



WINNING HAND . . . Janet Phelps, a Palos Verdes Peninsula resident, fans a hand of raffle tickets after being named Spring Queen at Harbor College. Miss Phelps, sponsored by Sigma Chi Epsilon, men's service fraternity, was selected during a fund raising activity which netted \$1,000 for a scholarship fund. Sigma Chi Epsilon men raised \$400 in behalf of their candidate.

\$30 Million Contract

Henry Beck Co. Gets Finance Center Work

Henry C. Beck Co., international construction firm, has been awarded a contract for the \$30 million Del Amo Financial Center here, according to D. Loring Mariett, vice president of Great Lakes Properties, Inc., co-developers.

Supervising the construction will be Roy A. Kite Jr., vice president of Beck's western division. The first phase of construction will include the 13-story Union Bank building, a four-story "ring" building, a circular parking garage, and four pavilion buildings. Completion is scheduled for 1967.

Founded in 1912, the Henry C. Beck Co. has been responsible for numerous major construction projects throughout the world, including skyscrapers, industrial plants, hotels, hospitals, military and other government installations, bank buildings, apartments,

and retail complexes. Recent projects include the 50-story First National Bank in Dallas, the \$10 million California Mart in downtown Los Angeles, the 80 million Reynolds Aluminum reduction plant near Corpus Christi, Texas, the 12-story Union Bank Building in Orange, Calif., and the 32-story Commerce Trust Building in Kansas City, Mo.

Del Amo Financial Center will ultimately contain more than 2 million square feet of office and garage space for banks, savings and loans, stock brokers, real estate brokers, insurance companies, legal and accounting firms, and related businesses. The center was designed by Victor Gruen Associates. Developers are Great Lakes Properties, Inc., a subsidiary of Great Lakes Carbon Corp., and Guilford Glazer and Associates.

Famous Words Need Not Be Last Words

"Strange thing about Edgar. Ran into him just a few weeks ago and he looked great. Said he hadn't needed to see a doctor in years. Now all of a sudden he's got this nasty whatchamacallit and he's laid up till Goodness knows when."

Those are famous words: "Haven't needed a doctor." Not necessarily last words, praise be, or there'd be no population problem. Not all the happy optimists who breeze along year after year without medical supervision are headed for a sick bed. But the point is that although we may be as young as we feel, we're not always as healthy as the absence of aches or pains may suggest.

A medical check-up is a form of insurance. Chances are your doctor, year after year, will pronounce you in fine shape and chase you away. But "chances" aren't good enough to steer by when your health and the future welfare of yourself and your family are concerned. You've got to know.

Certain ailments, including tuberculosis, emphysema, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure,

heart disease and others can be present in the system for a considerable time without making themselves felt. The longer detection is delayed, the more difficult the job of treatment.

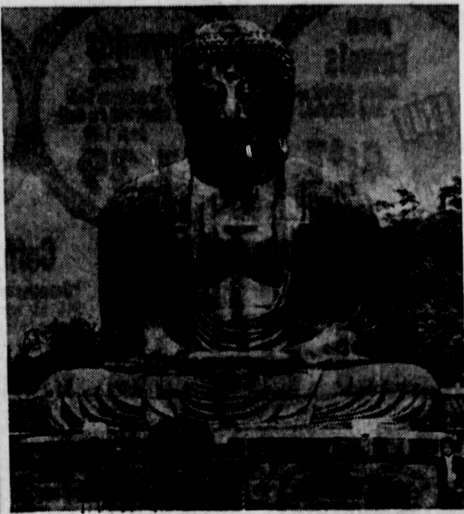
And if (as is likely) there's nothing to detect or treat, it's certainly worth knowing that. Good old Edgar, who felt great a month ago and was down with something or other the next, might have kept well and perpendicular if he hadn't avoided his doctor for years. Your Christmas Seal Association suggests an annual medical checkup, including a tuberculin test or a chest X-ray for everyone in the family.

(This column is sponsored in the interest of better health by your Christmas Seal Agency, the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Los Angeles County.)

Harvey Awarded New Contract

Award of a \$2.2 million contract to Harvey Aluminum Sales, Inc., of Torrance was announced in Washington yesterday by Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-28th District).

Bell said the contract, awarded by the Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia, Pa., is for 8.3 million ball projectiles for the 20 millimeter cartridge. Work will be performed at the Torrance plant. Total value of the contract is \$2,253,494.



...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Several people have responded to the article I wrote about my around-the-world tour this summer. Two of my readers have already signed up for the tour and several others are considering. It's a Hilton Holiday tour that goes completely around the world in 32 days for the all inclusive price of \$1,995.

Japan has always been a favorite of mine. Tokyo is the first city on our tour this summer. The largest city in the world has so much to offer all tourists — there is everything to see there, to do there and to buy there. In spite of all this, I will enjoy Kamakura even more than Tokyo.

Kamakura was the seat of the old feudal government from 1191 to 1333. It is now a beautiful seaside resort about 30 miles southwest of Tokyo and quite easily accessible by good roads and trains. Its climate is extremely mild and the bathing beach is ideal — making it very popular with Tokyo residents.

THE MOST notable thing about Kamakura is really its Daibutsu (Great Buddha). It is a huge 714-year-old bronze statue of Buddha 44 feet in height. Originally, gold leaf covered all of this bronze image, but time and weather have left only a few traces of it that still glisten in the morning sunlight.

Murray's hand-book of Japan says, "The Daibutsu or Great Buddha, stands alone among Japanese works of art. No other gives such an impression of majesty, or so truly symbolizes the central idea of Buddhism — the intellectual calm which comes of perfected knowledge and like our kids do."

There is quite a history attached to this Buddha. The first image which was completely finished in 1243 after five years of continuous labor, was a wooden one. Then it was damaged by a storm in 1248 and plans were made to build it out of bronze. Finally it was completed in 1252 — as it still stands (or sits) today.

THE GREAT BUDDHA is actually hollow inside. I went clear up to his head last year when I saw it. It was interesting to see the inside and figure out how it was made. The only air that comes into the statue is through the eyes so I didn't stay too long inside because of the heat. One factor that interested me greatly was the white curl on his forehead. It is made of pure silver and weighs 29.76 pounds!

During the winter, this seaside resort must really get a great deal of bad weather. Several halls have been built to house the Daibutsu, but they have all been destroyed at various times by storms, heavy gales and tidal waves. Since 1945, the image has remained exposed to the sun and rain — I guess they just gave up trying to keep it covered.

Thousands of worshippers make the trip to Kamakura to see the Daibutsu every year. Last year I took pictures of many school children who had come as a class to see the statue. They posed for their school photographer and then I took my picture of them — some of them making faces at the camera — just like our kids do.

Sheriff Flays Cuts in New Department Budget

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has protested what he called "wholesale slashing" of his department's proposed budget which could lead to "less effective law enforcement" throughout Los Angeles County.

Pitchess, appearing before the Board of Supervisors, said cuts in requested manpower increases recommended by the county's chief administrative officer, Lindon S. Hollinger, "will put us at a new low in allotment of manpower requests — a drop of 70 per cent over the past five years in the face of a 31 per cent rise in major crime."

Recruitment has continued to plague the Sheriff's Department, causing Pitchess to demand a 5½ per cent pay boost and additional fringe benefits for his personnel.

"A penny wise and pound foolish philosophy at this point means just one thing, less effective law enforcement," Pitchess declared.

Crimes committed by adults are increasing six and one-half times faster than the population, Pitchess told supervisors. He also said crimes committed by youths are rising at a rate seven times faster than population.

"You must reverse your trend of declining support," he told the board. "You cannot ask the people of Los



PAUL D. FILLMAN
Airman Paul D. Fillman, son of Donald E. Fillman of 2601 Brian Ave., has been selected for U. S. Air Force technical training courses after completing basic training at Lackland AFB.

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Girls' State Delegate Selected at West High

Judith L. Harris has been chosen as the 1966 California state delegate from West High School for the 23rd Annual

California Girls' State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It will be held at the Davis campus of the University of California from June 20 to June 28.

Judith is on the honor roll and is treasurer of the junior class.

Girls from 560 high schools have enrolled in the week-long class in Americanism and government. Representation is limited to one girl from each high school.

Miss Harris is sponsored by the Bert S. Crossland Post 170 American Legion Auxiliary. Her expenses for the trip to the University of California are contributed by the Victor Women's Club.

Linda J. Anderson has been chosen as the alternate delegate who will attend if Miss Harris is unable to represent West High.

Discussion Slated on Psychology

"Psychology: Are Our Minds Being Manipulated?" will be theme for Thursday's panel discussion in the South Bay Forum's current series of "Explorations into Controversy."

General theme of the 1966 series is "Our Changing Society."

Panelists will include Herbert Berger, president of an advertising and public relations agency; Dr. Harold Kasarjian, psychologist on the staff of the UCLA Graduate School of Business Administration; and Dr. Nicholas Rose, an industrial consulting psychologist.

The panel discussion will begin at 7:55 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Optimist Club Sets Tourney

The Optimist Club of Torrance will sponsor its annual bowling tournament Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, according to Lou Gilpin, president of the club.

Gilpin said the tournament will be held at the South Bay Bowling Center, located in the South Bay Shopping Center. All Optimist Clubs in the Southwest district have been invited to participate, he said.

Single and double events will be held on Sunday, with team events scheduled Saturday.

"Purpose of the tournament is to raise money for our Boy's Work Fund," Gilpin said. Dr. Sherwood Van Dyke is chairman of the tournament.

Chapter Names Board Members

Three area residents have been approved as members of the board meeting of the Palos Verdes-Torrance Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

New members are Delvin Riesenhuber, 20109 Wayne Ave.; Roman Makarewicz, 13112 Arcturus Ave.; Gardena; and Thomas Armstrong of Manhattan Beach.



L-R—Donna Barkdull, Home Modernization Advisor, So. Calif. Gas Co.; Nelson Richardson; C. Wayne Roberts, General Contractor, 302 E. Carson, discussing benefits of building in gas ovens while remodeling your kitchen.

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