

## Descendant of Pioneer Wins Science Fair Prize

The great-grandson of a California pioneer who came to this area in a wagon train a hundred years ago has turned the urge to explore towards conquering the frontier of space.

Roy E. Ball, eighth grade student at Parkway Elementary School, took top prize money recently in the physical division of the school district elementary school science fair with a display of space-age optics.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ball of 209 Via El Toro, Roy is the first student in the Torrance Unified School District to take top honors at the district level twice.

His research on the refraction and dispersion of light is a far cry from the problems

which concerned his great-grandfather, George Alexander March, four generations ago when he made the trek from Illinois to Southern California in a covered wagon.

March, a cabinet maker who had married Louisa Knoch while Abraham Lincoln was president, was employed for a time by Lincoln before heading west. After settling on a farm in the area now known as Pico Rivera, the elder March began raising a family. Baby of that family, Thomas John March, who was later to become Roy's grandfather, was born in a tent as his 22-year-old sister performed the duties of midwife.

In his early years, Thomas' summer holidays were spent in packing a wagon with lunch, hay for the horses, fishing gear, the school teacher, and some children, and taking off for a three-hour drive to Redondo Beach to spend a day at the beach. Highlight of one reunion 70 years ago, according to Edith March Ball, Thomas' daughter and Roy's mother, was a shooting match in which a cow was to be butchered and winners were to take home meat they had won. Thomas and his sons won the entire match, and as a result drove the cow home alive.

Just last summer the story was repeated to space-oriented Roy by friends of his grandfather who had witnessed the match 70 years ago.

Roy and his sister Lura are proud to be attending present-day Torrance schools," stated Mrs. Ball, "and appreciate the opportunities provided by these schools. The departmentalized upper grades have been particularly beneficial."

### Three Firms to Bid for Lomita Park Contract

Three firms have indicated a desire to submit cost estimates for their services as park development consultants for the city of Lomita. Stanley Green, executive secretary of the parks commissioners disclosed the names of the firms in a recent report to the commission regarding total development of the park facility.

Among those expected to submit bids are Neal Irving and Associates, Frank Wilson and Associates and Vorheis-Trindle-Nelson and Associates.

## District Needs One New Classroom a Week—Hull

Needed: a classroom a week.

Torrance Unified School District might very well hang out that shingle, stated Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent. Classroom needs for the next three years come to 50 classrooms a year, he said. "And we don't know where we're going to get them."

Every cent the district had for school construction authorized by voters in 1963 has been used up. The only way the district can have access to funds legally available for building schools is if the voters endorse passage of a \$9 million bond issue on the June 7 ballot, he stated.

Enrollment in Torrance schools has been growing at the rate of 1,200 to 1,500 students a year, the superintendent stated. "Next year 12 schools will have more students than they have room for, and we don't know what's going to happen after that."

TO COPE WITH the growing student population which has risen from 2,000 to 34,000 in 18 years, the school district must either build more classrooms or revert to double sessions, Dr. Hull said.

"If classrooms are to be the answer, then we're going to need a two-thirds majority vote in next week's election," he stated.

Board members, who are unanimously endorsing the bond proposition, Proposition FF on the ballot, are requesting funds for four purposes: to equalize facilities at the city's four high schools, which are taking in more students than they are graduating

each year; to build classrooms as they are needed; to buy land and build two more schools; and to provide facilities needed to implement the departmentalized program in the elementary schools.

INCLUDED in the high school needs are: an industrial arts building and a physical education addition at South High; a student service center music building, classroom building and auto shop at West High; a library complex, rehabilitation of old building and cafeteria, and demolishing of old building

at Torrance High; and a classroom building, industrial arts facility, bleacher seating and sanitary facilities, and additions to the multipurpose building at North High.

Schools which face possible double sessions this fall include: Hickory, Meadow Park, Wood, Jefferson, Carr, Newton, Welteria and Yukon Elementary Schools. Classes will overflow into music rooms of Torrance, Magruder, Steele and Torrance Elementary Schools. Passage of school bonds will not increase the tax rate, the superintendent said.

## Diplomas Ready For 211 Adults

High school diplomas will be handed out to 211 adults Monday evening, June 13, when Torrance Evening High School conducts commencement exercises. The 8 p.m. event will be at Torrance High School auditorium, 2200 W. Carson St.

Guest speaker will be T. R. Schott of TRW Systems, Redondo Beach, who will discuss "Your Pursuit of Happiness."

Preceding Schott's address, invocation will be delivered by Leslie C. Ashford, minister of Del Amo Christian Church, and the West High School Concert Band will render "Tropical Merengue" by Rafael Munoz as arranged by Finnegan.

Dr. A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent, educational

services, will introduce the speaker.

The Class of '66 will be presented by Raymond E. Collins, adult school principal, and accepted by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent.

Diplomas will be presented by school board members W. J. Hanson, Bert M. Lynn, Dr. K. T. Shery, Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, and Dr. Donald E. Wilson.

Performing student introductions will be Robert J. Ellsworth and Vincent DiFiore, counselors.

Following benediction by the Rev. Mr. Ashford, the band will play "Brighton Beach" by William Latham.

## Chairman Sees Win For Finch

A resounding victory for Robert Finch, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, was predicted today by John G. Neneman, state chairman of the Finch campaign.

Veneman, Modesto assemblyman, said he bases his prediction on the commanding 3 to 1 lead Finch maintains in statewide public opinion polls and voter samplings being taken by Finch county campaign chairmen throughout the state.

"IT IS APPARENT that Californians are eager to support a man who can both unify the Republican Party and strengthen the two-party system in the state. Bob Finch has proven his capabilities by emerging the only candidate for statewide office endorsed by all the Republican volunteer endorsing organizations," Veneman stated.

"It is also gratifying to see that Democratic voters are helping to establish Finch's lead by turning away from the incumbent. Polls show a steady downward trend in Anderson's popularity which does not surprise those of us who have had the opportunity to observe firsthand his indecisive and incompetent performance over the last seven years."

Dr. Stanley D. Challis, prominent Torrance dentist and a long time backer of the Torrance Dental Health Association, was elected president at the group's annual meeting last week.

Dr. Challis will succeed Richard A. Sullivan M.D. in what amounted to a switch in offices. Dr. Sullivan will assume the office of first vice president held during the past year by Dr. Challis.

Named second vice president was Dr. H. Keith Packard, one of the participating dentists in the 14-year-old community dental health organization.

Other officers include Mrs. Jack Spurlock, recording secretary; Mrs. W. Y. Wells, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Raymond Weiler, treasurer.

Mrs. Ralph M. McGee was re-elected as executive secretary.

During its 14-year history, the organization has provided dental care with a total value of about \$75,000, Mrs. McGee said when making her annual report. The program has enlisted the aid of 30 Torrance dentists who provide dental care for Torrance school children on a cost basis, serving those families who can not qualify for public assistance, and yet who would be unable to provide full dental care for their children.

During the 14-year history of the Dental Health Association, the group has received a total of \$38,373.79 and the patients have repaid a total of \$12,170.50 giving a working fund of \$50,544.29 during the period, Mrs. McGee reported. At the same time operating expenses during the

14-year period have totaled only \$4,636.67. "Where else can you get so much for so little?" Mrs. McGee asked.

Dr. Sullivan, who conducted the annual meeting held at the parish hall of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, said all funds of the organization were currently committed.

During the past year, dentists working in Torrance classrooms inspected the teeth of 5,311 first and sixth graders, it was reported at the meeting. Of those inspected 2,020 needed care, the dentists reported. School officials reported on a follow-up that 986 of those needing care had made private arrangements within six weeks of the examination.

Support for the program comes largely from service clubs and parent-teacher organizations.

Your Second Front Page

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Ann Landers Says

## That's How Most Embezzlers Start



Dear Ann Landers: I am past 30, so please don't call me Toots or Lamb-Chop or any of your other cute names.

For the past three years I have been employed as a bookkeeper by a very good firm. I am in charge of the cash box, out of which I pay C.O.D.'s and other incidentals. The box contains \$350 at all times—or vouchers which account for the missing money. I am responsible for that amount.

Almost every Friday I take \$35 or \$50 from the cash box to play bingo or bet on a ball game or a golf match or some sporting event. I'm not an educated better, but a lucky one, I usually win. When I lose I repay the cash box from my savings account.

Yesterday the boss called me in and told me he heard I borrowed money from the cash box to place bets. At that very moment the cash box balanced perfectly because just that morning I had repaid the \$50 I had borrowed on Friday.

I'm furious that he would criticize me since I am responsible for the cash box and if I want to borrow from it, it's my business, isn't it? Yes or no?—LOUISVILLE.

met either the man or his wife before. He was transferred here and works for the same firm that employs my husband.

They arrived about 7 p.m. and we had cocktails. They were congenial and I liked them both. After dinner my husband took out his guitar. I played the piano and we all sang. Around 11 my husband suggested that we show the movies of our trip to Hawaii. They were thrilled at the idea.

When the movies were finished it was midnight. My husband suggested that they sleep at our house rather than drive to the suburbs—about 45 minutes away. When they accepted I almost fainted.

I had to change the sheets and iron a pair of pajamas for the man to sleep in—all this after midnight. I told my husband after they left the next noon that he had a nerve asking guests to stay overnight without first checking with me. He says I have no spirit of adventure and that the unexpected things in life are the most fun.

Am I a dead-head as he insists?—VERONICA

I can think of things that

are a lot more fun than changing sheets at midnight and ironing pajamas for people you met just that evening.

Your husband should not have asked them to stay and they should not have accepted. You say nothing of a hurricane, earthquake, blizzard, illness, or too much liquor. You described them as "easy to know." If you ask me they are TOO easy to know. Cool it.

Confidential to Turning To You To Be Saved: You give me credit for more than I deserve. I cannot offer you a magic solution for the problems you've piled up for yourself in the last 20 years. You need counselling—and immediately. The YMCA has an excellent program.

Call for an appointment and quit sitting around feeling sorry for yourself.

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## Dr. Laser Named Dean of Palos Verdes College

Dr. Marvin Laser has been named dean of the school of humanities and fine arts at the California State College at Palos Verdes, President Leo F. Cain announced today. Since coming to this campus in 1965, Dr. Laser has been serving as Professor of English and Acting Dean for the School of Humanities and Fine Arts.

While on the faculty of the California State College at Los Angeles, he received the Outstanding Professor Award for 1965, and was the recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship. From 1956 to 1965, he was Professor of English and Chairman of the Division of Language Arts at the State College at Los Angeles. Prior to that time, he taught at Northwestern University and at Chicago Teachers College. Professor Laser received his bachelors and masters degree at the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. at Northwestern University.

DR. LASER'S special field is American Literature and Criticism in which he has contributed numerous articles and books. One of his noted articles entitled "Poe's Critical Theories—Sense or Nonsense?" appeared in the II Quarter 1963, Emerson Society Quarterly. Also authored by Laser (in collaboration with N. Fruman), was the controversial Studies in J. D. Salinger published by the Odyssey Press, New York, 1963. He has also written a number of books used as texts for the teaching of English at the secondary and college levels.

Dr. Laser replaces Dr. Joseph Axelrod, who served as the dean of the school of humanities and fine arts, and made major contributions to the development of the academic program at the California State College at Palos Verdes. Dr. Laser, his wife, and two sons reside on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

### COUNT MARCO

## Being a Woman is Fulltime Job

As I dropped my Rolls-Royce off at the garage for servicing, the charming cashiers pleaded with those wonderful, humorous eyes of theirs, "Make today Momentous Day. Write something nice about women for a change."

Therefore, I decree today Momentous Day. It is an earthshaking event; I shall find absolutely nothing derogatory to say in this column.

Of course, I have never found anything wrong with women. In the past I merely selected a few odds and ends at random who quit being women, and I try my best, which is the best, to salvage them.

But I promised to talk about nice things, like living, breathing, wonderful women, of which, thank goodness, there are plenty. There is nothing more delightful or desirable.

But a woman, to be a woman, is a woman and not a sometime thing. A woman's every waking moment is one of pride in her own sex. She looks in her mirror many

times during the day rather than avoiding it, to remind herself she is a woman.

She doesn't need self-hypnosis to sell herself that every day is a wonderful day. Nor does she necessarily live to make a man happy; she does make a man happy; she doesn't have to. As a woman who is aware of her womanly powers, she automatically makes any man happy, because she doesn't really have to try. She does what comes naturally.

She never betrays her sex by being out of a woman's uniform—dresses. She knows her hair is a crowning glory about which men for centuries have written sonnets of praise. As a woman she isn't a slave to any man, because men are a challenge to her. A game. She plays the game and enjoys every minute of it, because she knows she can never be a loser and neither can he.

Her home is not a chore to her but rather a setting or background that shows her off to the best advantage. She isn't frustrated or bored with family life because be-

ing a wife, mother and housewife brings constant joys and why not?

She has amazing powers within her grasp. She alone can mold the future of her children, her husband and herself. Her happiness is complete because she is needed.

She is shrewd enough not to dismiss the grabby, desperate, unmanly competitors throwing themselves at her feet. She looks them over cautiously, anticipates trouble and plans accordingly. She is a diplomat, soft-spoken, understanding and patient.

She is all-powerful because she is superior. Superiority breeds confidence, and self-confidence is the first thing one spots in a total woman.

As a woman she is everything a woman should be. And there's nothing that deserves more honor, more respect and more loving.

Are you woman enough to qualify? Those who do have my permission to frame this column and hang it in a prominent place for all to see. Those who can't know what you can do—shape up.