



EDITORIAL PAGE

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# Court Action Approved for Parents of Young Vandals

An action okayed by the School Board at last week's meeting has gained widespread approval and support from Torrance parents, PTA members and taxpayers.

Vandalism in schools, directly traceable to children, henceforth will be billed to the parents. If the parents fail to make the payments the board has okayed legal action to recover damages.

The Torrance Press has long felt that it is unfair that all taxpayers should be forced to pay the bills for the unruly few. We remember this as one of the campaign promises of the four new members of the board and have been looking forward to the day when parents of undisciplined children would be forced to pick up the tab for their destructive talents.

In quarterly vandalism reports submitted to the board it was learned that 24 of the city's 36 schools reported no vandalism.

## DAMAGED SCHOOLS

There were, however, entries of damages at Anza, Arlington, Fern-

Greenwood, Flavian, Hillside, Madison, Meadow Park, Seaside, Victor, Yukon and Torrance elementary schools, as well as South High School. Damage, consisting of broken windows, bent fire extinguishers, shattered electrical outlet covers and food and ink spread about walls and floors, cost the district \$139.60. Items stolen from the schools, including typewriters, wood chisels, flash lights, food and small amounts of change, amounted to \$1,536 over the three month period.

Majority of parents billed paid up without protest. However, several parents who refused to pay will be haled into court for recovery of the loss.

An average of \$6,000 per year paid out for repairing or replacing needed equipment would pay the salary of a teacher, would completely furnish a home economics room or shop, or provide a great deal of athletic equipment.

There is no reason why anyone other than the responsible parents of the children should be forced to pay these bills.

# Young Victim Finds 'Boy of the Year' Chores Are Full-Time Job . . . But Fun!

It's a big job being named "Boy of the Year" by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, for Donald Lestrage of Reseda. But when the job includes meeting with the president of the Southern California Chapter, Emmett C. McGaughey and the campaign chairman, Ben Alexander, then it's an exciting assignment for a nine year old.

Young Donald, who has had rheumatoid arthritis since he was two, knows the severe pain of our nation's greatest cripple. He hopes that medical science will find the cause of and cure for arthritis, which must come in his lifetime. Donald knows too that money is needed to support medical research that is probing for that cure.

That is why Donald is do-

ing everything he can to tell people of Southern California about The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation's month-long February fund raising campaign.

## GOALS

A goal of \$425,000 has been designated to meet the needs of the Chapter's expanded medical and service programs, which include:

Financial support to all three medical schools — UCLA for the construction of an Arthritis Research Center, a grant to USC to establish a Department of Rheumatology, and funds to Loma Linda University for the expansion of teaching facilities in rheumatology. To further research, grants have been awarded to physicians at six medical centers. Aid is given to eight visiting nurse associations for care

of homebound patients. Arthritis clinics in seven hospitals receive grants-in-aid for patient treatment and rehabilitation. In addition, an education program to provide the medical profession and the public with the latest facts about arthritis and rheumatic diseases—which affect more than 700,000 victims—men, women and children—in Southern California.

Highlight of the month's fund appeal is the "Stop Arthritis" Telethon on KTTV, Sunday, Feb. 25. Emceed by Ben Alexander, the 11-hour, star packed show will feature a special two hour "Operation Las Vegas" segment introduced by the A&R's national campaign chairman, Ed Sullivan and hosted by disc jockey, Johnny Grant.



**MAIL OUT** — Donald Lestrage, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation "Boy of the Year," asks your help to "Stop Arthritis" during the month-long February fund-raising campaign. Brien Gammill mails his contribution to the Southern California Chapter (8576 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif.), which goes to support research, clinical treatment, patient care and education about our nation's number one cripple—arthritis.

# Veterans Can Use Insurance Refund For Premiums

More than a million veterans who hold GI life insurance policies are using their regular dividends to guard against loss of their insurance, Mort Webster, manager of VA's Southern California Regional Office, said this week.

The VA recently announced that more than \$240 million in dividends would be paid during 1962 to over 4.7 million veterans and servicemen who hold participating GI insurance.

If they wish, GI policyholders may have these annual dividends held—with interest—by the agency as a credit to meet monthly premiums should the policyholders fail to pay them before the end of the 31-day grace period.

These dividends are subject to withdrawal by the policyholder on request, Webster said.

A policyholder who wishes to join those veterans who leave their dividends on deposit with VA for this purpose should write to the VA office which serves his policy, making sure to include his insurance number.

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**BEGIN AUDITIONS** — The California Junior Philharmonic Orchestra will begin local auditions starting tomorrow and continuing through Feb. 28, officials reported yesterday. Above, founder-conductor Ernest Katz accepts a citation from Ernest Debs, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, one of many such merit awards received by the group of young musicians.

# Note 2.9 Per Cent Hike In Area's Employment

Total employment in January in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Torrance area exceeded the year-ago figure by 80,200, or 2.9 percent, Irving H. Perluss, Director of Employment, announced

this week.

January employment of 2,802,200 established a new record high for that month. The only significant over-the-year-loss, occasioned by increased urbanization, occurred in agriculture. The unemployment picture also reflected the improvement in the Los Angeles economy over the year. Unemployment this January was 179,300, or 6.0 percent of the labor force, compared with last year's figure of 209,200, or 7.1 percent of the labor force.

Perluss noted that seasonal cutbacks in the holiday — expanded industries, especially retail trade, and the usual slowdown in agriculture, construction, and related industries accounted for this month's employment drop from the area's all-time high of 2,854,000 in December. The decline, however, was a relatively moderate one for the period. While expansion trends during the month were limited, modest gains in electronics and government raised payrolls in these two activities to new highs.

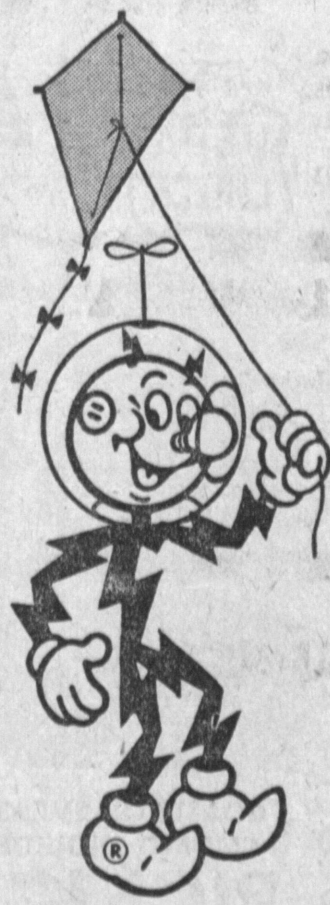
This month's rise in unemployment from the December level of 164,100, or 5.4 percent of the labor force, was also caused by seasonal factors.

# Candidate for Congress Names Campaign Head

John Sonneborn, prominent San Pedro businessman and civic leader, has been named general chairman of the Bruinsma-Torrance Committee, it was announced today.

Sonneborn pledged a "hard hitting campaign" to win the election in the 17th District with Ted Bruinsma. "First things first," Sonneborn said, "we must establish a strong, action committee throughout the district, and we will support strongly the Republican voter registration drive."

Sonneborn is vice president of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and an active member of the Lions Club. He is married with two children and is a major in the Air Force Reserve.



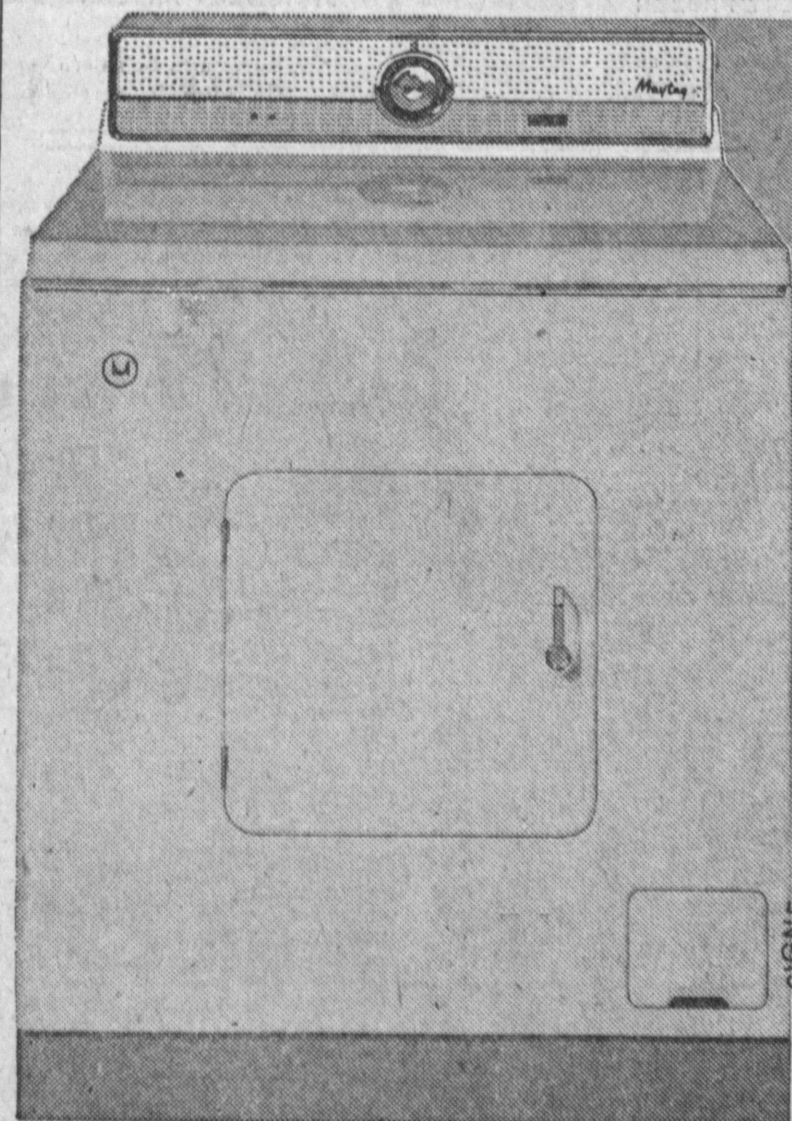
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# Invite Young Torrance Musicians to Join Junior Philharmonic; Auditions Tomorrow

If you are a teenage musician who would like to play in the Junior Philharmonic Orchestra of California, then this is your chance to join this nationally-known young people's group.

Announcement has just been made by the orchestra's founder-conductor Ernst H. Katz that the 25th annual auditions for membership in the orchestra for all young musicians in this area will be held beginning tomorrow and will continue for two weeks through Feb. 28.

Torrance area boys and girls, between the ages of

12 and 19, playing flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, alto saxes, trumpets, trombones, tubas, French horns, drums, tympani, violins, violas, cellos and string-basses are invited to call CRestview 6-5923 and an audition time will be set.

There is no audition fee or membership charge for joining the JPO which is a non-commercial civic all-youth symphony project founded 25 years ago for the purpose of "Giving Youth A Chance To Be Heard." Today it boasts a roster of 100 talented boys and girls representing over

36 communities in Southern California.

"During these annual try-outs we are making a special call for young musicians playing the cello, string-bass and French horn and we especially urge young people who play these instruments to immediately call for an audition time," said Conductor Katz.

With hundreds of concerts in behalf of civic and charitable causes to its credit the JPO is now in the midst of its Silver Jubilee Year. It has been the recipient of many national and international citations of merit and holds 12 special commendations from the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

Among the many world-famed personalities who have appeared with the orchestra during its twenty-five year history in Southern California are concert pianist Jose Iturbi, concert violinist Isaac Stern, opera stars Lauritz Melchior and Jerome Hines, composers David Rose, Oscar Straus and Emmerich Kalman and screen stars, Jayne Mansfield, Fabian, Sal Mineo, Diana Lynn, Frankie Avalon, Jane Powell and Donald O'Connor.

# Slate April 10 Ballot To End 'Lame Duck' Board

The Torrance School Board at a meeting on Feb. 5 approved a resolution to be submitted to the city council to place on the ballot at the general election in April an amendment to the City Charter which will eliminate the "lame duck" sessions of the board of education.

Soon after taking office in July 1961, new board directors became aware of the problems of having to live

with the policies and decisions that were made by the old board during the time between the election of the new board and their taking office in July. This period is commonly known as the "lame duck" session. In order to eliminate the dilemma that often arises during this period of time, the new board conferred with city councilmen and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier in an effort to amend the City Charter so that newly elected members of the board could take office immediately after the election in April. New Board members include President Bill Hanson, Vice President Albert Charles, Bert Lynn (elected to office last April); Dr. Gurt Shery, appointed to fill the vacancy left by Clinton Cooks, resigned; and Bill Boswell.

At their regular meeting on Feb. 6, the City Council unanimously approved placing amendment on the April ballot.

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