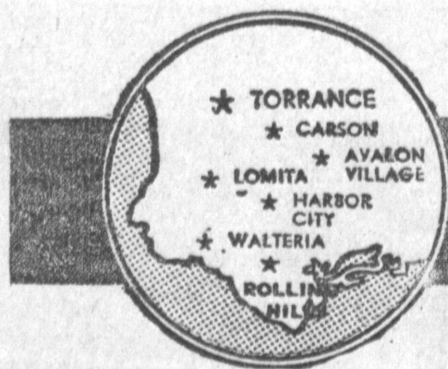


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# FAKE BOMB THREAT BRINGS POLICE SEARCHERS TO TORRANCE CITY HALL



**SEARCH FOR BOMB**—Special units from the Torrance police and fire departments Friday afternoon searched city hall after two phone calls were received stating that a bomb had been hidden in the building. Officers poked into wastebaskets and containers, peered into file cabinets, under desks and in washrooms, but no bomb was found. Department officials concluded that the calls were a hoax or the work of a "crackpot." —Press Photo

## 'Sammy' Awards Presented to 22

First annual scholastic awards banquet at North High, brought trophies to 22 winners and certificates to 53 other finalists Monday night.

Winners, nominees and their parents heard Dr. E. V. Pullias, chairman of the county board of education and professor of higher education at the University of Southern California, speak on, "The Meaning of Scholarship."

For the third straight year, North High was presented with an Award of Merit in recognition of the scholastic record of its graduates at the various branches of the University of California. Mrs. Katherine Walker made the presentation, and Richard D. Guengerich, principal, accepted on behalf of the school.

Presentation of finalists and Sammy winners were made by board of education members, William Hanson, Albert Charles, Bert Lynn, Dr. Kurt Shery; district personnel, Sam Waldrip, Dr. Albert Posner, Dr. Robert Morton; North High PTA president, Mrs. H. Johnson, and members of the school's administrative staff, Leonard F. Dalton, Eugene McCusker and Mrs. Jean Melton.

## Employees Evacuated As Special Units Look for Device

An unidentified male voice on the telephone, warning that he had hidden a bomb in Torrance city hall, brought city business to a full halt Friday as employees were evacuated from the building.

Phone calls were received at the police department in mid-afternoon and again shortly before closing time. Second call caused much less furor as majority of employees were ready to leave.

First call simply stated that bomb had been hidden in the building. Police and fire units rushed to the scene, herded employees and visitors outdoors while special details combed the building, prying in waste baskets and drawers, looking for the device.

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**SEARCH**  
When a thorough search failed to turn up a bomb, the "all clear" was sounded and employees were allowed to return to work.

At approximately 5 p.m., the second call was received, again stating that a bomb had been placed in city hall and, this time, stating that it had been

timed to "go off at 6:15."

Again the call was sent to police and fire department emergency squads and a second search was conducted.

Janitors and maintenance men, who would normally be operating inside the building after closing time, were told to keep clear until after 8 p.m.

Police department and city officials said that, in all probability, the call was made by a prankster or a "crackpot" and indicated that they would welcome any information regarding his identity.

## Chamber Makes Search for 1961's Citizen of Year

Harold G. Frenz, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has announced that June 30, 1962 is the deadline for nominations to be received by the awards committee in order to select the Citizen of the Year for 1961. Nomination blanks may be obtained at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office, 2204 Torrance Blvd.

Each year since 1953 the Torrance Chamber of Commerce awards committee has selected the citizen of Torrance whose achievements have been significant to their community and to the general welfare of the people of Torrance. The program is sponsored in memory of two departed civic leaders — Dr. William I. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte.

All entries must be postmarked not later than June

## Council Passes Ordinance Banning Beach Drinking

Torrance city councilmen Wednesday evening approved an urgency ordinance prohibiting the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the city's beaches.

Measure will become effective immediately, councilmen stated, and signs will be posted on all Torrance beach areas warning that drinking in these areas will be punished as misdemeanors.

Councilmen also demanded a stricter enforcement of the city's curfew laws, and the present state and county laws regarding conduct on the beaches.

Present curfew, for youngsters under 18 years of age, is 10 p.m.

Mayor Albert Isen requested a detailed report within 30 days showing the number of juvenile arrests, causes, and methods employed to combat juvenile delinquency in Torrance.

30, 1962. Award will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet in September 1962.

## Hurt Youngster Still 'Critical'

Harbor General Hospital authorities yesterday reported that 6-year old Richard J. Dotson, 20622 Berendo Ave., injured as he and a companion were playing in front of their Torrance area home, was still listed in critical condition.

The companion, Robert A. Ratner, 6, died Thursday of injuries received in the same accident.

Children were hit by a car driven by Stephen Montez, 45, of 1627 W. 209th St. Montez was booked on suspicion of manslaughter and felony drunk driving.

## City's Business and Government Leaders Attend Frenz Testimonial

Torrance's business and governmental community Monday paid tribute to Hal Frenz, president of the Chamber of Commerce, with a testimonial dinner held at the Palms Restaurant.

Frenz, manager of the downtown branch of the Bank of America, will be transferred to the institution's Beverly Hills office.

City officials, representatives from the community's service clubs, and members of the press and Chamber of Commerce attended the luncheon meeting.

Frenz was presented with an engraved wrist watch from the membership of the Chamber by board member Sam Levy. William Belding, also a member of the CC board of directors, presented Frenz with a desk clock, a gift from the Chamber staff.

Robert Vroman, of the Junior Chamber and chairman of the Rose Float committee on which Frenz served, presented him with a framed color photo of the float that was entered in this year's parade.

E. P. McRitchie, vice president of the Bank of America, told the guests that Frenz had been made a vice president of the organization on the strength of his contributions to the firm and to the community.

Speaking on behalf of the

city, Mayor Albert Isen stated that, when Frenz took over the management of the local bank from his predecessor Dean Sears, who had held the post for 25 years before retiring, it was felt that no one could replace him.

"Frenz did, however, more than fill the gap left by his predecessor," Isen said.

A native of Wisconsin, Frenz grew up and was educated in Minnesota.



**"SAMMY" AWARD**—Paul Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Edwards, 18420 Yukon, receives congratulations and his "Sammy" trophy from Bert

Lynn, board of education member, at the first annual Scholastics Awards banquet held at North High. Edwards was honored for service to the school.



**THE CHALLENGERS**—Members of the Torrance Lions and Torrance Rotary Club will meet in mortal combat June 16 in a benefit donkey baseball game. All funds derived from the sale of tickets will be donated to the local YMCA building fund. Game will be

played at Mobil Field, 4200 W. 190th St. Above, Joe Wilcox, "Y" manager; Mayor Albert Isen; William King, Lions president, and Len Ensminger, Rotary proxy, show tickets that will be on sale.



**GOING AWAY PARTY**—Representatives from Torrance service clubs, city government, the school district and the city's business community were on hand Monday noon for a testimonial luncheon for C-of-C president Hal Frenz. Frenz, manager of the downtown Bank of America, has been promoted to vice-

president and transferred to the firm's Beverly Hills office. Above he is shown with Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools; Martin Denn, master of ceremonies; William Belding, manager of Broadway Del Amo; Frenz, and Sam Levy, department store owner. —Press Photo