



HAPPY TALK—Patti Hayes as Bloody Mary translates for Lt. Cable (Bob Olmstead) and Mary Joe Nardini in love scene from "South Pacific," slated at El Camino.

'South Pacific' Curtain to Rise on Thursday

Unusual interest has been aroused here by the presentation of "South Pacific" in the campus Theater at El Camino College May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14, but it is a little less tumultuous than the hoop-la that attended the original opening of the musical in New York in April, 1949.

The authors, Richard Rodgers, who wrote the music, and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd, who wrote the lyrics and was co-author of the book, were at the peak of their reputations, with such successes behind them as "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel."

Joshua Logan, who was co-producer, director, and collaborator with Hammerstein on the libretto, also was one of the top-craftsmen, through his success with "Mister Roberts."

The original story, James Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific," was a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Mary Martin, who was starring as the Navy nurse, was one of Broadway's greatest favorites, and Ezio Pinza, as the French planter, was making his first appearance on the Broadway stage, after a career as leading basso with the Metropolitan Opera.

These factors combined to cause near-riots among theatergoers clamoring for tickets. "On the day of the opening, business practically stopped all over town. Everyone was obsessed with one idea. The teller at the bank murmured wistfully over the top of a pile of bills, 'I hope "South Pacific" is as good as they say it's going to be.'"

Tickets for the El Camino College production are available in the student book store on campus.

Nine Teachers Get Summer Scholarships

Nine Torrance teachers have been selected for special summer scholarships in foreign language, science, and math.

Richard Bannehr and Paula Grahmer, German teachers at Torrance and North respectively, were selected for summer scholarships in Germany.

They were chosen under terms of the National Defense Education Act and Stanford University grants.

National Science Foundation scholarships were awarded to seven Torrance teachers. North High teachers Robert Martin, biology, and Richard Venturini, physics, will attend UCLA.

Torrance High School's Robert McKnight will study radiation biology at the University of New Mexico and Alfred Smith will take biology at USC. South High's Grant Jones will study biology at Ball State Teachers' College, Ind.

Frank Small, North High, will study math at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Jack Knapp, Torrance High, was awarded a math scholarship to Highlands University, New Mexico.

Brownie Troop Hosts Mothers

Members of Brownie Troop 2329 entertained their mothers at a recent cookout in Alondra Park.

Scouts prepared Italian delight, fruit salad, garlic bread and punch for the event.

Attending were Barbara Adsit, Cathy Gilbert, Kathy Caminiti, Ayvazian, Christy Brown, Denise Chylak, Cheryl Cramer, Cindy Grabbfield, Lee Jones, Louanne Klien, Sherry McCully, JoAnn and Lyla Mosby, Bertha Rabut, Denise Sadow, Christine Tracy, Nancy West, and Mary Jo Williams.

The troop is sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

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Summer School Registration Open This Week

Sign-ups for summer classes in the Torrance Unified School District should be made this week, according to Trudy Aldershot, summer session director.

The six-week sessions will be held June 20 through July 29, with both elementary and high-school classes designed to meet the needs of all children—bright, average, and slow.

Enrollment is expected to be considerably larger than last year's 6300 average daily attendance, which was one-third of the regular year's enrollment.

Summer school classes are an extension of the regular school year, with work in subjects of special interest or need.

High-school courses for eighth-grade graduates include refresher math, reading, Algebra I, practical typing, English, general science, instrumental music, vocal music, practical speech, exploratory foreign language, and art.

Courses may be taken for credit and are designed to aid college-bound youngsters.

Regular high-school courses will be offered in all subjects for which there is sufficient demand.

Speech therapy will be offered at Magruder, Calle Mayor, Flavian, and Fern-Greenwood Schools. Classes for moderately mentally retarded children also will be available.

Mrs. De Jaire New Governor of Pilot District

Mrs. Joseph A. DeJaire, of the Pilot Club of Torrance, was elected governor of District 18 of Pilot International at the 12th annual convention of the California District, held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Barbara, last weekend.

She was installed at ceremonies following the annual banquet Saturday night, by Mrs. Bobbie Burnham of Albuquerque, president-elect of Pilot International.

Mrs. DeJaire has lived in Torrance since 1942. She has contributed outstanding community service in connection with civic, church and PTA activities, as well as the YWCA, and Crippled Children's Society.

During the past year she held the office of district lieutenant governor, and prior to that served as district publicity chairman.

In her capacity as governor of District 18, which comprises fifteen clubs throughout California, she also will serve as a director of Pilot International, one of the five international classified service organizations for executive, business, and professional women which compose the Council of Women's International Classified Service Clubs.

Other members of the Pilot Club of Torrance in attendance at the convention were Mrs. John W. Whittington, Herma Tillim, and Mae Sleep, the official delegates, and Mary Young, and Mmes. C. B. Mitchell, J. K. Burchfield, and C. E. Krueger.

In her capacity as a member of the Governor's Council of District 18, Mrs. DeJaire will take an active part in the proceedings at the 39th annual convention of Pilot International which will be held July 22-29 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Scouts Welcome Spring at El Nido

Brownie Troop 1811 and Girl Scout Troop 307 welcomed spring at a recent cookout in El Nido Park.

Troop 307 was in charge of KP duty.

Highlight of the event was an Easter-bonnet contest. Linda Massey was awarded first prize for beauty. Vickie Dutton was first in the humor category.

New officers of Troop 1811 are Shirley Gallucci, president; Annette Farrer, vice president; Linda Scheele, secretary; Kimberly Winslow, police; Linda Fredeicksen; Marilyn Harte, Nancy Searcy, and Linda Massey, door keepers.

Western Round-Up Set at Halldale May 13

The committee for the Halldale Western Round-Up, met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. B. N. Kellam, ways and means Chairman, of the PTA to discuss last-minute plans for the festival to be held May 13 on the school playground from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fifteen booths, decorated by board members, will feature games, baked goods, plants, white elephants, knitted slippers, aprons, potholders, and toys.

A magic show and trick-dog act will be presented by Carl Burgess of Hollywood. Mmes. W. H. McGuire and Lytle White will portray clowns.

Mrs. Jim Garland will be in charge of decorations and signs. Mrs. Judson Bowers, president of Halldale PTA, will attend the 61st annual state PTA convention in San Francisco Tuesday through Friday.

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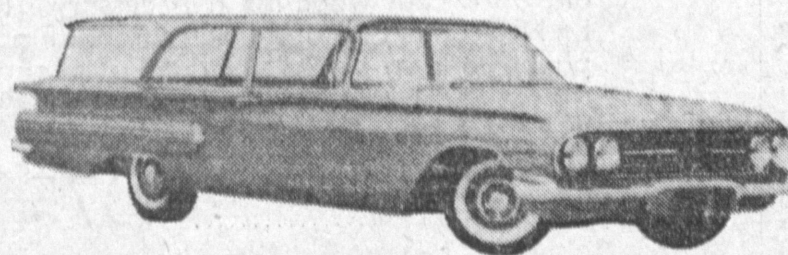
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