

Mothers Win Battle Against Discount Store

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MARCHING MOTHERS . . . Strollers and signs protesting plans to develop a discount store center at 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard were handled Thursday by mothers of the area who were opposed to the plans. The City Council Thursday night turned down the proposal. The councilmen told developers they would welcome the store in a better location. (Press-Herald Photo)

Scouts Hold Camp-out at MacArthur

Junior Girl Scout Troop 2554, sponsored by the Haldale PTA, spent an active weekend recently at camp Osgood, Fort MacArthur. All 20 girls in the troop attended the camp-out. Adult leaders attending were Mrs. Dennis Conjacki, Mrs. Robert Meadows and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson. The troop is planning a family dinner Thursday at Retail Club Hall, Harbor City. After the pot-luck dinner, badges will be awarded the girls for their year's work.

Recital to Be Featured At St. Marks

A recital featuring Mrs. June Betz, contralto, George Register, violinist, and Marjorie Willacy, accompanist, will be presented at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Lomita, June 5 at 4 p.m. Selections will include works of Fritz Kreisler, Debussy, Verdi, and Gounod. Mrs. Betz, Lomita resident, is soloist at St. Marks and a member of the South Bay Choral Society. A professional musician, Register's background includes touring the hotel circuit of the mid-west and a seven-year stint as a radio staff musician. He is the music director at St. Marks.

Harvey Wins Multi-Million Dollar Job

Congressman Alphonzo Bell (R-Los Angeles) has announced that the Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is awarding a contract for \$2,620,825 to Harvey Aluminum Incorporated, Torrance. The contract is for 6,635,000 projectiles which are 20 millimeters. This is incremental funding on a total quantity of 13,685,000 for \$5,405,575. The balance of which will be funded at a later date. Congressman Bell is a member of the House Science and Astronautics Committee.



POINTED PROTEST . . . "City Taxes More Important Than Children's Lives" this mother's sign reads. Protests to the development were raised because children must pass the area to attend Hamilton Elementary School a short distance east of the site. (Press-Herald Photo)

Chapel Book Slated for September Publication

The seventh revised edition of Chapel's book as "the revised, completely updated 1967-68 edition of the definitive book in the field by one of America's leading authorities on firearms. No gun collector, amateur or professional, can be without it." John J. Geoghegan, president and editor-in-chief of Coward-McCann, Inc., announced the publishers. Recent articles in Argosy Magazine have described Chapel's book as "a must for all arms collectors, weapon dealers, and historians."

Bandit With Old Rifle Holds Up Cafe Worker

Council Denies Proposals for Discount Store

Mothers who had protested plans to construct a discount store at the northeast corner of 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard won their battle this week as the City Council turned down the requested zone changes which would have permitted the development. Thursday night's meeting of the City Council climaxed the month's long battle which had been highlighted earlier in the day by neighborhood mothers marching with signs protesting the proposal. Lucky Stores Inc., who had proposed the zone change so they could build a 100,000-square-foot branch of their subsidiary Gemco discount store at the site, heard councilmen say their store would be welcomed in the city if a more suitable location were chosen.

PRINCIPAL objection of area residents was the fear of mounting traffic the store would generate. Mothers protesting the proposal Thursday day told the Press-Herald they didn't want their children crossing the driveways of the busy discount center enroute to and from school. The store would have been located on the route used by children living west of Crenshaw Boulevard and attending Hamilton Elementary School east of Crenshaw. **DENIAL** OF the zone change and precise plan came on a motion by Councilman J. A. Beasley who said the property probably should be used commercially but that the Gemco plan called for overdevelopment of the site. The area, for years, has been the site of a dairy farm. Gemco representatives called the traffic fears overdone and pointed to municipal revenue which would be provided by the operation. Council denial of the proposal was unanimous.

Heroin Addicts Down, Marijuana on the Rise

The changing dimensions of the California drug problem are revealed in statistics released today, Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch announced. A substantial decrease in arrests for heroin and hard narcotics and an increase in marijuana and dangerous drug offenses occurred in California in 1965. Over-all drug arrests rose 11.4 per cent. Attorney General Lynch released preliminary figures on drug violations for 1965 compiled by the Bureau of Criminal Statistics. "These statistics clearly reveal the changing dimensions of the drug problem in California," Lynch said. "Recognizing this trend, we moved in the 1965 Legislature to achieve new controls on dangerous drugs and we have moved in this session to control LSD. The effect of these new laws has not yet been measured." Total drug arrests involved 21,434 adults and 2,677 juveniles. The majority of these arrests occurred in Los Angeles County. Adult arrests for marijuana offenses rose 33 per cent and dangerous drug violations increased 40.4 per cent. At the same time, heroin and hard narcotics offenses declined 22 per cent. Juvenile arrests rose 33.5 per cent. The vast majority of juvenile arrests (95.1 per cent) involved marijuana and dangerous drugs. Los Angeles County accounted for 80 per cent of all juvenile arrests. The majority of adults arrested for marijuana and dangerous drug violations were first-time offenders. Most people arrested for heroin and hard narcotics had previous records.

Menveg Calls for Backing Of Law, Judicial Systems

Recently circulated bulletins tending to discredit police departments and the judicial system were blasted here yesterday by Lloyd Menveg, former president of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission now a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 32nd Senate District. "Law enforcement is an important issue and voters of the 32nd District should not tolerate the disrespect for law and order which arises out of the apparent attempt of a political candidate to exploit present unfortunate situations in an attempt to appeal to passion and prejudice by distorting the facts and maligning our system of coroner's inquests," Menveg said in a statement to the Press-Herald. He appealed to the responsible civic leaders to support their efforts and leadership in denouncing such practices. Menveg's statement followed reports in the Press-Herald Wednesday that another candidate for the post, Gardena attorney Dudley Gray, had issued an attack on the coroner's inquest system and called for the creation of police review boards in Torrance and other California cities. It is necessary "to maintain the dignity and respect for law enforcement and our judicial system in order that a just and fair conclusion may be reached," Menveg said.



West Point Cadet to Graduate

Cadet Richard D. Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean D. Woodward of 21624 Madrona is scheduled to graduate from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point June 8. He will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and will receive a bachelor of science degree. Appointed to West Point by Representative Cecil R. King (D), Woodward was graduated from Torrance High School in 1962. At the academy, the 21-year-old cadet participated in freshman wrestling and the national debate tournament. He held the rank of captain in the Corps of Cadets and was a brigade activities officer during his senior year.

Pavement to Be Reconstructed

Sully-Miller Contracting Co. has been awarded contracts for reconstructing pavement on Meyler Street from 220th Street to 223rd Street, and on 220th Street from Hansom Avenue to Bonita Street, announces Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Hahn pointed out the completed work will increase safety, extend the service life of the roadways, and reduce maintenance costs. The projects are part of the Supervisor's program to bring the finest roads to the Carson area.

Victim Forced To Open Safe At Restaurant

An early-morning bandit carrying an old rifle held up a Torrance restaurant manager as he was opening for business Saturday and robbed him of more than \$600, Torrance police were told. Clarence E. Huffman, who said he was busy lighting stoves and getting ready to open for the day, told investigating officers that he was surprised by a tall man who came in through the west door of the International Pancake House at 21710 Hawthorne Blvd. about 5:42 a.m. Saturday. "Come on, let's have it," the masked bandit told Huffman. The restaurateur was forced to open the safe and turn over money bags containing a total of \$641.37, he said. He said the gunman was wearing a black stretch material over his face as a mask and that the weapon, an "old beat-up rifle," was probably an old 30.06 of World War vintage. Huffman said he was forced into the restaurant's walk-in refrigerator after the bandit had ripped the phone from the wall. Huffman was able to get out of the cooler and call police.

Panel to Hold Discussion On LSD Use

The question of whether man needs to have some type of hallucinogenic drug in order to cope with present day society will be probed by a three-man panel Thursday at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., at 8 p.m. The discussion is part of South Bay Forum's current series on Our Changing Society, and will feature Dr. Peitro Castelnovo-Tedesco, chief of psychiatric service at Harbor General Hospital; Clem Floyd, music reviewer and musician; and Dr. Thomas Ungerleider, assistant professor of psychiatry, UCLA School of Medicine. The panel will explore the mechanisms of the many Psychdelic drugs, the ramifications resulting from their use, the issue of whether man needs to create new reality or flee from the present reality by the use of these agents, and what controls should society impose on their use. Tickets for the program are \$1 payable at the door; students will be admitted for 50 cents.

Area Seaman Wins Gallant Ship Bars

Francis S. Goo of 1659 W. 214th St. was one of the 60 crew members of the ship Japan Bear who received Gallant Ship Unit Citation bars. Owned by the Pacific Far East Lines of San Francisco, Japan Bear is the 18th ship to be designated for the Gallant Ship Award, following the rescue of nine survivors of the sinking Chinese Nationalist ship Grand Jan. 13, 1965.

Signal Bids Due . . .

Bids for the installation of traffic signals and highway safety lighting at the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Ainsworth Avenue will be opened by the County Engineer's office Tuesday. Plans call for completion of the project in August. The county will install and operate the signals and the city of Torrance will reimburse the county for the city's share of the expense of operation and maintenance.

Bedding Firm Burgled . . .

Expensive bedspreads with a total value of more than \$2,000 were taken by burglars from the Sleep-E-Z Mattress Co. at 18321 Hawthorne Blvd., police were told Friday. Roy Hargrove of the firm told investigating officers that more than 30 of the spreads, some of them valued at \$60 each, were taken from the store by burglars who pried open a rear door to gain entry. Also taken was a portable television set with a value of about \$95.

Lomita Postmaster Chosen . . .

The U. S. Senate has approved the appointment of Wilbur F. Hammond, former Lomita city councilman, as the city's postmaster, highlighting a postal career that began in San Pedro in 1945. Hammond moved into the acting postmaster position last year with the retirement of Earl L. Fishel, postmaster for 40 years. The father of two teenagers, Hammond is active in civic affairs, having membership in the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, Lomita Chamber of Commerce, and Lomita Kiwanis. He lives with his wife, Elenore, and children, Tom and Carol, at 1749 W 247th St.