

# Miss California Near End of Term

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call me Miss California ... look out!" she laughed.

In early September Sharon flew to Atlantic City for the big one ... The Miss America Pageant. It was an extremely fast-paced week of interviews, judgments, rehearsals, more judgments, television rehearsals, etc., etc. Although her days' activities ran from 6 a.m. till after midnight, Sharon says, "You couldn't have paid me to give up that experience."

The contestants are broken down into groups for their week's activities and Sharon became very close friends with Misses Alabama, South Dakota, and West Virginia. She still corresponds with her fellow participants. While she didn't place in the top 10, Sharon was awarded a special prize by the judges. For her interpretation of a poem by Carl Sandburg she was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Then it was back on the road for Miss California.

Sharon's travels in the fall of 1968 took her to such diverse places as Minnesota, Illinois, Texas, and all over California. "I'm proud to be carrying Torrance's banner all over the state," said Sharon. If there were a lot of people that didn't know where Torrance is, a lot more know where it is now."

During the month of November Sharon traveled the length and breadth of the state speaking at high schools for an anti-litter campaign. It was during the question and answer sessions after these speaking engagements that she discovered it only takes a few years to create a generation gap. "I nearly fell off the stage," she relates, "when little seventh graders would ask me about my opinions on dope!" Sharon became much more familiar with her home state on these tours as she drove to many of her engagements.

"California is full of wonderful variety in climate and scenery. It's been a real education," she said, even though you do feel like part of the car seat after a thousand miles." Her three weeks home at Christmas time were a welcome relief.

New Year's Day brought the Tournament of Roses Parade and Sharon rode on Torrance's float with Darcy Barcroft and Etta Cummingford. Although it may come as a surprise to many people, riding a float in the Rose Parade does not rank in the girl's opinion as one of the most pleasant ways to spend New Year's morning.

"It's a great honor and a thrill to ride in this famous parade," said Sharon, "but it's a very long parade." "Before it was over I was hot and hungry, my face was stiff from smiling, and my arms felt like lead. When it's over you just want to go someplace and sleep." An opinion with which the other girls heartily concurred.

January and February brought more pleasant times when Sharon went on a promotional tour for Western Airlines. She first flew to Western's "Sun Cities" (Phoenix, San Diego, and Acapulco) and then to the northern end of Western's route (Canada and Alaska) to encourage our northern neighbors to vacation in the south. Her visit to Calgary, Canada, stands out in her memory.

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# ... Red Cross Chamber To Install Officers

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● A serviceman's child will be born. Either a grandparent or the mother herself will call Red Cross. The happy news — including time, date, weight, sex and state of health — will be dispatched with high priority on the Red Cross military communications system.

The problems of military personnel and their families always have top priority with Red Cross. More than 51 per cent of the American National Red Cross annual budget of \$61,250,000 is spent on services to the armed forces and their families.

All money is contributed by the American people and in this area is given through United Crusade.

Other Red Cross services include disaster relief amounting to more than \$10,000,000 nationally; the blood program — with Los Angeles and Orange Counties having the largest single operation; educational programs in safety and nursing; a youth activities program, and volunteer services in hospitals and medical facilities.

"Sometimes you get tired of strictly decorative duties, but you can mature in pageant work; it's a really good place to learn how to deal with other people. I'd advise it for girls who are interested. If you want to live in society, you have to learn to 'do your own thing' without hurting other people."

What does the future hold in store? Well, Sharon will be married in July to her patient fiancée Jerry Baker of Santa Monica. One week after her wedding she will start summer classes at Long Beach State. She expects to get her degree in February 1970. After that she would like to use some of her scholarship money to go on for her masters degree in Speech Therapy. "It's going to be hard to de-accelerate after pace I've been keeping. Thank goodness, I have my wedding plans to look forward to or I'd have a very big letdown."

Sharon would like to work with the Miss California Pageant organization as a Mistress of Ceremonies on local pageants for maybe four or five years, but she knows her full time goal. She states, "To get married, settle down, and raise christian kids — that's a woman's place."

That's the projected future for Sharon Kay Terrill. But what about her alter-ego Miss California 1968? Showing that she still has her sense of humor, Sharon quips, "You can tell your readers that Miss California will self-destruct shortly before 11 p.m. on June 21!"

# Certificates Awarded

The Torrance Press-Herald has been honored with a certificate of appreciation from the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for its contribution to the development of the 87-acre park.

The list of others honored by the foundation includes the cities of Torrance, Rolling Hills Estates, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach; the Redondo Beach Elk's Lodge, and many area garden clubs and individuals.

# Free Music And Talk Concert Set

A recently formed area organization, "Peace Unlimited," will be giving its first free music concert Friday at Parich Hall, 361 Richmond St., El Segundo, from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Appearing with Hear the Truth, a "Christian rock group," will be Wynn Cameron, an ex-rock-and-roll recording artist.

Hippies and former drug-addicts will talk about their newly-found "un-hooked" lives.

One of the speakers will be Wes Brumley, in and out of Juvenile Hall on narcotics charges.

"Through this new life I have found real peace," he admits. "I have a power and a purpose in life I'd never experienced before."

There will be no admission charge, and the public is invited.

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One day last summer, for instance, one of our servicemen chased a hit-and-run driver in his Gas Company truck.



# The Money Tree

By Milton Moskowitz

There couldn't be a business more frustrating than housing. The shortage of decent housing, particularly for poor people, is a national scandal. The technology is available to produce low-cost housing for millions of people, but it can't be pressed into service because of the political and economic forces operating in this most fragmented of industries.

You may have heard, for example, of the massive Housing Act passed by Congress last year. So sweeping were its provisions that it has been hailed as the "Marshall Plan" for housing. It was geared to the goal of 2.6 million new housing units a year for the next 10 years, including a total of six million subsidized units for low-income families.

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That was fine — except that after passing the legislation, Congress adjourned without providing any funds for execution of the program. This kind of cynical action is so common that no one in the housing industry is even surprised.

In fact, people in the housing field are the industry's severest critics. They know the story only too well. "American Builder," a magazine for builders, recently published its centennial issue with this banner scrawled across its cover: "Who really gives a damn about housing?" Inside the issue this question was answered as follows:

"Not the power structure: All they do is talk, talk, talk."

"Not the cities: They're headed for a decade of failure."

"Not the suburbs: They couldn't care less."

"Not the rural areas: Everyone is leaving them."

Everyone in the industry will

# A Look at the World of Finance

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The fragmentation of the housing industry is well known. Small local builders dominate the action. The 14 largest home builders in the country account for but 2 per cent of the market. Contrast that with other industries, where the big producers account for a significant share of output.

It's the dominance of these small builders that has prevented modern technology, such as prefabrication, from making a contribution toward solving our housing shortage.

The debacle of housing has been accompanied by two trends. First, homes cost more. The median sales price of a new single-family house was \$18,000 in 1963. Last year it was \$24,750. Secondly, we're becoming apartment renters rather than home owners. This year, for the first time, more permits will be issued to build new apartments than to build houses.

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There are those who think the housing industry is getting just what it deserves. One holder of this view is Pierre Rinfret, one of the nation's leading economists and an advisor to President Nixon during his 1968 campaign. Citing the rapid growth of mobile homes, whose shipments have jumped from 118,000 units in 1955 to more than 300,000 last year, Mr. Rinfret sounds off as follows:

"For \$6,000 I can produce an eight-by-twenty-foot home, put it on six concrete blocks on the land, and it will cost the buyer \$25 a month. And that is better

# CHP Warns Against Custom Exhaust Work

The California Highway Patrol has issued a warning against modifying the exhaust system of an automobile to amplify or increase the noise it emits above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle.

W. R. Waldron, captain of the South Los Angeles area office of the California Highway Patrol said that many people, particularly young owners of sports cars or other small vehicles, purchase glass-packed replacement mufflers especially designed to sound like a higher powered vehicle.

"Some dealers stamp these replacement mufflers 'Not intended for use on California highways,' but some don't. Whatever the dealer's practice, it is unlawful to amplify or increase the noise above that emitted by the original muffler on the vehicle," he said.

He pointed out that the prohibition against modifying exhaust systems to increase noise is a separate section from the one which requires a car to have an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise.

The vehicle code also prohibits equipping any muffler or exhaust system with a cutout, bypass or similar device.

# Ishibashi Receives Probation

United States Attorney Matt Byrne has announced that James Katsumi Ishibashi, 47, had pled guilty on April 29, to a charge of failing to file a Federal income tax return for the year 1965, was sentenced by District Court Judge Albert Lee Stephens Jr. to probation for one year.

Ishibashi, age 50, of 753 W. Sepulveda Blvd., has been self-employed as a truck farmer in Portuguese Bend since 1948. He also operates a roadside stand near his farm from which he sells fruits, vegetables, and flowers.

Ishibashi was charged with earning a gross income of \$36,584.51 in 1965 for which no return was filed. The guilty plea came as the result of an extensive investigation conducted by the Intelligence Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

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So if you think we're going to get this "breakthrough" in housing that Secretary George Romney is talking about, think again. Maybe Romney is right but not if things don't change drastically, for this industry, one of our most vital, has been so impervious to change that nothing short of complete destruction seems likely to shake it.

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