

# Western Project Approved

A \$28,896 contract for landscaping of the median divider along Western Avenue in the Peninsula-San Pedro area has been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday awarded the contract to the California Landscape, Inc., of Canoga Park. The firm submitted the lowest of three bids, which ranged to a high of \$33,402.

THE WORK will be done in the median areas of the three-quarter mile section of Western Avenue, between Palos Verdes Drive North and Redondela Drive. This stretch of road was recently widened and improved.

"Concrete planter boxes and an automatic sprinkler system will be installed in the medians," Chace said. "In addition, shrubs native to the area will be planted. The unplanted sections will be paved and graced with buff-colored stones."

"THE LANDSCAPING will blend with the surrounding countryside to provide a pleasing aesthetic effect on this key highway," he said.

Work will begin immediately and will be completed in September. During construction, left-turn lanes at alternate intersections and lanes adjacent to the medians may be closed to traffic during working hours.

Left-turn pockets at signalized intersections will remain open.

# Investment Talk Set On Monday

"Investing in Mutual Funds" is the title of a free investment lecture to be offered next Monday in Redondo Beach by Dean Witter & Co.

James D. Dillavou, account executive from the Los Angeles office, will conduct the lecture. He will talk on the advantages and disadvantages of mutual funds and the many types of funds available to investors.

The lecture will begin Monday evening at 7:30 at 1700 S. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach. The talk is open to the public.

# Profile

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opment Center, run by the association. Here, young adults are given true work experience, and it isn't just busy work. The center currently has seven subcontracts from industry for various types of assembly work, and the retarded are paid for their efforts.

"Here's a retarded kid, but he's doing something in the economy!" Catanich exclaims. Best of all, Catanich says, the retarded "want to please, do please, and take pride in their work." The files of the association are filled with letters of praise from satisfied businessmen, many of whom had had difficulties finding the right type of labor for their repetitive tasks before they discovered the association.

All in all, Catanich says he's led a "pretty well balanced life." He's a past exalted ruler of the Laguna Beach Elk's Lodge and was named to the Legion of Honor by De Molay for his work in staging club conventions. Catanich is also a Mason and holds an American Legion community service award for his work in Orange County.

Hobbies are important to Joseph G. Catanich. He's an avid shutterbug and gets a special thrill from toting his camera along on vacation trips. Five years ago, when he embarked on his dream tour of Europe, Catanich went to great lengths to photograph each attraction in an original fashion.

And Catanich wasn't satisfied with limiting his jaunts to the Eiffel Tower and London Bridge. He made it his business to read up on the out-of-the-way points of interest, photographing them with the same enthusiasm as the tourist traps.

A Torrance resident, Catanich and his wife Lois have five grown children. Good music and theater occupy the couple's time between vacations, and Catanich also enjoys trying his skills on the piano and organ when time permits.

# Supervisor Leads Fight To Save Park

By KENNETH HAHN  
County Supervisor

I am leading the fight to save Hancock Park and its famous La Brea Tar Pits from being infringed upon by the nearby Art Museum.

The Tar Pits — one of the world's most valued scientific assets — must be preserved for the generations to come. It is one of the world's greatest scientific and educational centers.

There has been an effort to solve a parking problem of the next-door art museum by taking over part of Hancock Park.

PORTABLE parking structures should be installed at the Art Museum. To use Hancock Park would be a serious mistake.

The park is one of the few public open spaces left in the area and the Museum of Natural History still is exploring the tar pits for prehistoric material.

It must be able to do this without fear of encroachment.

I have been endorsed in my efforts to save Hancock Park by Herbert Friedmann, director of the County Museum of Natural History. Mr. Friedmann believes the park has the

richest, the most important, and by far the best known deposit in the world of Pleistocene fossils.

I agree.

LOS ANGELES has no other single attraction of comparable scientific fame. No other large city has anything to equal it. The area should be preserved in its entirety and be enhanced by additional exhibits. Perhaps some day we can build a museum especially designed to display and to make more meaningful the amazing panorama of the life in the Ice Age which preceded our own time.

Hundreds of children visit the tar pits and park every day. This historic site must remain for them.

If for no other reason, the park should be preserved to keep faith with the late Capt. G. Allen Hancock, who donated the property to the county in 1916.

IT WAS Captain Hancock's desire that this great site be kept for posterity for its scientific significance.

I talked with him in 1963, shortly before he died. He gave approval for the Art Museum,

which was built on park property.

But he asked that no more park land be used for other than its original purpose.

He, perhaps more than any other man, realized La Brea Tar Pits cannot be replaced at any price.

# Bye, Bye Birdie

Exotic, foreign and cage bird display at the Los Angeles County Fair, Pomona, Sept. 12-28, is one of the largest in the nation in varieties shown and number of entries.

# Water Barrier Project Grows

County supervisors have approved plans and specifications for installation of 17 wells as part of the sea water barrier project in the Wilmington area, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

Estimated cost of the project — identified as Unit 1D — is \$260,000.

Bids are being sought and will be opened May 16 in the offices of the County Flood Control District. Award of contract by the supervisors is due

sealing, Chace said. It will call for drilling the recharge wells in an area bounded generally by the Harbor Freeway, Anaheim Street, Alameda Street, and E Street. Depth of the wells will vary between 180 and 255 feet.

Chace said the contractor will be required to erect temporary five-foot high chain link fencing around the well holes when work is carried on near the Hawaiian Avenue School and Child Care Center. about ten days after the un-

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