

BOARD ASKS FOR 90-CENT FIVE-YEAR TAX OVERRIDE

Police Show Entertainers List Grows

A list of stars to equal that of a major television show has been signed up for the coming annual Torrance Police Show, to be held Saturday in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

Appearing in the show will be Jaye P. Morgan, The Gateway Trio, Leo Diamond, the Arvon Dale Group and the David Street orchestra. Tickets may be purchased at the Torrance Police Department, 3131 Torrance Blvd., or at the door on the night of the show, according to Officer Don Hartel.

A \$4 ticket will serve as admission for the whole family to the show and the dance which follows.

Proceeds will be used by the police department for the aid of widows and dependents of officers.

Police Hit 115 Pursuing Driver

Two Torrance Police Officers raced at more than 115 miles per hour with red light blazing and siren wailing, early this morning as they pursued a car for running a red light.

Driver of the fleeing car, James A. Jones, 31, of Lawndale was finally halted at gun point on Crenshaw Blvd. and arrested for reckless driving and evading arrest.

Officers first noticed Jones when he made a left-turn from Hawthorne Blvd. against the red light and then accelerated on Carson St., failing to make the boulevard stop at Madrona Ave.

The high speed chase went eastbound on Carson, where at one time the police car went flying after striking a dip in the road.

On Crenshaw Blvd. the officers were able to get up alongside the speeding car and Officer Robert Armstrong yelled at the driver to stop. Jones finally pulled over and was taken from his car at gunpoint, according to officers.

Jones told officers the reason he didn't stop was because he didn't see the police car until it pulled alongside him on Crenshaw.

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Jr. Chamber Picks Top Man Parnelli Jones Nominated Outstanding Young Man

Parnelli Jones, a resident of Torrance, and winner of the 1963 Indianapolis 500 Classic, has been nominated for the National Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award.

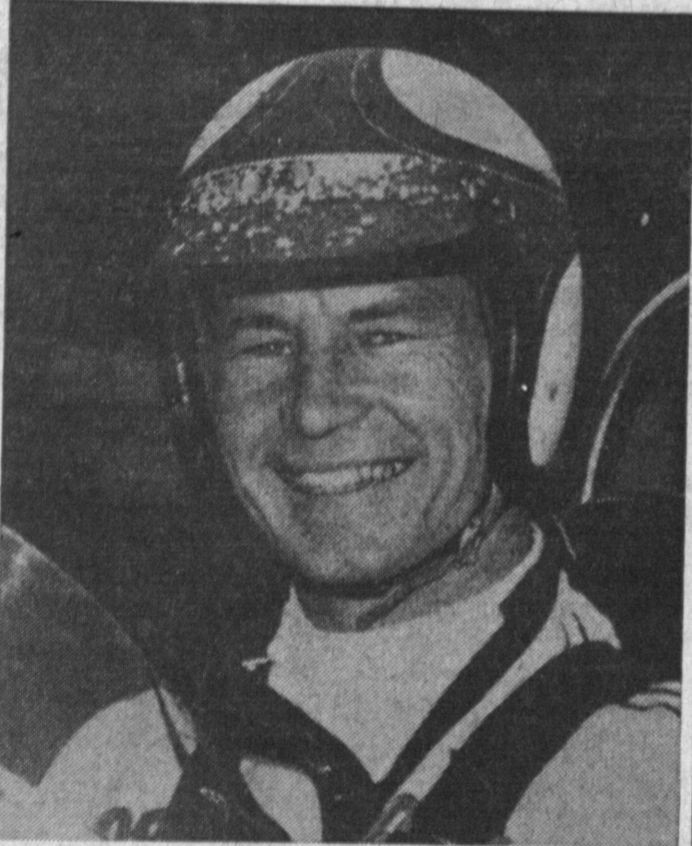
Jones was nominated for the award by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. Each year the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce conducts a national contest to select the ten outstanding young men of the year. The awards this year are being presented in Santa Monica on January 24 and 25, 1964.

Jones' achievements include the winning of the Indianapolis 500, holder of the Indianapolis qualifying track record of 151.153 MPH, twice national sprint car

champion, plus the stature he has acquired with his fellow drivers as a great competitor.

"In his field, the necessary virtues of individual excellence, rugged self-reliance, individual initiative, and personal responsibility, have been brought forth many times. He has proven also, through faith, vision, and courage, that unlimited opportunity is available in our country." This statement was given by Harold Smith, president of the Jaycees in his summary as to why the local Jaycees feel Parnelli is worthy of this honor.

Jones, born in Texarkana, Arkansas, August 13, 1933, moved to Torrance in 1940. His first race was run in 1950 at the Carroll Speedway in Gardena.



PARNELLI JONES



HUGE ASPHALT laden truck is righted after it overturned on the Crenshaw Blvd. off ramp of the San Diego Freeway Monday morning. Truck driver Thomas Shevlin of Baldwin Park told police his brakes failed on the freeway and when he hit the off ramp the vehicle began to skid and overturned. Traffic was tied up for more than an hour while the 14 tons of asphalt were cleaned off the roadway.—PRESS photo by Gordon Akers

Torrance Receives Top Award In Employee Safety Contest

The City of Torrance received an award today for winning top place in its group in the 1962-63 California Cities Employee Safety Contest. The award was given to the city for having the lowest number of disabling injuries per million man-hours worked during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963. Torrance's achievement was announced at the annual conference of the League of California Cities held in San Francisco.

The cities are divided into groups according to the number of employees. The award for top place in Group V was presented to Mayor Albert Isen representing Torrance by the general manager of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, Earl R. Howard.

A safety committee representing all major departments functions is the guiding factor in the Torrance

safety program. This committee meets monthly and coordinates the information from city surveys with educational program presentations.

The annual contest, sponsored jointly by the League of California Cities and the State Fund, is part of statewide campaign to reduce the number of accidents among the employees of California cities. A total of 293 cities participated in this year's contest. All California cities have been invited to enter the contest again being held for the year ending June 30, 1964.

Homecoming Dance Set

The first homecoming dance for the Alumni of West High School is being planned for October 25 between 10 p.m. and 12:30 in the cafeteria.

Tickets may be purchased for the event at the school's activity office on October 21 and 22 for \$1.

Alumni will have to purchase tickets in advance as no sales will be made on the night of the dance.



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Voters to Decide Tax Rate Feb. 14

By RONNIE SAUNDERS

After hedging for weeks on the question of "how much" and "for how long," the Torrance Board of Education voted Monday night in a meeting held at South High School to ask for a 90-cent tax override which would last five years.

If passed by voters in an election scheduled for Feb. 4, the override would become effective at the end of the current fiscal year when a previous three-year 50 cent override runs out.

With member Dr. Kurt Sherry away in New York, board members voted three to one for the 90-cent override. President Burt Lynn favored a 75-cent figure.

A packed auditorium heard Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, ask for a \$1 override. Supporting his figure were: Alec Struthers of Chapter 1301, South Bay Federation of Teachers; Keith Weederman of the Teachers Education Ass'n and Al Gross, representing Local 1101, American Federation of State and City Municipal Employees.

No opposition to an override was voiced.

Speaking for a 90-cent to \$1 figure in discussion which preceded the vote, board member Charles Hansen blamed rezoning by City Council of industrial land to residential use for part of the increased tax burden faced by the home owner. "There was a time when industry paid half the taxes," he stated "but that is no longer the case."

Dr. Hull indicated that an additional tax bite is put on the homeowner by apartment-builders who are leasing to families with children who in turn have to be schooled by the community.

While pushing for a 75-cent figure, because he felt that was about all the voters might be willing to bear, Lynn admitted that "according to present trends this figure would probably be inadequate." He urged shifting part of the burden of school costs back to the state. "If the state paid their half," Lynn stated, "our 75 cents would do a good job."

Agreeing that the state should foot its share of the bill, Mrs. Polly Watts pointed out that the district can not base its financing on the hope of state funds.

In answer to a question as to why the board did not

request a permanent override rather than a temporary one, board members were unanimous in agreeing that the voters should have the opportunity of voicing their approval or disapproval at periodic intervals.

The question of curtailment of services was brought up by Ed Dana, a member of the audience who asked what might happen if the override should fail to pass.

Reasons for the need of funds was explained as six-fold: enrollment growth, competitive salary schedule, staffing new buildings, inflation costs, maintaining the present quality of programming and population growth.

Were voters to turn down the override, board members would be faced with the choice of shaving costs by: eliminating kindergarten, expanding class sizes beyond the present 34 pupils to a class figure, cutting library service, bus service and counseling service, and by dropping vocational subjects aimed at curing the dropout problem.

In other action the board approved two resolutions aimed at getting the state to pay half the cost local education, particularly where the state mandates that courses be included in the district curriculum.

At the suggestion of S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of business, board members voted to shave architectural costs on a school to be constructed on rezoned Marble Estates land (tract 2200) by submitting plans which had been previously used for another school in the district for re-use.

Bids for lighting at West and South High Schools will open Nov. 13. Contract will be awarded Nov. 18. Invitations to bid on restroom facilities at South High and Torrance High athletic fields will go out Dec. 10 and be contracted for Dec. 16. Feb. 11 was set as date for opening bids and awarding contract for South High School bleachers.



RECEIVING AWARD at a Freedoms Foundation testimonial dinner at the Statler-Hilton in Los Angeles Friday evening was Dr. J. H. Hull, right, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District, who was one of six California educators selected to re-

ceive the American Educators medal. Presenting the medal was Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, left, president of the Freedoms Foundation. Dr. Hull received the award as a tribute to his contribution to American culture.



LEARNING HOW to be a box boy is Marlene Norsoph, Miss Torrance, at recent grand opening ceremonies of the new Alpha Beta Market, on 190th St. near Anza Ave. Giving instructions from the rear is Harry Smith,

store supervisor. Looking on from the left, Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director, and president of the Chamber of Commerce George W. Post. The opening of the new store brings the total number in the chain to 94.

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