomenal 160 per cent.

With the increase in people and vehicles, the master plan of highways has been continually amended to meet the growing needs.

THIS YEAR, as an example of the massive program, contracts for 49 projects valued at \$13.2 million are in progress as of today and contracts for 78 projects valued at \$12.1 million have been awarded since last summer.

Bear in mind that about half of the road budget is earmarked for projects within the county's 77 cities. This is a practice not always followed by some counties, who use their gas tax revenues for the unincorporated areas only.

This aid-to-cities plan is only logical, since the motorist doesn't care about political jurisdictions — he wants to travel on a continuous, adequate, well-maintained system.

Cities and communities find that roads are a lifeline to progress and prosperity. And the County is helping them construct those lifelines.

SEVERAL musicians and singers finalists from the Fourth District have earned the right to compete in the finals of the county "Battle of the Bands" judging on June 27 in the Hollywood Bowl.

They will compete as part of six bands, three combos, three vocal soloists and three vocal groups for the top spot in each division.

The finalists include the Pacific Coast Jazz Ensemble (Santa Monica area), Con-

Bids Due June 10 on Road Work

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today said bids will be opened June 10 to improve 223rd Street between Normandie and Vermont Avenues.

"Work of this half-mile project will consist of reconstructing and widening the existing roadway to provide a fully-improved four-lane highway with parking lanes, curb and gutter," Hahn said.

Traffic signals and street lights will be installed at the 223rd Street-Meyler Avenue intersection and signals at the 223rd Street-Vermont Avenue intersection will be modified.

The signal system from Normandie Avenue to Vermont Avenue will be interconnected to provide for a smooth flow of traffic on 223rd Street.

While work is in progress, access to all property within the construction area will be provided.

Through traffic will be subject to the following conditions:

- 223rd Street — One lane in each direction will be maintained at all times.
• Meyler Street — May be closed at its intersection with 223rd Street during excavation and paving operations.
• Normandie Avenue — Existing traffic lanes will be maintained at all times.
• Vermont Avenue in the vicinity of 223rd Street — May be closed during the construction of a county Sanitation District sewer project.

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