

Blind Torrance Woman Struggles for Independence

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CITY CUTS APRIL POLLS TO 100

Cite Savings By Reducing Voting Places

Consolidation of the city's precincts into 100 polling places was ordered by the City Council this week with the resultant saving of more than \$10,000 in the cost of conducting next April's municipal election.

Acting on alternate proposal submitted by two bidders, the councilmen elected to approve the offer of Duane Wheeler & Co. to set up 100 polling places for a base price of \$5,831.40. Cost of staffing 100 precincts, computed at \$82 each for the personnel, would be reduced in half by the consolidation, councilmen were informed.

TOTAL COST of the election with consolidated precincts was estimated at approximately \$17,000. Cost of the election with 200 precincts would be nearly double that, it was reported.

Acting City Clerk John A. Bramhall, who recommended the consolidation, said the city had never before consolidated polling places, however, the school district has done so for many years.

IN OTHER action, the Council approved a side yard variance for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 1432 Engracia Ave.

Accepted a time certificate of deposit in lieu of performance bond from Foods Co. markets.

Approved establishment of dry-cleaning plant at Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center.

APPROVED refinancing of Carson Street extension through park in front of Torrance High School.

Returned proposed ordinance on Torrance Beach controls to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further study in the matter of surf boards.

INSTRUCTED City Manager Wade Peebles to readvertise for a planning director after determining that applicants on

current list did not meet requirements of city.

Reconsidered action taken a week ago in denying variance for commercial building on Cravens Ave. in the downtown area and granted approval of request.

Y Ready To Feed The Town

A grocery list that would stagger the average housewife is being prepared for the 14th annual Torrance YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast to be held Oct. 14, 6 to 11:30 a.m., at the Y.

Some 6,000 cups of coffee, 200 pounds of flapjack flour, 180 bottles of maple syrup, 500 pounds of sausage, and a truckload of milk products will be consumed by an expected turnout of 3,000 people, according to Dr. Rollin Smith, breakfast chairman.

Aiding in the preparation of the food will be Huff's Restaurant, which will mix the batter. Y volunteers and professionals from the 132nd Engineer Battalion of the National Guard will cook one of the biggest meals of the year.

The 1961 Good Neighbor award will be presented at the breakfast. Festivities will include a flapjack eating contest and continuous entertainment.

Tickets are on sale by more than 1,000 Y club members and at the Y office. They will also be available at the door.

Son-in-Law, Nurse Help With Battle

For the past 14 years, Mrs. Anna Kendrick of Torrance has struggled to keep her independence.

To many persons this would not be very difficult. But for

70-year-old Mrs. Kendrick it has meant years of courage and patience.

Mrs. Kendrick is a diabetic. Three years ago she became blind. For an aging, blind woman to measure and inject her own insulin dosage, it's extremely difficult. A slight overdose or not enough insulin could be fatal.

In spite of these difficulties Mrs. Kendrick is independent.

SHE OWES MUCH of her independence to the Visiting Nurse Assn. — a Red Feather agency — and the ingenuity of her son-in-law.

Until 18 months ago, Mrs. Kendrick, with the assistance of her landlady and neighbors, had been able to give her own insulin. She later felt she was losing a grip on her independence and becoming too much of a problem for her friends. To ease matters she called in V.N.A. a month ago.

From that time on she was visited by a nurse nearly every day. Her visiting nurse found during her visits that Mrs. Kendrick was almost self-sufficient, except that she could not handle her hypodermic with facility.

TO HELP MATTERS, her nurse made a wooden gauge that enabled her to syphon the correct amount of insulin from the container. However, she still had some difficulty even with the gauge.

Then one day her son-in-law, who happened to be visiting at the same time as her nurse, noticed the problem posed by the hypodermic to Mrs. Kendrick.

He examined the instrument, took some measurements, and returned a week later with a homemade device that enabled Mrs. Kendrick to operate it.

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STREET REOPENED . . . Completion of improvements to Normandie Avenue between 182nd Street and the Dominguez Channel is noted here by area officials and school leaders. From left are Councilman John S. Gibson Jr.; Mrs. Herbert Hackler, safety chairman of Gardena High PTA; Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Richard A. Ragus, boys' vice principal at Gardena High, and Mrs. William Byrd, president of the Gardena High PTA.

Three-Day Dedication Set for Temple Menorah

A series of dedication events for Temple Menorah will take place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the new building located at 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach. George L. Lewison, president of the reform congregation which serves members of the Jewish

faith throughout the Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula areas, invites the public to attend.

Friday evening the sanctuary-community hall will be dedicated at religious services at 8:30. Rabbi Henri E. Front, spiritual leader of the congregation, announces that Dr. Morton Fierman will make the dedication address. Dr. Fierman is rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of Santa Ana.

HIGHLIGHT of the dedication will be the affixing of a mezzuzah to the main door of the sanctuary. A mezzuzah is a small religious ornament which contains the watchword of the Jewish faith from Deuteronomy which declares the oneness of God. It is customary for Jewish homes to have a mezzuzah affixed to the doorpost.

Temple Menorah's new facilities consist of a sanctuary-community hall capable of seating 600 people, 10 religious school classrooms, administrative offices, library, rabbi's study, recreation room, and kitchen. A new ark, containing the sacred scrolls of Judaism, was designed and made through the craftsmanship of Sydney Siegel and his

son, Howard Siegel, temple members.

RELIGIOUS services are conducted each Friday night at 8:30 by Rabbi Front, whose many community activities include being president of the South Bay Ministerial Assn. Cantor Harry Newman and the temple choir, directed and accompanied by (Continued on Page 3)

A Penny for your Thoughts

Reservists and reserve military units throughout the nation are being recalled to active duty. The Pennies photographer asked Torrance residents what they "think of the men and units being recalled."

Phillip Symmonds, 1806 Ca-brillo St.

"I feel it's a good idea. The nation is in trouble and we need to bring our military up to and beyond the strength of any other nation so that other nations know we are not fooling."

Herbert Burgess, 2811 Arlington Ave.

"I think that if the military forces haven't been up to the necessary strength until now then the recall of men and units is necessary. The men belong to the units and I suppose they must be willing to go regardless of the hardships."

Robert Webber, 2440 And-drell Ave.

"Evidently recall of the men is necessary or they would not be doing it. I hope I'm not one of those who are recalled. I'm in the inactive reserve and served four years in the Air Force."

Doreen Bernhardt, 1106 W. Maxfield St.

"For defense purposes the recall of men is a good idea but it's bad for the family man. It's better to recall the men now and give them some advance notice than to wait until the last minute and need them immediately."

Sandra Gideon, 1102 W. Max-field St.

"I think the recall is a good idea because in case of war we'll need all the help we can get. The way things are going it looks like they are needed."

Chapel Theatre Concluding Run

Chapel Theatre's production of "The Madwoman of Chail-lot" will be concluded with performances Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the group's theater, 4104 Pacific Coast Hwy., Waverly. Curtain time is 8:30 each evening.

Next production of the group will be "Green Grow the Lilies" under the direction of Bob Adamson.



MEASURED INDEPENDENCE . . . Visiting Nurse Mary Fisher, R.N., watches carefully as Mrs. Anna Kendrick measures her dosage of insulin. Although blind, Mrs. Kendrick is able to give her own injections with the aid of a home made device developed by her son-in-law. It has helped in her battle to maintain her independence, she claims.

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NEW TEMPLE ARK . . . Cantor Harry Newman (left) and Rabbi Henri Front inspect sacred scrolls of Judaism in the ark of Temple Menorah as the congregation prepares a three-day dedication service at the new building this weekend. The scrolls (Torah) contain the laws of the faith. (Earl Brown Photo)