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DOWNTOWN REMODELING SET

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think about the idea of a state lottery?" the Fennies inquirer was asked.

Ronald Coleman, 1908 Middlebrook Rd.:
"I think people should vote on it. I can't say yes or no. If it's for a good cause, it probably is okay. It would be worth it if it would relieve the tax burden. If the money goes toward a good thing it's okay, providing the people approve by voting on whether they want one."

Bill Ritchie, 4304 W. 180th St.:
"Excellent. It would help ease these taxes and help build the colleges. You bet I'd buy tickets. If it were controlled right by the state and the state sold the tickets I don't think the criminal element would be a factor."

Ron Mazzaro, 21006 Donora Ave.:
"I don't think it's a good idea to mix gambling and government. They must be separate. I think the basic idea of a lottery is shaky. I think government could come up with a better idea to ease the taxes, such as economy in government."

Bill Sprague, 21901 Grant Ave.:
"I'd kind of frown on a state lottery. I think a federal lottery would be a lot more desirable than having each state have its own. The idea of obtaining revenue from a source like this is alright, but if allowed to go too far could get out of hand."

Armand Andrus, Hermosa Beach:
"I think it's a good idea. People would buy tickets through a state lottery instead of traveling to Nevada to gamble. I think a lottery would help relieve the tax burden."

Construction May Set New City Records

A torrid building pace which could eclipse the 1956 record if continued through the rest of this year has been recorded by the city's building department during the first four months of 1963, according to figures compiled by Building Superintendent Lee Schiens. Two hundred and seventy-four permits issued during April with a total valuation of \$3,636,428 brought the 1963 permit total to \$16,266,609, projected through 1963 at the same pace, the year's total could pass \$48 million, topping the \$46,828,000 logged in 1956.

Students Slate Fashion Show
Final plans and finishing touches to student-created clothing has occupied Torrance High School girls preparing for the annual fashion show to be presented at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The show traditionally presented in the cafeteria is to be staged out-of-doors in the senior patio. Students of the homemaking department under the guidance of Miss Delphine Hedtke and Mrs. Barbara Daugherty will display dresses, casual clothing, suits, coats, ensembles and dinner dresses to the parents attending the annual event.

Forum Slates Opera
The Harbor College Forum will present the movie version of Boris Godunov with the Bolshoi Theater group Wednesday, at 8 p.m., in the men's gym.



READYING TROPHIES . . . Marlane Norsoph (right), Miss Torrance, and Princess Patti Campisi polish trophies in preparation for the May 18 Armed Forces Day Parade which will culminate the week long city program under the theme, "Power for Peace." Outstanding representatives of the nation's military services will participate in the observance. (Herald Photo)



DOWNTOWN SPRUCE UP . . . Wes Blyleven, left, and Augie Solis take up a tree on Marcelina Avenue near Sartori Avenue marking the beginning of a downtown Torrance improvement project. City councilmen, downtown merchants and chamber of commerce officials will assemble at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Sartori and El Prado avenues to commemorate the project. (Herald Photo)

Rites Slated To Kick Off Job Monday

Rehabilitation of the Central Torrance shopping area will get under way at 10 a.m. tomorrow when formal ceremonies at the intersection of Sartori Avenue and El Prado kick off the \$100,000 project—first phase of a complete revitalization program.

Scheduled in the first phase of modernization program—to be financed from city funds—is the widening of major downtown streets, elimination of intersection dips and swales, construction of a center island and transplanting of trees in the center strip, and remodeling of corners, parking diagrams, and lighting facilities.

ELECTRIC & Machinery Service Co. will do the work after winning the contract on a low bid of approximately \$108,000. Bids ranged as high as \$180,000, City Manager Wade Peebles reported last Tuesday.

In conjunction with the city-financed improvements, formation of an assessment district by property owners in the area, bounded roughly by Cravens, Cabrillo, Torrance Boulevard, and Engracia, will provide funds to purchase off-street parking areas in the downtown section of the city.

COMPLETION of the assessment district petitions marked the successful culmination of a plan which has been in the works for several years. An earlier attempt to complete an assessment district failed when some major property owners in the downtown area opposed the measure.

When approving the allocation of more than \$100,000 for the project, members of the City Council pointed out that the added revenue to the city from increased sales tax would more than offset the city's costs.

Cab Flips Onto Top

A taxicab driver escaped serious injury early Thursday morning when his vehicle went out of control, collided with two parked cars and turned over, coming to rest on its top.

The accident occurred about 4:30 in front of 2313 Torrance Blvd. Driver Richard Everett Jones, 24, of 21104 Normandie Ave., suffered minor injuries and was taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Way Cleared To Get Land

County supervisors ordered a resolution clearing the way for acquisition of property in conjunction with the proposed district improvement of Jay Street, 222nd Street and a portion of Meyler Street in Torrance.

A petition bearing names of 81 per cent of the property owners in the area was filed with the supervisors.

Semantic Expert to Speak Here

S. I. Hayakawa, professor of language arts at San Francisco State College, will speak on "Semantic Problems in International Communications" in the El Camino College Campus, Friday, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available in the El Camino College student store for \$1.

General semantics is "the study of how not to be a damn fool" according to a description made by Dr. Hayakawa in a Life magazine article.

Dr. Hayakawa has lectured on semantics under the auspices of the U. S. State Department under both the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations. He spoke in Japan, Germany and the Scandinavian countries.

He is also the author of several books, among them "Language in Action," "Language in Thought" and "Our Own Language and Our World."

Hospital to Add Convent On Grounds

Little Company of Mary Hospital advisory board unanimously approved plans for a new residential convent at a meeting Thursday night, according to Mother M. Patricia, administrator. Architects for the building will be Verge and Chatworthy of Los Angeles.

Located on the grounds directly east of the hospital, the convent will contain a chapel and living accommodations for the Sisters of Little Company of Mary.

The advisory board, under the direction of Gene Alfred, president, also announced the appointment of two new board members. They are George Ebert, resident of Palos Verdes Estates and vice president of Aeronca Corp., and George Holmes, of Redondo Beach, who is the director of technical and administrative services, Space Technology Laboratories.

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Street Plans Get Approval

Street plans for a new housing development in the area of 213th Street and Avalon Boulevard have been approved by the County Road Department.

Tract developers will assume the \$59,000 costs to install streets serving 51 homesites in the area. Plans provide for excavation, grading and construction of curbs and gutters, pavement, sidewalks and drainage structures.

City Stamp Club Slates Auction

Auction night will be held at the Torrance Stamp Club meeting May 13. The event, which is open to all collectors, will be held in the Scott Park Community building, 23410 Cat-skill Ave., Wilmington. Further information is available at TE 4-6718.

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