

Sanity Hearing Ordered for Mother of Slain Girl

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CRASH KILLS SOUTH HIGH SENIOR

A Penny for your Thoughts

California goes off daylight saving time Sunday. The Pennies photographer asked shoppers if "they think daylight saving time would be a good thing all year?"

Mrs. Virginia Lindsey, 2128 248th St., Lomita:

"We had daylight saving time during the war and I didn't see any advantages to it then. I like daylight saving during the summer and would like to see it extended another month."

Mrs. Art Comer, 1719 - 257th St., Lomita:

"I think daylight saving would be a good idea. The way it is now people have to get used to it twice a year. We had daylight saving time during the war and the majority of people liked it then."

Mrs. John W. Barber, 1109 Patronella Ave.:

"I think daylight saving time is better because it gives you more time and you can get more things done. I think they should leave it one way or another though. We just get used to daylight saving time and it changes, fouling up schedules."

Miss Velda Kuykendall, 2315 Lomita Blvd., Lomita:

"I think daylight saving time would be better all year. I like the long evenings and it would be better for me driving home from Long Beach State College where I am a student. I don't like driving during the twilight hours."

Mrs. Donald Yoho, 25032 Andree Ave., Lomita:

"I hate daylight saving time. Noon is noon no matter what. I have five children and during the summer our schedules are on standard time. I'll be very glad when standard time is effective Sunday. I don't care for the long evenings."

Plunge to Open For Weekend Use

The city plunge will be open for recreational swimming from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends until Oct. 15, it was reported here yesterday by Recreation Department officials. Additional hours may be scheduled in the event of a period of warm weather.

Arraignment Delayed for Sanity Test

A 37-year-old Torrance mother, accused of strangling her five-year-old daughter, has been committed to Los Angeles General Hospital for a psychiatric examination. Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong ordered the commitment Monday when Mrs. Matilda Clemensen, of 19316 Donora Ave., was brought before him for arraignment on charges that she killed her daughter with a nylon stocking on the day she was scheduled to enter kindergarten.

The woman told police she had strangled her daughter, Beverly Kay, last Wednesday because she dreamed the girl and an older daughter were in danger of their lives.

The mother has been undergoing psychiatric treatment and was released from a mental hospital a short time before the girl was slain. If she is determined to be insane, she will be committed to a state institution. If declared sane, she will be arraigned immediately on the murder charge, according to police.

Chairman Appointed By Chest

John D. Pellerin, assistant manager of the Security National Bank in Torrance, has been named as Torrance advance gifts chairman for this year's Community Chest campaign.

Employed by the Security First National for 15 years, Pellerin came to the Torrance area last year. He was active in Community Chest's United-Way Appeal five years ago.

Pellerin is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and recently he was elected treasurer of the Lions Club. He has also been active in many other civic functions.

He lives with his wife and two children, a boy and a girl, in the Torrance area.

Persons interested in helping with the local appeal can call Pellerin at DA 4-3347.

Police Plan Annual Show

Wally Boag and his entire company of can can dancers, presently a featured act at Disneyland, will be among features of the Torrance Police Officers Assn. dance Oct. 28 at the Long Beach municipal auditorium.

The show is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the show and dance will be used by the association to support their youth programs such as Pop Warner football, Little League, Boy and Girl Scouts and other activities, according to Don Hartel, dance chairman.

Other top acts will be signed in the very near future for the event, Hartel added.



YOUNG SPEAKERS MEET . . . Community Chest junior volunteer speakers from the Harbor Area discuss their agenda during the annual orientation meeting held recently in the Commons Building, University of Southern California. Left to right are Karen Shell, 17, 744 W. 9th, San Pedro; Marty Dupree, 12, 16203 Spinning Ave., Gardena; James Jones, 13, 2610 181st St. and Donald Oldt, 13, 2022 W. 180th, Torrance. Karen is a member of the YWCA and the boys are Scouts.

Teachers Given Salary Hike; Maximums Raised

Salary hikes for the city's nearly 1000 teachers which will raise the maximum to nearly \$10,000 a year were approved by the Board of Education Monday evening. Cost of the raise for teachers and an across-the-board raise for classified personnel was placed at \$230,000.

Salaries for teachers will be raised effective Oct. 9, the second month of school, the Board decided. Minimum salaries for teachers with a bachelor's degree will now be \$5050 a year and can be increased in 12 steps to a maximum of \$7493.

TEACHERS having a master's degree or bachelor's plus 30 units of additional work will have a minimum salary of \$5469 which can be raised to \$8529 in 13 steps. Those with master's degrees or a bachelor's plus 72 units have a basic salary of \$6159 which can be raised to a maximum of \$9539 in 14 steps.

CLASSIFIED personnel of the district will receive a 2½ per cent raise effective Oct. 1 under the new schedule. The board, at the same time, ordered a study of the classified salaries in relation to similar job classifications in industry and comparable districts, and took under advisement a union request for other fringe benefits.

Lomita Water Bonds Issued

Approval for the issuance and sale of bonds totaling \$20,000 for County Waterworks District No. 13, Lomita, was announced yesterday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said proceeds from the bonds will be used to construct water system improvements in the 240th Street Annex.

Majority of registered voters in existing County Waterworks District No. 13 and a majority of registered voters in the 240th St. Annex voted for annexation of 240th St. Annex to the District on Feb. 28, 1961.

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Cycle Rider Dies in Bike, Auto Crash

A 16-year-old South High School senior died at Harbor General Hospital Tuesday after he was involved in a motorcycle-car accident in front of 20418 Anza Ave.

Killed was Rick Berton Scott of 21905 Linda Dr. He was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by Ronnie William Mathis, 17, of 22715 Anza Ave. Police said Mathis suffered severe injuries. He was reported in good condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital.

BOTH YOUTHS were thrown from the motorcycle which collided with a station wagon driven by Mary Geraldine Sternberg, 33, of 20418½ Anza Ave.

The youths were northbound on Anza and the vehicle southbound when the accident occurred.

FUNERAL SERVICES for the Scott youth will be held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. today with interment following at Green Hills Memorial Park. Young Scott had resided in Torrance all of his life, and attended Torrance Elementary School and Seaside Elementary School before entering South High.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Scott; two sisters, Gail and Laura; and a brother, David, all at home. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown of Torrance and Mrs. Ritha Scott of Fort Worth.

IN ANOTHER accident, Torrance police booked Alphonso Martinez Lopez of 1221 El Prado for felony drunk driving Tuesday after a passenger in his car suffered severe injuries when the vehicle struck an utility pole at 20363 Anza Ave.

Evva Doloris Gardiner, 34, Gardena, passenger in the vehicle, was reported in satisfactory condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital where she underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon. The accident occurred about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Police are investigating the cause of the accident. An interpreter had to be obtained since Lopez spoke very little English, police said.

'Chutist Killed in Accident

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. today at St. Philomena's Catholic Church for Joseph L. Ramirez, a Korean War veteran, who was killed at Ft. Sill, Okla., Sunday when he fell 7400 feet from an airplane.

Ramirez, a member of a jumping club at the Army base, was killed when his parachute failed to open, it was reported here. He will be buried with full military honors following today's church rites.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ramirez, of 1056 W. 225th St.; three brothers, Frank of Torrance and Manuel and Jesse of Wilmington; and five sisters, Marie Klepack of Torrance, Lupe Vero of Wilmington, Mary Martinez of Torrance, Margaret Gonzales of Torrance, and Cecilia of the family home.

Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery under the direction of Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Dog Fee Deadline Only 10 Days Off

Deadline for obtaining dog licenses within the city of Torrance is Sept. 30, License Inspector Gale Whitacre reminded residents yesterday.

The official reminded dog owner that a 50 per cent penalty would apply beginning Oct. 1. Current licensing fees are \$3.

TRACY TIMMONS NEW 'CARRIER OF MONTH'

Thirteen-year-old Tracy Timmons, who began his eighth grade studies at the Adams Elementary School last week, has been named "Carrier of the Month" for August, it was announced yesterday by Darrell Westcott, circulation manager for the HERALD.

Tracy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Timmons, of 23633 Eshelman Ave., has been carrying the HERALD on a route near his home since last spring. He was named winner of the August award in competition with 150 neighborhood carrier boys.

"Tracy is one of our most dependable carriers," Westcott said yesterday when announcing his selection. "He has shown enterprise in building up his HERALD route, and has thereby been getting the added earnings such enterprise brings to ambitious carriers."

Tracy's mother, Lillie, is employed in the city attorney's office in Torrance.



TRACY TIMMONS
Carrier of the Month

Aviation Leaders Help Dedicate New Heliport



AT DEDICATION . . . On hand to help dedicate the area's first heliport at the Plush Horse Inn yesterday afternoon were top aviation and civic officials of the area. Here from left are Mayor Albert Isen; Albert W. Bayer, vice president of Hughes Aircraft; and Glenn W. Pfeil, co-publisher and general manager of the HERALD. (Herald Photo)

Termed the West's first "helicopter fly-in," the dedication ceremonies for the private heliport of the Plush Horse Inn, yesterday noon brought six copters bearing aviation personalities to the event.

The new port will be available on call to all helicopter operators in the area and heli-cab service will be available by arrangement for guests at the rapidly expanding restaurant and hotel on Coast highway.

DALE DOOLEY, chairman of the helicopter committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, presided at a luncheon in the Harold room of the restaurant, attended by airport and aviation officials and officials of Southwest area cities.

MAKING SHORT addresses were Al Bayer, vice president of marketing for Hughes Aircraft who flew in alone in one of the companies latest model helicopters; D. W. Robinson, vice president of Los Angeles Airport Commission and representative of Mayor Yorty; Lee Pitt, chairman of the Chamber's aerospace committee; Francis Fox, of Torrance, Manager of Los Angeles International Airport; Mayors Albert Isen and William Czuliger of Torrance and Redondo Beach and Capt. J. J. Roche (Continued on Page 2)