

CRASH KILLS OFFICER

Petitioners Request Pound Change

City Asked to Seek S.P.C.A. Contract

A petition bearing 606 signatures will be presented to the Torrance City Council Tuesday evening, requesting that the contract with the South Bay Humane Society be terminated.

Petition lists alleged Humane Society's "endorsement" of practice of trapping household pets as one of the basic grievances.

Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, 1314 Teri St., one of the circulators of the petition, stated that "untidy and unkempt" appearance of animal shelter, located near the intersection of Earle St. and Del Amo, alleged unsanitary conditions under which the captive animals are kept, and lack of service were the main reasons so many pet owners were anxious to sign the petitions.

SURVEY

Mrs. Roberts, who conducted a survey through nearby cities on pound services, stated the cities which had signed contracts with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

seemed to be the best satisfied.

She opposed the possibility of contracting for county pound services, she said, because of the county's tacit approval of the practice of vivisection and using animals for experimental purposes.

City recently renewed contract for pound services within the city with the South Bay Humane Society. Several of the councilmen went on record at the time as opposing the renewal of the contract.

Pull Torrance Man From Flaming Car Following Crash

A Torrance man was rescued from his burning automobile by bystanders Friday morning and then booked by Compton police officers on suspicion of drunken driving.

Treated at Physicians and Surgeons' Hospital before booking was Thomas Turkington, 36, 22109 Selwyn Ave.

Investigators said that Turkington's auto crashed into the rear of another car on Artesia near Santa Fe, flipped over and exploded into flame.

Turkington was pulled from the wreck by driver of the second car, Ople Nesler, Jr., 23, of Compton.



UNDER FIRE—Petitions, bearing 606 signatures, will be presented to the Torrance city council Tuesday night requesting that the city seek another pound service than the presently contracted South Bay Humane Society. Signers of petitions cited lack of service and unkempt appearance of the local shelter as the reason for their dissatisfaction. New contract was signed recently by the city with the organization over protests by some councilmen.

Torrance Writer Wins \$500 Award

\$500 Red Skelton Award in the "Best Humorous Story" category was presented to Humphrey Owen of 120 Via Sevilla, Hollywood Riviera during the Fourth Annual Greater Los Angeles Press Club Journalism Awards program, held Thursday evening at club headquarters. Entries were judged by top newsmen from the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Owen, who is a by-line feature writer on the editorial staff of a Los Angeles daily newspaper served a two year term as president of the Los Angeles Club. He and his wife Paula have resided in the Riviera section of Torrance for several years.

\$31,000 to City

Allocation of \$31,000 to the city of Torrance for the improvement of Carson St. at El Prado Ave. was reported last week by Supervisor Burton Chace of the Fourth District.

ROSE PARADE . . .

World-Famed Designer to Create Torrance Float

According to an announcement made Friday by Tournament of Roses Chairman Bob Vroman, Mrs. Isabella S. Coleman, world-famous float designer from Pasadena, has been selected again this year by the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce to design and build this city's entry in the 1962 Tournament of Roses parade.

Mrs. Coleman guided Torrance to a third place award in 1958 and three consecutive first place awards in 1959, 1960 and 1961.

Theme of this year's entry will be "Torrance By The Sea." Float will consist of a gnome riding a seahorse—the gnome being decorated with poinsettia's, delphinium and croton leaves and in Goldsmith and white chrysanthemums and poinsettias. The entry will be approximately 20 feet in length, 17 feet high, and six feet wide. It will cost approximately \$4,000.

Since Torrance's entry will be financed entirely through contributions made by the citizens and businessmen of the community, any contributions large or small



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Off-Duty LA Policeman in Cycle Pileup

An off-duty policeman, a resident of Torrance although a member of the Los Angeles City Police Department, died Friday afternoon in a spectacular two car, truck, motorcycle crash on the Harbor Freeway.

Dead is Edmund L. McCauley, 24, of 22139 Bonita St., who had worked for the department for only one year.

McCauley, who was riding his own motorcycle on his way home from work, was hit by an auto driven by Masako Sato, 24, of 21042 Water St., also of Torrance. Scene of the accident was just south of the El Segundo Blvd. on-ramp.

Taken to Morningside Hospital for treatment of serious injuries was Jackson A. Carr, 44, of Anaheim, driver of a sports car which turned over several times in the collision.

Mrs. Sato told investigating officers that she swerved to miss a card table that had fallen from a truck. When she swerved across the freeway she struck cycle driven by McCauley and the sports car driven by Carr, pushing them into the path of a ton-and-a-half truck in the outside lane.

Officers are searching for the driver of a light green pickup truck, vehicle from which the table is alleged to have dropped.

Mrs. Sato was not held.

Local Men Installed as Scout District Leaders

William A. Dunlap, of Gardena, was installed as chairman of the Harbor District of Boy Scouts of America for his second term and six other local Scouting leaders were presented the coveted Order of Merit awards Wednesday night at the 39th annual banquet-installation of the district.

More than 235 persons from Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Gardena, Wilmington and San Pedro, which comprises the district, attended the event, held at South High School in Welteria.

Awarded the Order of Merit for their contributions to Scouting were: Alex S. Thompson, of Torrance, a lieutenant in the city's police department who serves as a committeeman in Post 241-X; Edgar M. Calderwood, of San Pedro, a Pacific Telephone Co. employee, member-at-large who has organized a troop for mentally retarded children in the Harbor Exceptional Children's Foundation;

Robert F. Jones, Sr., of Torrance, a North American Aircraft engineer and Scoutmaster who participated in a multitude of camping trips and Order of Arrow events; and Auburn J. Standley, of Gardena, who as a member-at-large led many Scouts to the Eagle rank and has been active in Order of Arrow.

Other officers installed to serve with Dunlap were: Richard Christensen, Tom Mill and William Shawger, all district vice chairmen.

Named to serve as district representatives to the council, in addition to the three vice chairmen, were:

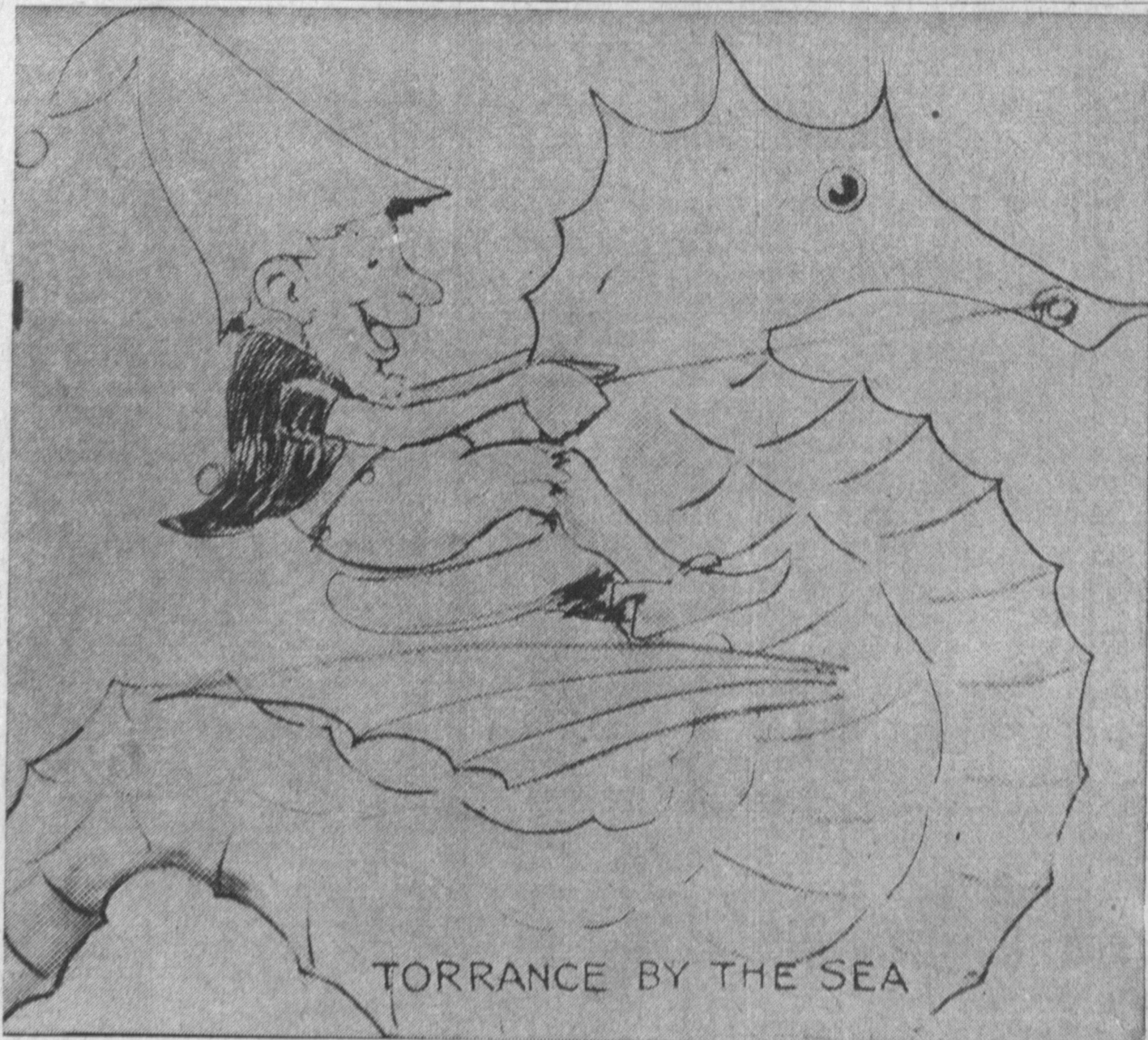
Dr. J. H. Hull, A. E. Benschiedt, Andrew P. Marinovich, Lloyd Menveg, Dr. A. N. Posner, and James L. Rush.

Konstan was elected to serve as the district's commissioner.

During the event, recognition awards were presented out-going officers, den mothers, and other Scouting leaders.



WORKING COMMITTEE—A committee of three, responsible for the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Torrance float in the Tournament of Roses parade, here is quizzed by Harold Frenz, Chamber president. Group Friday released information regarding the size, appearance and cost of the entry. Shown with Frenz are Bob Vroman, Tournament of Roses chairman for Torrance, Gerald Dunn, president of the local Junior Chamber, and Margaret Clark, decoration chairman.



TORRANCE BY THE SEA

SNEAK PREVIEW—First look at the proposed Torrance entry in the New Year Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena was allowed Friday by members of the local committee. Sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the float will

depict a gnome riding on a seahorse, following the basic theme of "Torrance by the Sea." Committee members said that the float will cost approximately \$4000, which will be made up by public donations.